



Maj. Gen. Benjamin F. Cheatham Camp # 72



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Dates to Remember:

- Mar. 11, 1863 - Federal gunboats moving toward Vicksburg hindered by Ft. Pemberton, constructed out of earthworks and cotton bales.
- Mar. 18, 1862 - George W. Randolph of Virginia replaces Judah P. Benjamin as Secretary of War.
- Apr. 9, 1865 - Gen. Robert E. Lee surrenders Army of Northern Virginia to Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Station, VA.

**Be sure to attend
the next Camp 72
meeting at 7:00
P.M. on March 27th
at the Oak.**

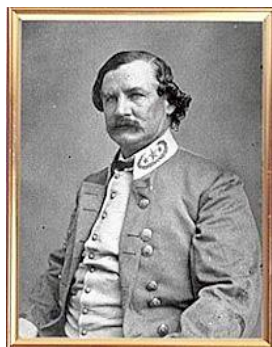
March 27, 2012, 6:00 P.M. Dinner and meeting at Oak Restaurant, Manchester. Dinner at 6:00 P.M., business meeting and program at 7:00 P.M. Program is an excellent video on the Battle of Shiloh.

March 27, 2012, 6:45 P.M. Tullahoma Confederate Association meeting at the Oak Restaurant prior to the Camp 72 meeting. Everyone welcome.

April 14, 2012, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. SEMINAR - THE CIVIL WAR IN MIDDLE TENNESSEE. Tullahoma Events Center. Mr. Steve Pearson on the Tullahoma Campaign of 1863. Dr. Michael Bradley on Occupation and Guerilla Resistance. Also displays and books for sale. Registration - \$10.00. Send name, address, phone number, with registration fee to Camp 155, 126 Linda Lane, Tullahoma, TN 37388. For more info, call (931)455-0702 during business hours.

April 20-22, 2012. 2012 TN Division Reunion. Stewart County Visitors Center, 117 Visitors Center Ln, Dover, TN. Hosted by Fort Donelson Camp#249. For more info, contact Steve Settle at (931)232-4539 or e-mail s.settle@hughes.net.

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...

To All,

Once again, I am in great hopes that my brief comments for this month's Camp #72 Newsletter arrives finding you and yours in excellent health, and fine spirits!

Today is Monday, 12 March 2012 and we have just passed through a most beautiful week-end which featured the grand opening of the "Smithsonian Exhibit Is Coming to Cowan (Tennessee)" this Saturday, past. For those of you who attended the opening day festivities, simply stated; it was wonderful. Not only for the magnificent displays of the Smithsonian Exhibit, but too for the wonderful displays by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp #72, White's Artillery Battery lead by their "Chief-of-Smoke Mr. Charles Callaway, along with his extremely professional gun crew. Even though we were sworn not to fire the cannons,
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for fear of additional boards being knocked off the "ole" Franklin County Courthouse, or windows being broken at the Cowan Railroad Train museum once again; it was magnificent, altogether.

Also present with a grand display of "ole" sewing machines was Camp # 72 Lt. Cdr. Miller Fulks who was able to explain away the workings of this art during the early 1900(s). Camp #72 Immediate Past Adjutant Mr. O. B. Wilkinson was on hand maintaining the weapons which were on display for all to see and touch, along with "OUR" current Camp #72 Adjutant Mr. Michael Anderson who was assisting with a number of displays.

And of course the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Chapter #327 (Sewanee) lead by their President, Ms. Ginger Delius were present in full force manning a beautiful display, and speaking of the "daughters" proud heritage. The last head count which I received from Ms. Patricia Underwood, "Smithsonian Is Coming to Cowan" Chairperson; was upwards of 500 people who had signed their names into the Smithsonian Sign In Book. Coupled with the very positive comments by the attendees with regards to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy displays and individual participation, it was a wonderful day for everyone.

These type of opportunities will be visiting our two organizations quite often during the next few years, so when an opportunity presents itself, seize the moment, run with it with all of your energy; for it is yet another tool to be used in which to highlight "OUR" proud heritage, and to show "OUR" respect for those heroes in butternut and gray.

I will close with one final thought, "It is not the price you pay to be a member, It is the price that your ancestor, along with you, PAID TO BECOME ELIGIBLE!

I look forward to seeing each of you, along with one of your quests at our next Camp #72 monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, 27 March 2012 at 7:00 P.M. (CT) with dinner beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the Oak Restaurant, I-24/exit: 110, Manchester, Tennessee.

With great respect, I remain,

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

FROM THE ADJUTANT

If you are interested in current discussions of SCV matters in the Tennessee division, you should sign up for the "Echo", an email distribution list which goes to all members that request it. It is a nice resource where you can ask questions, make statements, etc. If you wish to sign up, just send your request to the Adjutant at manchesterrebel@charter.net

CIVIL WAR ODDITIES

by Jay Schroeder

The last surviving veteran of the Civil War was Walter Williams, a member of Hood's Brigade of the Confederate army. On December 19, 1959, he died in Houston, Texas, at the age of 117.

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In 1854, while serving in a western military post, a young army officer was forced to resign his commission. The charge: intoxicated while on duty.

The resignation was accepted by the then Secretary of War for the United States, Jefferson Davis. The officer involved in the incident was later to become Davis' chief adversary during the Civil War - Ulysses S. Grant.

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During the early twentieth century, there existed an unofficial code among the sculptors of Civil War monuments. The code they agreed upon was this: If an officer served throughout the war without having been wounded, then he would be seated upon a horse whose four feet were grounded; if the officer was wounded, the horse would have one foot raised; if the officer was killed in action, both the horse's front feet would be off the ground.

Source: Levitt, Stan, *The Crackerbarrel Papers*, pp. 68, 70, 94.

For those traveling I-24, at exit - 97, Beech Grove Confederate Cemetery and Park's rest rooms are now open for the public and the 2012 tourist season.

O.B. Wilkinson, Cemetery Trustee



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A LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT
24 APR 12	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 to be determined.
12 MAY 12		Rededication of Confederate Monument. Town Square, Lebanon, TN.
22 MAY 12	6:00 P.M.	The Annual Picnic at Beech Grove Cemetery and Park will replace our monthly meeting. We will welcome any new members in attendance. This annual gathering is always most enjoyable. The UDC ladies each bring a dish and everyone eats, drinks and is well entertained. It is a superb social event that no one should miss.
11-14 JUL 12		2012 National Convention. Embassy Suites Murfreesboro - Hotel & Conference Center, 1200 Conference Center Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN Hosted by Camp #33. Full info on the SCV National website, tennessee-scv.org/2012reunion/info.html , and in the last issue of <i>Confederate Veteran</i> .

Starnes Brigade SCV Camp meeting dates & places

- #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.
- #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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EDWARD O. C. ORD

by Jay Schroeder

Union infantry commander. Fought the entire duration of the War. He served the United States Army from California to Florida from 1839 to 1881.



Edward O. C. Ord was born at Columbia, Maryland on 18 Oct 1818. He was a West Point graduate and a 1839 classmate of General Henry Halleck. Ord served as a 2nd lieutenant against the Seminoles, then in California during the Mexican War. This was followed by Indian duty in the Pacific Northwest.

In 1859, Ord was reassigned to duty at Fort Monroe, and took part in the expedition against John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry.

September 1861 found Ord back in California. He received a brigadier's commission and ordered east, where he commanded a brigade defending Washington. His first combat of the war was against General Jeb Stuart at Dranesville.

In May of 1862, he was promoted to major general and sent west.

He was present at Iuka in September 1862, with little significant result. His command was west of the town, and saw little fighting. Due to an error by General William Rosecrans, the Confederate forces under General Sterling Price escaped. Ord was severely wounded a few days later, while damaging Confederate forces retreating from an unsuccessful attack on Corinth.

Ord commanded the VII Corps under General Grant at the siege of Vicksburg in 1863.

Ord commanded the XVIII Corps at the siege of Richmond. He sustained serious wounds at the attack on Fort Harrison in September of 1864. The severity of his wounds took him out of action for the remainder of the year.

In January of 1865, he assumed command of the Army of the James, as well as the Department of North Carolina.

After the War, Ord had several more assignments, and retired as a major general in 1881.

While travelling by ship in Central America, he contracted yellow fever. He died in Havana on July 22, 1883. He is buried at Arlington, Virginia.

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To: Sons of Confederate Veterans
Camp #72 and White's Artillery
Battery

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for being part of the opening of the Smithsonian Exhibit on March 10, 2012 at the Cowan Center for the Arts.

I could not believe the transformation of the front of the Cowan Center for the Arts building when Mr. Charles Callaway and gun crew brought in the cannons and flags. You added beauty and pride to my place.

I would also like to thank Mr. Miller Fulks and Mr. O. B. Wilkinson for their very informative displays.

Thank you,
Patricia Ann Underwood
