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## Order of the Confederate Rose

The October meeting is set for Tuesday, 23 October, 2007 at the Golden Corral Restaurant on Interstate Drive. In addition to the business meeting, we will have guests to entertain and educate us. The Ladies of the "Roses of the Cumberland" Chapter of the Order of the Confederate Rose will be in charge of the program. Mrs. Ruby and her ladies may sing, or recount events from the home front, or bring Southern treats like Persimmon Pie, or perhaps provide some other unique insight into the life of our Southern ancestors.

The Order of the Confederate Rose is an independent support group to the SCV. While the United Daughters of the Confederacy is a long standing group that requires Confederate ancestry for membership, the OCR is a more recently formed organization that invites those ladies who have an interest in supporting the SCV, but who may or may not have a Confederate lineage. The OCR is loosely organized and each state has its own rules and bylaws. The emphasis is on flexibility and creativity in advancing Confederate heritage. The OCR does not look to compete with the UDC, but rather to provide another opportunity for ladies to recognize and defend the ideals of the Southern way of life.

Plan to meet at 6PM for a buffet meal, with a special group price, followed by the meeting and speaker at 7PM. Please come and honor the ladies who have given up an evening of their time to be with us.

### Kroger Cards

At our last meeting, Commander Barnes and others explained the Kroger Card program, how to use it, and its benefits to the Tennessee Division. Adjutant Bobb Todd will obtain and have for sale the Kroger Gift cards that members can use for groceries and gasoline, with the painless added benefit of 5% of the purchase amount going to the SCV. There is no added cost for having or using the card, above what you would pay for groceries or gasoline anyway. The whole process is simple and Bobb or others who have the card can answer questions you might have. Feel free to ask any questions, and see if this program is right for you. You might be able to help the SCV by simply grocery shopping, or better yet, by your wife grocery shopping.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 20, 2007-** The General George G. Dibrell SCV Camp #875 will host a beans and cornbread fundraising supper. To honor the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of General Robert E. Lee, Commander Butch Chaltas will be in the persona of the great General. More information available by contacting Joey Savage at [hammer\\_joe3@hotmail.com](mailto:hammer_joe3@hotmail.com) .

**November 30, 2007-** At the Rippavilla Mansion, Spring Hill, TN, the Division will host a Nathan Bedford Forrest Seminar. \$30 for the day and supper. Go to the Tennessee Division Website for details and registration information.

## 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 our monthly meetings. The members of the camp are indebted to Wendell Pike for his generous gift.

## 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. Time is running out-do it today. 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:

Dillard-Judd Camp 1828  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
P. O. Box 205  
Cookeville, TN 38506-0205.

Thanks

# OUR HISTORY

Recently, Calvin Dickenson, retired Tennessee Tech Professor, let me borrow a folder of letters labeled "Civil War Letters, Smith County". One was included in last month's newsletter and here is another sample. (There is very little punctuation).

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1864. Bristol Tenn. To Mr. James Hale. Dear Jimmy,

To explain to you the reason of my being here I will state that I have been on a court of Inquiry, looking into some little matters, for the last ten days and the court is in session here- I hope however to be through with the business & off the court in a day or two. We have been holding our session a day or two at a time along in the vicinity of the command to get the evidence of witnesses with the command. While at Greeneville, some sixty miles below this, in East Tennessee on last Sunday Gen. Williams company reached us. He's part of Wheeler's. He is just out of Middle Tenn. I saw lots of our acquaintances in the Tenn. 4<sup>th</sup>. Among them were Capt. George Moore, Lt. Sam Scoggins, Billie Bridges, Tom Gann, Ab Johnson and a host of others. Lt. Col. Paul Anderson was among them. They gave me a great deal of news from home-some good, some bad. .... Ab Johnson thinks that if a force could go into Middle Tenn. And remain there a short time- which would inshure (sic) the safe egress of the men at least thirty thousand could be brought out- as the authorities there have ordered all men between eighteen and fifty years of age, into the federal service. The Negroes in that section have all run off or been taken from their masters... Most of the boys of Sanders' old company got home but remained only a few hours and had to hide in the bushes and cornfields the most of the time. Capt. Marcellus Grissom and his brother Tom and their cousin Hankins (I forget his given name) went to Esq. Jim Grissom's and while there at breakfast, Copl. Marion McKee...& and a small squad of Smith County yanks, dressed in Confederate uniforms rode up near the gate and hollowed out that the Yankees were in Rome. The boys rushed out and Capt. Grissom was immediately shot & killed. Young Andrews, son of Jesse B. Andrews near Carthage is said to have shot Marcellus- Tommy & his cousin Hankins were then shot as I understand several times each & all killed right there before the door of their father and mother and that too by an infernal blockhead scamp who never was fit by breeding or education to black the boots of either of the gentlemen whom he murdered. The boys tell me that every body in the country are dissatisfied & had rather far rather be in the southern army than forced into the Yankee army which they are almost certain that they will be unless they can possibly slip out in some way, which they will attempt to do.

(The second page is largely illegible).... The yanks are forcing the citizens to pay three years...and if a man is not able to pay it immediately which many are not able to do their lands are sold... your father's farm would be very unhealthy for a thieving Yankee to live on, who had purchased it with what he had stolen. I understand John W. Bowen has bought a large farm near Murfreesboro & has raised this year an immense crop of cotton on it, all of which, the boys say, they trampled down with their horses. We had a little fight the other day (22<sup>nd</sup> last) near Blue Springs E. Tenn. Our Brigade alone was engaged. The boys walked into the yanks as of old. Heard last night from Howell and the boys at Fort Delaware. Sarg. Holt of my Regiment left there on the 18<sup>th</sup> last- he reports them all well but says they are faring roughly. My love to all the boys of my Regt. Write to me. Yours Fraternally, W.W. Ward