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## JUNE MEETING

The Dillard-Judd Camp 1828 of the SCV will meet on the regular night, the fourth Tuesday, which this month will be Tuesday, 22 June, 2010. The meeting will be at the Putnam County Library, on Broad Street, at 7PM.

Lt. Commander Mike Williams has arranged for Phillip Davis, a TTU professor, to be our speaker. His topic will be about the war in the mountains of East Tennessee. Moreover, there is important camp business to discuss, (SEE PAGE 2) so please come and help move the camp forward.

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. We always welcome new members who love the South.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 22, 2010-** Regular monthly meeting of the Dillard-Judd camp. See above.

**July 17, 2010-** The Forrest Picnic will be at the home of Lt. Commander Mike Williams. Bring lawn chairs, soft drinks, and a covered dish to share. Mike's address is 1320 Poplar Springs Road. Head north on Washington Avenue (becomes Hilham Highway) about 10 or 11 miles. Turn left (west) on Poplar Springs Road and go about 4 miles. 1320 Poplar Springs is on the right (north) side of the road. Mike has a shooting range so bring a gun if you wish.

No regular Tuesday meeting in July so come to the picnic and have a blast.

The division web address is [www.tennessee-scv.org/](http://www.tennessee-scv.org/). The Dillard-Judd web site address is [www.tennessee-scv.org/Camp1828/index.htm](http://www.tennessee-scv.org/Camp1828/index.htm).

## MAY MINUTES

The Dillard- Judd Camp met 25 May, 2010. Adjutant Todd was not present. Commander McKinney reported that the account balance for the Dillard-Judd was \$74.69 as of that afternoon. It was unclear as to the whereabouts of the rest of the camp funds, as our Adjutant was not available that night. Questions were also raised about the membership status of several men of the camp. Commander McKinney promised to investigate. In a committee report, Mike Williams announced that Matt McCanahan, a TTU student and member of the Crossville Camp, had been selected to be the scholarship recipient. However, with Camp funds in questions, no further action was taken to go forward with the award.

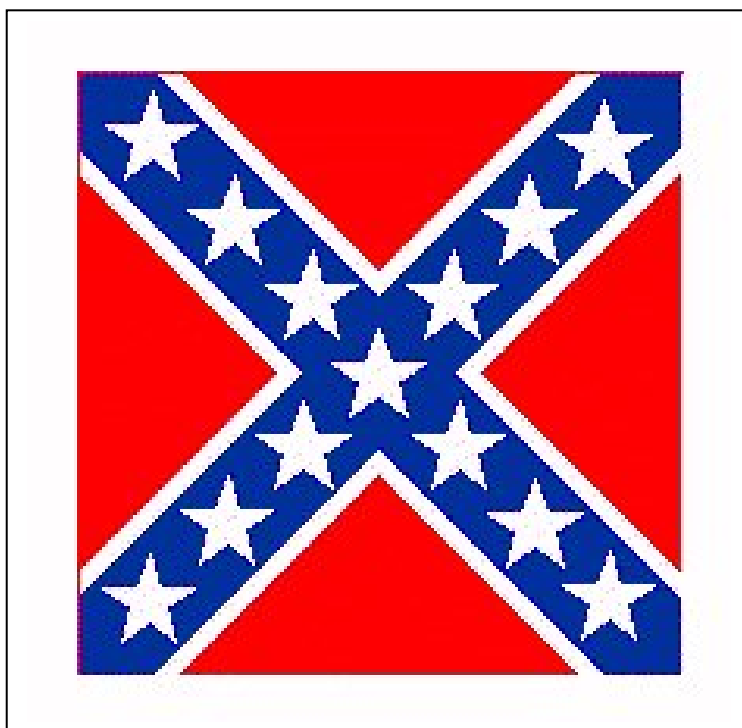
Dr. Calvin Dickinson, Dr. Mike Birdwell and Compatriot Randy Williams made presentations about two historical marker programs. One program is the “Civil War Trails Markers”. These markers are in place and being added across several states. The marker is similar to National Park Service signs, with text and pictures in an elevated, enclosed presentation box. These markers are meant to be seen by people who stop and spend some time at the site. These markers are listed on a website and a frequently update map/brochure. Cost to sponsor these markers is \$1100 per marker plus \$200 per year ongoing maintenance fee. The web site for this program is [www.CivilWarTrails.org](http://www.CivilWarTrails.org) .

The second marker option is the Tennessee Historical Commission Markers program. These are the metal road-side tablets marking a site of historical significance. The markers are listed in a Tennessee Historical Commission (THC) booklet. The sponsoring organization provides the suggested text for the sign which is reviewed for accuracy by the THC. The cost is \$1450 with no ongoing maintenance fee. The THC website is [www.state.tn.us/environment/hist/](http://www.state.tn.us/environment/hist/) .

Dr. Birdwell handed out a 12 page listing of possible sites of WBTS significance in the Upper Cumberland region, with over 20 sites given in Putnam County. He stated that this was a quick draft and there were probably more that could be added.

The members in attendance felt this was a good opportunity for Dillard-Judd to do something of lasting significance to honor our ancestors. However, most felt this important decision should be reflected on and also shared with members not in attendance this night. Therefore, it was moved and approved that this information be put in the newsletter and discussed again at the June meeting. Hopefully, a decision will be made and the process put into motion soon.

The meeting closed with the singing of Dixie.



## 150 YEARS AGO- SETTING THE STAGE

June, 1860, saw the party conventions of the two Democrat parties, one pro-northern and one pro-southern. The pro-northern convention selected Senator Douglas from Illinois and the pro-southern party selected Senator Breckenridge of Kentucky.

Also in June, 1860, Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts gave a long, detailed speech on the floor of the Senate about the “Barbarism of Slavery”. Senator Sumner had made a very impassioned but insulting speech about slavery and the Kansas issue in 1856. As a result of his insults to South Carolina and to Senator Butler of South Carolina, Congressman Preston Brooks of South Carolina (and the nephew of Senator Butler) attacked Senator Sumner on the floor of the Senate and beat him nearly to death with a stout cane. It was three years till Senator Sumner was able to return to the Senate and four years till he repeated his denunciation of slavery, this time without personal insults. The 1860 speech gives a detailed and scholarly review of the origins of slavery and concludes that slavery arises not from any civilized culture but rather from the barbarism of Africa. He concludes that there is no legal, constitutional or civilized basis for slavery and thus there can be no legal forum for adding more slave states to the Union.

This four hour long speech was later printed as a booklet and used to promote the abolitionist case.