

# EYES AND EARS



## IT'S A SURPRISE! YOU'LL BE SATISFIED!

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All we can tell you is that our own Read Majors is cooking up a surprise appearance and discussion that's sure to leave you satisfied with the topic and your decision to attend! Please make plans to join us.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ole Bedford Blackeye Pea & Sweet Potato Supper ,Murfreesboro	July 11
Forrest Seminar, Tour, and B'day Celebration - Memphis	July 11
July Meeting	July 30th

### Special Observance Days:

- July 1-3, 1863. Gettysburg.
- July 5, 1863. Morgan's raid on Lebanon, KY..
- July 13, 1821. Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest born. Bedford Co., TN. [July 13 - Nathan Bedford Forrest Day per T.C.A 15-2-101]
- July 13, 1862. 1st Battle of Murfreesboro [Forrest's Raid].

### N·O·T·I·C·E BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS IN CAMP ON MAY 28, 2009,

HAVING RECOGNIZED THAT THE TERM "CIVIL WAR"\* IS A FALSE AND MALICIOUS TERM OF PROPAGANDA BEGUN AND SPREAD BY THOSE DISTORTING THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE WAR OF NORTHERN AGRSSION, INTENDED SOLELY TO DENIGRATE AND CAST DISPERSION UPON THE VALIANT FIGHTING SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND CIVILIANS OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES WHO ENGAGED IN A LAWFUL AND MORAL STRUGGLE FOR THEIR OWN INDEPENDENCE AGAINST A TYRANNICAL ENEMY,

IT IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND SO ORDERED,  
AS A STANDING RULE OF ORDER,  
THAT ANY CAMP MEMBER UTTERING THE TERM  
"CIVIL WAR"  
AT A CAMP MEETING OR GATHERING SHALL BE FINED ONE DOLLAR {\$1.00}, PAYABLE IMMEDIATELY TO THE CAMP GENERAL FUND.

### Commander's Corner..

The first weekend of June was an exciting and very busy weekend for many from our Camp. I want to thank all those who attended events over the weekend. Some members were at all events and others came to various events as their schedules allowed. I know several of you had prior engagements and wanted to come but were not able due to your schedules. The weekend started off with over sixty ( by my count) people

attending a great Confederate Memorial Day service on the Lebanon Square. It was the largest attendance I believe I have ever seen at this service. The weather was beautiful with relatively low temperatures and a light breeze. I believe all who attended enjoyed themselves very much, and I appreciate all of the kind comments that were received about the ceremony. Speeches were made by Lebanon Mayor Philip Craighead, Former Mayor Don Fox and myself. I want to than Don for inviting the mayor and of course the Mayor's acceptance of our

invitation. I also want to thank David Belcher and some of the 46th Tennessee reenactors who acted as the honor guard and were dressed in period dress.

The second event of the weekend was our 2nd annual picnic at Don Fox Park. It was a delightful evening, everyone enjoying the weather, friendship, fellowship, great food ( and lots of it), and our children had a great time playing at the park. There were not as many of us as last year but those that were in attendance had a special time together.

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**Join us for  
the June  
Meeting on  
Thursday,  
June 25,  
7:00pm**





## Commander's Corner...(cont.)

The third and final SCV activity for the weekend was the Confederate Memorial Service at Carnton Mansion in Franklin. Again, David Belcher and the men of the 46th Tennessee acted as the honor guard for the event. State Senator Mark Norris was the keynote speaker. Once again, the weather was very pleasant with all the shade trees in the cemetery and the nice cool breeze. The ceremony was very well attended and very nicely presented. After the event, those of my family with us visited the Lotz house, a museum house across from the Carter House. The house owned by a German family who lived across from the Carter family at the time of the battle. The Lotz family and Carter's were in the Carter cellar for some 17 hours before, during and after the battle before they came out of hiding. I hope all of you have had the pleasure of visiting all the war sites in this fabulous city, the home of The Battle of Franklin. As you can see it was a busy weekend for many of us but a fun and exciting weekend.

Hope to see you at the meeting this month.

Confederately,  
Tom

## Thank you Don Scruggs for an interesting and informative discussion on the true history of the Ku Klux Klan - Who didn't pass the test !

\* "Civil War"

It was not a civil war. A civil war is when two or more factions contend for control of one government. At no time did the South intend or attempt to overthrow the government of the United States. The Southern states simply withdrew from what they correctly viewed as a voluntary union. They formed their own union and adopted their own constitution. The U.S. government remained intact. There were just fewer states, but everything else remained as exactly as it was. You can be sure that, had there been any legal basis whatsoever, the Northern victors would have tried Confederates for treason. There were none.

(borrowed in part from an essay by Charley Reese)



*Forrest*

### Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest

- Born : Chapel Hill, Tennessee, July 13, 1821
- Oldest of 12 children
- Enlisted in the Confederate Army on June 14, 1861 as a private
- "When I entered the Army I took 47 Negroes into the Army with me, and 45 of them were surrendered with me. I told these boys that this war was about slavery, and if we lose, you'll be made free. If we whip the fight and you stay with me you'll be made free. Either way you'll be made free. These boys stayed with me."
- Surrendered at Gainesville, Alabama on May 9, 1865 as a Lt. General
- Recognized as one of the most gifted and capable Cavalry Officers in history
- Delivered a speech of reconciliation and support of the Black community as the first white man invited to address the Jubilee of Pole Bearers in Memphis, Tennessee on July 5, 1875
- Died : Memphis, Tennessee, October 29, 1877



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### A Confederate Veteran Said It

"I always shot at privates. It was they that did the shooting and killing, and if I could kill or wound a private, why, my chances were so much the better. I always looked upon officers as harmless personages."

Sam R. Watkins, Private, C.S.A

