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MAY MEETING

The Dillard-Judd Camp 1828 of the SCV will meet on the regular night, the fourth Tuesday, which this month will be Tuesday, 25 May, 2010. The meeting will be at the Putnam County Library, on Broad Street, at 7PM.

Author and retired Tennessee Tech Professor Dr. Calvin Dickenson will be our speaker. Dr. Dickenson has invited Dr. Birdwell, an active Tech history professor, and Randy Williams, with the Upper Cumberland Development District, to come and be part of the presentation. They will tell us about the state Historical Marker program and new developments in that program related to the upcoming 150th Anniversary of 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. We always welcome new members who love the South.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 25, 2010- Regular monthly meeting of the Dillard-Judd camp.

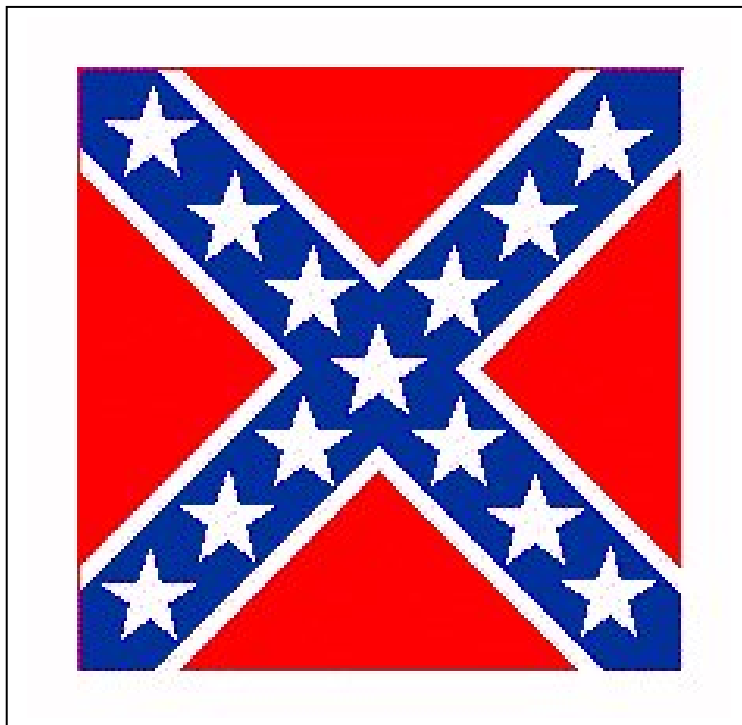
May 29, 2010- The Granville Heritage Celebration has something for everyone. Antique cars, antique tractors, a parade, bluegrass, cannons, WBTS reenactors. Starts around 9AM and goes all day. Author Tom McKenney ("Jack Hinson's One Man War") will be at the event and will speak at 1:30PM.

The division web address is www.tennessee-scv.org/. The Dillard-Judd web site address is www.tennessee-scv.org/Camp1828/index.htm.

APRIL MINUTES

The Dillard- Judd Camp met 27 April, 2010. Adjutant Todd gave a report. He cashed a CD and deposited the entire amount into our checking account. The Scholarship fund has grown from \$4000 to about \$5000. The camp voted to give an award this year to a deserving Tech student, who has expressed a heart for The Cause. A committee was appointed to recommend a deserving student. Bob Vick, Mike Williams and Bobb Todd will make a recommendation at the May meeting. After discussion and consultation with the calendar, we agreed to proceed on 15 May, 2010 at 9AM, with competition at Bend of the River using black powder weapons.

We were honored to have Compatriot Scott Guthrie, Commander of the Hamby Camp, #1750 from Crossville, as our speaker that night. His topic was "The Glory Hour", an hour by hour account of one day in the battle of Shiloh. Commander Guthrie gave an insightful recounting of the battle, enhanced by his many visits to the actual battle field as a reenactor.



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 1860, 150 years ago.

The main political event in May, 1860 was the Republican Convention, held 16-18 May, 1860 in Chicago. Abraham Lincoln was selected as the nominee on the third ballot.

Out in the Western US, Indian troubles kept the attention of the US Army. In May, 1860, the Paiutes Indians in Nevada began to attack Pony Express Riders and outposts. There had been a very severe winter and the Paiutes blamed their food shortages on the White Man cutting down trees (the opposite of Global Warming). These attacks on the Pony Express lead to battles between the Army and the Paiutes.

In what would become the state of Arizona, hostilities between the Native American and the Army lead to the building of Fort Aravaipa. This would be renamed Fort Breckenridge in honor of the Vice President of the US. In July, 1861 the fort would be razed to keep it from falling the advancing Confederate soldiers from Texas. It would be rebuilt and named Fort Grant in 1865.

On the Mississippi River, just South of Memphis, the Steamer R F Sass sank with at least 17 people drown.

In New York, the third edition of Walt Whitman's book, "Leaves of Grass" came to the bookshelves. The second edition had a total of 32 poems, but the third edition had 146 additional poems, with the book growing to 456 pages. Some of the poems expressed a love for the democratic nature of the USA and a few lines refer to the rumbling of discontent and possible division between the North and South. A later edition would include the poem, "O Captain, My Captain", written to mourn the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. This would become one of Whitman's most famous poems.

Charles Darwin's book, "On The Origin of Species" was a hot topic of discussion in scientific circles. A second edition was published in 1860, with the first edition just out in 1859.

In Mexico, there was a true civil war going on, with two factions fighting for control of the government. The war would end in 1861, but true peace was still years away.