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## LEE-JACKSON BANQUET

The annual Lee-Jackson Banquet will be held Saturday, 21 January 2006 at Nick's Restaurant on South Jefferson. The banquet room will be open at 6PM for a social hour and then the meal will begin at 7PM. Mr. Ross Moore will be on hand to provide a musical program. Many of you will remember Ross from the summer picnic, where he played about a dozen instruments and sang songs from and about the Old South. The recipients of the Dillard and Judd awards will be announced.

Cost for the evening will be \$25 per person. Suggested attire is period clothes or coat and tie. Please call Walter Anderson at 432-1833 and let him know if you plan to come and how many will be with you. Even better, you can drop a note and check to SCV Camp 1828, P.O. Box 205, Cookeville, TN 38506-0205. Please respond in some fashion by 16 January 2006 so that a place at the table will be saved for you.

Please join us for a night of Southern fellowship, fun and hospitality

## NATIONAL SCV UPDATE

Commander Sweeney recently sent out a news release to update the members on the progress on the lawsuit by the Coup Plotters. The lawsuit was dismissed. The elected officers were returned to office. The maneuvers of the Coup Plotters were ruled improper. However, the judge recently granted that the legal costs of the Coup Plotters should be paid by the SCV. The amount would be about \$38,000. The General Executive Council (GEC) has directed its lawyers to appeal this ruling. So far, no SCV general funds have been spent on this legal battle. The money for Commander Sweeney's defense has been raised by donations by members, above and beyond dues. This has allowed SCV money to be spent on SCV matters, not lawyers. If the judge's ruling is allowed to stand, the Coup Plotters and their attorneys will siphon off a large amount of SCV funds.

Commander Sweeney is asking again for donations to fund the appeals process. Donations can be made to Emergency Reform Fund, c/o Jim Dark, 2030 Minnie Drive, Arlington, TX 76012.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 21, 2006-(SATURDAY NIGHT)** Lee-Jackson Banquet at Nick's Restaurant on South Jefferson, Cookeville, TN. \$25 per person.

**February 21, 2006-**Usual third Tuesday meeting held at The Golden Corral Restaurant on Interstate Drive in Cookeville, TN. Dinner, if you wish, at 6PM. Meeting at 7PM. Richard Walker of Baxter will give the program. Mr. Walker is a WBTS historian and a computer game designer and has merged these two interests.

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## OUR HISTORY

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to the history of ancestors of members of this camp. This month, Randy Williams provided information about his ancestor. What follows is the story as written by Randy.

**BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH OF ELIJAH W. CARR, C.S.A.,** great, great uncle of Randy Williams, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. CMDR, Dillard-Judd Camp, SCV.

“I had numerous ancestors who served the South during the War Between the States. I joined the Sons of the Confederate Veterans on the record of my third great-grandfather, Lt. William C. Wheeler, Company E, 28<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry. However, for the purposes of this brief biological sketch, I have chosen to write about my great, great uncle, Elijah W. Carr, who must have been one of the toughest soldiers in the Confederate Army. The following information was taken directly from Elijah's “Soldier's Application for Pension”, which is on file at the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville.

“Elijah W. Carr was born 17 December, 1837 in the vicinity of Whitleyville, Jackson County, Tennessee. Elijah joined the fight against Northern aggression on 9 May, 1861, and was assigned to the 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Tennessee Infantry. Elijah was mustered in and trained at Camp Troudales, where he contracted a severe case of measles, from which he suffered ill effects for

the remainder of his life. Today, we think of measles as a childhood affliction, but in the mid-nineteenth century, measles were often fatal.

“Elijah was in the 16<sup>th</sup> when it participated in Bragg’s Kentucky Campaign. Elijah was shot through the hip and received a severe hand wound in battle at Richmond, Kentucky. Elijah was incapacitated for eight months as a result of his wounds; he was treated in Richmond by a Confederate surgeon, Dr. Swanson, who apparently saved Elijah’s life.

“ After Elijah recovered from the wounds he received at Richmond, he was assigned to the 25<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Tennessee Infantry, with which he participated in the Battle of Chickamauga; Elijah received more severe wounds during this battle. A bombshell exploded near Elijah on the field at Chickamauga. Shrapnel from the bomb casing penetrated his chest and lungs causing bleeding of the lungs. Elijah spent four months recovering from this wound, and according to his pension application, he suffered from periodic lung hemorrhages into old age. The veracity of Elijah’s statements in his pension application were corroborated and attested to by L.B. Anderson, M.L. Gore, and William C. Morgan, Sheriff of Jackson County, as well as physician Jeff Dyer of Cookeville. Interestingly, Elijah apparently either traveled with the Army, or stayed at a remote location during his recuperation because he considered himself “safer in the Army than at home”, which is a strong statement concerning the conditions the citizens of the Upper Cumberland faced during the Yankee’s relentless guerilla campaign of 1861-1865.

“When Elijah had sufficiently recovered from the wounds he had suffered at Chickamauga he was ready to return to action. Elijah was an excellent horseman, so when he returned to action, it was as a cavalryman with the 8<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry, with which he served until the end of the war. Elijah W. Carr was paroled at Washington, Georgia in May, 1865.

“Elijah Carr served the South and the State of Tennessee for the duration of the War Between the States. He served with honor and distinction, and suffered life-long disabilities and pain as a result of his willingness to stand for his ideals. Men such as Elijah Carr served as the heart and soul of the Confederate Army. They fought in the same spirit as did their Celtic ancestors, and that is a legacy from which we can all learn. The cause for which these men fought is not lost; it is to be found in each of us who believes in the individual’s sacred right of self-determination and freedom.”

## **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.