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**The Next Camp Meeting** will be at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, August 11, 2009  
at the New Merkel House

**This Month's Speaker:** NE Brigade Commander Jimmy Hill

## Words of Wisdom

"The worst fears of those Boys in Gray are now a fact of American life -- a Federal government completely out of control." **Professor Jay Hoar of Maine**

"If it is a crime to love the South, its cause, and its President, then I am a criminal. I would rather lie down in this prison and die than leave it owing allegiance to a government such as yours." **Belle Boyd, Confederate Spy and heroine**

"Taxes should be continued by annual or biennial reeactments, because a constant hold, by the nation, of the strings of the public purse is a salutary restraint from which an honest government ought not wish, nor a corrupt one to be permitted, to be free." **Thomas Jefferson** (letter to John Wayles Eppes, 24 June 1813)

"Our properties within our own territories [should not] be taxed or regulated by any power on earth but our own." **Thomas Jefferson** (Rights of British America, 1774)

"It is an established rule of construction, where a phrase will bear either of two meanings to give it that which will allow some meaning to the other parts of the instrument, and not that which will render all the others useless. Certainly no such universal power was meant to be given to them. It was intended to lace them up straightly within the enumerated powers, and those without which, as means, these powers could not be carried into effect." **Thomas Jefferson** (Opinion on a National Bank, 15 February 1791)

"Truth crushed to the earth is truth still and like a seed will rise again." **Jefferson Davis**

"I love the Union and the Constitution, but I would rather leave the Union with the Constitution than remain in the Union without it." **Jefferson Davis**

"The constitution supposes, what the History of all Governments demonstrates, that the Executive is the branch of power most interested in war, and most prone to it. It has accordingly with studied care vested the question of war in the Legislature." **James Madison**

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### **Alabama: We Dare Defend Our Rights**

*"The principal for which we contended is bound to reassert itself, though it may be at another time and in another form."*

Jefferson Davis, May 1865

# Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Here we are at the end of the summer. Before our thoughts turn to football and cooler temperatures, let's compliment ourselves on the good work done by the camp this year.

Camp 1372 has increased membership since the 1st of the year, we hosted the AOT meeting, held the Confederate Memorial Day service at Elmwood, and most of all, under the leadership of Carl Jones, began the Cadet Program. This program introduces young men under the age of 12 to the SCV. Thank you Carl for your dedication to this program, and the fine young men that have joined.

We will hold the Joe Wheeler Birthday Celebration at our camp meeting in September. After a short business meeting, really short, we will begin the celebration. The camp will provide Miss Myra's BBQ with buns and tea. Please bring your own "fixins", side dishes and deserts. Also bring any books, relics, pictures, or items you would like to share with the camp concerning the life and campaigns of our namesake. Invite your friends, family, or prospective members to this event. We will take up a collection to help offset the cost of the BBQ. Please join us for this event.

The camp historical tour and fishin' trip this past weekend was a blast, really, listening to the 32 pounder guns of Fort Morgan firing was an event in itself. The event included re-enactors, living history, a museum, and very informed speakers. Thanks to all that attended.

Thanks to all for remembering our Confederate Heritage.

I will see you Tuesday at the camp meeting.

Thanks,  
Hank Arnold  
Camp Commander  
Fighting Joe Wheeler Camp 1372



The New Wheeler Camp Cadets- Front Row From Left to Right: Sam Jones, Joseph Barnhill, James Wright, Jacob Wright, Gavin Allen, Wyatt Jones. Back Row: Commander Hank Arnold, Lt. Commander Carl Jones & Alabama Division Commander Robert Reames