



# THE NORTHEAST ALABAMA BRIGADE DISPATCH

*Sons of Confederate Veterans*

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## *Commanders Corner*

Compatriots,

2009 is off to a fast start considering as I write this, we are at the end of February. There were many Lee-Jackson events across the Confederation. I hope that each camp in the Brigade did something to recognize these two fine Southern leaders. Whether it was a dinner, an article in your newspaper or simply a remembrance at your camp meeting, we need to keep the memories of these two men alive. What they stood for on the battlefield and in their personal lives should be an inspiration to us all.

We have just finished with the Army of Tennessee meeting. As usual there was a good line up of speakers with pertinent information for us to use at our camps. The theme of recruiting and retention for our future is as relevant as it has ever been. We are coming up on the Sesquicentennial of the War Between the States and there will be a lot of emphasis placed on both sides of the conflict. We must be ready to give to combat the misinformation that is sure to be prevalent from the news media.

Next up on the agenda is the Brigade meeting. It will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at the Lonestar restaurant in Huntsville. The restaurant is located on University Drive at the entrance to Madison Square mall. We will focus on recruiting and retention, ideas to help our camps grow. Much of this meeting will be a roundtable discussion to kick around what is working and not working at camp level. We have space for 40 to 50 people. Lunch can be ordered off the menu. Reserve your space by emailing me at [NEBrigade@aol.com](mailto:NEBrigade@aol.com) The meeting is open to anyone in the Brigade from Officer to the newest member. Come share your ideas.

At the AOT meeting I picked up the 2009 Heritage poster. It is a great poster focusing on the life of Admiral Raphael Semmes. The distribution amount was figured by the Division based upon the size of the camp. It was figured much as they figure delegates for the convention. I will have some extra for special occasions such as the Battle for Decatur. We need to make every effort to get these in our schools across the Brigade.

Now is the time to start planning for your Confederate Memorial Day celebrations. This can be a great way of getting your camp out in front of the public. Let's all try to get City and County Proclamations for Confederate Memorial Day.

Deo Vindice,

*Jimmy Hill.*

Commander

## *Brigade Camps*

### **#232 – COL. Snodgrass - Stevenson**

Meeting: 1st Tuesday, 6 PM, Contact Adjutant or Commander for location  
Commander: Fred Hicks (256) 605-9145  
Adjutant: Ted Howell (256) 605-2031 [www.hted68@yahoo.com](mailto:www.hted68@yahoo.com)

### **#357 – COL. Egbert J. Jones – Huntsville**

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7 PM Valley United Methodist Church, 1410 Drake Ave. S.E  
Commander Greg Posey (256) 714-2006, [rebel.1861@knology.net](mailto:rebel.1861@knology.net)  
Adjutant Gerald W. Moore (256) 859-3525, [gwmsr@hiwaay.net](mailto:gwmsr@hiwaay.net)  
[www.geocities.com/huntsvillescv](http://www.geocities.com/huntsvillescv)

### **#452 – CPT John Rayburn – Guntersville**

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, Albertville Public Library, 7 PM  
Commander: John Taylor (256) 593-0402  
Adjutant: Larry A. McCoy (205) 582-6090 [scv@mccoynet.com](mailto:scv@mccoynet.com)

### **#580 – Decatur Sons of Liberty – Decatur**

Meeting: 4th Monday of Month, 7 PM, Decatur Public Library, Community Room  
Commander: Donnie Brown (256) 355-5780 [elvis0165@gmail.com](mailto:elvis0165@gmail.com)  
Adjutant: Lawrence J. Thomson (256) 881-3712 [thomsonlarry@hotmail.com](mailto:thomsonlarry@hotmail.com)

### **#768 – CPT Thomas H. Hobbs – Athens**

Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7 PM, Alabama Veterans Museum & Archives, Pryor St, Athens  
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### **#1442 – Thomas J. Denney – Cullman**

Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7 PM, Willingham Scrap Yard, Hwy 278  
Commander: Ed Green (205) 734-4314 [eoglide@webtv.net](mailto:eoglide@webtv.net)  
Adjutant:

### **#1824 – DeKalb Rifles – Sylvania**

Meeting: Announced by Camp Commander  
Commander: Gary D. Carlyle (205) 657-5565 [rebcarlyle@yahoo.com](mailto:rebcarlyle@yahoo.com)  
Adjutant: Harold A. Bouldin (256) 623-2565 [hbouldin@farmerstel.com](mailto:hbouldin@farmerstel.com)

### **#1899 – Forrest's Cavalry**

Meeting:  
Commander: Eric D. Weems (205) 681-7524 [eric.weems@crowncastle.com](mailto:eric.weems@crowncastle.com)  
Adjutant:

## *Camp News*

### Decatur

Adjutant Larry Thomson of the Sons of Liberty Camp reports that new member,

Charles Wilson Landers, 56 years old from Cullman was killed in a car crash January 23, 2009. He was traveling from Decatur to West Point, Mississippi when he ran off the road. He went through a parking lot and crashed into a tree. He was killed instantly. He had just received his membership certificate in November 2008.

His ancestor was Henry C. Landers. He served honorably for the Confederate States Army in Company E of the 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry.

Our condolences go out to his family.

### Athens

Hugh Vernon Strain, 82 years old passed away February 5, 2009 from an apparent heart attack. He was the grandfather of Compatriots Tom Strain Jr., Nick Strain and Cordy Strain. He was the father of Hobbs Camp Compatriot Tom Strain Sr.

Hugh lived life to the fullest and was well known in Limestone County. Owner of S&S Nursery he was always proud to show people around the nursery. He served in World War II and was active in many Veterans organizations.

Hugh was buried at the Roselawn cemetery in Athens, Alabama. He leaves behind a wealth of friends and family.

Send your meeting agendas in early along with pictures, etc for publication.  
Advertise any upcoming events your camp may be involved in.

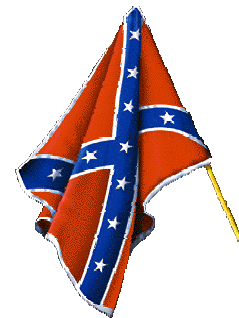
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General Stephen D. Lee's  
Charge to the  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which your also cherish”.

Salute to the Confederate Flag

I Salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence, and undying devotion to the Cause for which it stands.



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