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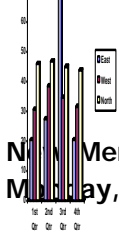
Compatriots of Dillard-Judd camp 1828, I hope this 2012, sesquicentennial year of 1862 is faring you well. All good here on Poplar Springs Ridge. Since our October meeting three of our members have passed on, and crossed the river to rest in the shade of the trees. In November Willard Raymond Holland, age 95. In December Richard S. (Dick) Denmark, age 88. Dick was a U S Marine veteran of World War II. Last month Jim Price, one of our Life members passed away suddenly, age 56. He was 'Eddie Mac' Butler's father in law. They all will be missed. We who knew them will remember them and carry on their love and work for "Sons of Confederate Veterans". We must carry on. We must carry on our brave Confederate soldier's memory and educate the world why they fought, how they lived. They were fighters for freedom in our 2nd War for Independence. They believed in the Constitution voted & passed in the 1780's. They took the oath to protect the southern nation in 1861. They wanted no foreign invaders at their homes or towns. People are the same today as back then. Look at the statistics of military volunteers after 911. Our young boys stepped up, volunteered, and did their part for freedom. They are heroes of this generation, like Mr. Denmark was of his generation in the Pacific Islands during WWII. As with all history what we do today to preserve our true history will decide what will be remembered & honored during the bi-centennial 50 years from now. If we as an organization can get our young people involved, maybe they'll get their young people involved and our southern soldier's memory will live on, at least 50 more years. Men, if you have sons or grandsons, bring 'em to our meetings. We usually have a speaker who has a good program/history lesson. Since I was young I was a student of history. Our young need true history, not watered down/untrue history. Just last month our brave soldiers were remembered at the Battle of Fishing Creek in Kentucky. Men from around here died or were wounded there. It was winter, cold & wet. Because of all the rain, their flintlocks that the state issued would not fire. In March & April the Confederate soldier will be remembered at Bridgeport Alabama, Fort Donaldson TN, and Shiloh TN. If you have time, as a group organize a Saturday trip with SCV members, children, grandchildren & go watch a battle re-enactment. Go to the encampments & see how our men had to live while in our Army. For sure you'll enjoy the experience. If it's a rainy day wear boots, take an umbrella. Our brave soldiers braved the weather, and they were being shot at. This month our scheduled speaker is Barbara Marthal. She's a living historian, an OCR member, and a very nice lady who knows her subject. I saw her at Carthage last month and it was a pleasure to hear her talk, and it wasn't even her program. I hope you will join me at our meeting, 6pm Tuesday, 28 February 2012 at the Putnam County Library for this special lady's program. Deo Vindice, Mike Williams. (931) 310-9176. P.S. Our Highland Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet in Monterey went off pretty good. There were over 80 people in attendance. Any profit from the Banquet is going for a donation to the purchase of the Gaines House in Gainesboro, Tn.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 28, 2012- Usual monthly meeting of Dillard-Judd Camp. Note the time change-6PM. Our speaker will be Ms. Barbara Marthal, storyteller, teacher, historian and re-enactor. Barbara is owner and representative of SULI (stories-u-like, Inc). As its representative she provides seminars on the use of storytelling, literature and music in the classroom, grades K-12. She is a graduate of Fisk University with a major in Sociology and a minor in Anthropology. She also holds a Master of Education with a concentration in Reading and Story Arts from East Tennessee State University. As a “Civil War” re-enactor, she shares stories that are inspired by historical texts and family research in Wilson and Davidson Counties. It is her intent to give voice and face to Antebellum American people of African descent, particularly women, both slave and free. The purpose of her stories is to provide a glimpse into the daily lives of slaves and free people of color that goes beyond the one dimensional image of victimization. Barbara lives with her husband, Bill Harris, an active member of the SCV and she is active with the OCR and the Confederate Belles



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THE SESQUICENTENNIAL

December of 1861 had been a fairly quiet month. The federals had seized two Confederate diplomats on board a British ship, the Trent, near Cuba. The British complained and on January 1, 1862, the federals released the two men to continue on to their posts, one to London and the other to Paris.

January, 1862 was much more active. Stonewall Jackson and his men were in northern Virginia and were stirring things up. The Federals were working on the B and O railroad, so General Jackson did all he could to disrupt their work. Jackson and his men eventually took and occupied Romney, VA. Union General McClellan was ill and did little to stop Jackson. On 10 January, 1862, Lincoln, in a White House meeting with military advisors, made the statement that “if McClellan is not going to use the army anytime soon, I would like to borrow it.”

Fort Henry and Fort Donelson became the focus of battles in February, 1862. On 6 February, Fort Henry was attacked by USN bombardment and ground forces were drawing near. However, the Confederate forces at Fort Henry were gaining the upper hand until one of the Confederate cannons exploded, killing the entire crew manning it. Then the largest Confederate cannon became disabled. The Confederates, who had been winning the battle, decided they could not continue to fight and ran up the white flag. The federal forces were surprised by this, but gladly accepted this unearned victory. The fall of Fort Henry opened the Tennessee River to federal boat traffic and allowed the federals to attack into southern Tennessee and northern Alabama.

The fighting at Fort Donelson was somewhat a repeat of the Fort Henry story. The Confederate guns at Fort Donelson pounded the USN boats. Though surrounded by federal forces, the Confederate soldiers counterattacked and beat back the federals. However, once the federals were on the retreat, the Confederate Generals (Floyd and Pillow) withdrew back into the fort. This allowed the federals to regroup. Generals Floyd and Pillow turned command over to General Simon Bolivar Buckner and Floyd and Pillow snuck away. Nathan Bedford Forrest was there and would have no part of surrender. He led about 800 troops out of the fort and away. Buckner surrendered to General Grant shortly after that. With the fall of Fort Donelson, the federals now controlled the Cumberland River.

With the fall of the two river forts, the federals now were free to advance. On the 25th of February, the federals took control of Nashville.

Of note, Jefferson Davis was inaugurated President of the Confederate States of America on the 22nd of February, 1862.