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## IN MEMORIUM

Compatriot Walter B. Anderson passed away 23 June, 2007. Walter was a long term and very active member of the Dillard-Judd Camp. For several years, Walter had served as camp treasurer. He received the Dillard award more than once for his service as a camp officer. Walter was regular and faithful in his attendance at the Camp meetings and functions. Without Walter's organizing skills and attention to details, the 2004 Division Reunion, hosted by the Dillard-Judd Camp, would have been a nightmare. He served on the Honor Guard at ceremonies. With his wife Gladys, a member of the UDC, Walter was part of a team that stood proud and strong in support of our Confederate ancestors. Walter and Gladys, almost by themselves, maintained a cemetery that included several Confederate graves. Walter worked wherever he was needed and never sought the spotlight. He was unfailingly friendly and welcoming. The men of the Dillard-Judd Camp, as well as the Highland Brigade, will miss Walter greatly.

## FORREST PICNIC

The Dillard-Judd Camp of the SCV will host its annual picnic on Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. The camp will provide Hamburgers and Hotdogs. Members of the Highland Brigade and their friends are invited. Please bring a dish to share with the group. Please call Marshall Judd by 17 July and leave a message on his answering machine about how many people you will bring. His number is 537-2001.

The picnic will be at the property of Compatriot Mike Williams, a new member of Dillard-Judd. **DIRECTIONS-** From Cookeville, go north on 136 (Washington) to Hardy's Chapel. Turn LEFT on Poplar Springs Road. Go about 4 miles to 1320 Poplar Springs. From Gainesboro—Take 135 toward Dodson's Branch. Turn LEFT on Spring Creek Road. Take the first LEFT onto Poplar Springs Road. Proceed to 1320 Poplar Springs Road.

The speaker at the picnic will be Gregg Biggs of the Clarksville camp, who will enlighten us on cavalry tactics and why General Forrest was so successful. Gregg served as associate editor of "Blue and Gray" magazine and has been involved with several historical societies dealing with the WBTS. If Gregg's wife Karol is back from one of her travels by the time of the picnic, she will give a presentation as well.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 21, 2007-** Forrest Picnic. See article on page 1. No fourth Tuesday meeting in July.

**July 25-28, 2007-** 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the SCV. Mobile, Alabama. Information and registration available at [www.scvsemmes.org/2007convention.shtml](http://www.scvsemmes.org/2007convention.shtml) .

**August 28, 2007-** Regular monthly meeting at the Golden Corral.

**September 21-23, 2007-**“Civil War Educational Bivouac” sponsored by The Borderlands Foundation. Educational program for school children Friday, 21 September 9AM till 6PM. Exhibition battles Saturday 3PM and Sunday 2PM. Located in a field adjacent to Highway 111 in Byrdstown, TN at the West Main Street junction. More info at [www.theborderlands.org](http://www.theborderlands.org) .

**September 22, 2007-** Blue and Gray Civil War Costume Ball. 399 Old Spencer Mill Road, Burns, Dickson County, Tennessee. Social hour 5PM. Grand March 6:30PM. Ed Butler says it is “a great big time”.

## FUND RAISER FOR DILLARD-JUDD

Shortly before his death, Walter Anderson traded his prized replica Colt 1851 Revolver to his nephew Wendell Pike. Walter used this pistol in Honor Guard ceremonies numerous times. After Walter’s death, Wendell volunteered to give this gun to the camp to offer as the prize for a raffle to raise money for Camp 1828. Some of the money raised will be given to the Division in response to Dr. Bradley’s challenge to raise \$100,000, to be used for Heritage ADVANCE, not just defense.

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale from Dillard-Judd members over the next six months, with the drawing planned for the Lee-Jackson Banquet in January, 2008. Tickets will be available at the Forrest Picnic 21 July, 2007. See also the flier enclosed with this newsletter.



# OUR HISTORY

In keeping with the charge given to the SCV by General S. D. Lee, we endeavor to maintain the good memory of our ancestors- ancestors of members of Camp 1828. This month, James C. Kannon, Jr. shares the story of his ancestor, R. L. Fariss.

Robert Luther Fariss was born in 1831 in Maury County, Tennessee, near Hampshire. He enlisted at the beginning of the war, for one year, in Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tennessee Infantry (Robinson's). The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tennessee Infantry regiment was composed of ten companies, with the each company largely drawn from one city or county. Company "B" was mostly Maury County while "C" was Davidson County and "E" was Shelby County. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry moved into action early and was in Virginia and under fire by 1 June, 1861 at Aquia Creek. In February, 1862, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry was ordered back to Tennessee to assist in the defense of East Tennessee.

After his year of enlistment was up, R. L. Fariss apparently left the Confederate service for a time. At this point, R. L. Fariss made a trip about which his descendants are still unclear. Mr. Fariss obtained a pass, signed by Andrew Johnson, Military Governor of occupied Tennessee. The pass, or letter of introduction written by Governor Johnson, described Mr. Fariss as a "loyal union" man who would use his influence for the Union cause. Mr. Fariss did make his trip up north. On his return trip, the pass that he carried listed not only R. L. Fariss but also the name of his nephew, H. F. Fariss. The details of the trip are not clear, but his descendants speculate that R. L. went up north to obtain the release of his nephew from prison.

On his return to Tennessee, R. L. Fariss re-enlisted in the Confederate Army, this time in Company "A", 9<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry, which was commanded by Col. Biffle of Hampshire, Maury County, Tennessee. He survived the war, and lived out his life in Maury County, farming and holding the position of Assistant Tax Assessor. He died in 1871 at the age of 46 and is buried in Jones Cemetery near Hampshire.

## DUES DUE

SCV national and camp dues are payable now (as of 1 July, 2007) and will be considered delinquent at the end of October. Why not write a check now and get this little chore out of the way. Total due is \$35 but you could add a donation toward the \$1000 challenge that Commander Bradley issued to the camps. Address your payment envelope to:

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