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The Next Camp Meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, *November 10, 2009*
at the New Merkel House

This Month's Speaker: Lt. Col. Brent Goodwin, U.S. Army (Retired) will speak on
& display weaponry used by Fighting Joe Wheeler

Words of Wisdom and Warning

"Natural rights [are] the objects for the protection of which society is formed and municipal laws established." **Thomas Jefferson** (Letter to James Monroe, 1791)

"We established however some, although not all its [self-government] important principles . The constitutions of most of our States assert, that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves, in all cases to which they think themselves competent, (as in electing their functionaries executive and legislative, and deciding by a jury of themselves, in all judiciary cases in which any fact is involved,) or they may act by representatives, freely and equally chosen; that it is their right and duty to be at all times armed." **Thomas Jefferson** (letter to John Cartwright, 1824)

"The essence of Government is power; and power, lodged as it must be in human hands, will ever be liable to abuse." **James Madison** (speech in the Virginia constitutional convention, 2 December 1829)

"If all men are created equal, that is final. If they are endowed with inalienable rights, that is final. If governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed, that is final. No advance, no progress can be made beyond these propositions. If anyone wishes to deny their truth and their soundness, the only direction in which he can proceed historically is not forward, but backward toward the time when there was no equality, no rights of the individual, no rule of the people. Those who wish to proceed in that direction cannot lay claim to progress. They are reactionary."

Calvin Coolidge on the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1926

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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,

I hope all are enjoying the Fall weather and the colors. This is getting into my favorite time of the year, football and relic hunting. Please enjoy the wonders of the season and remember the what our fore-fathers were up against 140+ years ago. The fall campaigns were winding down in the east. The Army of Tennessee was on the ridges and mountains surrounding Chattanooga hoping to starve out the Union army below. Wheeler was disrupting the supply lines above and west of Chattanooga. The battles of Lookout mountain and Missionary Ridge were taking place. General Cleburne saved the Army at Tunnel Hill and we went into winter quarters at Dalton, Ga. Sherman was held at bay above Vicksburg as the Confederates held the line in Mississippi. Thanks to all of our fore-fathers that did their duty and sacrificed to protect the homeland from the invaders.

We have camp elections coming up at this months meeting. Please offer your time and talents to the service of the camp. You are the camp! We need your input to maintain and grow in the direction you each desire. We have a great camp, one of the best, the best in my opinion; please help direct us and help us grow to serve your needs.

On Sunday the 15th we have scheduled a camp trip to the Chickamauga Battlefield. We will finalize our plans at the next meeting. Please sign up and help make it a better trip for all. Several have given me the units their fore-fathers served in, and I plan to visit those sights as well as the approach to the battlefield and the Union retreat to Chattanooga.

Please join us at the November camp meeting at 7:00 on the 10th. Thanks to each of you for your support of the Fighting Joe Wheeler Camp!

Hank Arnold
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