



Maj. Gen. Benjamin F. Cheatham Camp # 72



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Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 21, 1863 - Troops from USS *Louisville* & transport steamer *Meteor* torch Bledsoe's & Hamblin's Landings in retaliation for attack on mail boat *Gladiator*.
- Oct. 25, 1863 - Gen. John Marmaduke unsuccessfully attacks Pine Bluff, AR.
- Nov. 6, 1861 - First general national election of the CSA.

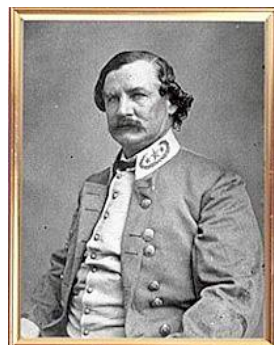
**Be sure to attend
the next Camp 72
meeting at 7:00
P.M. on Oct. 26th
at the Oak.**

October 16, 2:00 P.M. Dedication of the Capt H L Hunley, CSN Birthplace/Boyhood Home Monument by Gen. William B Bate Camp 34. Bledsoe Fort Park. Bledsoe Fort Park is on Hwy 25 about halfway between Gallatin and Hwy 231 on the right going east out of Gallatin. This in the Castalian Springs Community. For more info, e-mail heathmang@comcast.net.

October 16-17, 2010 - Franklin Civil War Days Battles at 1:30 P.M Saturday and Sunday. Also sutlers, band presentations and a pass in review. Part of Franklin's Civil War Days Harlinsdale Park just north of downtown Franklin. Overall Commander, Colonel Joe Grosson at Joseph.grosson@comcast.net.

October 26th, 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 Mr. Thomas Flagel. Mr. Flagel is a history instructor at Columbia State Community College and a member of the Franklin Civil War Roundtable. His subject will be "After Appomattox" and deals with the end of the war. He will have books for sale, including the recently released second edition of *The History Buff's Guide to the Civil War*.

Please e-mail your suggestions for this newsletter to jayschroeder@msn.com.



Benjamin F. Cheatham
Major General, CSA

Born Oct. 20, 1820

Died Sept. 4, 1886

Commander's Comments...

Compatriots,

I sincerely hope that this newsletter finds you and yours in great health and high spirits.

Well, we have finally taken notice that our fall-like cooler weather has arrived in our great state of Tennessee, and I, for one, welcome it. With all of the activities that Camp #72 is involved in, the cooler weather makes for a much nicer day. If you have not taken the opportunity to visit or volunteer your services at one of our scheduled events, please do so. Bring along the entire family; they'll have a wonderful time.

If y'all have not been informed as yet, please allow me to mention the "Military Active Duty & Military Veterans Appreciation Day," entitled "Let Freedom Ring" Scheduled for Sunday, 7 November 2010 at the Franklin County High
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NOTICES, ARTICLES

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School in Winchester, beginning at 2:00 P.M. Doors open at 1:00 P.M. This event will encompass many of Tennessee's counties, including Coffee, Moore, Grundy, Franklin, Marion, Lincoln, Warren to name a few. Please mark your calendars for that date, and join in on this most honorable event!

Past Commander Brent Lokey, who continues to serve as the Camp's Program Officer, has lined up another fabulous guest speaker for our October camp meeting. I certainly hope that you and your family plan on attending, and perhaps inviting a friend along.

Once again, thank you for all that you do for Camp #72!

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones, always!

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

Obituary

Tullahoma News
10/8/2010

TUCKER, Donald V., Sr., of Manchester, passed this life on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, at Life Care Center in Tullahoma at the age of 76 years and 22 days. Mr. Tucker was the son of the late Oscar S. and Daisy Clark Sr. of Coffee County. He had worked as a computer programmer for Sverdrup and was also retired from the Army National Guard.

He was a member of the Sons of the Confederacy and also a

member of First Baptist Church in Manchester. He is survived by his wife Mary Tucker, one son, Dr. Donald Tucker, and his wife Heather, one daughter, Tara Beth Tucker, and one brother, Oscar Tucker Jr., and his wife Joyce, all of Manchester, one sister, Linda Smith, and husband Fred, Tullahoma; and three grandchildren, Colten, Cayden, and Colby Tucker. Visitations will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Oct. 8, at Kilgore Funeral Home, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, with Dr. Brenton Cox officiating. Burial will be in Concord Cemetery in Coffee County. Kilgore Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
www.kilgorefuneralhome.com

JAMES J. PETTIGREW

by Jay Schroeder

James J. Pettigrew was born at "Bonarva", the family home in North Carolina. At the age of fifteen, he entered the University of North Carolina, where he had a brilliant scholastic experience. Upon his graduation in 1847, his academic excellence was rewarded by President Polk in the form of an assistant professorship at the Naval Observatory in Washington.

Pettigrew traveled abroad, then returned to study law. He practiced in Charleston. In 1856, he was elected to the South Carolina legislature.

He served in the South Carolina militia at the outbreak of the War,

present at Charleston Harbor in April of 1861. He then commanded the 12th South Carolina Infantry.

After securing a brigadier's commission dated February, 1862, Pettigrew served under Joseph Johnston in the Peninsula Campaign. He was severely wounded and captured at the Battle of Seven Pines.

After only two months of captivity, Pettigrew was exchanged. He was given an assignment in the defense of Petersburg, then duty in North Carolina.

He commanded a brigade in Heth's division in A.P. Hill's corps at Gettysburg. After Heth was wounded, Pettigrew assumed command of the division, and fought well in the center on the third day.

General Pettigrew was mortally wounded at battle of Falling Waters, during Lee's withdrawal from Pennsylvania after Gettysburg. He is buried at "Bonarva" in Tyrrell County, North Carolina.

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A LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT
23 NOV	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.
28 DEC	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.
25 JAN 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 to be determined.
5 FEB 11		Lee-Jackson Dinner. Gen. Morgan Inn & Conf. Ctr. Greenville, TN. Hosted by John Hunt Morgan Camp #2053.
19 FEB 11	12:00 P.M.	Confederate Heritage Rally 2011. Reenactment of Jefferson Davis Inauguration. Embassy Suites, Montgomery, AL. For details, go to http://www.confederate150.com/2011.html
13-16 JUL 11		SCV Sesquicentennial Convention. Embassy Suites Hotel, Montgomery, AL. Please visit the website at http://2011scvreunion.zxq.net/ for more information.

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, ETC.

JOHN D. IMBODEN

by Jay Schroeder

Brigadier General John D. Imboden was born in Staunton, Virginia. He attended Washington College for two terms, but didn't graduate. He taught school for a while at the Virginia Institute for the Education of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind in Staunton. Although a competent teacher, he chose to study law and opened a practice in Staunton.

He had a run at state politics, with lackluster results. Although he did serve in the state legislature, he was unsuccessful in his bid to be a representative at the Virginia Secession Convention.

Imboden entered service at the start of the war, serving first as commander of the Staunton Artillery at Harper's Ferry, after its initial capture.

He fought at 1st Manassas, where he was wounded by a shell fragment. He then organized the Virginia Partisan Rangers. The unit was redesignated the 62nd Virginia Mounted Infantry, which Imboden led at Cross Keys and Port Republic.

He commanded a brigade of cavalry under Jeb Stuart at Gettysburg. During the Confederate withdrawal after the battle, Lee charged Imboden with escorting the train of thousands of wounded back to Virginia.

Arriving at Williamsport, Imboden found the pontoon bridge destroyed, and Federal cavalry attacked the wagon train of

wounded. Imboden, with the river at his back, put on a stubborn defense until General Fitz Lee's cavalry arrived and the Federals were driven off.

He commanded a brigade of Ransom's Division of 2nd Corps in 1864.

After a bout with typhoid in the fall of 1864, Imboden finished his wartime service performing prison duty in Aiken, South Carolina.

After the war, Imboden practiced law in Richmond, Virginia, then spent his last years in the mining industry in Washington County.

He died in Damascus, Georgia in August of 1895, and is buried at Richmond, Virginia.

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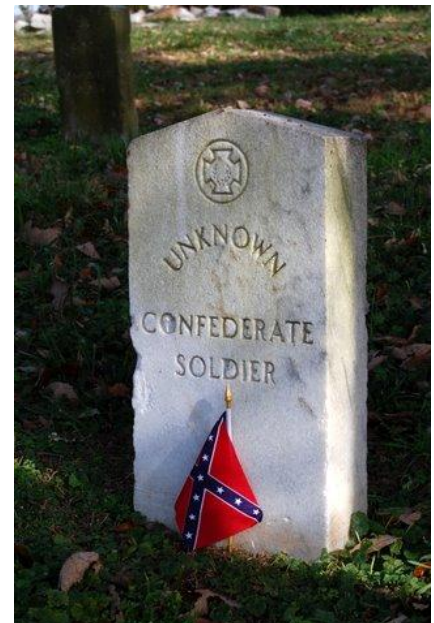
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FROM THE EDITOR

Before we can publish another issue of this newsletter, Veterans Day will have passed. Take time to honor the sacrifices of our ancestors who served in all our wars. A few quiet moments at Beech Grove, perhaps?



Sometimes we get lost in the constant barrage of words, and a simple image can serve to remind us who we are and what we are about.



"Never complain about growing old. It is a privilege denied to many."

Anonymous