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Tuesday, June 9, 6:00 pm

General Polk and His Presence in Alabama

Speaker: Amanda Warren

**!!! NEW MEETING TIME
6:00 PM !!!**

This Month During the War Between the States (1861-1865)

June 2, 1861	P.G.T. Beauregard take command of the Confederate force in Northern Virginia
June 8, 1861	Tennessee voters approve referendum to secede
June 1, 1862	General Robert E. Lee takes command of the Army of Northern Virginia
June 12, 1862	J.E.B. Stuart begins his "Ride Around McClellan"
June 19, 1862	Lincoln signs a law prohibiting slavery in the Western territories
June 25, 1862	Seven Days Battles begin at Oak Grove (French's Field), Va.
June 9, 1863	Battle of Brandy Station (Fleetwood Heights), Va.
June 13-15, 1863	Battle of Second Winchester
June 28, 1863	Union Major General George G. Meade replaces Joseph Hooker as head of the Army of the Potomac
June 8, 1864	Lincoln nominated for a second term as U.S. President
June 15, 1864	First attack on Petersburg, Va.
June 27, 1864	Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Ga.

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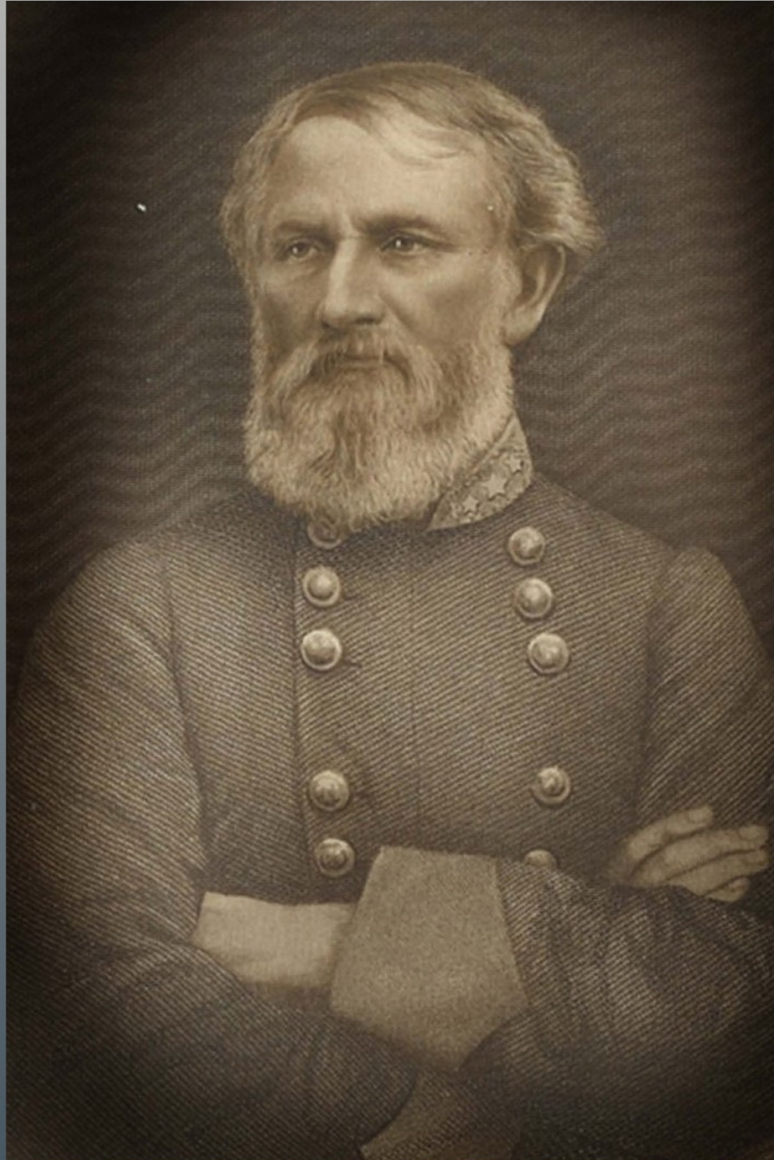
Alabama: We Dare Defend Our Rights

"The principal for which we contended is bound to reassert itself, though it may be at another time and in another form." - Jefferson Davis, May 1865

The Fighting Joe Wheeler Camp presents

General Leonidas Polk and His Presence in Alabama

by
Amanda Warren



June 9, 2026
New Merkel House
6:00pm



Commander's Report



June 2026

Gentleman, Brothers, Compatriots,

I'm writing you this dispatch from Fort Morgan Rd. I'm staying 5 miles from the fort and yesterday was able to take my brother and his kids to the fort and give them a tour. It's awesome seeing the kids get into the history. And hopefully I can get my brother to join one of the greatest camps down here in Baldwin county.

Wow, this year is flying by. I'll have some more specific updates for the camp meeting, but here are a few things I want to highlight:

- we have a gun show coming up in late July.
- we're going to organize a camp night out at the Barons; I'll have some dates at the camp meeting.
- We are honored to hear from Mrs. Amanda Warren speaking on General Polk in Alabama.

I look forward to seeing you all shortly. Sorry for the brevity of my message this month, I'm defending the beach against Yankees with my nephew and his new toy gun from the fort gift shop.

Deo Vindici,

Spencer Harris



Chaplain's Report



Reading from the book of Daniel 12:4 - *“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”*

The Book of Daniel is full of prophecy about the end times and the Second Coming of Christ to this earth. In last month's Chaplain's Report I talked about one of the prerequisites....the return of the Jewish people to the Holy Land as a nation and reestablishing control of Jerusalem which happened in 1967.....59 years ago this week.

Daniel 12:4 is interpreted to foretell an explosion in both global travel (people moving rapidly across the Earth) and knowledge (exponential growth in information and understanding). There has never been any bigger expansion of travel since the introduction of aircraft and automobiles in the 20th century and it is growing more rapidly decade after decade. And even more recently the exponential growth in information & knowledge via the internet, 24x7 news outlets and everyone walking around with an iPhone/computer in your pocket to get this information instantly. Jesus also talked about wars of unimaginable scale preceding the Second Coming and he was talking about carnage far beyond what the American Civil War produced. Advances in weapons, especially nuclear weapons, now make this kind of epic scale of war possible.

The Bible says no one knows exactly when Christ will come again except God, but a lot of things that had to happen first in Bible prophecy have happened very recently in the context of overall recorded history. I said it last month in my report and I'll say it again.... the Bible is a very old book, but praise God for its relevance in the times we live in and events to come culminating with Christ's victorious return to Earth.

Deo Vindice
Tim Whitfield,
Chaplain FJW Camp 1372



Reader's Corner



Recent meetings

Gentlemen,

If you have heard any of my presentations to our Post, you know mine are not about battles, strategies, troop movements, etc. I am glad to hear others speak of such, but I cared for enough Vets in training and in 3 years of Active Duty, caring for both Vets and Active Duty personnel, and their families to be all too familiar with the after effects of battle. My father died from asbestos inhaled during Pacific Warfare; his best friend and my cousin's plane was sabotaged here in the US during the Korean Conflict; and so goes the Moss blood-letting on back to the American Revolution. As some of you have experienced in your own families, I have tasted the cost of war, and it is bitter, even with "just wars". Lee is quoted as saying "It is well that war is so terrible, otherwise we should grow too fond of it."

Well said, General! Thus, my talks are aimed at helping us understand the "whys" and the "hows" and the "collateral damages" and "unintended consequences".

In that vein, I bring this recommendation to you. It is really a booklet, only 46 pages of text and a 3 page Bibliography. Some pages are footnoted, which I found very helpful. The prime ideas from Murray Rothbard's (1926-1995) 1962 opus of 987 pages are briefly but sufficiently expressed in this short summary published by Mises Institute located in Auburn, Alabama. They had free copies which could be ordered online, if supplies still last. It is a surprisingly easy read for such poignant ideas!

I urge each of you to obtain this short booklet for the simple reason that the principles espoused therein, give a fine nuance to understanding The War Between The States that I have not found elsewhere, AND, go far in explaining the progressive deterioration of "the republic" in our own time.



Reader's Corner



I don't want to go into details because each thought and page build on the previous pages and their understandings.

Goes into my Top 20 Reads of my lifetime! If you check Murray N. Rothbard online, the responses run the gamut. Many are not complementary. He did not romanticize government nor mankind. His strong belief in free markets (after all, Rothbard was trained in business and economics, with a bent toward history) lead him to be labeled an "anarcho-capitalist" by some. Many of the negative comments on line show a shallow if any understanding of the man's work. Would doubt some of the mouths have even read any of them. Rothbard is associated with the Austrian School of Economics, which is certainly not "Christian", but from my studies the closest to Biblical principles of any school of economics.

So, Be Brave! Be better informed! Get and read this little booklet. Would love to discuss the ideas in it with any of you!

Veritas vindicate,
Dr Fred Moss (former LCDR, USNR,
Medical Corp), SISH

