

Commanders Corner

Compatriots,

I hope all of you are doing well and your camps are too. This week I had the pleasure of being in Grant, Al. with the Captain John Rayburn Camp and 2nd Lt. Commander Gary Carlyle as the camp did a presentation to the Civil War Roundtable. The turnout was good and the camp members put on an excellent program about the SCV and what it means to them. The Marshall County Camp continues to grow. They have had a 63% increase in membership so far this year. Hats off to Commander Taylor and 1st Lt. Commander Currey for all of the hard work they are doing.

I attended the AoT workshop that was held in Nashville on March 6th. The workshop in Birmingham was snowed out but will be rescheduled. This year's workshop was one of the best I have been to. New ideas were presented on camp growth and retention. When the Birmingham event is rescheduled please consider going. It will help to make your camp stronger.

The Heritage posters are in and if I have not got them to you yet, I will. I had made a schedule to get them distributed but work got in the way. I should have them all delivered by the middle of next week. The poster is very eye appealing. Many schools are eager to get the posters year after year. Please do your best in getting them in all the schools in your county. Don't forget the private schools and the libraries. Veteran's Museums are another excellent place to hang one.

We have a few events upcoming in the Alabama Division. First, on April 10th there will be a clean up day at the General Joseph Wheeler home at Ponds Springs. This is being sponsored by the Civil War Preservation Trust. I attended a clean up day there 5 years ago and had a great time. I met SCV men from across the state that had a connection to either the Wheeler home (took a school tour), their ancestor rode with Wheeler or their ancestor surrendered at Ponds Springs. We start at 9:30 AM on the 10th. If you do not know how to get there contact me and I will give you directions.

The second event is the Alabama Division Confederate Memorial Day commemoration. It will be held on April 24th at 10:30 AM in Montgomery on the Capitol grounds. We need men in uniform. If you have a camp flag bring it, show your colors!

On May 1st we will have an Operations Committee meeting at Mt. Creek. Members are welcome to attend but the room is small so if you want to attend, let me know so I can let Commander Reames know.

On June 4-6 the Alabama Division Convention will be held at Eufaula. The men of Dents Artillery Camp have planned out a good meeting as far as I can tell. They are accepting reservations at Lakepoint for lodging. In the next Alabama Confederate there will be a registration form and you can get one online at the Division website.

This is an election year. We will be electing Division Officers as well as voting on amendments to our Constitution. I plan on standing for re-election as the Northeast Brigade Commander at Eufaula. When I was elected in 2008 I made a pledge to be an active Brigade Commander. I believe I have lived up to that pledge. I have visited every camp in the Brigade a minimum of two times each year and most I visit on a regular basis, enough to qualify for membership. I have given programs at camps inside and outside our Brigade. I presently serve as Chairman of the Awards Committee, Time and Place Committee and I am on the Streight's Raid and Cemetery Committee. I also served on the Internal Audit Committee this year. With the retirement of Johnny Taylor as editor of the Alabama Confederate I was asked to take on that position so the newsletter would continue to come to the membership.

The real work of the Brigade Commander is to serve the members of the Brigade. The secondary work is to serve on the Operations Committee and represent the Brigade Camps interests when conducting Division business. I am a fiscal conservative person. I believe that the Division money belongs to the membership and should be safeguarded for it's members and the expenditure of funds should be taken seriously. I have voted for proposals where a clear outline for the moneys use has been presented and I have voted against projects where a camp has wanted the Division to completely fund their project. I am a firm believer that the camp should raise the bulk of the money. By adhering to these principals the Division was able to make the largest donation (\$25,000) to the preservation of Confederate Flags that are presently at the Archives. I have not missed a meeting of the Operations Committee or the Executive Committee. I was elected to do so and I take the position to heart.

I hope you plan on being at the Convention in Eufaula and I ask for your support and vote.

Also, I hope that one of our NE Brigade Camps will consider hosting the 2011 Reunion. It will be here before you know it.

Jimmy Hill
Commander
NE Brigade

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

#357 – COL. Egbert J. Jones – Huntsville

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

#452 – CPT John Rayburn – Guntersville

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

#580 – Decatur Sons of Liberty – Decatur

Meeting: 3rd Monday of Month, 7 PM, Elks Lodge, Centron Drive
Commander: Jim Sherrill JSherrill2112@peoplepc.com
Adjutant: Lawrence J. Thomson (256) 881-3712 thomsonlarry@hotmail.com

#768 – CPT Thomas H. Hobbs – Athens

Meeting: 3rd Thursday, 7 PM, Alabama Veterans Museum & Archives, Pryor St, Athens
Commander: Michael W. Kelley (256) 230-0255 auae@bellsouth.net
1st Lt. Commander: Tom Strain (256) 990-5472 tomstrain@bellsouth.net
2nd Lt. Commander: David Griggs (256) 233-0672 griggsdave@hotmail.com
Adjutant: Mark Curley: (256) 679-9632 hobbssev768@mchsi.com
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#1442 – Thomas J. Denney – Cullman

Meeting: 4th Tuesday, 7 PM, Willingham Scrap Yard, Hwy 278
Commander: Ed Green (205) 734-4077 eoglide@gmail.com
Adjutant:

#1824 – DeKalb Rifles – Sylvania

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



2010 Alabama Heritage Poster

Designed by Carl Jones

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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