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Sons of Confederate Veterans General Robert E. Rodes Camp #262 Tuscaloosa, Alabama



*I Salute The Confederate Flag With Affection, Reverence,
and Undying Devotion to the Cause for Which It Stands.*

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Gen RE Rodes Camp 262 will meet at 7 PM Jan 13th, 2011, at the Tuscaloosa Public Library. The winter storm we just endured is not predicted to cause any problems by that date.

The Lee-Jackson Banquet will be held on January 18th at 6:30 PM at the Circlewood Baptist Church. Our speaker will be Dr. Rable, who has spoke to our group before as many of you will remember. Our meal will be catered by Mrs. Leiticia Roberts and you will have a choice of beef or chicken. Meals will cost \$20 per person. Please bring your reservations to our December meeting or return them to me by January 4th, 2011. I will turn them over to the MOS&B who is in charge of organizing the Lee-Jackson Banquet this year.

Rick Price, MD; the SCVALADIV Surgeon, will present a Power Point presentation on The Gettysburg Campaign.

We need to begin thinking about things our Camp can do to help in commemorating the Sesquicentennial years of the War. The "politically correct" side of the news media is already beginning to put a negative slant on their stories about Sesquicentennial celebrations published thus far. We need to show people that no one should be ashamed of their Confederate ancestors. Lets try to attend as many re-enactments and other commemorative events as possible during the coming 4 years of the Sesquicentennial.

Members who have not yet paid their dues are reminded that re-instatement fees of \$7.50 are added , and their total dues are now \$67.50.

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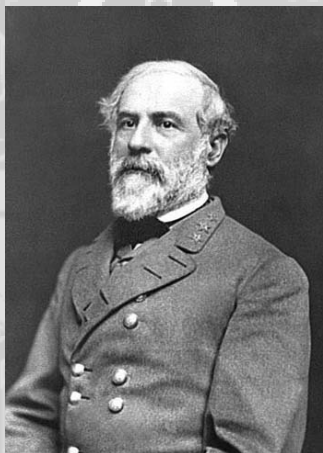
Upcoming Events

- 13 January - Camp Meeting
- 18 January - Lee-Jackson Dinner @ Circlewood Baptist Church
- 10 February - Camp Meeting
- 10 March - Camp Meeting
- 14 April - Camp Meeting



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REMINDER!!

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY
A CELEBRATION OF OUR CONFEDERATE
HERITAGE



What: **LEE-JACKSON BANQUET**, (hosted by
Gorgas Chapter, MOS&B)
When: 6:30 PM, Tuesday, January 18, 2011
Where: Circlewood Baptist Church (see directions below)

Speaker: Dr. George C. Rable, Professor of History at the University of Alabama and noted author and historian. Among his recent writings is his book entitled **Fredericksburg! Fredericksburg!**

Meal: A buffet is tentatively planned in lieu of a seated and served dinner

The meal cost is \$20.00 per plate. Please make your **RESERVATION NOT LATER THAN Monday, January 10th** (Note new date). Please send an e-mail to samrprof@aol.com or call 205-553-5267 to make your reservations. Or, if you like, make your reservations by mailing your check for \$20.00 per plate to the address given below. Please make your check payable to Gorgas Chapter, MOS&B.

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DIRECTIONS TO CIRCLEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

For those of you who are not familiar with Circlewood Baptist Church, it is located at 2201 Loop Road in Tuscaloosa. That is the road that runs by the Veteran's Hospital. It has ample, easily reached parking and a large meeting room. Directions to the church are:

Begin at the intersection of McFarland Boulevard (Hwy 82) and Hargrove Road at the corner of Snow Hinton Park. Turn east onto Hargrove Road and continue on Hargrove Road until you come to a red light where the entrance to Yorktown Commons Apts is on the right side of the road. It is not very far to the next red light where you must bear to the left onto Loop Road (Hargrove Road turns sharply to the right at this red light and you must bear left to get onto Loop Road).

Circlewood Baptist
Church

Hargrove Road

Loop Road

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Kicker Road

The *Rodes Brigade Report* is a monthly publication by the Robert E. Rodes SCV Camp #262 to preserve the history and legacy of the citizen-soldiers who, in fighting for the Confederacy, personified the best qualities of America. The preservation of liberty and freedom was the motivating factor in the South's decision to fight the *Second American Revolution*. The tenacity with which Confederate soldiers fought underscored their belief in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. These attributes are the underpinning of our democratic society and represent the foundation on which this nation was built.

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved. Edited by James B. Simms; non-member subscriptions are available for \$15. Please send information, comments, or inquiries to Robert E. Rodes Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #262, PO Box 1417, Tuscaloosa, AL 34501 or jbsimms@comcast.net.

General Robert Emmet Rodes (1829-1864)

The Robert E. Rodes Camp #262 is named in memory of Robert Emmet Rodes. General Rodes was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, on March 30, 1829; the son of General David Rodes and Martha Yancey. Attending Virginia Military Institute, he graduated in July 1848, standing 10th in a class of 24 graduates; Assistant Professor (Physical Science, Chemistry, Tactics) at VMI, 1848-1850. He married Virginia Hortense Woodruff (1833-1907), of Tuscaloosa, Alabama in September 1857. They had 2 children: Robert Emmet Rodes, Jr. (1863-1925) and a daughter, Bell Yancey Rodes (1865-1931). He taught at VMI as an assistant professor until 1851. He left when a promotion he wanted to full professor was given instead to Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, a future Confederate general and commander of his. Rodes used his civil engineering skills to become chief engineer for the Alabama & Chattanooga Railroad in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He held this position until the start of the Civil War. Although born a Virginian, he chose to serve his adopted state of Alabama.

He started his Confederate service as a Colonel in command of the 5th Alabama Infantry regiment, in the brigade commanded by Major General Richard S. Ewell, with which he first saw combat at the 1st Bull Run. He was promoted to Brigadier General on October 21, 1861, and commanded a brigade under Major General Daniel H. Hill. In the Peninsula Campaign, Rodes was wounded in the arm at Seven Pines and was assigned to light duty in the defenses of Richmond, Virginia while he recuperated.

He recovered in time for General Robert E. Lee's first invasion of the north in September, 1862, fighting at South Mountain and Sharpsburg. At Sharpsburg, he commanded one of two brigades that held out so long against the Union assault on the sunken road, or "Bloody Lane", at the center of the Confederate line, suffering heavy casualties. Rodes was lightly wounded by shell fragments.

At Chancellorsville, Rodes was a division commander in Stonewall Jackson's corps. He was the only division-level commander in Lee's army who had not graduated from West Point. He was temporarily placed in command of the corps on May 2, 1863, when Jackson was mortally wounded and Lieutenant General A.P. Hill was also wounded, but Lee quickly replaced him with the more experienced Major General J.E.B. Stuart. Jackson on his deathbed recommended that Rodes be promoted to major general and this promotion was back-dated to be effective May 2nd.

When Lee reorganized the Army of Northern Virginia to compensate for the loss of Jackson, Rodes joined the II Corps under Ewell. At Gettysburg, on July 1, Rodes led the assault south from Oak Hill against the right flank of the Union I Corps. Although he successfully routed the division of Major Gen. John C. Robinson and drove it back through the town, the attack was not as well coordinated or pursued as aggressively as his reputation would have implied. His division sat mostly idle for the remaining two days of the battle. After performing poorly at Gettysburg, and recovered his reputation somewhat by performing better at Spotsylvania Court House.

Rodes continued to fight with Ewell's corps through the Overland Campaign of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. Ewell was replaced by Major General Jubal A. Early and his corps was sent by Lee to the Shenandoah Valley to draw Union forces away from the Siege of Petersburg, in the Valley Campaign. They conducted a long and successful raid down the Valley, into Maryland, and reached the outskirts of Washington, D.C., before turning back. Major Gen. Philip Sheridan was sent by Grant to drive Early from the Valley.

On September 19, 1864, Sheridan attacked the Confederates at Opequon/3rd Winchester. Several wives of Confederate officers were chased from town during the attack and Rodes managed to save Major Gen. John B. Gordon's wife from capture. Rodes and Gordon prepared to attack Sheridan's forces when Rodes was struck in the back of his head by a Union shell fragment. He died on the field outside Winchester.

Rodes was a modest but inspiring leader. He was mourned by the Confederacy as a promising, brave, and aggressive officer killed before he could achieve greatness. Lee and other high-ranking officers wrote sympathetic statements. He was buried at Spring Hill Cemetery in Lynchburg, Virginia next to his brother, Virginius Hudson Rodes; and his parents. His wife Virginia Hortense is buried in Alabama, her home state.

His Major Commands included Rodes's Brigade/D.H. Hill's Division and Rodes Division/II Corps.

Support Your Confederate Heritage



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Remember:

1. The SCV Specialty Tag is an OFFICIAL, LEGALLY RECOGNIZED LICENSE PLATE as established by an act of the Alabama Legislature (<http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/scv.htm>). The Battle Flag exhibited in this manner can NOT be discriminated against or removed by any government entity, corporation, employer or person without violating the law. IMAGINE! While politicians remove our flag from public view, one at a time, we will be displaying our Flag by the thousands to the public, furthering Confederate Pride and Loyalty.
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Be sure to select the SCV tag!

* The cost of reserving a personalized plate is \$2 and payment must be made online using either VISA or MASTERCARD. Once approved, the reservation will be valid for five business days. You will not be charged if DOR rejects your request

Historical Markers of Tuscaloosa County & Surrounding Area

Site of Franklin Hall (The Mound)

Franklin Hall, an early University dormitory designed by Capt. William Nichols, was erected on this site in 1835. Was one of the buildings destroyed by the Union raid on April 4, 1865. After Civil War the remains of the structure were shaped into present mound. By early 20th century this mound had become traditional site for honorary tappings by The University. Marker donated by Phi Mu Sorority in commemoration of its 50th anniversary at the University of Alabama.

Confederate Generals Birthdays for January

General Robert Edward Lee - 19 Jan. 1807- Westmoreland, Va.

Lt. General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson - 21 Jan. 1824 - Clarksburg, Va.

Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury - 14 Jan. 1806 - Spotsylvania Co., Va.

Lt. General James Longstreet - 8 Jan. 1821 - Edgefield Dist, S.C.

Lt. General Richard Taylor - 27 Jan. 1826 - Louisville, Ky.

Maj. General John Cabell Breckenridge - 15 Jan. 1821 - Lexington, Ky.

Maj. General John Calvin Brown - 6 Jan. 1827 - Giles County, Tenn.

Maj. General Franklin Gardner - 29 Jan. 1823 - New York City, N.Y.

Maj. General Thomas Carmichael Hindman - 28 Jan. 1828 - Knoxville, Tenn.

Maj. General Joseph Brevard Kershaw - 5 Jan. 1822 - Camden, S.C.

Maj. General Lafayette McLaws - 15 Jan. 1821 - Augusta, Ga.

Maj. General George Edward Pickett - 28 Jan. 1825 - Richmond, Va.

Maj. General Jones Mitchell Withers - 12 Jan. 1814 - Madison Co., Ala.

Brig. General Abraham Buford - 18 Jan. 1820 - Woodford Co., Ky.

Brig. General William Lewis Cabell - 1 Jan. 1827 - Danville, Va.

Brig. General James Ronald Chalmers - 11 Jan. 1831 - Halifax Co., Va.

Brig. General John Randolph Chambliss Jr. - 23 Jan. 1833 - Greenville Co., Va.

Brig. General James Chestnut Jr. - 18 Jan. 1815 - Camden, S.C.

Brig. General James Holt Clanton - 8 Jan. 1827 - Columbia Co., Ga.

Brig. General John Bullock Clark Jr. - 14 Jan. 1831 - Fayette, Missouri

Brig. General George Blake Cosby - 19 Jan. 1830 - Louisville, Ky.

Brig. General Alfred Cummings - 30 Jan. 1829 - Augusta, Ga.

Brig. General Henry Brevard Davidson - 28 Jan. 1831 - Shelbyville, Tenn.

Brig. General Joseph Robert Davis - 12 Jan. 1825 - Woodville, Maine

Brig. General John Wesley Frazer - 6 Jan. 1827 - Hardin Co., Tenn.

Brig. General Lucius Jeremiah Gartell - 7 Jan. 1821 - Wilkes Co., Ga.

Brig. General Richard Caswell Gatlin - 18 Jan. 1809 - Lenior, N.C.

Brig. General Henry Gray - 19 Jan. 1816 - Laurens District, S.C.

Brig. General Thomas Green - 8 Jan. 1814 - Amelia Co., Va.

Brig. General Richard Griffith - 11 Jan. 1814 - Philadelphia, Pa.

Brig. General James Morrison Hawes - 7 Jan. 1824 - Lexington, Ky.

Brig. General Alexander Travis Hawthorne - 10 Jan. 1825 - Conecuh Co., Ala.

Brig. General Alfred Eugene Jackson - 11 Jan. 1807 - Davidson Co., Tenn.

Brig. General John Doby Kennedy - 5 Jan. 1840 - Camden, S.C.

Brig. General William Whedbee Kirkland - 13 Jan. 1833 - Hillsborough, N.C.

Brig. General Robert Doak Lilley - 28 Jan. 1836 - Greenville, Va.

Brig. General William Whann Mackall - 18 Jan. 1817 - Cecil Co., Md.

Brig. General Humphrey Marshall - 13 Jan 1812 - Frankfort, Ky.

Brig. General William Henry Fitzhugh Payne - 27 Jan. 1830 - Fauquier Co., Va.

Brig. General William Raine Peck - 31 Jan. 1818 - Jefferson Co., Tenn.

Brig. General John Pegram - 24 Jan. 1832 - Petersburg, Va.

Brig. General John Seldon Roane - 8 Jan. 1817 - Wilson Co., Tenn.

Brig. General Daniel Ruggles - 31 Jan. 1810 - Barrie, Mass.

Brig. General James Phillip Simms - 16 Jan. 1837 - Covington, Ga.

Brig. General Merriwether Jeff Thompson - 22 Jan. 1826 - Harpers Ferry, Va.

Brig. General Lloyd Tilghman - 18 Jan. 1816 - Claiborne, Md.

Brig. General Richard Waterhouse - 12 Jan. 1832 - Rhea Co., Tenn.

Brig. General Thomas Neville Waul - 5 Jan. 1813 - Sumter Dist., S.C.

Brig. General William Hugh Young - 1 Jan. 1838 - Boonville, Missouri

Audemus jura nostra defendere



We Dare Defend Our Rights

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish.



Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations. Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us the undeniable birthright of our Southern Heritage and the vision, desire, and courage to see it perpetuated.

You can know a man in all his depth or shallowness by his attitude toward the Southern Banner.

A People Without Pride in Their Heritage, Is a Nation Without Purpose." - Walter E. Dockery

Deo Vindice

LEST WE FORGET

Our quest shall ever be
That we shall again see
The Battle Flag of Lee
Returned to the dome of the
First Capital of the Confederacy

