

# EYES AND EARS



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## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Robert H. Hatton Camp #723 of Lebanon, Tennessee is pleased to announce that at our February 26th meeting at 7:00 PM we will be honoring Eagle Scout Benjamin Doss Eatherly and his Eagle Project of the restoration of the

Grissim Family Cemetery in Rome, Tennessee. Ben worked very hard in making this happen and he supervised thirty volunteers who worked a total of 600 hours. We also will

recognize Mr. Graham Reed who graciously donated his valuable expertise as a master stone mason and Mr. Larry Stanley a blacksmith who rebuilt with loving hands the cemetery gate. We will also be telling the story of the Grissim family and showing in pictures the restoration from start to finish. We hope that you will be able to attend.



Captain Marcellus Grissim  
Quartermaster, 4th TN Cavalry.  
Killed 1864 in Wheeler's Raid

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

March Trip to Tenn. State Museum	TBA
March Meeting	Thurs. March 26th
April Meeting	Thurs. April 30th

### Special Observance Days:

- March 5, Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard assumes command of Confederate Army of the Mississippi
- March 21, 1861, Louisiana ratifies the Confederate Constitution.
- March 23, the first battle of Kernstown, Virginia marks the opening of Stonewall Jackson's Shenandoah Valley Campaign.
- March 28, 1818, Wade Hampton is born in Charleston, South Carolina.

**Join us for  
the February  
Meeting on  
Thursday,  
Feb. 26, 7:00pm**

### Commander's Corner..

I am using my Commander's Corner this month to remind you and encourage your attendance at a couple of special events in February and March. I hope you will put these on your calendar and make every attempt to attend.

First, is our special meeting in February. We have a group of Boy Scouts, parents, and friends attending our meeting as we honor one of the scouts for his work in cleaning, clearing, and straightening confederate graves in a cemetery in the Rome area. Several of our members were involved in that effort and we appreciate all that they did over a several week period of time.

A special thanks to Graham Reed, our newest Associate Member who is a marvelous stone mason. Graham provided most of the labor and certainly the expertise, to restore the stone walls and stone work at the cemetery.

Join us in February as we celebrate the completion of this work and honor the Scouts involvement. This will also be a time of great fellowship with the Scouts, their parents, and friends to show them what a great organization we are and a great chance to strengthen public relations with folks that may not know much about us. We will also have snacks available after the meeting as we get to know our visitors.

Secondly, as we discussed At our January meeting, we are planning a tour of the Tennessee Museum in March. This is a guided tour by the Director of the TN. Museum, and they will provide for us to look at items and areas not usually open to the public. Try to make your plans now to attend this once in a lifetime opportunity.

I want to thank First Lt. Commander Dave Simpson for setting up this tour and for all the great programs he brings to us each month.

Confederately,  
Tom





## Regional Events



### Civil War Cavalry Seminar in East Tennessee

February 28, 2009

The Knoxville Civil War Roundtable and the East Tennessee Historical Society are presenting a conference on Civil War Cavalry in Tennessee on Saturday, February 28. This will be in conjunction with the "Hoofbeats in the Heartland" traveling exhibit from the Tennessee State Museum which will be on display at the East Tennessee historical Society.

Speakers include:

Dr William Garrett Piston - historian and author - "A Family Affair: The Carter Brothers and Their Raid on East Tennessee, Dec. 1862 - Jan. 1863."

TN State Representative Steve McDaniel - "Forrest's 1862 West Tennessee Raid and the Preservation of Parker's Crossroads."

Jim Ogden - Historian, Chickamauga - Chattanooga NMP - "Fighting Joe Wheeler's October, 1863 Raid."

Dorothy Kelly - Knoxville CWRT - "The Yankees Pay a Visit to Knoxville: Sanders 1863 East Tennessee Raid."

The event is only \$35 and includes lunch. For more info please call 865-215-8824 or visit: [www.eastTNhistory.org](http://www.eastTNhistory.org).

### Civil War Cavalry Seminar at Belle Meade Plantation in Nashville

March 27 - 28, 2009

"The Cavalry: A Conference On Mounted Warfare" to be held at Belle Meade Plantation in Nashville. Hosted by Belle Meade, the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area and the Tennessee State Museum, the event will feature lectures and tours related to cavalry operations in Middle Tennessee. It is being held in conjunction with the "Hoofbeats In The Heartland" touring exhibit from the Tennessee State Museum.

The event begins on Friday evening, March 27th with a program by Dr. Richard McMurry, "*Uncompromising Secessionist: James Knox Miller and the 8th Confederate Cavalry.*" On Saturday, March 28th, the luncheon program features Dr. Brian McKnight of Angelo State University in Texas with "*Champ Ferguson: Tennessee Terror.*"

Other Saturday programs include:

Myers Brown, Tennessee State Museum - "*Loyal Cavaliers: Tennessee's Unionist Cavalrymen*" (based on his recent book)

Dr. Lonnie Maness, Univ. of Tennessee-Martin Emeritus, "*Lightning Warfare: Forrest's West Tennessee Raid*"

Greg Biggs, Clarksville CWRT, "*Turning The Tide: The Union Cavalry at the Battle of Shelbyville.*"

Thomas Cartwright, former director of the Carter House State Historic Site, will conduct a tour of Belle Meade which was the site of a cavalry battle during the Battle of Nashville as well as CS Gen. James Chalmers's headquarters during the fight. Registration is only \$65 for the entire program with military, teachers and student discounts available.

### Confederate Soldiers to be Honored

The Harrodsburg City Commission approved a request Monday by David Moore to hold a June 6 memorial at Spring Hill Cemetery for fallen confederate soldiers. Moore, a Mercer County Senior High School teacher and Civil War re-enactor, said there are 32 confederate soldiers buried at Spring Hill, and they should be honored because they are Americans, even though they didn't win the war. The service would likely include a 21 gun salute, a guest speaker, and a question and answer session for matters related to either the war or the local fallen soldiers. Flags will also be placed on the graves.

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