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APRIL MEETING

The Dillard-Judd Camp 1828 of the SCV will meet Tuesday, 28 April at the Putnam County Library, 50 East Board Street, Cookeville for the regular monthly meeting. Dr. Op Walker, pharmacist at CRMC, will speak on herbal medicines used during the War Between the States.

Please invite a friend or even a member who hasn't been to a meeting lately. This will be a good time to invite friends or family to see what the SCV is about.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 28, 2009 – Monthly meeting, Camp 1828, Dillard-Judd, at the Putnam County Library. See article above.

July 11, 2009- 2009 Ole Bedford Dinner, featuring black eyed peas and sweet potatoes. To be held in Murfreesboro at the Oakland Mansion Annex, 5-8PM

July 18, 2009- Forrest Picnic, to be held at Lt Commander Mike Williams' home. Details to follow in future newsletters.

The division web address is www.tennessee-scv.org/. The Dillard-Judd web site address is www.tennessee-scv.org/Camp1828/index.htm. The Echo is an email list server that forwards email comments to all subscribers. If you wish to be inundated with emails, please send an email saying "please, subscribe me" to echo@tennessee-scv.org. The Dillard-Judd site and the Division site both have links to other interesting web sites.

Minutes of Dillard Judd, Camp 1828
March 23, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by 2nd Lt Commander, Mike Williams. The opening invocation was given by Dr. Sam Barnes, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the US flag and the homage to the CSA flag.

The minutes from the February meeting were read, a motion to accept was made seconded and approved.

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The adjutant announced that he has posted a camp calendar on Google. He stated that to gain access to the calendar members must send their e-mail address to scv1828adj@gmail.com. In addition, anyone wishing to have an event posted on the calendar need only send an email to the same address and the adjutant will post it.

A motion was made, by Ed Butler, and seconded that interest from the CD be transferred to a savings account. This account will be set up and the transfer made.

It was announced that the Tennessee Division reunion would be held April 3, 4 & 5.

The annual picnic will be held on July 18 at the home of Mike Williams.

Dr Sam Barnes reviewed the possibility of acquiring an engraved 1861 Colt that was presented to General George Gibb Dribble in 1862. He suggested we look into a fundraiser to acquire the pistol, at a cost of \$22,000, and present the weapon to the White County Museum.

It was decided that we will have a presentation, honoring Confederate Memorial Day, on Sunday June 6, 2009 at 2 PM. The presentation will take place at the Confederate monument located in the Cookeville Cemetery.

Dr Sam Barnes introduced the speaker, Dr. Calvin Dickinson, Chairman Emeritus, Department of History, TTU. He spoke on the subject of his new book, SISTER STATES, ENEMY STATES, which takes an in-depth look at Tennessee vs. Kentucky in the Civil War. Dr. Dickinson then floored questions prior to concluding his presentation.

The meeting was closed with the singing of Dixie.

REPORT ON THE TENNESSEE DIVISION REUNION

Past Commander Ed Butler attended the recent Division Reunion and submitted a report. The following is a summary of his report.

Two important things happened at the Reunion. The division has adopted a centralized billing form, developed by the South Carolina compatriots and known as the Membership Renewal Statement (MRS). South Carolina saw 90% and more retention using this form. It should clarify and simplify the dues process. This might even eliminate some of the confusion that snarled the dues process for our camp this past year. The MRS will be mailed to each member 15 July, each year, listing what amounts are to be paid for local, state and national dues to be up to date.

The other important item was that Jason Boshears, Commander of Camp #29 in Columbia, volunteered to serve as editor of the Forrest Escort (the state Division newsletter). Hopefully, we will start getting the state newsletter again in the near future.

Ed encourages members to attend a state Reunion, if you have never been. It is a rewarding experience.

150 YEARS AGO- SETTING THE STAGE

The next several years, especially 2010 through 2015, will be special times of remembrance for these will be the 150th anniversary years for the War Between the States. However, the events of 1860 did not happen in a vacuum. There were political and social events that set the stage for what happened with the elections of 1860 and the reactions to that election. Let's look back to 1859, 150 years ago.

In Mexico, there was a true Civil War going on between two groups who sought control of the government. In 1857, a new constitution (The Constitution of 1857) had been written. A group of generals opposed it and issued the "Plan de Tacubaya", which decreed the new constitution null and void, and called for a new constitution to be written. Supporters of the Constitution of 1857 and supporters of the generals fought for control of the Mexican government. On 6 April, 1859, the US government recognized the liberal side (supporters of the Constitution of 1857) in the Civil War. The liberal side won control in late 1860, but the weakened country was invaded by France and Spain. The fighting continued till 1866, when the US government, finished with its own war, blockaded the foreign forces and allowed the Mexicans to win.

Also in April, 1859, the song "Dixie" was performed publically for the first time. In Mechanics Hall, New York City, on 4 April, 1859, Bryant's Minstrels debuted the song. The song quickly became a success and became the standard closing act for the show. Other shows added it and even Abraham Lincoln made it part of his campaign events. With its line "I'll take my stand to live and die in Dixie", the song became a part of many Southern events and was even played on the steps of the Alabama State Capital on the Presidential Inauguration of Jefferson Davis. It became the unofficial national anthem of the CSA, but Yankee versions were sung by Northern troops as well, the tune being so popular at the time. In April, 1865 after Lee surrendered, a crowd gathered at the White House. Someone asked President Lincoln what he wanted the band to play, and he remarked that he thought Dixie was one of the best tunes he had ever heard and thus requested that it be played.

