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FORREST PICNIC

The Dillard-Judd Camp, 1828, of the SCV will host the annual Forrest Picnic on Saturday, 22 July, 2006 at 11am till whenever. Marshall Judd and Walter Anderson will be our chefs again this year and will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. We will plan to start eating at about noon. Please bring a side dish to share. Bring your lawn chairs and a little bug spray.

Sparta commander Manual England and friends will bring their guitars and will provide musical entertainment. Family members are welcome and kids will enjoy playing in the meadow and along the stream. Come and visit with SCV members from several camps.

The picnic will be held at the Curtis farm again this year, thanks to the kind hospitality of Ms. Nancy Curtis. Take Highway 136 (North Washington Street in Cookeville) north to mile marker 12. At mile marker 12, turn left onto Cindy Drive (Green Valley Estates). Follow Cindy Drive as it snakes around for about one mile, then turn left on Cyphers Road. Follow Cyphers Road about 200 yards thru a cul de sac to the Curtis driveway.

Please call Steve Marcrom at 526-8042, 252-2133 or 252-2583 OR Bob Todd 839-2441 OR Ed Butler at 537-3300 for more information. **PLEASE** do call and give one of these fellows an estimate of how many people you will bring so we can buy enough hamburgers and hotdogs.

JUNE MINUTES

Visitors outnumbered members at our camp meeting in June. Nine members were in attendance but 13 visitors came that night. Bob Todd was sworn in as a new member. Mr. Todd has jumped in, volunteering to help with the head count for the picnic as well as serving as the adjutant for the Highland Brigade. A collection was taken up for Bruce Breedlove's medical expenses and the camp treasury matched the amount. After discussion, the camp voted to move the meeting night to the fourth Tuesday of each month, starting in August. The Golden Corral asked us to change our meeting night to accommodate another group, but made the deal a little sweeter by offering a special price for supper for those attending our meetings- \$7.00 for the buffet, plus the cost of your drink. Next meeting will be the Forrest Picnic on 22 July, 2006. 22 August, 2006 will be the next regular evening meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 15, 2006- Benefit for Bruce Breedlove. Bruce is a member of the SCV and Chief of Police in Monterey. He was injured in a motorcycle accident in Nevada on 16 June, 2006. He has been in a coma since the accident, but is showing some slow improvement. The benefit will be at 4pm at the Monterey High School. Hotdog and Chili supper at 4pm. Auction at 6pm.

July 22, 2006- Forrest picnic. See Front page article for details. NO TUESDAY MEETING in July.

August 13, 2006- 1pm. A memorial service for Henry Henderson, a black Confederate. Event organized by Captain Sally Tompkins Chapter of the UDC. Go south of Sparta on 111. Turn east onto Old Union Road. Service at old Church and Cemetery. Honor guard members, bugler needed. Call Pamela at 931-935-7700 for information or to help.

August 22, 2006- Monthly meeting of Dillard-Judd. 6pm supper if you wish-7pm meeting. NOTE the new date-Fourth Tuesday

PRAYER REQUESTED

First Lt Commander Randy Williams reports that his wife has had her surgery and has a good prognosis. She will have some chemotherapy treatments. Please pray for healing and comfort for this family.

Also, Bruce Breedlove is still in serious condition after a motorcycle accident in Nevada 16 June, 2006. He has been in a coma since the accident. Plans are to bring him back to Memphis when his condition stabilizes a little. See the note above about a benefit to help with his expenses.

KROGER CARDS

Commander Butler reminds us that using our Kroger gift cards is a painless way to support the SCV. Kroger gas is generally very competitively priced and 5% of our gas and grocery purchases these days would bring in a lot of revenue for the organization.

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OUR HISTORY

As a continuing part of this newsletter, we present brief histories of the ancestors of our camp members. This month, Dillard-Judd camp commander Steve Marcrom provided information about his ancestor, W.R. (Jerry) Ross.

W.R. Ross was born in 1841. Details of his childhood and parents are not known, but it is thought he was orphaned. He is thought to have lived in White County. He married Sarah. They had a son named Thomas Stephen Ross, born in 1860.

Early on, W. R. Ross joined the Confederate Army, and was assigned to the 40th TN Infantry. He was sent to Camp Trousdale, in Sumner County. There, he contracted measles and died in camp. Measles were a common contagious disease and spread easily in military camps. One report said that in a camp of 10,000 soldiers, 4,000 came down with measles. New units were often kept in camp till they had “been through the measles.

W.R. Ross’s son, Thomas, married Mattie Bicknell and they had six children. They moved to Coffee County.



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SCV CONDEMNS KKK

On 16 June, 2006 the SCV issued a press release strongly condemning the “rally” held by the Ku Klux Klan on the sacred ground of Antietam (Sharpsburg). Further, the SCV found offensive comments by KKK speakers claiming a connection to Confederate soldiers.

“The modern hate group taking the name of Ku Klux Klan has no claim to Confederate heritage,” said Denne Sweeney, Commander-in-Chief of the more than 30,000 member SCV, “and as the actual descendants of Confederate soldiers, and as an organization which has been working to bring honor to Confederate veterans for 110 years, the Sons of Confederate Veterans is outraged.”

The SCV issued condemnations of the rally weeks ago, and though largely ignored by the mainstream media, the members continue to express dismay and sorrow over having sacred grounds violated by this intolerant “rally”.

In addition, for several years now the National Parks Service (NPS) has undertaken a deliberate program of erasing from battlefields information that gives the Southern perspective of the war, or that even simply relates the battlefield actions of Southern forces, and the SCV has vigorously protested this unreasonable censure. “Now you have the National Parks Service on one hand engaging in viewpoint discrimination against Southerners,” said Sweeney, “but on the other hand they are promoting the extremism of the Ku Klux Klan and Nationalist Socialist Movement.”

Instead of promoting extremism and censuring mainstream Southern historical information, the SCV calls on the NPS to renounce its hypocrisy by informing the KKK that sacred battlefields are not “free speech zones”, and to return to its mission of telling the full and balanced story of American sacrifice on our battlefields.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans was founded in 1896 to perpetuate and preserve the honor of the Confederate soldier, sailor, and marine.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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INTERNATIONAL REUNION, NEW ORLEANS

The 111 annual reunion of the SCV will be held in New Orleans August 2 through 6, 2006. The theme will be “Keeping the Charge of 06- in 06” and will focus on the 100th anniversary of General Stephen Dill Lee’s Charge to the SCV in 1906.

SCV Beauregard Camp #130 is the host camp. The main hotel will be the Sheraton on Canal Street. Several tours are planned, in addition to the meeting business and the many vendors that will be there.

You can find more information at the SCV International Homepage or by going to www.beauregard130.org or by writing to Gen P.G.T. Beauregard Camp #130, PO Box 6035, Metairie, LA 70003.



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