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The Next Camp Meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 11, 2011
at The New Merkel Community Center in Vestavia

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

We will have a pot-luck dinner to celebrate General Wheeler Birthday.

Bring your family and favorite food dish. Speaker: Dr. John Killian

Words of Wisdom and Warning

"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not." **Thomas Jefferson**

"We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God." **James Madison**

"While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but once they lose their virtue they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader." **Samuel Adams**

"Democracy creates an aura of moral legitimacy for acts that would otherwise be considered tyranny." **Walter Williams**

"[T]he States can best govern our home concerns and the general government our foreign ones. I wish, therefore...never to see all offices transferred to Washington, where, further withdrawn from the eyes of the people, they may more secretly be bought and sold at market."

Thomas Jefferson

"The whole of that Bill [of Rights] is a declaration of the right of the people at large or considered as individuals. ... [I]t establishes some rights of the individual as unalienable and which consequently, no majority has a right to deprive them of." **Benjamin Franklin**

"With respect to the words general welfare, I have always regarded them as qualified by the detail of powers connected with them. To take them in a literal and unlimited sense would be a metamorphosis of the Constitution into a character which there is a host of proofs was not contemplated by its creators." **James Madison, The Federalist Papers**

~ 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 Fall Campaign 149 years ago found the Confederates attacking Corinth Mississippi. General Earl Van Dorn attacked the north side of Corinth on October 4th. After advancing into the center of town, the Union counter-attacked driving the Confederates back to the original lines. The Confederates retreated the night of the 4th to the northwest to cross the Hatchee River at Davis Bridge. A second Union army under General Hurlbert held the high ground on the west side of the river and pushed back the Confederate advance. The Union then attacked the bridge and came into a hail-fire of Confederate cannon and rifle fire which decimated the Union attack until it ran low on ammunition. The Confederates then marched south and crossed at Crum's Mill and retreated to Holly Springs, Mississippi.

The Fighting Joe Wheeler Camp will begin it's Fall Campaign at the Alabama Gun Collector Association show on the 15th and 16th of October. Just as our fore-fathers did 149 years ago, we must rise to the need of promoting all things Confederate. I look for camp members to supply the man power to staff the booth with four men at all times, we have four time slots open for members to serve. The AGCA will donate the two tables to the camp at no charge to help us support the Sesquicentennial gun show. This is the support we haven't had from the AG in the past, we need to take advantage of this opportunity. We will have our camp flags, relics on display, and we can pass out our literature. Anyone in a Confederate uniform will get in for free. Please support this effort to share our Confederate Heritage and promote camp membership.

The next camp meeting will be the Fighting Joe Wheeler Birthday Celebration. Please bring your family and friends to the New Merkel House at 7:00 PM on Tuesday the 11th, along with your favorite "Pot Luck" dinner, veggie or desert item to share. The camp will provide drinks, ice, and table ware. This is a fun event, please be a part of it.

Please go out and make your ancestor proud by showing your Confederate Heritage, our thanks for our ancestors for fighting to protect the homeland.

Thank you,
Hank Arnold
Camp Commander
FJW 1372



Adjutant's Report - July of 2011

COMPATRIOTS:

The New Merkel Community Center is repaired. We had last month meeting there; it was fun to return to the New Merkel. There were 21 in attendance.

We have 98 members; down from 103 last year. At the present time, I am working with two Gentlemen wishing to join FJW. This will bring us back to 100!

New Membership is (99%) from Word-of-Mouth. Please continue to advance the cause of our Confederation. Anytime you can move someone to join (even another camp); please do it.

Compatriot Sam Nelson. A very Honorable member of our Camp! Works at the Alabama Division Library on Fridays. I was his back-up to cover when he couldn't go. The library can use help on other days also.

It is time for yearly DUES. The Camp needs the monies. We receive \$17.00 per member of the \$57.00 Dues. SCV GHQ gets \$30.00, Division gets \$10.00.

Remember PLEASE pay your DUES.

We will have a pot-luck (covered dish) banquet at the New Merkel the next meeting. Oct., 11th and 7:00 PM. Please come, bring your family and a food dish.

We will have tables at the gun show this coming 14th, 15th and 16th. Set-up the evening of the 14th, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday. 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Sunday.

We need HELP. Call Commander Hank at 205 213-9394 for info..

John Thomas/Adjutant



