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**The Next Camp Meeting** will be at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 13, 2009  
at the New Merkel House

**This Month's Speaker:** Otic McMahon will speak on "The Schizm of 1861-65."

## Words of Wisdom

"[T]he propitious smiles of Heaven, can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained." **George Washington (First Inaugural Address, April 1789)**

"Cherish, therefore, the spirit of our people, and keep alive their attention. Do not be too severe upon their errors, but reclaim them by enlightening them. If once they become inattentive to the public affairs, you and I, and Congress, and Assemblies, Judges, and Governors, shall all become wolves." **Thomas Jefferson (letter to Edward Carrington, 16 January 1787)**

"A free man is he that, in those things which by his strength and wit he is able to do, is not hindered to do what he has a will to." **Thomas Hobbes**

"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if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood; if they be repealed or revised before they are promulgated, or undergo such incessa changes that no man, who knows what the law is to-day, can guess what it will be to-morrow." **James Madison (Federalist No. 62, 1788)**

"Without wishing to damp the ardor of curiosity or influence the freedom of inquiry, I will hazard a prediction that, after the most industrious and impartial researchers, the longest liver of you all will find no principles, institutions or systems of education more fit in general to be transmitted to your posterity than those you have received from your ancestors." **John Adams (letter to the young men of the Philadelphia, 7 May 1798)**

"A just security to property is not afforded by that government, under which unequal taxes oppress one species of property and reward another species." **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

Commanders Report, October, 2009

Compatriots,

We are now in the Fall of the year. Hope all are enjoying the football season, the outdoors, and looking forward to the first time for a fire in the fireplace! As we enjoy the fall, let's reflect on what our patriotic fore-fathers were doing to protect the homeland that had been invaded.

The Army of Tennessee was heading to Kentucky to the Battle of Perryville, Corinth, MS, was attacked by Stirling Price, Sherman was burning and looting his way across the state of Georgia and Lee was in the trenches at Petersburg. Let us look to the fortitude of our fore-fathers as we again are resisting the forces of an over-bearing central government interfering with our lives, rights, and pocket books.

We enjoyed the Fighting Joe Wheeler birthday celebration at the September meeting. Some 40 Members, and guest were present at the event. Thanks to all that shared their stories, mementos and relics with the camp. Great food and camaraderie.

We have camp elections coming up the end of the year. You are encouraged to seek office. We need involvement of all to make sure we are attending to the collective wishes of the camp. Please share your thoughts at the next camp meeting 10-13-09.

Things are coming together as the camp plans to host The Army of Tennessee Meeting the 1st of the year. This is an opportunity for the camp to make a statement to the Division, Army, and SCV, that we are a camp of service and inspiration to all in the SCV.

I am very proud of not only my involvement, but YOUR involvement with the camp.

Please consider joining us for a camp trip to Chickamauga, we will discuss the details of the trip at our next meeting. This will be an all-day visit to the battlefield and museum. Please advise if there are certain areas of the battlefield you would like to visit and we will try to make this a personal guided trip.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the October meeting and sharing the Fall season with each of you.

Thank you,

Hank Arnold  
Camp Commander  
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