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DR. BRADLEY HERE

Dr. Michael Bradley, Tennessee Division Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, will speak at the regular monthly meeting of the Dillard-Judd Camp #1828 on Tuesday evening, the 27th of March, 2007. Dr. Bradley taught history at Motlow State Community College in Tullahoma, Tennessee for 36 years. He has also pastored a church for most of those years. He earned undergraduate degrees at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. He has written extensively about the War Between the States, including five books and numerous articles, book reviews and papers relating to church and civil society.

Dr. Bradley will make introductory comments about his most recent book, "Nathan Bedford Forrest's Escort and Staff". This book is a great addition to the existing literature on the "greatest Cavalry officer of the War Between the States".

General Forrest was one of the greatest strategists and most fierce competitors in the history of warfare. Much fiction and many facts have been written about him in the many books about this great leader but almost nothing has ever been written about his escort and staff, who were as devoted and indefatigable as he.

The unusual abilities as warriors, thinkers, and leaders made this group of men a legend and united them in a brotherhood that lasted long after the war. A testament to their loyalty is the fact that the escort is the only Confederate unit whose numbers were greater when they surrendered than when the unit was organized.

The meeting will be held at the Golden Corral Restaurant. The buffet is available at reduced price for members, starting at 6PM. The actual meeting begins at 7PM. Bring a friend and enjoy a fun and informative evening



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24, 2007- Regular monthly meeting at the Golden Corral. Details later.

April 27, 28, 29, 2007- Tennessee Division Reunion will be held in Murfreesboro, hosted by Camp #33. Host hotel Ramada LTD. Program starts with a tour of the Sam Davis home on Friday at 2PM, and continues on with events Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning. Details are available at www.tennessee-scv.org and clicking on “schedule of events”.

KROGER CARDS

Commander Bradley 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.

FEBRUARY MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of Dillard-Judd Camp #1828 was held 27 February 2007 at the Golden Corral Restaurant. Steve Marcrom presided in the absence of Commander Sam Barnes. Tim Morrison gave a most informative lecture on the history of slavery in the USA. One of the highlights of the presentation was that slavery was very common in early America, but in the form of indentured servitude. Persons, black and white, in indentured servitude typically had a limited term of servitude and could buy their freedom if they could amass enough money. The first African slaves in America came to Jamestown in the early 1600's, traded by British pirates who had seized them from Portuguese traders. There is information to support that the first American to win legal permission to own another person permanently was a free black man in Virginia. The whole topic of blacks owning blacks has not been a topic of main stream education or news media, until the recent stories about Barack Obama's ancestors owning slaves. Even the Tennessean recently (22 Feb, 2007) had an article on Sherrod Bryant, a black man in Tennessee in the early 1800's, who owned 700 acres in middle Tennessee as well as perhaps 22 slaves.

OUR HISTORY

Luke Ward, member of the Dillard-Judd Camp #1828, was kind enough to share information on his ancestor, Robert M. Ward, for our series on Confederate forebearers of our camp.

Robert M. Ward was descended from warriors. His grandfather fought in the 1776 American Revolution and Robert's father, Burrel Ward, was a lieutenant in the War of 1812. Burrel received a land grant of 80 acres for his service. Robert was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee in 1834. He enlisted in Company I, 45th Tennessee Infantry Regiment in the fall of 1861, under Captain J. C. Harrison and Colonel Anderson Searcy. He served with the 45th till December, 1864. In a battle near Murfreesboro, in December, 1864, he was wounded through the left thigh and left on the battlefield. He was captured by the Federals and carried to Murfreesboro where he convalesced for nine weeks, under the care of a Doctor Woods. After he recovered, without losing his leg, he was sent to Rock Island Prison in Illinois. He was in prison till the end of the war, at which time he had to take the Oath of Allegiance so that he could be released.

In January, 1906, R. M. Ward was over 70 years old. He was married to a woman aged 61 and had three children, ages 18 to 26 years. He listed his occupation as "small farming". At this time (30 January, 1906), he filed an application for a pension as a wounded soldier. Anderson Searcy, his commanding Colonel, signed Mr. Ward's application as a witness. A year later, Mr. Ward sent a nice note to the Pension Board asking why his application had not been acted on. More information was requested from him, to back up his claims of service. Watson Cantrell gave his written testimony that he and Mr. Ward had been in the same barracks in Rock Island Prison. More and more information was requested and supplied. Finally, on 1 February, 1915 (9 years later), he was granted a pension for his service and injury for the Confederacy. He was allowed \$8.33 a month which was paid as \$25 every three months. He was now about 80 years old.

UPDATE: Several months ago, this section carried information about Ed Julian's ancestors. Ed has found more information. Ed's great-great-great Uncle was Reason Julian. He moved from South Carolina to Benton, Arkansas where he had a family of seven children. The second child was Osa A. Julian. Reason Julian built a tannery business. During the war, Reason and Osa formed a cavalry unit that eventually fought with Cleighborn at Shilo. Osa was killed during this battle. After the war, Reason Julian returned home to find his business in serious financial problems. When he could not return to profitability, he locked himself in the tannery and drank Arsenic, ending his life.