



**Maj. Gen. Benjamin F. Cheatham Camp # 72**



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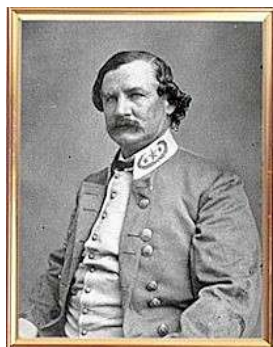
**March 26, 2013** - Dinner and meeting at Oak Restaurant, Manchester. Dinner at 6:00 P.M., business meeting and program at 7:00 P.M. The program will be James Cook of the Sumner Cunningham Camp. He will speak on Andersonville and Capt Wirz. James is an avid collector of War Between the States articles and possesses both a Spencer and a Henry rifle.

**April 26-27, 2013** - Tennessee Division Reunion 2013. Chattanooga, TN. Accommodations at the Hampton Inn, 6875 Battlefield Pkwy., Ringgold, GA. (706)935-4800 or [www.ringoldftoglethorpe.hamptoninn.com](http://www.ringoldftoglethorpe.hamptoninn.com). Preliminary inquiries, event suggestions or questions can be directed to Bob Epperson, Event Chairman, at [bob@bobeperson.com](mailto:bob@bobeperson.com). Also, check the website at [www.scv-nbforrest3.com](http://www.scv-nbforrest3.com)

### Dates to Remember:

- Mar. 21, 1863 - Grant's troops, working their way along Steele's Bayou, near Vicksburg, harassed by CSA sharpshooters.
- Mar. 24, 1864 - U. S. Congress debates phasing out slavery in Federal territory by compensating slave owners.
- Mar. 27, 1863 - Admiral Farragut, short of coal for all of his ships operating along the Mississippi River, forages for fuel.

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Be sure to visit our website at [tennessee-scv.org/camp72/](http://tennessee-scv.org/camp72/).



Benjamin F. Cheatham  
Major General, CSA

Born Oct. 20, 1820

Died Sept. 4, 1886

### Commander's Comments...

To All,

As with each of my monthly articles, I am in great hopes that you and yours are healthy, and in fine spirits.

Before I begin this month's article, I would like to mention that two of our Compatriots are a bit under the weather and I am sure would enjoy hearing from you. Of course, I am referring to Mr. Wayne Ison of Morrison (615-765-5644) and Mr. John Greeter of Manchester (931-723-1451). I understand that John will be laid up for approximately six months, so I am quite certain that he would enjoy speaking with y'all.

Well, the Sesquicentennial or 150th anniversary of "The War For Southern Independence" is at a fever pitch, with appropriate events to honor our ancestors who served in butternut and gray in the final planning stages.

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**Be sure to attend  
the next Camp 72  
meeting at 7:00  
P.M. on March 26th  
at the Oak.**



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## ARTICLES

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If I may, please allow me to give a thumb nail sketch as to the dates, locations and activities of these planned events.

\* Sat., 4 May 2013: Tracy City SCV Camp Festival

\* Sat., 15 June 2013: Chapel Hill, Gen. Forrest Homecoming

\* Sat. & Sun./ 22 & 23 June 2013: Shelbyville encampments & displays, plus much, much more

\* Fri. & Sat./ 28 & 29 June 2013: Tullahoma Activities which will include the placing of the Memorials in the Confederate Cemetery from the states of Kentucky & South Carolina to their state's fallen soldiers during the winter of 1863. Dignitaries from both Kentucky & South Carolina will be in attendance for the dedication. Special thanks go out to 3rd Lt. Cdr. O. B. Wilkinson & Cdr. Michael R. Bradley, Ph.D., along with others, in bringing this endeavor to a very happy ending. From that day forward all 14 states who gave up their proud and brave Soldiers, will be represented. The dedication itself is scheduled for Friday, 28 June 2013.

\* Sun., 30 June 2013: Cowan "CW" Marker dedication beginning 1:00 PM (CT) at the Cowan Train Museum. There will be cannon firing (let's hope that we do not break anything this time around in Cowan), displays, refreshments and much, much more.

Sadly, The City of Winchester has decided not to participate in

the Sesquicentennial events, along with The City of Monteagle. At this time, we are not sure where The University of The South/ Sewanee stands with participation.

I look forward to seeing all y'all at our next Camp #72 monthly meeting on Tuesday, 25 March 2013 at the Oak Restaurant in beautiful Manchester, Tennessee.

With great respect, I remain,

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

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### CIVIL WAR ODDITIES by Jay Schroeder

To pay for the cost of the Civil War, the first tax on income was established. The bill, signed by President Lincoln on July 1, 1862, approved a 3 percent tax for incomes between \$600 and \$10,000. A 5 percent tax was levied on any amount above that figure. The tax percentage was increased in 1864.

The method of paying this tax was a relatively simple affair. Essentially, a citizen needed only to swear under oath that his income did not exceed \$600 and he was freed from paying the income tax.

In 1863, the new income tax brought in a revenue of \$2 million and in 1864, another \$20 million; but it was never an effective method of raising money to support a war that cost approximately \$2.5 million a day.

The organization set up in 1862 to handle collection of taxes was called the Internal Revenue

Bureau. Its original staff consisted of a commission and three clerks, who were expected to handle over eight hundred letters daily. One of their first official acts was the creation of the Federal income tax form "1040." As the war progressed and the work of collecting taxes became more refined, the bureau increased its staff to almost four thousand employees. It was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1895.

Some of the decisions made by the first bureau are part of our taxing procedure today.

The Confederacy did not adopt an income tax until 1863. Its rate of taxing incomes was 5 percent between \$500 and \$1,500, and 15 percent over \$10,000.



Andrew Johnson, Vice-President under Lincoln in 1865, delivered his inaugural speech as President before both houses of Congress while intoxicated.



The "northernmost" battle of the Civil War took place in St. Albans, Vermont, on the Canadian-American border, when Confederate raiders, who had been hiding in Canada, shot up the town and robbed the local bank.

The "southernmost" battle reportedly occurred off the coast of Bahia, Brazil. Engaged in naval conflict was the *U.S.S. Wachusett*, a Federal warship, which captured the Confederate raider *Florida*.

Source: Levitt, Stan, *The Crackerbarrel Papers*, pp. 41, 25, 36.



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## ARTICLE & QUOTATIONS

### **FORMER ADVERSARIES IN WBTS SERVED SIDE BY SIDE ON SUPREME COURT**

**by  
Brent Lokey**

When the Supreme Court sat for their group photo in 1910, four of its members were veterans of the WBTS. Two of the associates had fought for the North, John Marshall Harlan and Oliver Wendell Holmes. Associate Justice Horace Harman Lurton and Chief Justice Edward Douglass White had fought for the South

This is a sketch of Associate Justice Harlan: John Marshall Harlan was born in 1833 in Kentucky to a prominent family. He became a lawyer and, although he owned slaves, he voted against Lincoln twice. As a staunch Unionist, he helped a sharply divided Kentucky tilt to the North. This led to favorable assignment and by the luck of the draw, he saw little combat. He was initially assigned to Sherman's command. Sherman was a chain smoker who couldn't seem to keep his cigar lit. He would take Harlan's cigar to relight and then throw Harlan's away.

Harlan was assigned to organize the Zouaves. This was a daunting task, since most of them spoke German. At Shiloh, Harlan was assigned to General Thomas' command. Thomas didn't arrive at Shiloh until most of the fighting was over. In September of 1862, Harlan was made a brigade commander as a colonel in the Army of the Ohio. During the Battle of Perryville, he was posted

to the Headquarters of General Buell. Even though they were only three miles from the battle, they didn't participate. "An acoustic shadow" had kept them from hearing the battle.

Harlan was subsequently assigned back to Thomas. In December 1862, Harlan and his 10,000 troops were posted to Castalian Springs to guard the road to Nashville. However, Confederate General John Hunt Morgan attacked west of his position and Harlan gave chase. He got to Hartsville just as Morgan was pulling out. In February 1863, Harlan turned down his star and resigned, so he oversee his sick father's vast holdings in Louisville

Harlan served on the court for 33 years and, later on, his grandson was appointed to the Court.

### **QUOTATIONS**

**by  
Jay Schroeder**

"That the sole object and only legitimate end of government is to protect the citizen in the enjoyment of life, liberty, and property, and when the government assumes other functions it is usurpation and oppression." -- Alabama, Declaration of Rights Article I Section 35

"The makers of our constitution undertook to secure conditions favorable to the pursuit of happiness... They sought to protect Americans in their beliefs, their thoughts, their emotions and their sensations. They conferred,

as against the government, the right to be let alone – the most comprehensive of the rights and the right most valued by civilized men." -- Justice Louis D. Brandeis

"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe." -  
- Albert Einstein

"During one of my treks through Afghanistan, we lost our corkscrew. We were compelled to live on food and water for several days." -- W. C. Fields

"At the outbreak of the war it was found very difficult to raise infantry in Texas, as no Texan walks a yard if he can help it. Many mounted regiments were therefore organized, and afterwards dismounted." -- Sir Arthur James Lyon Fremantle

"Mars is not an aesthetic God." --  
John Brown Gordon

A general State education is a mere contrivance for molding people to be exactly like one another; and as the mold in which it casts them is that which pleases the dominant power in the government, whether this be a monarch, an aristocracy, or a majority of the existing generation; in proportion as it is efficient and successful, it establishes a despotism over the mind, leading by a natural tendency to one over the body." -- John Stuart Mill

Life is a series of collisions with the future; it is not the sum of what we have been, but what we yearn to be." -- Jose Ortega y Gasset



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## A LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT
23 Apr 13	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.
26-27 APR 13		Tennessee Division Reunion 2013. Chattanooga, TN. Accommodations at the Hampton Inn, 6875 Battlefield Pkwy., Ringgold, GA. (706)935-4800 or <a href="http://www.ringoldftoglethorpe.hamptoninn.com">www.ringoldftoglethorpe.hamptoninn.com</a> . Preliminary inquiries, event suggestions or questions can be directed to Bob Epperson, Event Chairman, at bob@bobeperson.com. Also, check the website at <a href="http://www.scv-nbforrest3.com">www.scv-nbforrest3.com</a> .
28 MAY 13	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.
29-30 JUN 13		150th Anniversary of Tullahoma Campaign. Tullahoma Civic Center and Tullahoma Confederate Cemetery. Participants wanted. Contact O.B. Wilkinson, Committee Member.
17-20 JUL 13		2013 National Reunion. Vicksburg, MS. For info, go to <a href="http://2013scvreunion.homestead.com">2013scvreunion.homestead.com</a> .

### Starnes Brigade SCV Camp meeting dates & places

- #72 – Cheatham Camp 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at Oak Restaurant, Manchester at 7:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. dinner).
- #152 – John Massey Camp 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at Fayetteville Municipal Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
- #155 – J.B. Cowan 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at Harton House, So. Jackson Tullahoma at 7:00 p.m.
- #297 – Marshall Rangers 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at Old Hardison School in Lewisburg at ??.
- #386 – Cumberland Mountain Rifles 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, Old County Building in Tracy City at 6:30 p.m.
- #1411 – A.P. Stewart 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Western Sirloin in Decherd at 6:00 p.m.
- #1615 – McMinnville 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, Magness Memorial Library at 7:00 p.m.
- #1620 – S.A. Cunningham 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, Farm Bureau in Shelbyville at 6:00 p.m.
- #2094 – Capt Abner S. Boone 1<sup>st</sup> 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.