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**The Next Camp Meeting** will be at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 8, 2009  
at the New Merkel House

**This Month's Speaker:** Joins us for General Wheeler's Birthday.  
Bring a covered Dish

## Words of Wisdom

"I acknowledge, in the ordinary course of government, that the exposition of the laws and Constitution devolves upon the judicial. But I beg to know upon what principle it can be contended that any one department draws from the Constitution greater powers than another in marking out the limits of the powers of the several departments."

**James Madison**

The constitution of the United States was formed by the sanction of the states, given by each in its sovereign capacity. It adds to the stability and dignity, as well as to the authority, of the constitution, that it rests upon this legitimate and solid foundation. The states, then, being the parties to the constitutional compact, and in their sovereign capacity, it follows of necessity that there can be no tribunal above their authority to decide, in the last resort, whether the compact made by them be violated and consequently that, as the parties to it, they must themselves decide, in the last resort, such questions as may be of sufficient magnitude to require their interposition. (**The Madison Report in the Virginia Report of 1799-1800**) **James Madison**

If there had been a desire on the part of any single State to withdraw from the compact at any time while the number of States was limited to the original thirteen, I do not suppose there would have been any to contest the right, no matter how much the determination might have been regretted. . . .If they [the founding fathers] had foreseen it, the probabilities are they would have sanctioned the right of a State or States to withdraw rather than that there should be war between brothers. (**The Personal Memoirs Of Ulysses S. Grant, Old Saybrook, Connecticut: Konecky & Konecky, 1992, reprint of original edition, pp. 130-131**)

"Government big enough to supply everything you need is big enough to take everything you have .... The course of history shows that as a government grows, liberty decreases."

**Thomas Jefferson**

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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,

OK, The kids are back in school, vacations are over with, it's getting cooler at night, football season is ready to get underway, and here we are looking forward to the fall!

Let's not forget that in September 1862 the south was taking the war north to Sharpsburg, attacking Corinth, and holding our own against great odds. In September 1863 the Army of Tennessee defeated the northern forces at Chickamauga. 1864 was a year of challenge as overwhelming numbers were taking their toll against the South. What do we have left after all this? The memory and respect for our forefathers! We are the Sons Of Confederate Veterans! Please remember the hard work and suffering they endured trying to protect the Southland and secure our freedom from the northern aggressors. We are proud to be SCV!

Please join us for our camp "Fighting Joe Wheeler Birthday Celebration" at our next meeting on 9-8-09 at 7:00 PM.

The camp will provide Miss Myra's BBQ, along with buns and iced tea. Please bring your own side dishes, "fixin's" and deserts. A collection will be taken to pay for the BBQ. Rather than having a program, we will hold a short business meeting, (10 minutes) and then share in the celebration. Please bring any Wheeler items, books, relics, pictures, or memorabilia you would like to share with the camp. This will be a fun event, please e-mail or call John Thomas or myself to help us figure a head count for the "buy out" items.

I look forward to sharing with all of you as we celebrate. Thank you for honoring our Confederate heritage.

Thanks,

Hank Arnold  
Camp Commander  
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Time to Re-Enlist  
**Dues are DUE Now!**

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