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## MARCH MEETING

The Dillard-Judd Camp, #1828 of the SCV, will try again to resume its regular monthly meetings with the Tuesday, 25 March gathering at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Cookeville. Share a Dutch treat meal, at a special reduced rate, at 6PM. The meeting is at 7PM. The February meeting was cancelled on late notice because of the weather and also scheduling difficulties with the room at the restaurant.

Jeff Wilkins, a member of our camp, will give the presentation. He will speak about WBTS artillery. Toward the end of our regular meeting, Mrs. Pruett will speak about the Order of the Confederate Rose. The OCR is an organization of people, men and women, who honor the traditions of the South and wish to support the SCV. There is no requirement for Confederate ancestry to join the OCR, but rather it is open to all who agree with the goals and ideals of the OCR. Mrs. Pruett will inaugurate a new Cookeville chapter of the OCR on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Please invite any persons that you know who might be interested in the OCR to come and find out more about this opportunity.

## YORK TURKEY SHOOT

Commander Barnes encourages all interested members to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Alvin York Turkey Shoot, which will be held Saturday, 29 March at the Sergeant York Homeplace in Pall Mall, Tennessee. Dr. Barnes has spoken with Andy York and has been assured that we may wear WBTS period attire. Most of the other competitors will wear costumes from the 1920-1930's or WWI uniforms. This will be a "tradition muzzle-loader" contest, using black powder and patched lead round balls. Pre-registration has already ended, and total registration will be limited to 235 shooters, so on-site registration may not be available. Ron Borron, from Indiana, is in charge of registration and can be reached at 317-422-9750. Even if you don't intend to compete, this will be an interesting day. The York Homeplace is a nice state park and a fun day trip. It is worth the trip to see the home of one of Tennessee's most famous historical figures.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3-6- Mule Days in Columbia, TN. On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a Living History Encampment. On Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be the parade at 10AM and then a skirmish from 2PM -5PM. Contact [mikespearscv@charter.net](mailto:mikespearscv@charter.net) for more information.

April 22- Exact schedule of speakers is not set, but Jack Hurst may speak about Fort Donaldson or Eldon Leslie may speak about Confederate money.

April 25-27- 2008 Tennessee Division Reunion. Event hosted by Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp No. 87 in Knoxville. See the Division website for registration forms.

## LOCAL UDC BOOK

The local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy has, over the years, visited, documented and helped to keep up the final resting places of Confederate soldiers in Putnam and some neighboring counties. The collected information about the soldiers has been compiled into a book that is now available for purchase. The book is titled "Our Confederate Ancestors" and is the work of the Captain Sally Tompkins #2123 chapter of the UDC. The book contains the name and important dates regarding as many of the Confederate soldiers buried in Putnam, White, Cumberland and Van Buren as the UDC ladies were able to find. There are some 500 listings for White County and over 300 for Putnam. Some listings for Overton, Jackson, and Warren Counties are included as well.

The books cost \$45 each plus \$5 postage. Contact Mrs. Donna Hamilton, Hamilton Dry Goods, 2510 Randolph Road, Cookeville, TN, 38506-7042. Checks should be made payable to Capt Sally Tompkins UDC.



# Inaugural Address, 1861, by Jeff Davis

Jefferson Davis was selected to be the President of the Provisional Government of the CSA and gave his inaugural address on 18 February, 1861. The speech, only about 1500 words long, makes no reference at all to slavery. The basic idea of the speech is that the Confederacy is continuing the ideals and traditions of the Founding Fathers. I have selected excerpts that give a flavor of the overall message and present them below.

... Our present condition, achieved in a manner unprecedented in the history of nations, illustrates the American idea that governments rest upon the consent of the governed, and that it is the right of the people to alter or abolish governments whenever they become destructive of the ends for which they were established. The declared purpose of the compact of Union from which we have withdrawn was “to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity;” and when, in the judgment of the sovereign States now composing this Confederacy, it had been perverted from the purposes for which it was ordained, and had ceased to answer the ends for which it was established, a peaceful appeal to the ballot-box declared that so far as they were concerned, the government created by that compact should cease to exist. In this they merely asserted a right which the Declaration of Independence of 1776 had defined to be inalienable; of the time and occasion for its exercise, they, as sovereigns, were the final judges, each for itself... The right solemnly proclaimed at the birth of the States, and which has been affirmed and reaffirmed in the bills of rights of States subsequently admitted to the Union of 1789, undeniably recognize in the people the power to resume the authority delegated for the purposes of government. Thus the sovereign States here represented proceeded to form this Confederacy, and it is by abuse of language that their act has been denominated a revolution... As a necessity, not a choice, we have resorted to the remedy of separation; and henceforth our energies must be directed to the conduct of our own affairs, and the perpetuity of the Confederacy which we have formed... Actuated solely by the desire to preserve our own rights and promote our own welfare, the separation of the Confederate States has been marked by no aggression upon others and followed by no domestic convulsions... We have changed the constituent parts, but not the system of our Government. The Constitution formed by our fathers is that of these Confederate States, in their exposition of it, and in the judicial construction it has received, we have a light which reveals its true meaning... Reverently let us invoke the God of our fathers to guide and protect us in our efforts to perpetuate the principles which, by his blessing, they were able to vindicate, establish and transmit to their posterity, and with a continuance of His favor, ever gratefully acknowledged, we may hopefully look forward to success, to peace, and to prosperity.