

Greetings Everyone,

First, I would like to also thank all of those who have reached out to me over the past few weeks with the passing of my father. For your encouragement, sympathy, and kind words I cannot thank you enough!

I hope you all had good Thanksgiving and are now looking forward to a Great Christmas Holiday season. While we aren't having official camp meetings in November and December we do and have had some events. The Thanksgiving get together last weekend up at the Dunlap Coke Ovens Park, hosted by our Mechanized Calvary members, was great!!! We had some mighty fine Southern home cooking as anyone who attended can attest too! And, the best part was we enjoyed some fine fellowship with members of the Wheeler-Long Camp (Dunlap Camp, and a few members from other area camps too). Up next we have our camp Christmas Party on Tuesday the 11th (6pm) at Rib & Loin in Hixson. Everyone is invited and while not required, we encourage you to bring a new, unwrapped toy as we would like to collect as many as possible to donate to a local toy drive. Let's help make Christmas a little brighter for some local children who might not otherwise have such a great Christmas. Remember this is a buy your own meal event but even if you don't want to eat, come and join us to fellowship with everyone!

### **The Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin**

On this date in 1864 the Battle of Franklin, TN occurred. The Battle of Franklin is often overlooked in the annals of Civil War history being overshadowed by other more notable battles of the war. However, what shouldn't be overlooked is what happened on that late November afternoon and evening! The Confederate charge that was made was larger than Pickett's famous charge at Gettysburg and the outcome of the fight effectively ended the fighting effectiveness of the Confederate Army of Tennessee. If you don't know the story, you should! Here is a link to a good article to read about Franklin - [An Incident of the Battle of Franklin](#)

If you have not visited, you need too! Franklin is an awesome day trip just up the road towards Nashville. This is just one of the many Civil War jewels we have right here in our own home state. The Carter House, the Lotz House, Carnton Plantation (and the Confederate Cemetery there), as well as lots of other sites. Once there was very little to actually visit but now there are many sites because over the past dozen years or so many areas of the battlefield have been reclaimed. There is a wonderful visitors center and museum at the Carter House and a tour of Carnton is a must. While we have missed it this year, the memorial illumination ( [Battle of Franklin Memorial Illumination](#) ) is really a sight to behold. I had hoped to put together a trip up to it but recent events have necessarily altered many of my plans. The good news is this is an annual thing so hopefully next year we can make it happen and it is already on the planning chart!

I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party!

Respectfully Yours,  
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