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Sons of Confederate Veterans



NOVEMBER 15TH, '05—LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR

Camp,

Excluding our Christmas Supper, this next local camp meeting will be the last meeting of the year.

I encourage all of you to do your best to make this meeting. Lt. Commander James Looney will be portraying his ancestor Captain A.M. Looney and we'll also be giving an update about our upcoming "Army of Tennessee Christmas Supper". Last year's event was a great one and we expect nothing less this year.

Keep in mind that in January, 2006 we'll be electing new officers for the camp. If you have a sincere interest in promoting the camp and feel you have ability to help out—by all means throw in your hat! This is an important election for the 2006 year since Commander Atwell's term is up.

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ON THE COVER:

The photograph on the front cover is Tennessee's very own General Cadmus M. Wilcox. Although Wilcox was born in North Carolina in 1824, he grew up in Tipton County, Tennessee.

Wilcox graduated from West Point Military Academy in 1846 standing 54th in a famous class that counted among its members Thomas J. Jackson, A.P. Hill, George McClellan and George Pickett. He would become one of the finest officers Tennessee produced and was well respected on both sides of the conflict.

OCTOBER 18TH MINUTES

October 18 marked the 8th official meeting of the year for the Sam Watkins camp #29.

7:08PM— meeting begins with prayer led by Chaplain Timothy B. Westbrook. After prayer the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag was said and the honorary salute to the Confederate camp flag was given.

7:11PM— Commander Greg Atwell announces to the camp that no guest speaker had been scheduled. He then began to speak in regards to the upcoming Christmas Supper which had been scheduled for December 10th at 6PM. He inquired to Adjutant Jack Taylor in regards to the benches the camp had voted on purchasing for Elm Springs. Taylor replied that none had been found yet but was still in the process of looking for a more

elegant style bench/s for the SCV headquarters.

Camp Compatriot Russell Cothran interjects and inquires about the Tennessee Div. Kroger cards. Taylor replied on how it worked and how it is a good fundraiser.

7:23PM -Atwell asked Camp Surgeon Ron Shelton in regards to his recent relief trip to Mississippi and how the area looked. Shelton spoke briefly on the trip to Mississippi and said during his talk, *“The entire coast line is gone—the whole coast line is gone...all mention New Orleans but Mississippi is what was really hard hit. It looks like Hiroshima.”*

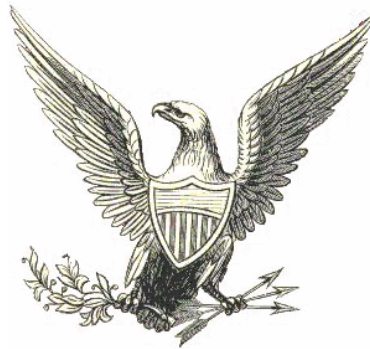
Camp members spoke amongst themselves briefly in regards to the tragedy that happened on the Gulf Coast.

7:30PM— Exec. Director Ben Sewell interjected about New Orleans and damage sustained to the Confederate Memorial Hall. He said that, “Confederate Memorial Hall is fine...the WWII museum however was looted.”

7:35PM— Taylor asked Sewell in regards to the SCV’s membership. Sewell replied that the SCV loses about 12-13% of its membership every year but many re-instate and new membership does come in. Sewell noted that last year’s net loss was approximately 3000 persons. Sewell then spoke for a few minutes on the Heritage defense fund, gave figures and how the SCV is operating with it.

7:48PM— Cothran interjects to the camp that we all should thank Camp compatriot Bob Duncan for the fine job he did for the local paper—all agree.

7:50PM— meeting adjourned.



Thank You

November 11th, 1918. Germany signed the armistice officially ending the hostility known as the “Great War”. That day become known officially as Armistice Day.

Later congress changed armistice Day to Veterans Day and every November 11th we honor the Soldiers who fought for our great nation.

The Samuel R. Watkins Camp salutes the brave men of our camp who served our country with distinction along with the 25 million other U.S. Veterans who were ready to defend freedom at all costs...

CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS OF WILLIAMSON CO. TN—FINAL RESTING PLACES

CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TN.—FINAL RESTING PLACES , is now available. The 167 page book produced by members of Captain Ed Baxter Camp 2034 Sons of Confederate Veterans in Fairview lists the burial sites of over 3200 Confederate Soldiers from Williamson and surrounding counties, including Hickman. It includes those killed in battle, those who died in Union prisons and camps. It also includes numerous soldiers who were born in the county and served in Confederate units in other counties and in other states. The publication includes over 100 photographs of county veterans. The book is available in both hard and soft cover and may be ordered from Dennis Lampley 7346 Sack Lampley Road Bon Aqua, TN. 37025 Hard backs \$30 Soft backs \$20 Dickson County Confederate Burial books are also available for \$15. Include \$2 per book for shipping. For more information contact Lampley at: 615-799-0916 or Email: lampleydj@aol.com

Katrina Closes Mississippi's Old Capitol Museum—"Civil War News" 11/2005

The Old Capitol Museum, the original Mississippi state-house, may be closed "for years" following extensive roof damage caused by Hurricane Katrina in August.

The massive brick building, where in 1884 Confederate President Jefferson Davis made his last public address, lost nearly half its copper roof in the storm. Rain damaged part of the collection located in the southwest corner of the building. Adding insult to injury, a temporary cover gave way when Hurricane Rita tracked through a few weeks later, dumping more water inside.

"They've got to do some serious repairs," said Jim Woodrick, Civil War sites historian for the Mississippi Department of Archives & History. "They're saying it will be closed for years."

The Civil War artifacts in the building were not in the affected areas, according to Woodrick, and the state's collections of flags, weapons

and uniforms "fared pretty well."

The building served as the Mississippi State House from 1839 to 1903. When it was threatened with the wrecking ball, preservationists rallied to save it and it was converted to state offices in 1917. It underwent major restoration and was made the State Historical Museum in 1961. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1991.

The building hosted numerous historic events, including passage of the first law in America giving property rights to married women, in 1839; a celebration for Jefferson Davis and the Mississippi volunteers on their return from the Mexican War, in 1847; passage of the secession ordinance, in 1861; the first constitutional convention in the South after the war, in 1865; and the election of Hiram Revels, the first African-American to serve in the U.S. Congress, in 1870.



According to Woodrick, the Old Capitol and Beauvoir, the Biloxi home of Jefferson Davis, are the two most important historic buildings in Mississippi. Katrina has closed both of them for the foreseeable future.

Woodrick sketched a rough estimate of \$1.5 million to repair the Old Capitol, and said it would probably be at least two years before the museum will reopen.

"It's going to be quite awhile before we'll be back to normal," he said, "— if we're ever back to normal around here."

DR. HUGH WILLIAM CAFFEY



Dear Sis,

I have heard nothing from home for more than two weeks past, & am beginning to entertain some anxiety. I am aware of the confusion existing in the mail arrangements all over the Country, & think the failure is probably attributed to this cause-- The proximity of the enemy to Atlanta, & tax upon the rail road transportation in that region to supply demands of Johnston's Army I presume, interferes seriously with the carrying of mail.

It appears Johnston has fallen back upon the last defensible point of any strength between the enemy and Atlanta. If he is flanked again, or loses the fight with Sherman, Atlanta will pass into Yankee hands, & the Confederacy again be bi-sected, & our own State subjected to the ruthless ravages of a merciless foe. Should this misfortune occur this may be the last letter you will receive from me for a long time.

I sincerely hope & pray we may be spared this additional misfortune, but should it occur we must rely upon a merciful God to shelter & defend, & bring us together under happier auspices. I shall try to come home this fall if it is possible to get there.

I have heard nothing from Tho's since writing you last. The Yankees are between us and Petersburg, & keep the R. Road cut so that no mail passes & very little news. Grant must be dislodged from his present position or the fall of Richmond is only a question of time. This is a disagreeable admission, but sadly too true. His base rests upon the James River, defended by gunboats & communications free & uninterrupted to Washington City & Fort Monroe. His line has doubtless fortified it to the utmost. Occupying such a stand point his object will be, not to assault any further our entrenchments around Petersburg, but to preserve intact his own, & through raiding parties harass the Country around by destroying crops, driving off stock, mules, Negroes etc., & keeping communications with Richmond & the South cut off by destroying portions of the only two roads connecting them. In this manner The Capitol will be besieged, & no provisions can be carried in, & when the supplies already accumulated there are exhausted. Lee must either abandon Richmond & Virginia to their fate or capitulate. To my mind, this is clearly Grant's design, & it cannot be denied it looks feasible, & the situation is full of peril to us. What Lee's & Beauregard's plans are cannot be divined. The people confide in their military sagacity---pure patriotism, & the heroic valor of the Army. They command, & feel assured that no efforts will be spared within the limits of human power, to baffle the designs of our enemy.

The crisis through which we are now passing is graver than any we have been called upon to face since the war began: the next thirty days in all probability will decide whether triumph & the prospects of a speedy peace are to gladden the hearts of our people, or by witnessing the downfall of Richmond & Atlanta insure the prolongation of this bloody and heartbreaking struggle. May God give us the victory!

Please write soon. Best love to Ma, Irene & Grandma. Kiss the Children, & remember me to the Negroes.

Yr Bro H

Captain Hugh William Caffey, MD served with the 44th Alabama Infantry Co. G. He later was assigned assistant surgeon in Richmond where he served out the remainder of the war.

The Caffey family can boast of over 50 family members who fought during the war for the Confederate side and hundreds of their descendants are scattered all throughout the Southland.

A good biography of Caffey can be found in the Confederate Veteran magazine archive...

Co. AYTC. CHAPTER IX, CHICKAMAUGA—A NIGHT AMONG THE DEAD**A NIGHT AMONG THE DEAD**

We rested on our arms where the battle ceased. All around us everywhere were the dead and wounded, lying scattered over the ground, and in many places piled in heaps. Many a sad and heart-rending scene did I witness upon this battlefield of Chickamauga. Our men died the death of heroes. I sometimes think that surely our brave men have not died in vain. It is true, our cause is lost, but a people who loved those brave and noble heroes should ever cherish their memory as men who died for them. I shed a tear over their memory. They gave their all to their country. Able pens than mine must write their epitaphs, and tell of their glories and heroism. I am but a poor writer, at best, and only try to tell of the events that I saw.

One scene I now remember, that I can imperfectly relate. While a detail of us were passing over the field of death and blood, with a dim lantern, looking for our wounded soldiers to carry to the hospital, we came across a group of ladies, looking among the killed and wounded for their relatives, when I heard one of the ladies say, "There they come with their lanterns." I approached the ladies and asked them for whom they were looking. They told me the name, but I have forgotten it. We passed on, and coming to a pile of our slain, we had turned over several of our dead, when one of the ladies screamed out, "O, there he is! Poor fellow! Dead, dead, dead!" She ran to the pile of slain and raised the dead man's head and placed it on her lap and began kissing him and saying, "O, O, they have killed my darling, my darling, my darling! O, mother, mother, what must I do! My poor, poor darling! O, they have killed him, they have killed him!" I could witness the scene no longer. I turned and walked away, and William A. Hughes was crying, and remarked, "O, law me; this war is a terrible thing." We left them and began again hunting for our wounded. All through that long September night we continued to carry off our wounded, and when the morning sun arose over the eastern hills, the order came to march to Missionary Ridge.

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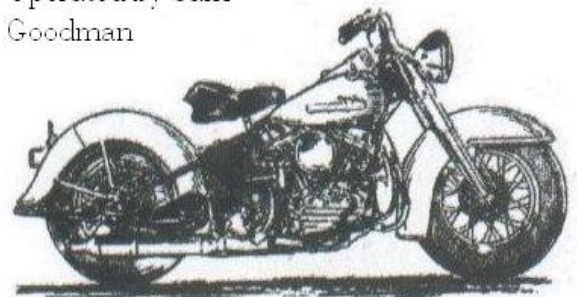
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SOME LSU STUDENTS PROTEST ADOPTED BANNER - 11/3/05

Recently a small number of students at Louisiana State University let their feelings known that they don't want any image of the Confederate Battle flag flying at sporting events.

Many at LSU have adopted the Confederate Flag colored in purple and gold as the school's unofficial fighting banner. What has ensued is a spirited debate on whether it belongs on campus.

"Some enterprising individuals have had that Confederate battle jack flag produced in the LSU purple and gold colors," Michael Ruffner, vice chancellor for communications at LSU, said.

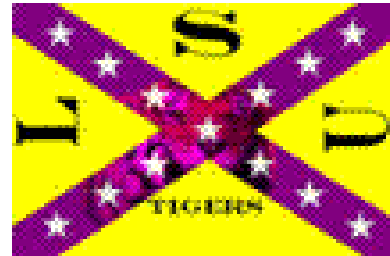
"During some tailgating activities and sometimes during the game, they wave the flag."

Ruffner went on to say, "LSU students and LSU supporters feel this flag is symbolic of Southern pride and courage and has nothing to do with intolerance or racial discrimination...this is what the First Amendment is all about. In essence, this is the First Amendment in action."

Although the school has made announcements that it will not endorse the flag, many are still upset that the banner has not been banned from sight.

Historical Note:

The LSU mascot was named not for the literal Tiger but for the "Tiger Rifles" 1st Louisiana Zouave Battalion (Confederate of course). They were known for their tenacious fighting skill and their extravagant colorful uniforms...



2005 ARMY OF TENNESSEE CHRISTMAS SUPPER—COME ONE COME ALL!

The annual camp Christmas supper is scheduled for **DECEMBER 10TH** starting at 6PM.

Last year's supper was a nice event and for all of you that missed it—now is your chance to make up.

Cost of the Supper is **FREE** to all camp members and family. Guests pay a nominal fee of five

(5) dollars to help out with expenses and guest children under 12 are free.

The supper will consist of the main course of smoked pork, sweet potatoes and barbecued chicken. It is encouraged that others bring side dishes to help out with all the finicky eaters.

Please do your best to

RSVP on this event as soon as possible. December 10th will be here before you know it.

We are hoping on a lot of live music this year and some surprise entertainment.



YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!

CIVIL WAR COLLECTIBLE SHOW!

On December 3rd and 4th the annual "Civil War Show" will be held in Nashville. The SCV will have a recruitment booth set up—if you are interested in helping out please contact someone in camp leadership.

The World's Largest Civil War Show, featuring over 1,000 tables!

Time: Sat. 9-5 and Sun. 9-3

Location: Tennessee State Fairground—Nashville:



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