

EYES AND EARS



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TENNESSEE'S BATTLEFIELDS

Speaking this month will be our friend and author Mr. Randy Bishop.

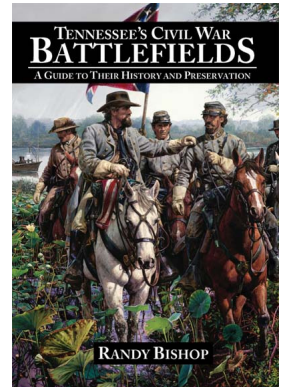
Randy is a long-time student of the American Civil War and a collector of Civil War relics. He holds graduate degrees from the University of Memphis in History and Education, and has previously authored a favorite of ours, *The Tennessee Brigade*, published in 2005.

In his newest book, *Tennessee's Civil War Battlefields: A Guide to Their History and*

Preservation he provides a chronological overview of more than twenty of the major battles in the state is conducted using first hand documents and established sources. Maps and over 100 photographs enhance the text to give the reader a comprehensive understanding of the significance of these battles and the current preservation efforts for Tennessee's battlefields from the War Between the States.

In addition to studying and enlightening others about the Civil War, Randy is a teacher, adjunct Professor, and member

of W.P. Rogers Camp in Corinth, MS, the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association, and the Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Association.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

August Meeting	28th 7:00pm
Wilson Co. Fair	Aug. 15 - 23
September Meeting	Sept. 25th

Special Observance Days:

- Aug. 10, 1861 Battle of Wilson Creek, Springfield, MO.
- Aug. 29-30, 1862 Battle of Richmond, KY.
- Aug. 29-30, 1862 2d Manassas.
- Aug. 30, deaths of Gen. John Bell Hood [1879] in New Orleans; Lt. Gen. A. P. Stewart [1908] in Biloxi, Miss.; Rear Adm. Raphael Semmes [1877] in Mobile, AL.

A SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commander's Corner...

On behalf of the Camp and the staff, I am grateful for the great response to the call for volunteers to work at the fair in August to sell our famous Caramel Popcorn and to man our SCV recruiting booth. Both of these endeavors are vitally important to the success of our camp. Your Confederate Ancestors would be proud of your continuing that "Southern Spirit of Volunteerism" which they had. It would have been easy for them to stay at home and enjoy their life, but they answered the call just as you continue to do. We still have opportunities to serve in this effort. If you were not here in June to sign up, we will pass the schedule around at our July meeting to fill in the remaining

work spots. Thanks again for your assistance in this effort.

I recently read a great article in the Confederate Veteran magazine that gave me pause to ponder and time to reflect upon our honored Confederate Flag. Every month at our meetings we pay tribute to our beloved flag with our "Salute to the Confederate Flag". The salute is as follows: "I salute the Confederate Flag with Affection, Reverence and Undying Devotion to the Cause for which it stands". Have you ever given much thought as to what that salute truly means? What is the Cause that we owe our Affection, Reverence and Undying Devotion? The Cause is the same Cause that our ancestors fought for, suffered and died for over 140 years ago. The Cause that we as Sons of Confederate Veter-

ans and our Confederate ancestors are and were devoted to is; **The Cause to resist nationalist tyranny and the Preservation of States Rights and our Individual Freedoms and Liberties.** We should be proud of that salute and that Cause, because when that cause is dead, America is no longer a free nation.

The salute and the Cause is a Cause that every "True American" can pledge without hesitation. Gentlemen of the Lebanon Camp 723, I thank you for your dedication and your willingness to stand up for your proud Southern Heritage, and to the continuation of the "Cause" our ancestors so valiantly fought for. God Bless Us in our Efforts.

Tom Wood
Commander

**Join us for
the July
Meeting on
Thursday,
July 31, 7:00pm**



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A Soldier in Afghanistan

When presented with a challenge that involves patriotism as well as our natural desire to help, this Camp has always responded enthusiastically and generously.

As most of you know, the Camp was made aware of an email petition from a young US Army Captain on behalf of his men [an artillery unit somewhere in Afghanistan] in an effort to acquire some scarce supplies and at the same time bring some small measure of home, normalcy, and comfort to his troops. He described circumstances most of us can only imagine such as "Our rooms remind me of jail cells...but that is a good thing I suppose in case we get mortared or rocketed.The PX is the size of a normal bedroom. My guys are doing good for the most part all things considered. It was a shock, of course, for everyone when we came here but for the guys on their first deployment, they really had no idea."

As a proud soldier he understandably and apologetically made his request as follows, "Now, I don't like asking for anything but if you want to send things over here, I'll give you some ideas on things that the boys and I could use that the good old Army Supply either won't supply or takes forever on getting distributed."

In response, the Camp unanimously voted to collect as many items as we could and ship them to these young soldiers.

Following is a list of the items. Please bring what you can to the July



"Battles are sometimes won by generals; wars are always won by sergeants and privates."



meeting. The items will be boxed and shipped to the attention of this Captain on behalf of the Gen Robert Hatton Camp, #723, SCV.

THE LIST

Magazines/Media:

TV show Season DVD's
Men's Fitness/Men's Health
Field & Stream/Outdoor Life
Newsweek, Time, The Economist

Miscellaneous:

Sheets/blankets (twin bed), Towels
Crossword puzzles
Small desk lamps (clip on style)
Phone cards, power strips
Used board games
Air fresheners

Toiletries:

Edge shaving cream, soap
Toothpaste, toothbrushes
Razors (Mach 3 / Gillette Fusion)
Odor eaters (spray kind)
Listerine, shampoo
Deodorant
Hand sanitizer
Q-tips, baby wipes
Foot powder
Lotion, suntan lotion

Please respond as generously as you can, and choose as if you were sending it to your son.



A Confederate Veteran Said It

"Believing as we did that the war was a war of subjugation, the issue in our minds was clearly drawnThe Union without Liberty, or Liberty without the Union, and pointing out that during the long bitter period of "Reconstruction," the liberties of the Southern States were completely suppressed. Representative government existed only in name." **Randolph Harrison McKim, 1st Lieutenant, Army of Northern Virginia, CSA**



Jefferson Davis
Davis Bi-centennial
1808 - 2008

Thank You Ruth McAllister

What a treat ! If you missed last month's meeting you missed meeting a delightful descendant of one of Tennessee's and the Civil War's true icons. She delivered an informative, funny, and inspiring talk on her Great Grandfather, Sam Watkins, his book, "Co. Aytch" and her expanded and revised version of that classic. Thank you again Ruth for a memorable evening.