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Sons of Confederate Veterans

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Louisiana Monument at Gettysburg

## The Commander's Corner

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Compatriots,

Success. I would like to thank everyone who came out to Applebee's and supported the camp. We had a great turn out for workers. I would start naming people but I would leave someone out and that would make me feel bad. It all starts with a tip of the hat to our Judge Advocate Charles Bates for bringing this event to the camps attention. Then a thank you goes to everyone who made it possible. We sold quite a few tickets and we had a bunch of people show at the door. I think Mike Bullock was the top ticket seller. I have heard several rumors of the total amount raised but come to the meeting to get the final total.

John Bridges was our speaker and he spoke about his book "Three Cousins From Mechanicsville" and it was a wonderful talk. He traveled all the way from Clarksville. We had a very light turnout. It was the lightest turnout in years. Maybe six people. I hated that he gave such a good talk and we did not turn out for him. He agreed to come back later in the year to give a talk on another book. We are not going to have a speaker this month. We are afraid the weather might be an issue.

We have some events coming up. Starting with the Tennessee Division Reunion, which is the first weekend in April and will be held at Travelers Rest in Franklin. We have been asked to assist in the service for Lt Gould, who N.B. Forrest killed in Columbia. Lt Gould is buried in the Old City Cemetery in Nashville. He does not have a stone and they will be placing a stone. We will be posting colors and firing the volley for his service. The Rose Hill service will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in April and will start about 10 AM.

It is time to get the clothes stitched up and the gun cleaned up. It will soon be time. See you at the meeting.

In Holy Bonds of the South,

Jason Boshers

Commander, Sam Watkins Camp #29

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Compatriot , Joe Shannon and family spend a day at Elm Springs

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#### ALEXANDRIA VA TOSSES OUT FLAGS FOR OBAMA'S INAUGURATION (WEBFOOT) 2/2/09

The Associated press recently reported that the City of Alexandria Virginia would not allow the local UDC to fly the 1st National flag this past January.

Alexandria has for many years allowed the flying of Confederate flags on January 19th to honor its native son, General Robert E. Lee to mark his birthday. As we all know, Lee's birthday along with Stonewall Jackson is still celebrated in many cities and places throughout the Southern US.

But for the first time in ages, the city did not allow the flags because of President Barrack Hussein Obama's inauguration even though the local UDC has had an agreement with the city for about three decades to hang the flags at the intersection of Old Town.

The City wrote the Daughters a letter this year saying that they would not allow the flying of the flags saying that the posts and other areas of the city where the flags would be used to address 'inaugural traffic and crowd control, access and security...'

## **Announcements and statements from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc.**

### **Monument to his memory: Groups restoring Civil War veterans' Cemetery**

Harper Scott Clark

February 2, 2009

A city crew pours concrete Friday for the curb and parking lane in front of the Belton South Cemetery on South Penelope Street. The cemetery is undergoing a renovation thanks to a partnership between Belton and the Maj. Robert M. White Camp No. 1250 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Dennis Browning, parks superintendent, said a wrought iron arch will be installed across the entrance.

Maj. Robert M. White's legacy to Bell County resides in his reputation as a man of high character and high spirit. He is also remembered for his incredible scouting skills and his prowess as a leader during the Civil War. White's gravesite carries an inscription carved into an obelisk in the flowery prose of an earlier day. "His many virtues form the noblest monument to his memory."

John C. Perry of Temple has researched and chronicled White and the Civil War. He said White was recorded in the Bell County census of 1860 along with his wife, Sarah, and a daughter, Christine. White was listed as a grocer by trade. Perry said White was known in the 1850s for his exploits leading posses to track down Indians who stole horses from Bell County residents. He would then return the horses to their owners.

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### **The SCV is back in the Race Game.**

The Sons of Confederate Veterans will be gracing the track at the Daytona International Speedway at 4 pm EST on Saturday, February 7th, 2009. The SCV is proud to be working with veteran owner/driver James Hylton from Inman, South Carolina.

The SCV car will be racing in the ARCA RE/MAX series, 46th Annual Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200 in Daytona. The race will be 200 miles (80 laps) and can be viewed in Hi-Definition on the Speed channel, coverage beginning at 4pm EST.

James Hylton spent his early years in Roanoke Virginia, and his life centered primarily around farming but he soon found himself, like many other southern teenagers, immersed in the world of stock car auto racing. Hylton's career in auto racing began in the late fifties when he began working as a mechanic for the legendary Rex White.

James, Rex and Louis Clements teamed to win 26 races and most importantly the 1960 NASCAR Grand National championship. In 1964, White scaled back his driving duties and James began his tenure as crew chief for the Ned Jarrett / Bondy Long team. During the 1964 season the team won 14 races and finished second in points. In 1965, the team won 12 races and won the NASCAR Grand National championship.

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## SCV ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

On July 8, 1964, Hylton made his first Grand National start at the Old Dominion 400 at Manassas, Virginia. James finished 19 and collected \$100 for his efforts. Things improved dramatically in 1966, as Hylton finished second in the points chase and won the coveted NASCAR Rookie of the Year award. James also captured his first pole at Starlite Speedway in Monroe, NC. Hylton again finished second in points during the 1967 season. James was a model of consistency during this two year period as he had 46 top five finishes in 87 races.

In 1968, James became a car owner / driver, a dual role that continues to this day. James found his way to victory lane for the first time on March 1, 1970 at the Richmond 500, driving the familiar number 48 Ford.

On August 6, 1972, James forever etched his name in the history books by claiming the Talladega 500. Hylton led 106 laps of the 188 lap race and won \$ 24,865 for the day. Hylton won by one car length.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is proud to sponsor this car and this driver with such a rich heritage in this traditional Southern sport.

<http://www.jameshylton.com/>

<http://www.arcaracing.com/schedule.cfm?contentid=1327>

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## Arkansas's Last Real Son Crosses the River

Charlie G. Pinkston

June 4, 1909 - January 20, 2009

Charlie G. Pinkston, age 99, of Mountain Home, passed away Jan. 20, 2009 at Care Manor Nursing Center. Visitation will be from 12-9 P.M Friday, Jan. 23 at Roller Funeral Home, with family receiving friends from 6-8 P.M. A Masonic service will follow at 8 PM. Funeral Services , conducted by Rev. Max Pyron will be 2:00 P.M. Sat. Jan. 24 at Roller Funeral Home. Burial, with military honors will follow at Baxter Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Pinkston was born June 4, 1909 in Norfolk, Arkansas to Thomas Jefferson and Melzelda Trotter Pinkston. He married Faye Massengale on June 12, 1937 in North Little Rock, Arkansas. He retired from McDonnell-Douglas of Long Beach, CA in 1971. A WWII Army Field Medic, he landed on Normandy Beach during the D Day invasion. He was a member of the Arkansas-United Sons of Confederate Soldiers Association, the only living son of an Arkansas Civil War Confederate soldier. He was a 32nd degree Shriner, a 33rd degree Mason, a member of the Mountain Home Blue Lodge, a member of the American Legion Alley White Post 52 and a member of the Order of Purple Heart. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Pinkston of Mountain Home; grandson, Clinton Greg Pinkston, serving our country in the Air Force and half- sister, Nettie Pool of Calico Rock.

He was preceded in death by a son, Charles Gary Pinkston, Dec. 26, 2004; a brother Edward and sister-in-law Fannie Pinkston, 1 half brother, Curtis Young and 1 half sister, Lottie Parnell Brinsfield. Memorial contributions are suggested to Shriner Childrens Hospitals.

**Black State Senator Wants Confederate Holiday in South Carolina (AP) Thursday, February 05, 2009**

A Black state senator is pushing a bill that would require South Carolina cities and counties to give their workers a paid day off for Confederate Memorial Day or lose millions in state funds.

Democratic Sen. Robert Ford's bill won initial approval from a Senate subcommittee Tuesday. It would force county and municipal governments to follow the schedule of holidays used by the state, which gives workers 12 paid days off, including May 10 to honor Confederate war dead. Mississippi and Alabama also recognize Confederate Memorial Day.

Years ago, Ford said, he pushed a bill to make both that day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day paid holidays. He considered it an effort to help people understand the history of both the civil rights movement and the Confederacy in a state where the Orders of Secession are engraved in marble in the Statehouse lobby, portraits of Confederate generals look down on legislators in their chambers and the Confederate flag flies outside.

"Every municipality and every citizen of South Carolina, should be, well, forced to respect these two days and learn what they can about those two particular parts of our history," Ford said Tuesday.

In a state steeped in a segregationist past, "there's no love in this state between black and white basically," he said. That's not apparent at the Statehouse, where black and white legislators get along, "but if you go out there in real South Carolina, it's hatred and I think we can bring our people together."

Lonnie Randolph, president of the state conference of NAACP branches, objected to that reasoning.

"Here Senator Ford is talking about the importance of race relations by forcing recognition of people who did everything they could to destroy another race — particularly those that look like I do," Randolph said. "You can't make dishonor honorable. It's impossible."

Ron Dorgay, a Sons of Confederate Veterans member from Elgin, said race relations have moved far from hatred but he hopes Ford's bill brings more understanding of the state's past.

"Even in school systems, they don't teach the correct history," Dorgay said.

Local governments, meanwhile, are seeing green, not race, when it comes to adding holidays to their calendars.

Large and small counties would put up more cash to cover holidays they don't now recognize, largely for law enforcement and emergency worker overtime, municipal and county association lobbyists said.

Only 10 of the state's 46 counties recognize Confederate Memorial Day and only 27 observe the more benign Presidents' Day.

Greenville County, one of the state's wealthiest and most populous counties, doesn't offer the Confederate holiday. The Judiciary Committee said the county would spend \$156,900 to add each holiday to its calendar. Much smaller Laurens County would spend \$37,080.

Ford dismissed the costs.

"The good outweighs any kind of rationale you can come up with," he said before the subcommittee sent the bill forward to the full Senate Judiciary Committee for debate, which won't happen until at least next week.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Glenn McConnell, R-Charleston, supports the bill — and holding back chunks of the more than \$300 million the state sends local governments each year.

Counties and cities "should be respectful of that as political subdivisions of the state," said McConnell, a Civil War re-enactor who runs a Charleston Confederate wares gallery and on Tuesday fretted how new junk metal collection legislation might affect his cannon. "If they don't want to be a subdivision of the state, then don't take the money."

## Preserving the past at Sabine Pass

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) February 5, 2009— A group is forming to support the Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic Site, which is situated near the Louisiana border in Texas.

The battleground is about 1.5 miles south of the town of Sabine Pass, Texas.

In the battle on Sept. 8, 1863, a fleet of Union gunboats and transports carrying 5,000 troops was turned back by Lt. Dick Dowling and 46 men of Company F, 1st Texas Heavy Artillery.

The Confederate force was comprised mostly of Irish dock workers and laborers from Houston and Galveston.

The attacking gunboats fired from the Louisiana channel of the pass and from the Sabine Pass Lighthouse on the Louisiana side of the river.

After about 45 minutes of gunfire, the Union invasion fleet retired. Two gunboats surrendered and 50 Union troops were killed and 350 were captured. The Confederates suffered no casualties.

Dowling and his men were awarded the only medal for valor awarded to Confederate troops during the war.

Today, the 58-acre battleground is a state historic site that includes a statue of Dowling and an interpretive pavilion illustrating the story of the battle.

Control of the site was transferred from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to the Texas Historical Commission.

"With THC's encouragement, we have now set up Friends of Sabine Pass Battleground to help with the mission of preserving and interpreting the historical events in the Sabine Pass area," said Texas author and historian Ed Cotham.

The group has applied for nonprofit status with the IRS and is in the process of soliciting charter members. Its annual dues are \$25.

"We hope to put out a newsletter and provide public input on the restoration of the battleground and its monuments and markers, many of which were damaged by recent hurricanes," Cotham said.

Cotham is the author of "Sabine Pass: The Confederacy's Thermopylae" (University of Texas Press).

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## Confederate history month pushed by lawmakers in Georgia

(AP) Friday, January 16, 2009

Some Georgia lawmakers want to designate April as Confederate Heritage and History Month.

Legislation was introduced in Georgia's House and Senate on Friday that would celebrate the Confederate States of America. Under the bill, governments, schools, businesses and Georgia citizens would be encouraged to participate in programs throughout the month.

The legislation was sponsored by Sen. John Bulloch, a Republican from Ochlocknee, and Rep. Alan Powell, a Democrat from Hartwell.

**January 20, 2009 camp minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Commander, Jason Boshers. Lt. Commander Taylor gave the invocation. Following the prayer, the Commander led the pledge to the U.S. flag and salute to the Confederate flag.

Commander Boshers introduced John Bridges, our guest speaker. Mr. Bridges is an accomplished author and musician. He is a member of the Sam Davis Camp and is an established inventor with over 100 patents worldwide. He has written four books. Tonight, he spoke on his latest book "Three Cousins from Mechanicsville".

The General Camp Meeting followed:

Reading and acceptance of the minutes from last meeting as posted in the camp newsletter.

Adjutant Smith gave the treasurer's report of \$2,246.00. It was reported that 47 members have paid dues in full. The camp's fundraiser at Applebee's raised \$774. Members in attendance want to go head with another Applebee's fundraiser in the fall.

The camp then discussed offering lifetime camp Membership. The officers would need to discuss this further.

**Special Communications – n/a****Standing Committees Reports – n/a****Old Business –**

Adoption of event/marker/cemetery and dedication for ancestors of Judge Advocate Bates will be in February.

**Announcements –**

April 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> TN Division Reunion at Travelers Rest in Nashville.

April 18<sup>th</sup> – Rose Hill Dedication

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:10p.m. Benediction by Lt. Commander Taylor.



# Court turns away suit over Confederate flag shirts

(AP) an 23, 2009

A full federal appeals court won't hear a lawsuit by three Tennessee students threatened with suspension if they wore Confederate flag T-shirts.

A three-judge panel ruled in August that Blount County, just south of Knoxville, could ban the clothing. On Friday, the judges denied a request for a hearing by the full federal appeals court in Cincinnati.

Students Derek Barr and Craig and Chris White argued their free speech rights were violated by the ban on clothes with the flag, which is considered a symbol of racism and intolerance by some and an emblem of Southern heritage by others.

School officials said their ban came after racial tension at William Blount High.

There have been a string of similar claims from Texas to South Carolina since the 1990s.

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## THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY

On **February 1st**, 1861 Texas Secedes from the Union citing, "*The recent developments in Federal affairs make it evident that the power of the Federal Government is sought to be made a weapon with which to strike down the interests and property of the people of Texas, and her sister slave-holding States, instead of permitting it to be, as was intended, our shield against outrage and aggression...*"

**February 1st, 1861**—Louisiana has full control over US mint at New Orleans taken over on previous day.

**February 4th, 1861**—In Montgomery, Alabama delegates from South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana convene to establish the Confederate States of America.

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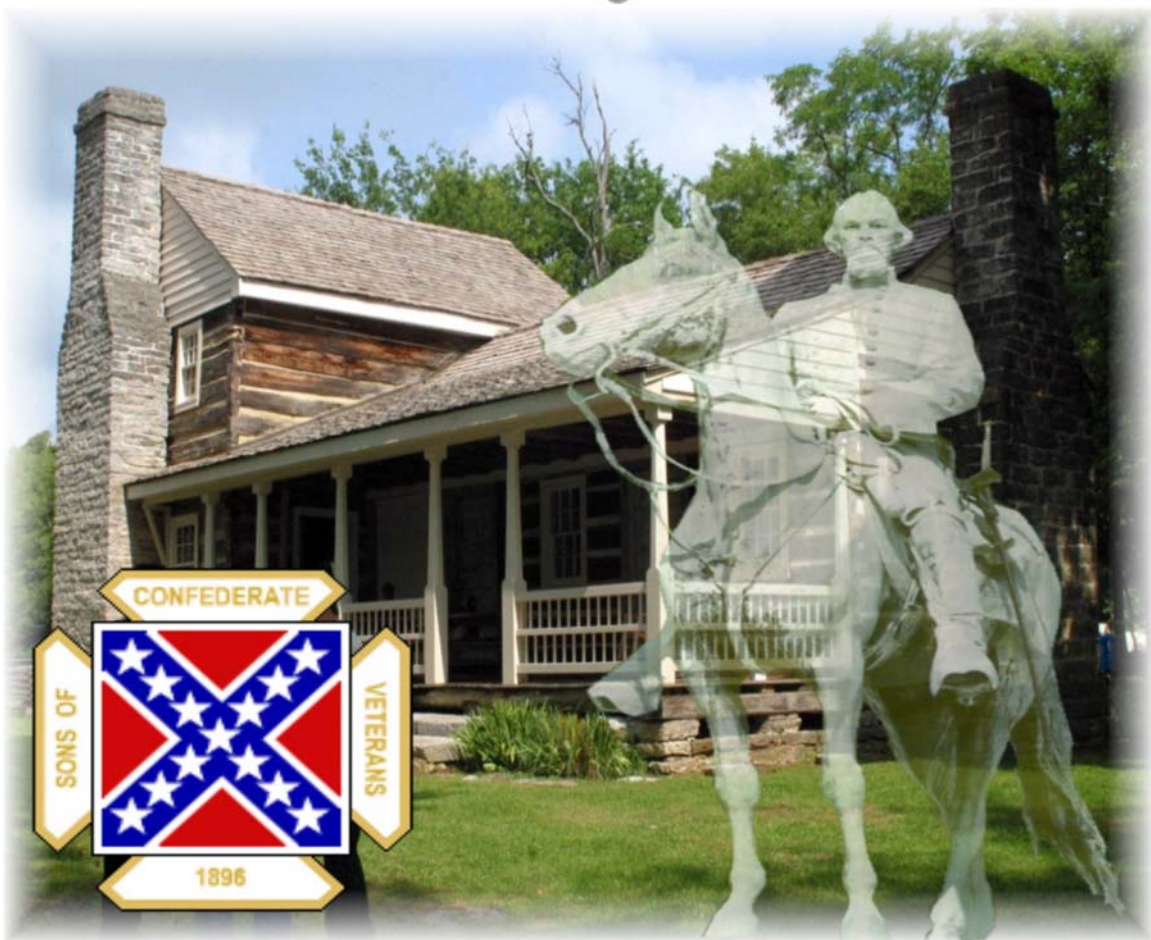
*On Feb. 4th, Apache Indian Chief, Cochise was captured by United States Army in Arizona. He later escapes and declares War on the United States thereby starting what would later be called the 'Apache Wars'. Cochise surrendered in 1872 but his counterpart Geronimo fought until 1886.*

**February 9th, 1861**— A constitutional Convention held in Montgomery nominates former Senator, Jefferson Davis of Mississippi as provisional President of the newly forming Confederate States of America (4 other States join after Lincoln calls out troops on the South in April of 61)

**February 16, 1862**—Battle at Ft. Donelson

**February 1, 1865**—Sherman's army leaves Savannah, GA and begins the second leg of its epic march, heading North, cutting a swath of destruction through the adjacent states of South Carolina, and on to North Carolina. South Carolina suffers greatly. Confederate General Joe Johnston awes at the speed of the Union army through the Carolinas.

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**SCV in PBS Documentary on Lincoln****SCV PROMINENTLY FEATURED IN MAJOR TV DOCUMENTARY**

By J. A. Davis, Chairman,  
SCV Public Relations and Media Committee

Elm Springs, Columbia, TN  
3 February, 2009

After a full year of working with the PBS television network, producers and the host-writer, Henry Louis Gates, the Sons of Confederate Veterans announces its participation and inclusion in the premiere of a the two hour multi-million dollar production entitled "Looking For Lincoln" which will first air on PBS nationwide on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 9 PM Eastern Time. It will also be repeated in the days following the initial airing. Consult local listing for the airing times in your area.

Pre-play date showings to critics and select audiences indicate the production will likely be regarded as one of the top television shows of 2009 and a potential candidate for major awards.

Besides a sizeable segment on the SCV, the program features former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, Doris Kearns Goodwin and about a half dozen historians.

The SCV's participation went forward after careful consideration and scrutiny by the SCV PR & Media Committee, ultimately approved by Commander-in-Chief Chris Sullivan and continued by his successor, Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMicheal. A series of understandings were reached with the producers, leading to "Looking for Lincoln" host, Henry Louis "Skip" Gates and a full production crew coming to the SCV Reunion at Concord, NC.in the summer of 2008.

Interviews were arranged with SCV members regarding Lincoln. These will appear on the program on February 11th. They include, from the PR & Media Committee, Jim Dean, of Georgia, Army of Northern Virginia Commander, Bragdon Bowling, of Virginia, and former Chief- of- Staff, Don Shelton, of Kentucky.

Considerable time is spent showing the tribute paid at the Reuion to the Clyburn family, descendants of a black Confederate soldier from North Carolina. This includes a conversation with the Associate Archivist at the North Carolina State Archives.

The program was originally conceived to be part of the commemoration of Lincoln's 200th birthday. While that remained its main theme, the segments including the Sons of Confederate Veterans represent a major breakthrough in network television for the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

For those who would like an advance screening of the program on the internet, conduct a search for "Looking For Lincoln" on pbs.org . The program is divided into segments. The segment most centered on the SCV is titled "The Beginning of the Civil War".

## Civil War in the Heartland:

### The Cavalry, A Conference on Mounted Warfare



### Belle Meade Plantation Friday and Saturday, March 27 & 28, 2009

Hosted By:

**Belle Meade Plantation, Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area and the Tennessee State Museum**

#### **Conference Highlights:**

*Civil War in the Heartland, The Cavalry* will examine the importance of cavalry and mounted warfare actions that occurred in Tennessee during the tumultuous period of the Civil War. Through lectures, walking tours, and discussion, the conference will focus on the varied aspects of the war, evaluate the cavalry leadership of both the Union and the Confederacy, and examine the powerful ways in which horse mounted soldiers shaped the outcome of the war. The conference will bring together various viewpoints on mounted warfare and its impact on Tennessee and the role of Belle Meade Plantation as the post-war home of Confederate cavalry General William Hicks Jackson.

The Civil War brought deprivation and danger to all Tennesseans and nowhere was this more true than Belle Meade. During the Battle of Nashville, the home served as the headquarters for Confederate cavalry commander James Chalmers; Union and Confederate cavalry skirmished in the front yard, and the mansion's stone columns still bear the bullet scars from the battle. This lasting reminder of the war and the actions which occurred around the house make Belle Meade a truly fitting location for this conference.

# Civil War in the Heartland: The Cavalry, A Conference on Mounted Warfare

March 27-28, 2009 Nashville, Tennessee

Hosted By:  
Belle Meade Plantation,  
Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area  
and the Tennessee State Museum

## Registration Form

Please complete the registration form and mail with payment to: Belle Meade Plantation Attention: Jenny Lamb 5025  
Harding Road Nashville, TN 37205

**Registration Deadline: Friday March 20, 2009**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title(optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Organization(optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Rate Includes: Friday evening reception and Keynote address. Saturday lunch, all speakers, Belle Meade tour, and book signing.

Full Registration: \$65 Military/Teachers \$50 Students \$25

To pay by credit card, please complete the information below. Cardholder Name (as shown on card) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Questions regarding the conference?

Please Call Myers Brown at (615) 253-0123, Jeff Sellers at (615) 253-0142 or Jenny Lamb at (615) 356-0501

## For Marketing Purposes

How did you hear about this conference? Please circle all that apply.  
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# ARMY OF TENNESSEE MEETING

9am Sat, February 21, 2009 Birmingham, Ala.

AOT Commander Kelly Barrow is pleased to invite you to the 2009 meeting of the Army of Tennessee. This meeting will provide National SCV Speakers, good food, and good camaraderie with other AOT members.

## Tentative Agenda:

8am	Registration	
9am	Opening	
9:20	Membership/Retention	Ben Sewell
10:0	Importance of the Adjutant	Mark Simpson
10:40	SCV 101	Scott Gilbert
11:20	Parliamentarian Procedure	Joe Warnke
12:00	BBQ Dinner	
1:00	Children of the Confederacy	William Baber
1:30	Sesquicentennial	Tom Strain
2:00	Communications and Action	Chuck McMichael
2:40	Beauvoir	Larry McCluney
3:10	Benediction/Adjourn	

Registration \$14 (includes dinner, program, etc.). Must pre-register by February 14. 80 seat limit. Send checks payable to Camp 1372 to: Camp 1372, PO Box 43362, Vestavia, Ala. 35243.

The meeting will be hosted by Camp Fighting Joe Wheeler #1372 at their meeting place, "The New Merkle House" in Cahaba Hts near the intersection of I-459 (exit 19) and US-280. Take 280 West, through the light at the Summit Shopping Center, turn right at the next light onto Dolly Ridge Rd. Take the third driveway to the right after the first light on Dolly Ridge Rd. Park in the lower or upper parking lot, or park around the Cahaba Heights Elementary School next door. For a map and detail directions see FJW camp website (<http://www.fightingjoewheeler.net/>) on the "Map to Camp Meetings" listing. The map also shows (5) hotels (with phone numbers) on Hwy 280 that are in easy access to the meeting place.

1. La Quinta Inn (shown as Baymont Inn) \$59 single, \$65 double
2. Drury Inn \$99.99 King, or \$124.99 two room suite (up to 4 beds)
3. Best Western (shown as Holiday Inn Express) \$74 (ask for corporate rate)
4. Birmingham Marriott \$119
5. Fairfield Inn \$85

For men whose wives would like to come, the Summit Shopping Center should offer ample diversion and entertainment during the meeting. Other activities may be planned. The ladies are welcome to join us for the meeting or just for Dinner at the New Merkle House for a \$10 registration fee.