



Fighting Joe Wheeler
Camp 1372

The Fighting **Joe Wheeler** Dispatch

Volume XXXI, Issue 3

March 2011

Camp Officers

Commander:

Hank Arnold (205) 213-9394

1st Lt Commander:

Carl Jones (256) 775-3607

2nd Lt Commander:

Randell Thrasher

Adjutant/Secretary:

John Thomas

Treasurer:

Larry Muse

Chief of Staff & Communications:

Steve Johnson

Chaplain:

Rex Webb

Color Sergeant:

Sam Nelson

Quartermaster:

Walt Williams
Larry Muse / Dr. Richard Price

Aide de Camp:

Dr. Richard Price

Commander Emeritus:

Dr. Ira West

Sergeant At Arms:

Walt Williams

Camp Surgeon:

Dr. Richard Price

Dispatch Editors:

Chris Thomas / John Thomas

Webmaster:

Mike Little

Captain of the Honor Guard:

Brendan Young

Fighting Joe Wheeler Camp 1372, Inc.
C/O Adjutant
P. O. Box 43362
Vestavia Hills, AL 35243

Please send articles or other information for inclusion in "The Dispatch" to:
Fighting Joe Wheeler Camp 1372
P.O. Box 43362
Vestavia Hills, AL 35243

The Next Camp Meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 8, 2011
at the New Merkel House

*** The monthly Leadership Meeting will be held at 6:15 pm prior to the camp meeting ***

This Month: Come join us for great camaraderie and an inspiring speech from a
Compatriot of the Cause

Words of Wisdom and Warning

"The future inhabitants of [both] the Atlantic and Mississippi states will be our sons. We think we see their happiness in their union, and we wish it. Events may prove otherwise; and if they see their interest in separating why should we take sides? God bless them both, and keep them in union if it be for their good, but separate them if it be better." **Thomas Jefferson**

"Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people, who have a right, from the frame of their nature, to knowledge, as their great Creator, who does nothing in vain, has given them understandings, and a desire to know; but besides this, they have a right, an indisputable, unalienable, indefeasible, divine right to that most dreaded and envied kind of knowledge; I mean, of the characters and conduct of their rulers."

John Adams (Dissertation on Canon and Feudal Law, 1765)

"It is the duty of every man to render to the Creator such homage, and such only, as he believes to be acceptable to him. This duty is precedent both in order of time and degree of obligation, to the claims of Civil Society. Before any man can be considered as a member of Civil Society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe."

James Madison (A Memorial and Remonstrance, 1785)

"The war has been a godsend for newspaperdom. The more extraordinary were the stories that were told by the venal and corrupt newspapers, the more greedily were they devoured by the craving and prurient multitude...without the least regard for the truth...Such is the stuff of which a good deal of Yankee histories of the late war will be made."

Admiral Raphael Semmes, CSS Alabama

"Those who submit to such consequence without resistance are not worthy the liberties and rights to which they were born, and deserve to be made slaves. Such must be the verdict of mankind." **President Jefferson Davis**

~ 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,

The Sesquicentennial has begun! The camp was well represented at the reenactment this past Saturday, the 19th. The reenactment of Jefferson Davis' Inauguration was a success. The news media didn't do justice to the event in the under-reporting of the volume of attendees. There were thousands of people celebrating the event as re-enactors, marching in the event, and taking in the reenactment. Thanks to all camp members that were a part of the event.

We need to be visible in the activities of the sesquicentennial events. This will publicize the event and bring the truth of the War to light. All we desire is that the true reasons for the war are presented, so that the public can decide that our reasons for celebrating the South are correct. The truth shall decide our fore-fathers fate and the way we are remembered.

The Alabama Division will hold an EC meeting. The date will be March 5th at the New Merkel Community Center in Vestavia Hills beginning at 9:00 AM.

We have a full plate of events ahead of us this spring. Please review the calendar of events posted in "The Dispatch." Our Division Reunion Committee meeting is Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 PM at the New Merkel House. We need all involved to be a part of this meeting. John and Steve have done good work in setting this up. Please support their efforts. Our camp meeting is March 8, 2011 at the New Merkel House at 7:00 PM. Prior to the meeting, we shall hold our leadership meeting at 6:15 PM.

On Saturday, March 12th, the camp will have a work day at Refuge Church in Lincoln, AL to set the monument to the last meeting of Confederate soldiers in Alabama.

March 19, 2011 will be the Cadet trip to Chickamauga. We will meet at the New Merkel House at 7:00 AM and return around 7:00 PM that evening. Please join us. The "kids," young and old, will enjoy this.

On Sunday, March 20th, we will dedicate the Monument at Refuge Church. This is something the camp has worked on for years. Under the leadership of Randell Thrasher, it will become a reality. Please join us for this celebration.

There is a lot ahead of us. Please join us and support the camp and all things Confederate!

Thanks,
Hank Arnold
Camp Commander
FJW 1372



Adjutant's Report - March of 2011

Compatriots

The reenactment of the Inauguration of Jefferson Davis was a great success. In keeping with this reenactment, it is the duty of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to see that the facts are put forth to the media at every chance we have. I found this interesting document at the Alabama Division Library.

Confederate Veteran
January 1903
Volume XI No. 1 Page 213



Confederate Veteran.

213

BAIL BOND OF JEFFERSON DAVIS.

BELOW IS GIVEN FACSIMILE OF THE HISTORIC DOCUMENT.

At a stated term of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Virginia held at Richmond on the first Monday of May One thousand Eight hundred and sixty seven

This facsimile has been in the VETERAN office for years. It is singular that "his mark" is given to the names of James Thomas and Thomas R. Price. Who and where from were Thomas and Price?

Be it remembered that on this thirteenth (13th) day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven before the Honorable the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Virginia at the Court House in Richmond in the said District came Jefferson Davis and a certain George Kennedy to wit to the United States of America the sworn of One thousand Dollars and a certain Augustus Schell, Augustus Schell, Horace Greeley, J. Welch, David K. Jackman, Wm. H. McFarland, R. B. Haxall, Isaac Davenport, Jr., Abraham Warwick, Gustavus A. Myers, Wm. H. Crump, James Lyons, John A. Meredith, Wm. H. Lyons, Jno. M. Botts, Thomas W. Doswell, James Thomas, Jr., Thomas R. Price, William Allen, Benjamin Wood, each of whom a certain George Kennedy to wit to the United States of America the sum of Five thousand Dollars of his lawful money, the said several sums to be made to the use of the said United States of the good, chattels, lands and tenements of the said parties respectively. The condition of this recognizance is such that if the said Jefferson Davis shall in the term herein used and truly appear as the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Virginia to be held at Richmond in the said District on the fourth Monday of November next as the timing of the Court in that day and thereafter then appear from day to day and attend to advise and perform whatsoever shall be then and then orders or judgments in respect to him by the said Court and not depart from the said Court without the leave of the said Court in that behalf first had and obtained then he said recognizance to be void, otherwise to remain in full force.

Witness my hand and seal this 13th day of May A.D. 1867 in the Court before me.

H. H. Barry, clerk.



Jefferson Davis.

John A. Meredith

- Signatures with that of Mr. Davis are as follows:
- Gerrit Smith.
 - Horace Greeley.
 - Cornelius Vanderbilt.
 - Augustus Schell.
 - Horace F. Clark.
 - A. Welch.
 - David K. Jackman.
 - Wm. H. McFarland.
 - R. B. Haxall.
 - Isaac Davenport, Jr.
 - Abraham Warwick.
 - Gustavus A. Myers.
 - Wm. H. Crump.
 - James Lyons.
 - John A. Meredith.
 - Wm. H. Lyons.
 - Jno. M. Botts.
 - Thomas W. Doswell.
 - James Thomas, Jr.
 - Thomas R. Price.
 - William Allen.
 - Benjamin Wood.

Wm. H. Crump
James Lyons
John A. Meredith
Wm. H. Lyons
Jno. M. Botts
Thomas W. Doswell
James Thomas, Jr.
Thomas R. Price
William Allen
Benjamin Wood

Wm. H. Crump
James Lyons
John A. Meredith
Wm. H. Lyons
Jno. M. Botts
Thomas W. Doswell
James Thomas, Jr.
Thomas R. Price
William Allen
Benjamin Wood

In the State office of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Virginia, Richmond, November the 1st of the year of our Lord 1867

The above is a true and correct copy of the original recognizance of Jefferson Davis, now containing on file in this office, with the facsimile of the signatures thereto

H. H. Barry, clerk.

