



The Dispatch

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S.U.V.C.W.

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Hello Brothers

It is with great honor that I accept the position of newsletter editor for "The Dispatch". I hope that you will enjoy the newsletters and will forward to me news and information to share with our fellow brothers.

Please forward to me any camp news to share at the following email address.

Doubledaves2@gmail.com

Thank You David Munson
Chestnut, CC Camp 1



MISSION STATEMENT

*Through Community Education and Service
to our Order
We Honor the Memory of the Grand Army of
the Republic
The men who fought to Preserve the Union
1861 - 1865*

Happy Memorial Day and Mothers Day too!

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More info about the Department of Florida can be found in our Department web site.

<http://www.dofsuvcw.org>

2017 Department of Florida Spring Meeting

Spring Department Meeting

May 19th, 2017

702 Indiana Ave

St. Cloud, Florida

Semi-Annual 5/19 Meeting as will be held 2PM at the St. Cloud Senior Citizen Center Annex located at intersection of Indiana Avenue and 7th Avenue. Also, for those wishing we will meet at 11:45 AM at Catfish Place located on Route 192 in St. Cloud.

Please advise Department Chief of Staff Mike Urell of your Camps intentions on attendance and a good estimate on how many members will attend at clairwhitlam@gmail.com.

Please bring your membership card and remember to wear your badge.

Dept. of Florida has the following camps

Active Camps

[Winfield Scott Whitehurst Camp 01 - Tampa](#)

[General Thomas J. McKean Camp 03 - Lantana](#)

[Lucius L. Mitchell Camp No. 04 - St. Cloud](#)

[General Eugene A. Carr Camp 05 - Ocala](#)

[Sergeant Frederick R. Jackson Camp 07 - Pembroke Pines](#)

[General John A. Logan Camp 09 - Jacksonville](#)

Department Membership-At-Large

[General William T. Sherman Camp 25](#)

Senior Citizen Annex >


The Catfish Place below is a great place for lunch, big menu and good food.

2324 13th St

St Cloud, FL 34769

(On 192 and close to Annex)






The Dept. Meeting scheduled for May 19, 2017 at 2PM at the St. Cloud, FL. Annex.

Those that wish will meet at 11:45 AM at Catfish Place for Lunch. There are currently two items on the agenda--one being a discussion of Confederate Flags and the preparation of a Dept. response for the discussion and possible vote at the National Encampment in August and the other a discussion of Dept. of FL. future Meetings (should we change our Annual Encampment now in late February and the Mid-Year in Late July or early August). I have received several complaints regarding the timing of Mid-Year Meeting--that being that many Brothers do not want a Meeting during the Summer Months and feel that Summer is a Family Time. I reviewed the timing of other State Dept. Meetings on the National Web-Site and find most have their Annual Encampment in late March, April or early May--not however at Easter Time Frame. I am seeking other agenda items to be added and would appreciate Brother's submitting additional agenda items. The main reason for changing our original Mid-Year Meeting scheduled July 29th was two fold--to support a Camp #4 Program scheduled for May 19th

(the Celebration of the GAR Hall in ST. Cloud Historical Marker Dedication at 5:30 PM). This is an important event in the History of St Cloud--a GAR Founded Community and one we as SUVCW need to support. The other reason was that we had no pressing agenda items that needed our attention in Late July and the timing of that Meeting had generated several complaints. Hope to see you Friday May 19th



Tampa Bay History Center

Collectors Day 2017

Sunday, May 7th
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

We will have a table to
promote the SUVCW



We will join the History Center and independent collectors from throughout Tampa Bay for our first-ever Collectors Day. Dozens of local collectors will display their eclectic personal treasures, from antique radios to fossils, soda fountain memorabilia to Native American artifacts. Families will also enjoy children's activities in the museum Atrium. Collectors Day is included with regular admission to the History Center and includes access to the museum's galleries.

The Columbia Restaurant is on site for a wonderful Cuban lunch.



Founders Day Parade in Zephyrhills Florida

Zephyrhills is a city in [Pasco County, Florida](#), United States. The population was estimated at 14,381 in the 2014 census. It is a suburb of the [Tampa Bay Metropolitan Statistical Area](#). Zephyrhills is also known as the headquarters of the [Zephyrhills](#) bottled water company and is a member of Tree City USA.

The community was founded in 1910 by Captain [Harold B. Jeffries](#) as **Abbot Station**. Jeffries planned on making the community a home for Civil War veterans.^[3] A Founders Day celebration is held annually in March.



Camp #1 joined in the parade at the end of the parade behind the UDC/SCV float.

Our Camp #1 banner and Commander Chestnut's Honda S2000 sports car looked nice with the SUVCW signs made for it.

After the parade we visited the Jeffries home and the GAR hall.



Topics from the Commander

- 1) Recruitment. It was hard to obtain Dept. of FL. Membership Data as of our Annual Encampment February 18, 2017. Brother Skip Whitlam provided two lists of Dept. Membership in February, 2017--one was Department Registry and the other a Registry by Camp. Brother Oppenheimer, Dept. Secretary, asked each Camp to review the Registries and verify them. Don't believe this ever happened. So, we will use the Form 27 Camp Roster due 4/30 as our Membership as of the February 18 Annual Encampment minus any Brother Deaths as of that date and any new Memberships since that Date. This Membership Number will be used to measure our 2017-2018 Dept. Goal of increasing Membership.
- 2) Grave Registration. Our Order places a high emphasis on honoring Civil War Veteran Graves through grave site Location and feeding that location into the National database. We also need to preserve and assist in maintaining the Civil War Veteran's Grave Site through cleaning the headstones, etc. Camp #1 is starting a program to identify Civil War Veteran Grave Site locations within their area. Camp #4 is commencing on a Veteran Grave Site Headstone Cleaning Program and Camp #9 since identification of a Union Statue needing attention in Jacksonville Cemetery has discovered several Civil War Veteran Grave Sites needing attention. This is great and assists the SUVCW Dept. of Florida meet its Obligations and Responsibilities.

Due respect for a Solder...

Cyrus Haines enlisted in Co. F of the 48th Pennsylvania Infantry at the age of 16. His enlistment records indicate he was 5'3" tall, listed his occupation as "laborer" and his age as "19." He survived the battles of 2nd Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, the Wilderness, and Spotsylvania unharmed, but was wounded in the arm at Cold Harbor. He returned to the Army after a three-months' convalescence, finishing the war as a regular in the 7th U.S. Infantry. He died in Pottsville, PA in 1937. Source: [The 48th Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteer Infantry](#).

