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Calendar of Events

Dec 11 - Hoods Retreat Tour

Dec 18 – Camp Christmas Dinner
6 PM, Rogers Center,
1st Presbyterian

Dec 25 – Christmas Day

Jan 01 - New Years Day

Commanders Corner

Dear Compatriots,

2010 has been a great year for the Hobbs Camp. I was looking back through the newsletters and we have been very active with events such as Wheeler Home Cleanup, Confederate Memorial service and Athens Cemetery tour, Camp Picnic, the Fiddlers Convention, Athens Homecoming, and the Boy Scout Camporee. We have had some great speakers this year such as Judge Advocate Phil Davis speaking about the Sesquicentennial Celebration in Alabama, a special presentation from Mr. Hubbs and Mr. Lady on Forts Donelson and Henry, Melissa Beasley updating us on General Joe Wheeler's home and Randy Bishop speaking on his battlefield books. We attended many events including Robert E. Lee Commemoration, S. D. Lee Institute, Forrest's Homecoming, and a camp trip to the Nashville Relics Show. All of these just name a few of the activities in which the camp has participated. I see next year being just as active or even more so with the Sesquicentennial Celebration getting under full swing with the Jefferson Davis Inauguration Re-enactment in February. The main activities remaining this year are this coming weekend's excursion for the Hood's Retreat Tour, and don't forget the Food Drive and the Christmas Dinner.

This sampling of events is mentioned to illustrate how active the Hobbs Camp continues to be. There are a variety of programs which each member should find interest in participating. We would also like to hear your ideas on possible speakers and things for the camp to be involved with. To keep this tempo I will begin asking for camp members to take responsibility for organizing similar events for the coming year. Please think about what you can and are willing to do for the camp over the next year. We need men to step up and be in charge.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas. I hope 2011 brings you a happy and prosperous New Year. Remember our troops fighting overseas and pray for their safe return.

Deo Vindice,

Michael W. Kelley

Commander,
Capt. Thomas H. Hobbs Camp 768

Food Drive

For the last two years we have gathered food during the holiday season to provide to the local food banks. This year with the economy being tighter there is an even greater need for canned food and staple items in the local area. We have made our collection point the Camp Christmas Dinner at the Rogers Center.

Bring whatever you can, there will be boxes inside to place the food. During the holiday season we need to remember those that are less fortunate.

The camp will provide vouchers for some families to pick up a turkey at a local grocer before Christmas.

Also there is a need for items such as toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant and razors. There will be a separate box for these items.

December Meeting

Our annual Camp Christmas Dinner will be held on December 18th at the Rogers Center located at First Presbyterian Church. We will arrive at 6 PM and dinner will be served by 6:30 PM. The Camp will provide the meat, drinks and bread. The remainder will be a potluck dinner. We ask that you bring a side dish and a hearty appetite. There is always an abundance of food so invite a friend or neighbor to come share in the season.

Entertainment will be provided by master guitarist Shane Adkins. Shane played for us a couple of years ago and there were several requests to have him come back and perform again.

There will not be a meeting of the camp on the 3rd Thursday of December or a cemetery work day.

November Recap

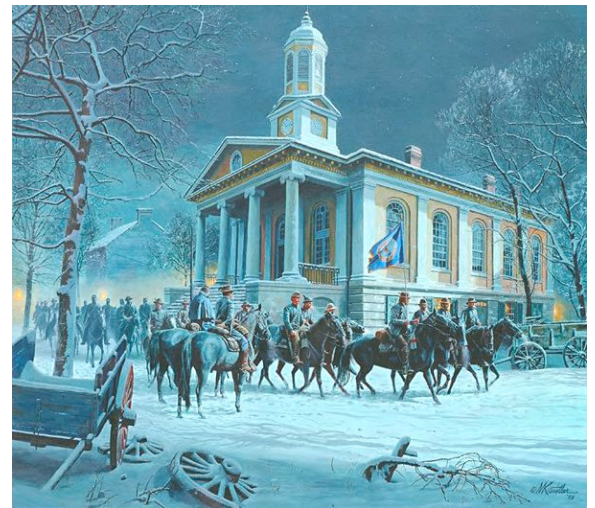
The November meeting of the Captain Thomas H. Hobbs Camp was held at the Veterans Museum on the 18th. The meeting was called to order by Commander Mike Kelley. Commander Kelley welcomed all of the members and guests to the meeting. Chaplain Dwight Banta gave our invocation. Melissa Beasley, Site Director for the General Joseph Wheeler home at Pond Springs was our guest speaker. Melissa showed slides of the damaged buildings as they looked in 1994 and explained the work that has been ongoing and where they stand today. They are looking for a reopening of the home in late 2011.

In the business section of the meeting the camp agreed to purchase five turkeys to give to a local food bank. The turkeys will be provided through L&S Foods on Jefferson Street. We will provide vouchers for them to bring to L&S and redeem for their turkey.

We also discussed the possibility of making a donation to the Confederate Museum fund that has been established for the construction of a permanent museum at Elm Springs. There are three levels of funding the camp can participate. We discussed entering at the minimum and working towards each level in future years. The proposal will be discussed and voted on at the January meeting.

A discussion was held on the upcoming Hood's Retreat tour being worked on by Buzz Estes. We will meet at the Kmart parking lot on December 11th. The tour group leaves at 8 AM (Estes time) We will be on a tight schedule to make our first stop. Plans call for a visit and tour of SCV GHQ, Elm Springs, Rippavilla Mansion and then lunch in Columbia. Tour stops in the Columbia are and Giles County on our return trip are being worked out. Your SCV membership card will get you in free at Elm Springs for the tour. Contact Buzz Estes at www.buzz@pclnet.net or at 256-232-2327.

We closed our meeting with a benediction.



*Merry Christmas from the Editor and Staff of
The Captain Thomas H. Hobbs Journal*

Looking for an Editor

If you have some spare time on hand and have wanted to put out your own newsletter; here is your opportunity!

The Thomas Hobbs Journal is looking for an editor. You can set your own hours, write stories and cover camp events.

Several templates are available to use or design your own. The camp email roster will be provided as well as the mailing list for those without email.

Contact current editor Jimmy Hill at www.CSA54thAla@aol.com or 233-3366 if you are interested.