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This Month: ** NO AUGUST MEETING **

The Next Camp Meeting will be in September – the General Wheeler Birthday

Words of Wisdom and Warning

"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 reenactments, 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)

"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**

~ Calling All Cadets ~ Educating for the Cause ~

Do you have a son of age Birth to 12 or know of a young man this age with Confederate Ancestry? If so, we **Want You** to enlist them in the *Sons of Confederate Veterans Cadet Program!* To sign up Cadets, please contact the 1st Lt. Commander.

**Sign up for the Wheeler Camp Message Board and receive
"The Dispatch" by e-mail.**

Contact Compatriot Mike Little at cdr_mike_little@charter.net

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,

As we get closer to the end of summer, let's remember where our ancestors were some 150 years ago. Around Atlanta the western armies were facing Sherman as the hot summer wore on; the battle of Atlanta, Peach-tree Creek, Ezra Church, and Jonesboro. Out numbered, they fought on, out-supplied, they stayed the course, to fight for freedom from oppression, and to protect the Homeland. In Virginia, the Battle of Bull Run introduced the north to defeat as the union retreated from the battlefield, running over the civilians from Washington that came to watch the battle. The war had come, and the South fought on...

A special thanks again to Gerry Cornelius for allowing us to meet at his business. Gerry has a very nice place; we had an excellent meeting in July. Thanks to all that attended, sorry about the program...but we enjoyed our friendship, and talking about "the Cause." Nice to see Mike Parker back at the meeting. He is mending from his heart surgery. Mike is an old (I mean that in a good way) friend of mine that loves his history and heritage.

There will be no meeting in August. We decided to take the month off as members finish the vacation season and get the kids ready for school. Remember, no meeting 8-9-11. We will meet to celebrate General Wheeler's Birthday in September; details to follow.

Good news from the New Merkel House....construction and repair is underway. A new roof and west wall are being installed. We hope to be able to meet there in September or October.

We will miss seeing you at the monthly meeting. Please get some R&R and come back as Strong Confederates. The attacks on our heritage continue; we know what the war was about. Politics never change....power and control is what it is all about. We are now into the Sesquicentennial; lets celebrate the SOUTH and what we stand for.

Thank you,

Hank Arnold
Camp Commander
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Adjutant's Report - August of 2011

COMPATRIOTS:

August of 2011 is here!

It is the time of the year for yearly DUES. The Alabama Division has a program called the Membership Retention System (MRS). They have said it should be in place this year.

But! I have already received several Compatriots DUES.
GREAT.

Our Camp needs the monies and the Sons-of-Confederate Veterans organization needs the monies.

We have been under attack for 150 years. They have to make us the bad guys to justify what was done and is being done.

Comment by: John Thomas

We have had a wonderful time visiting at Gerald's office, the last three regular camp meetings. Thanks ever so much Gerald!

Commander Hank has cancelled the August meeting that was planned for August 9th. We will meet again on September 13th. AS the New Merkel is now under repair maybe it will be available.

Everyone knows Compatriot Sam Nelson, a GREAT Confederate and wonderful friend to us all. Sam cares for the Library at Mountain Creek, The Alabama Division Library. He is there every Friday! He needs someone to step up and relieve him on occasions.

John Thomas
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