



Maj. Gen. Benjamin F. Cheatham Camp # 72



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Dates to Remember:

- Mar. 20, 1863 - Battle of Vaught's Hill.
- Mar. 22, 1862 - Engagement at Blue Springs, MO .
- Mar. 25, 1863 - Battle of Brentwood .
- Apr. 6-7, 1862 - Battle of Shiloh.
- Apr. 7, 1862 - Treaty between U.S. & Great Britain for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

**Be sure to attend
the next Camp 72
meeting at 7:00
P.M. on March
22nd at the Oak.**

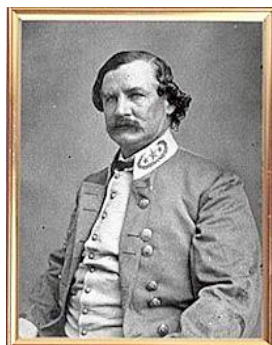
March 22, 2011, 7:00 P.M. Dinner and meeting at Oak Restaurant, Manchester. Dinner at 6:00 P.M., business meeting and program at 7:00 P.M. Program will be Dwayne Davis, owner of Lost and Found Relics in Lynchburg. He will present a program called "Get 'er Dug". He will explain the art of metal detecting.

March 26, 2011. Blue & Gray Ball. Mills, TN. Contact Dale Qualls at (615)446-8939 or mdalesquickprint@bellsouth.net.

April 12, 2011. Reenactment of firing on Fort Sumter. Batteries at Patriots Point and other locations around Charleston. Living histories throughout the day.

April 16, 2011, 1:00 P.M. Monument dedication to the "Men of the Cumberland." Old County Bldg., Tracy City, TN. Hosted by Cumberland Mountain Rifles Camp #386.

Please e-mail your suggestions for this newsletter to jayschroeder@msn.com
Be sure to visit our website at tennessee-scv.org/camp72/.



Benjamin F. Cheatham
Major General, CSA

Born Oct. 20, 1820

Died Sept. 4, 1886

Commander's Comments...

Compatriots, family & friends,

As always, my sincere hopes are that my brief comments for our Camp #72 monthly newsletter arrives finding you and yours healthy, happy and in great spirits!

First I would like to inform those who were unable to attend the Attorney Peter Turney Secession Speech Program on Saturday, 26 February 2011 in Winchester, that y'all missed an excellent event. The weather could not have been more perfect, the cannons were loud and the guest speakers were superb. My compliments to those who were able to participate, i.e., Mr. Johnny Westerfield and Mr. Charles Callaway the "Chiefs of Smoke", along with their crews who made the cannons fire, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Kirby-Smith Chapter #327 (Sewanee) with their tasty refreshments, Dr. Michael R. Bradley, who brought to all of the attendees an

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ARTICLES, PHOTOS

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accurate presentation of "our" Southern history. Mr. Randy Bishop, along with Mr. Steve Turney, second great grandson of Peter Turney were both well prepared to speak of the central theme for the day's program.

Lastly, we are all indebted to Jimmy & Lesi Walker, who very capably took charge of this program and set it in motion, and to them I would like to say "Thank you!"

On Saturday, 5 March 2011, I had the pleasure of spending the day at the Sons of Confederate Veterans 2011 Leadership Workshop held in Chickamauga, Georgia. Conservatively, I would say that there were over 100 in attendance, all focusing on duties and responsibilities of the Camp Commander and Camp Adjutant. Many of us, as I am sure that you are keenly aware, who have been in leadership positions for many, many years, heard some basic information which we already had in our tool box; however, with each training secession that we attend, there is always a new tool or two to place in that box. I for one am very happy to see the Sons of Confederate Veterans moving toward more training for their field leaders; training to standard will greatly improve the quality of "our" work.

I look forward to seeing each of you, along with your loved ones at "our" Tuesday, 22 March 2011 monthly meeting at the Oak Restaurant in Manchester. I am quite sure that y'all will be receiving your reminder calls from

your Call Tree Captain prior to "our" meeting.

May God watch over y'all, always!

Respectfully,

Sgt. Maj. Larry E. Williams
US Army/Retired
Commander

CIVIL WAR ODDITIES

by Jay Schroeder

Colonel Patton, a daring young Confederate officer who commanded a Virginia brigade, was killed in action during the Battle of Winchester in 1864.

His grandson won fame in World War II as the controversial commander of the United States Third Army, General George S. Patton.



Two opposing officers met under a flag of truce to discuss terms of surrender. After a hard-fought battle the Confederate company under the command of Captain Inglis had captured Union gun positions.

No doubt this battlefield discussion involved some family matters: The Union officer was surrendering to his own brother.



So acute was the shortage of able-bodied soldiers in the Confederate Army, that by 1864 there were over ten thousand amputees listed on the muster rolls as present for duty.

Source: Levitt, Stan, *The Crackerbarrel Papers*, pp. 72, 85 88-89.





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A LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT
26 APR 11	6:00 P.M.	Dinner and meeting at Oak Restaurant, Manchester. Dinner at 6:00 P.M., business meeting and program at 7:00 P.M. Program will be George Butler, who will talk about his GGGF, Lt. Col. Autry, who led the 27th Mississippi at the Battle of Murfreesboro (Stones River). He also had an ancestor who fell at the Alamo.
29-30 APR 11		Tennessee Division Reunion 2011 at the Clarion Inn, 970 South Jefferson Avenue, Cookeville, Tennessee
7 MAY 11	8:00 A.M.	8th Annual Confederate Heritage Festival, hosted by Cumberland Mtn. Rifles Camp 386. Old Grundy County High School, Tracy City, TN.
24 MAY 11	6:00 P.M.	The Annual Picnic at Beech Grove Cemetery and Park will replace our monthly meeting. Dinner at 6:00 P.M., business meeting and program at 7:00 P.M. Program to be determined.
18 JUN 11		Forrest Homecoming. Forrest Boyhood Home. Chapel Hill, TN.
25 JUN 11		Battle of Blountville Reenactment.
13-16 JUL 11	8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.	SCV Sesquicentennial Convention. Embassy Suites Hotel, Montgomery, AL. Please visit the website at http://2011scvreunion.zxq.net/ for more information.
26-28 AUG 11		Smokey Mountain Relic Show.

Starnes Brigade SCV Camp meeting dates & places

- #37 – Forrest Birth Place Chapel Hill No regular meetings
- #72 – Cheatham Camp 4th Tuesday at Oak Restaurant, Manchester at 7:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. dinner).
- #152 – John Massey Camp 2nd Thursday at Fayetteville Municipal Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
- #155 – J.B. Cowan 2nd Tuesday at Harton House, So. Jackson Tullahoma at 7:00 p.m.
- #156 – Col. Wm. L Moore 3rd Thursday Court Room or Gazebo on Square in Lynchburg at 7:00 p.m.
- #297 – Marshall Rangers 3rd Thursday at Old Hardison School in Lewisburg at ??.
- #386 – Cumberland Mountain Rifles 3rd Tuesday, Old County Building in Tracy City at 6:30 p.m.
- #1411 – A.P. Stewart 4th Tuesday, Western Sirloin in Decherd at 6:00 p.m.
- #1615 – McMinnville 3rd Tuesday, Magness Memorial Library at 7:00 p.m.
- #1620 – S.A. Cunningham 2nd Thursday, Farm Bureau in Shelbyville at 6:00 p.m.
- #2094 – Capt Abner S. Boone 1st Sunday Old House Hqtrs Hwy 231 N. Fayetteville in Belleville at 1:00 p.m.

When you can, please visit your brothers' camp meetings. They will be glad to see you.



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ARTICLES

TENNESSEE AND SECESSION by Brent Lokey

Despite political turmoil across the country in the 1850's, Tennessee's commerce and farming wealth increased to all time heights. To many Tennesseans, this proved the superiority of the Southern agrarian society. The weakest link in this economic system was the huge amount of capital tied up in slavery. Tennesseans were alarmed by the election of Abraham Lincoln and the anti-slavery Republican Party in 1860. Lincoln had not even been included on the ballot in Tennessee. A little known fact is that Lincoln was defeated in his home county of Sangamon, IL by Stephen H. Douglas. Although slaveholders made up a small portion of the population, they wielded a great deal of political influence. They thought it was time to join the ten Southern states that had left the Union. The secessionists had a staunch ally in Governor Isham Harris.

However, the majority of Tennesseans were reluctant to leave the Union. They had voted for John Bell, a native son and moderate on secession, in the election of 1860. In February of 1861, 54 percent of the state's voters voted against secession. The vote was heavily pro in West

Tennessee and heavily con in East Tennessee. Middle Tennessee was split. When Fort Sumter was fire on April 1861, Lincoln issued a call for 75,000 "volunteers" to bring the seceded states back into the Union. Public sentiment changed dramatically and another vote was held. East Tennessee remained pro-Union, but the number of secessionists increased markedly in Middle Tennessee. The June vote in favor of secession made Tennessee the last state to leave the Union. The die was cast for war and Tennessee sent 187,000 into the Confederate Army and 51,000 into the Union Army.

CONFEDERATE GENERALS BURIED AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY by Brent Lokey

Not surprisingly, only two Confederate generals are buried at Arlington. One is Major General Joseph Wheeler of Alabama. Not known for leading fierce cavalry attacks, he did excel at supporting the main army with reconnoitering, protecting flanks, and covering retreats. After the War, he had a career in Congress. In the late 1890's, our relations with Spain became strained and ruptured with the sinking of the battleship *Maine*. Congressman Wheeler became "Fightin' Joe" Wheeler again.

President McKinley offered him a commission in the Army to gain the support of the South. As General Wheeler left President McKinley's office, he said, "Mr. President the people down South don't celebrate the Fourth of July." General Wheeler acquitted himself well in Cuba, and when the Spaniards withdrew at the battle of Las Guásimas, he reportedly said, "We've got the Yankees on the run." General Wheeler died on January 25, 1906 and an old Confederate soldier who was General (CSA) Wheeler's bugler played TAPS as Wheeler was laid to rest at Arlington.

Brigadier General Marcus Joseph Wright was born in Purdy, McNairy County, in Tennessee. Before serving in the Confederate Army, he was a lawyer, clerk of the court, and sheriff in Memphis. He served as assistant adjutant general on General Cheatham's staff. He also served as a regimental commander, brigade commander, post commander and military governor. In 1878, he was appointed agent of the United States War Department, charged with collecting and compiling official Confederate Army records. He did this job for 30 years. He died on December 26, 1922 and is buried at the base of the Confederate Memorial at Arlington.