

Hello Everyone,

I wanted to follow up with you on our Camp's November and December plans ...we had hoped to be able to have an informal meeting in November with a potluck chili supper but unfortunately, we were not able to secure a suitable meeting location for such an event. However, I would like to encourage you to attend another event that was already being held in nearby Dunlap, TN for our November event/meeting. Our local Mechanized Calvary group is holding their 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Picnic in conjunction with our local Order of Confederate Rose members. Our brothers of the Wheeler-Long Camp are also having their monthly meeting in conjunction with this event, thus a wonderful opportunity to socialize with them too! This event will be held on Saturday November 24th (noon Eastern, 11am Central time) at the Dunlap Coke Ovens Park, in Dunlap, TN (Mountain View Cir, Dunlap, TN 37327). This is a very nice little park and they roll out the red carpet for the event, opening all the facilities and museum! If you have never been into the museum it is packed with local area history and Carson Camp (one of our great past programs speakers, he spoke on Wheeler's Raid last year) is always happy to share his wealth of knowledge too. This is a pot-luck event and EVERYONE is invited, just bring your favorite dish to share, and be prepared for some great fellowship. If you would like more information go to the website: www.facebook.com/events/141355546567059

December: While we will not hold an official meeting per say with a program, we do want to have an opportunity to get together and fellowship with one another. Last year we got together at Wally's and it was a great evening. We also asked everyone that wanted to do so to bring toy we could donate to a local toy drive...we'd like to do something similar again! On Tuesday evening December 11th we have a spot reserved at the Rib and Loin restaurant in Hixson, TN for 6:30pm (EST). This will be a buy your own dinner event but if you don't want to eat feel free to just show up and fellowship with everyone! Again, EVERYONE is invited! If you wish to do so please bring an unwrapped toy to be donated but this is certainly not a requirement for attending. We have also invited our brothers in Wheeler-Long Camp members to join us too. I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Wreaths Across America

At our latest camp meeting I noted that our Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery is on the list as a Wreaths Across America location. We had set this up a last year with the intent to have an event at that time but last year we had to forgo being a part of the Wreaths Across America event as we were in the process of taking ownership of the cemetery property and did not want to do anything that might jeopardize the effort at time. As it turns out Wreath Across America kept us on the list. Since now are owners of the cemetery, are still on the list as a location, and have had some wreaths donated we are going to move forward with an event at our cemetery in conjunction with the Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday December 15th this year.

If you search for locations here in Chattanooga you will find that there are two locations listed, ours and the National Cemetery. While we certainly don't want to take anything away from the ceremony/event at the National Cemetery, we do want to honor those veterans who lay at rest in our cemetery too. Our ceremony certainly will not be as elaborate as that of the National Cemetery but just as important

nonetheless as our mission is the same under the Wreaths Across America banner....Remember, Honor, and Teach.

REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

National Wreaths across America Day for 2018 is Saturday December 15th. We have several camp members who also are involved with the event at the National Cemetery (including myself) and as I have noted we certainly want to take nothing away from that event. So, in order to allow those who are involved there and those who might also want to attend both events our ceremony will be held at **10am** vs. the 12pm (EST) time of the event at the National Cemetery.

At the camp meeting someone asked when is the last day to donate wreaths? Per the Wreaths Across America website, the last date to sponsor a wreath is **November 27th**. This is to ensure that wreaths will be delivered on time to the designated location. If you wish to donate/sponsor a wreath you can go to the website www.wreathscrossamerica.org. Search under the Chattanooga locations and we are one of the two, the other being the National Cemetery of course. Our cemetery location is listed as **Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery (TNCHCF)**. I hope that you will join me at the event and in donating to this endeavor as it is certainly a worthwhile cause.

Respectfully yours,

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