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The Next Camp Meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, July 14, 2009
at the New Merkel House

This Month's Speaker: Lt. Commander Carl Jones will speak on "The Cause."

Words of Wisdom

To maintain the ascendancy of the Constitution over the lawmaking majority is the great and essential point on which the success of the [American] system must depend; unless that ascendancy can be preserved, the necessary consequence must be that the laws will supersede the Constitution; and, finally, the will of the Executive, by influence of its patronage, will supersede the laws. **John C. Calhoun**

I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging the future but by the past. **Patrick Henry**

There is no more dangerous experiment than that of undertaking to be one thing before a man's face and another behind his back. **Robert E. Lee**

"It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice, if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood; if they be repealed or revised before they are promulgated, or undergo such incessant changes that no man who knows what the law is to-day can guess what it will be to-morrow. Law is defined to be a rule of action; but how can that be a rule, which is little known and less fixed?" **James Madison**

"Government interference always means either violent action or the threat of such action. Government is in the last resort the employment of armed men, of policemen, gendarmes, soldiers, prison guards, and hangmen. The essential feature of government is the enforcement of its decrees by beating, killing, and imprisoning. Those who are asking for more government interference are asking ultimately for more compulsion and less freedom." **Ludwig Von Mises**

The brave man inattentive to his duty, is worth little more to his country than the coward who deserts her in the hour of danger. **Andrew Jackson**

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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,

We find ourselves in the middle of another hot summer in the South.

As miserable as we think we are it could always be worse with more hardships. Just think what was going on 145 years ago. As we celebrated the 4th of July recently, my thoughts were not of air conditioning, an ice cold beverage, or a dip in the pool. My thoughts went back to those ancestors of ours that were fighting, campaigning, and marching in the hot sun, or hungered down in the earthworks. Yes, I'm speaking of the retreat from Gettysburg on the 4th, and the surrender at Vicksburg.

I'm thinking of men that gave it all at Little Round Top, Devil's Den, and Pickett's charge, and then moved back across the river to fight another 2 years. I'm thinking of the men that fought Grant and Sherman across the state of Mississippi, at Raymond, Jackson, Champions Hill, and Big Black River, only to being pushed back into the trenches at Vicksburg and fighting it out until, pick one, they were forced to surrender or given up by Pemberton.

These men endured. They were and are our hero's! We must celebrate our heritage and honor these men that fought against great odds. I am so proud to be the great-grandson of a Confederate Veteran. I am also proud to be the son of a WW 2 veteran, my Dad is my hero also. Let us not forget where and what we come from.

On a camp level, please try to attend our regular meeting on the 14th. A lot of work has been done on our Cadet Program. Carl Jones will award certificates to our newest Cadet members at this meeting. It is a good thing that we are able to introduce these folks and their parents to the virtues of membership to the SCV at this young age. Thanks to all that have worked to promote this program.

We need to find the Cross of Honor markers that belong to the camp. If anyone can help with the location of these we would appreciate it. We need to get these markers on the Veterans graves to honor their service.

Don't forget the upcoming Tour of Fort Morgan on the 1st of August, and the fishing trip out of Zeke's Marina in Orange Beach on the 2ed. We have 10 signed up at this time, we have a 60 foot boat that needs more Confederates on it.

I look forward to seeing on Tuesday at our next camp meeting.

Thank You.
Hank Arnold
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Cadet Membership Program

The Fighting Joe Wheeler Camp is now accepting new recruits, ages 0-12, into our ranks as Cadets.

This is an excellent way to get young men interested in the SCV, and more importantly, their Heritage.

The cost is \$10.00 Annually.

With their membership they will receive a Certificate of membership bearing their ancestors' name, and their own newsletter.

See 1st Lt. Commander Carl Jones for membership applications at the next meeting, or you can download them from the SCV website at www.SCV.org.

Lt. General Joseph Wheeler Scholarship Program

The Alabama Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans has voted to approve three \$1,500.00 college scholarships per year.

This is a great way to help offset the cost of sending your son or daughter to college.

Details of the program can be found on the Division website at www.aladivscv.com

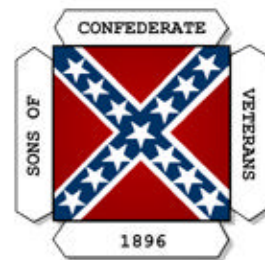
Other Programs of Interest in the Alabama Division

- Alabama Guardian Program
- Alabama Division Reunion Planning Guide
- I-65 Retired Flag Program
- Stonewall Jackson Memorial fund
- Sam Davis Youth Camp

Information concerning all of these programs can be found at the Alabama Division Website:
www.aladivscv.com

The Charge of General Stephen D. Lee

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we 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 you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."



See you at the Next Meeting.

Arrive Early and Bring a Friend