

# EYES AND EARS



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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

February Meeting	<b>28th</b> <b>7:00pm</b>
March Meeting	<b>27th</b> <b>7:00pm</b>
Camp Picnic (details to follow)	<b>May</b> <b>10th</b>

**Special Observance Days:**

- Jan. 19, Robert E. Lee Day, T.C.A. 15-2-101
- Jan. 21, 1824, birthday of Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson, Lt. G., mortally wounded at Chancellorsville May 2, 1863. Died May 10, 1863.
- Feb. 2, 1803, birthday of Albert Sidney Johnston, Gen., killed in action at Shiloh 1862.
- Feb. 20, 1864, Battle of Olustee, FL and Valverde, NM (1862) - Confederate victories.

**Join us for  
the First  
Meeting of 2008  
Thursday,  
Jan. 31, 7:00pm**

## SO LONG 2007...HELLO 2008

### Commander's Corner...

There is something refreshing about the beginning of a "New Year." It is a brand new start in many ways. It provides us with new opportunities, new challenges and new goals

to set. It is up to us as individuals to set those new goals, be open and receptive to our opportunities, and meet and conquer the challenges.

Our honored Camp provides us with that same "Fresh Start." We have new opportunities to be more

active with our Camp to make it stronger and more viable in our community. We have the opportunity to set a goal of perfect attendance this year at meetings; a new chance to invite that person to a Camp meeting that we didn't get around to last year; a chance to socialize and (continued on page 2)



Camp Officers 2008... Chaplin Martin Frost, Web Officer Reed Working, Sgt. At Arms Jimmy Byrd, Treasurer David Grandstaff, Adjutant Spence Morgan, 2nd Lt. Cdr Davis Belcher, Lt. Cdr. Dave Simpson, Commander Tom Wood, Judge Adv. Byron Davis. Not pictured Qtr. Master Chad Mitchell.

## JACK HURST TO SPEAK ON GEN. FORREST

At our first meeting of 2008, Jack Hurst, author of *Nathan Bedford Forrest: A Biography*, will be speaking to the camp about Forrest's considerable exploits at Fort Donelson and about the effect that the timid decisions of his commanders there had on him as well as on the destiny of the Confederacy.

Hurst had Relatives on both sides of the civil war.

Shelby Foote's book *Shiloh* peaked his interest in Forrest when he read it as a teenager.

Two other books have been written by Hurst. They are *Men of Fire: Grant, Forrest and the Campaign That Decided the Civil War*, and *Nashville's Grand Ole Opry: The First Fifty Years 1925-1975*.

Hurst is from Maryville, Tenn. and an alumni of Vanderbilt University. He worked for 10 years at The

Tennessean and went on to work at the Philadelphia Inquirer and then the Chicago Tribune. He served in the military for two years and was part of the Vietnam war.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on January 31st. Members can bring their copy of Jack Hurst's book to sign. He will have copies at the meeting to buy and autograph.

*Plan to Attend!!!*



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fellowship more with our members than ever before; the chance get to know one another better this year; and last but certainly not least on our list of new opportunities is the challenge to become more serious about honoring and protecting our "Great and Glorious Southern Heritage."

An "Honored Southern Heritage" that each of our ancestors suffered untiringly for, fought for with all of their energies, and many who gave the ultimate human sacrifice in the struggle to preserve their way of life, their right of "self determination", and the right to protect their families and property from an invading army. It was their hope that they could provide and instill in us that would follow a sense of honor and protection for all they represented.

In that light, of continuing the good fight, let us renew the "Charge" to us by Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee at a Confederate Veterans Reunion in New Orleans, Louisiana on April 25, 1906. To refresh our memory, below is that charge that we should not, and indeed, must not ever forget.

## **Charge to Sons of Confederate Veterans**

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulsion of his virtues, the perpetuation of principles which he loved, and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. **Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.**"

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General,  
United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906

Let each one of us re-dedicate ourselves to this charge that each of us accepted as "Sons of Confederate Veterans." I look forward to seeing each of you at our January meeting as we set out an exciting journey in 2008. May God Bless You and our Camp in 2008!!

Tom Wood, Commander  
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