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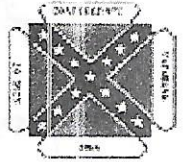


Mr. Dan McCaskill
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"Remember, it is your DUTY to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations" — Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee



Commander's Note: Commander Earl McCown, Jr.



Compatriots,

The time for reflecting and resting on our laurels is past!! Now is the time for us to take action. We must now take the initiative and enter the battle. Our Confederate Heritage is under attack from all sides. If we are not strong and take up the fight, we can forget any and all good things that have happened to us in the past. We must pool our talents, time and our finances toward this cause. We must write letters to the people responsible for the attacks on our Battleflag, particularly at Natchez and on the Gulf Coast. We cannot afford to stand back and watch as others carry on the fight. When you write letters, please use common sense, be gentlemanly in what you say and how you say it. Kindness will surely gain more for us than hostility. There are form letters available for those of us who are not good at composing letters. Our Confederate Monuments are also under attack, we must take action now to protect them. Remember, we are not alone in this battle. The entire Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans are with us, they need our support and we cannot survive without them.

April is Confederate Heritage Month. We will again celebrate Confederate Memorial Day on the Division level at Beauvoir on Saturday, April 29th and as a Camp at Greenville on Sunday, April 30th. We will talk about this at our April meeting.

It is important that you be at our Camp meetings. There are decisions and plans to be made. Without your attendance and input we will have a difficult time operating this Camp. The officers cannot run this Camp without you. This is, after all, your Camp and you are a vital part in the daily operations.

We can take part in this great battle or we can relegate our Ancestors to an insignificant, shadowy place in a soon to be forgotten place in our history. The choice is yours, but I know I can count on you to defend our Confederate Heritage.

I hope to see you April 20th at our next meeting.

Your Obedient Servant,

Earl McCown, Jr., Commander

March Meeting was a Success

The March meeting was a great success with 40 people in attendance. Everyone had the opportunity to share stories with one another about their ancestors during the war. Many people brought artifacts and pictures that belonged to their ancestors. One item was a 168 year old family bible that was brought by compatriot Larry McCluney. Fun and fellowship was shared by all and plans are being made to do this again before the end of the year.

Thanks goes out to all of those who brought food that night. A special thank you was expressed by the Sutlers of the Fort Pemberton Reenactment that came to the meeting. They were quoted, "We enjoyed the meeting and the fellowship. Your camp has something special with its down home atmosphere. Don't lose that and you will grow even more." Commander McCown gave the sutlers an open invitation to them to attend our meetings anytime they are back in town. Compatriots let's keep up the good work and not ever lose our fellowship like atmosphere regardless how big we get.

April Meeting will highlight Confederate Memorial Day Plans

Our next meeting will be held on 20 April 2000 and it will highlight plans for our Confederate Memorial Service at the UDC Monument in the Greenville Cemetery. We have had great success in attracting public attention to ourselves there and have adopted as our focal cemetery for such services. Dan McCaskill has been working hard to repair Confederate soldiers headstones there and should be ready for rededication soon. Our program will include the film on the Fort Pemberton Reenactment that Ann McCaskill made on Saturday, 20 March. It highlights the speech given by Senator Frank Williams better known as Frank Aderholdt, Jr.

Make plans to attend the meeting and the Memorial service. We need to show up in force Compatriots because the new attacks on our heritage by the NAACP is focusing on our monuments. Don't be a back seat Rebel, lead the charge!!!

SAVE THE FLAGS: Flag Preservation Update

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Everyone's help is needed to preserve the honorable flags of our Confederate forefathers. Collector's mugs of the 17th Mississippi flag are being made now and will be available soon with a \$25 donation. Ron Stowers is asking

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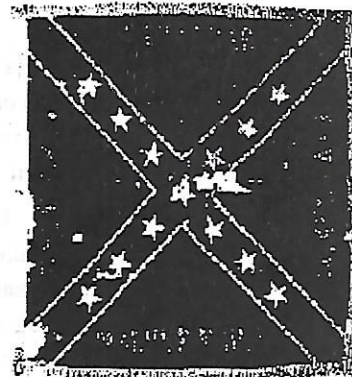
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Ron Stowers

Save-the-battle Flags Committee



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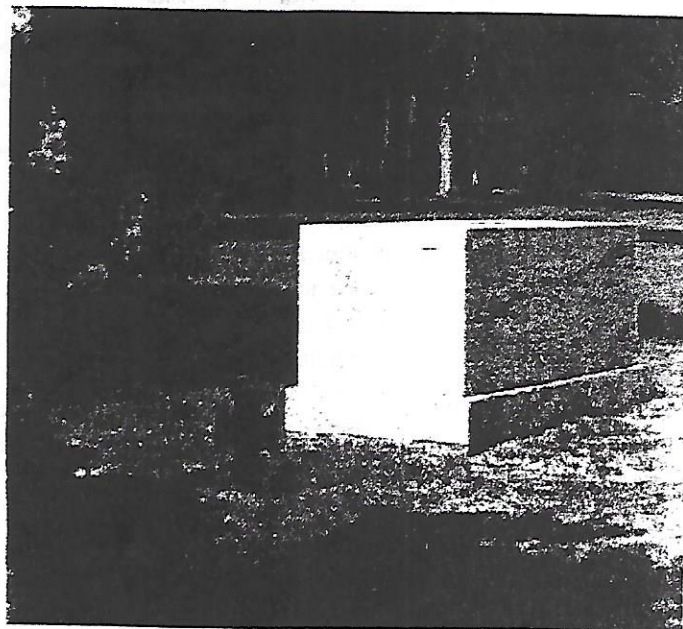
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Mark your calendars to join with your compatriots and guests at the Annual Division Confederate Memorial Service. It will be held on Saturday 29 April at Beauvoir. The service will begin at 2:00 pm at the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier. Beauvoir Board Chairman Rick Forte will deliver a short history of the Tomb and the Confederate Soldier interred within. This will be the twentieth anniversary of the erection of the tomb.

The guest speaker will be the Honorable Robert Hawkins. Bob is currently serving as Executive Director of Beauvoir. He has previously held numerous positions in both the SCV and MOSB, including Commander-in-Chief of both organizations. All camps are requested to have a wreath present and send a representative to present it at the Tomb.



Confederate Memorial Day To Be Celebrated at the Greenville Cemetery

The Camp will once again celebrate Confederate Memorial Day at the Greenville Cemetery. The event will feature the presentation of Colors by the Camp Color Guard Unit. Camp Chaplain Frank Aderhodt, Jr. will give a message, bag pipe music, a laying of the wreath at the UDC monument in the cemetery, and a rifle salute. The Ella Palmer Chapter #9, Order of the Confederate Rose also plans to do a Rose ceremony and invites everyone to participate. Afterwards, mem-

bers, guests, and friends are invited to place flags at each of the graves of the Confederate Soldiers.

This is our opportunity to make this event the biggest Memorial Day ever so we can show the community the truth about our Confederate Heritage especially during this time of attacks upon our heritage. We must not forget or surrender the Cause that has been passed down to us from our Ancestors. We must turnout in large num-

bers to show our support and the stand that we are willing to take to protect our heritage. Bring your lawn chair and make every effort to attend this important event.



Heritage Violations

NATCHEZ — As you know, on September 20, 1999, the Confederate Battle-flag was taken down from the visitors center in Natchez, Mississippi, by order of Mayor Larry L. Brown. The Mississippi Division has designated this action as a serious heritage violation and views it with the greatest disgust. All members of the SCV are encouraged to mail your Heritage Violation cards that are included in the latest issue of *CONFEDERATE VETERANS MAGAZINE* to protest this outrage. The Division also encourages people to write letters. There will be some form letters available at the next meeting to follow. If you will look at the latest issue of the *JEFF DAVIS LEGION* addresses and contacts are provided who we need to be writing to about this serious offense.

BILOXI — After the County Board of supervisors voted to keep the Battle Flag up on the Eight Flags over Mississippi Display on the Gulf Coast Beach, more controversy has arisen with the arrival of David Duke, former Grand Imperial Wizard of the Klan which has harmed the efforts of our Compatriots on the Coast. They have a fight on their hands and maybe calling upon our support to keep the flag up over their.

GREENWOOD — Now close to home. Rumor has it that the Greenwood City Council is planning to take the same action as the Jackson City Council did in banning the State Flag from the City Council Chambers. We maybe called upon to write letters of protest on this matter but until more information comes available, we will sit tight and observe till we can

form a plan of action.

ALABAMA — Angered that Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman declared April "Confederate History and Heritage Month," black lawmakers in the state asked him to amend the proclamation to include a condemnation of slavery. Siegelman, a Democrat, was elected in 1998 with strong support from blacks. Spokeswoman Carrie Kurlander said Siegelman "certainly condemns slavery," but that "with regard to this proclamation, it's already been issued." The governor's office would review any request for a new proclamation, she said.

JACKSON — The Mississippi state flag, which contains the Confederate battle banner, will no longer be displayed in the City Council's chambers. The council voted 6-0 on Tuesday, with one ab-

stention, to permanently remove the flag. The flag disappeared from the meeting room in February and had not been replaced. Councilman Kenneth Stokes, who is black, acknowledged removing the flag, saying it is racist symbol and offensive to blacks. A man opposed to removing the flag stormed out of the meeting. "After you go through the Stars and Bars, the next thing will be the Stars and Stripes," H.O. Walker said.

Calls at the state level to change the flag have largely been ignored. Rep. Keith Montgomery said while the City Council has the right to keep the flag out, the move is insulting to the state. "This is the flag of the state of Mississippi. It should be displayed with the honor and reverence it deserves," the Republican said.

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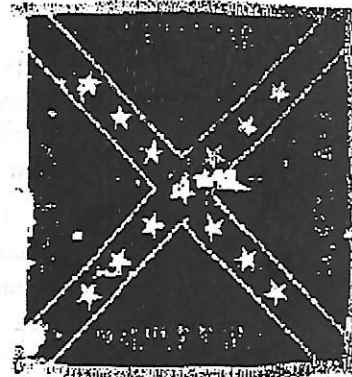
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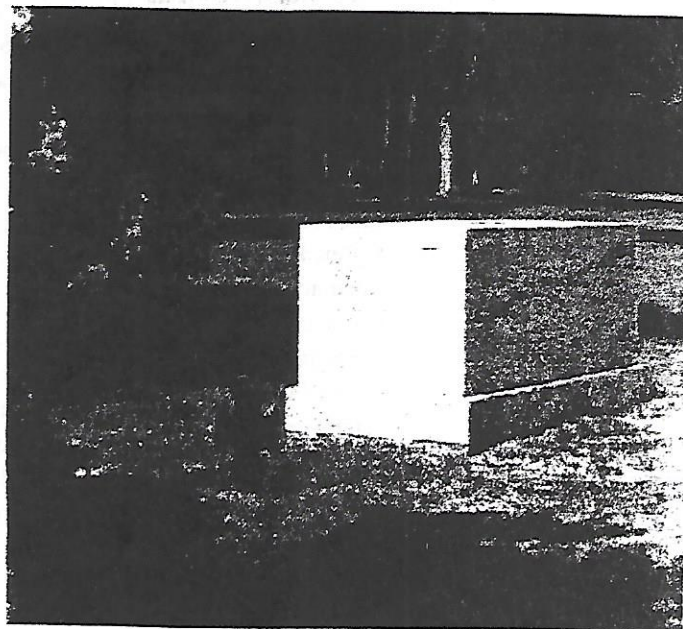
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Confederate Heritage Support By Sons of Union Veterans

Dear Friends,

The Sons of Union Veterans of the "Civil" War (SUVCW) has demonstrated another goodwill gesture towards the honourable remembrance of our Confederate ancestors. These descendants of Union soldiers have included in their webpage a special section called "Confederate Cousins" <http://suvchw.org/reb.htm>. They have recently added a link to the website of Mrs. Alberta Martin, the Last Known Living Widow of a Confederate Veteran. <http://lastconfederatewidow.com/>

As most of you know, in 1996 the SUVCW came out with the strongest of all possible resolutions supporting the displaying of the Confederate Battle Flag in any and all appropriate locations. One of their Past Commander-in-Chiefs, David Medert, expressed to me recently his desire that our Jan. 8, 2000 endeavors in Columbia would be successful.

It appears to me that the direct descendants of some Union soldiers were taught to respect the memory of the awesome fighting Confederate Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines. In this time of constant attacks on our heritage, let us remember the recent support of our Confederate heritage demonstrated to us by the Sons of Union Veterans. Although the SUVCW does not believe or endorse the political aims of our Confederate ancestors concerning the War for Southern Independence; nevertheless, they have shown more goodwill towards honoring the memory of these valiant men than any other non-Southern organization of which I know. Please consider visiting the website and e-mailing with words of thanks for their past and continuing goodwill. Please e-mail Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison. pcinc@prodigy.net

Confederate Regards,
Dr. Ken Chancey

Power of Attorney for Mrs. Alberta Martin, the Last Known Living Widow of a Confederate Veteran, Member of Sons of Confederate Veterans, the League of the South, and Sons of the American Revolution

Flying Rebel Flag Divisive, Clinton Says From the Los Angeles times, March 30, 2000

To the applause of a racially mixed audience in Columbia, South Carolina, President Clinton said the Confederate flag flying over the statehouse remains a painful and divisive symbol. But Clinton stopped short of saying outright that the flag should come down. He seemed resolved to keep the rhetoric low at a time when a compromise over the flag may be at hand. "As long as the waving symbol of one American's pride is the shameful symbol of another American's pain, we still have bridges to cross," Clinton said during a fund-raising tribute to Rep. James E. Clyburn (D-S.C.), who leads the Congressional Black Caucus. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People calls the flag a racist emblem and is leading a tourism boycott of South Carolina until it is removed.

Welcome New OCR and SCV Members to the Camp

The editor would like to take this opportunity to welcome to our family three new members:


Mr. John McEachern Read, Jr who comes to us by his ancestor Great-Great Cousin, 1st Lt. Charles William "Savez" Read, Confederate States Navy

Mr. Thomas Wynne Haik, Jr. who comes to us by his ancestor Great-Great-Grandfather William W. Wynne, Pvt., Co. K, 32nd Alabama Infantry

Ms. Willie Francis Lindsey who comes to us under the referral of her son Ralph Lindsey, Sr. She is the Great Grand-daughter of of William David Marlow, Sgt., Co. F, 30th Mississippi Infantry

Mr. James C. Morgan III who comes to us by his ancestor Major William Henry Morgan, Co. B, 3rd Mississippi Infantry

Call to Division/Society Conventions in Laurel, Ms



Complete details and reservation forms will be included in the April issue of the *Jeff Davis Legion*. I would like to urge each of our members to make your reservations early. Please understand that there will be deadlines to reservations and rooms for this event. Some general information Camp members will need: *Reservations will be made at the Ramada Inn (601-649-9100) (Attn: Belinda)*. Room rates are \$65.00. *Registration Fee: \$15.00 Luncheon: \$10.00 per person*, Rev. John Killian will be the guest speaker *Awards Banquet: \$20.00 per person*, guest speaker will be Charley Reese *Ancestor Memorials: are \$5.00 per Confederate Ancestor to be included in the programs*. Send fee plus their name, rank, and unit.

We urge all members to try and make plans for the Convention to discuss important issues and heritage violations around the Division. Registration fees, Memorials, Luncheon and Banquet costs can be mailed to:

Carl Ford, Chairman

1010 Rogers

Laurel, Ms 3944

(Attn: Brenda)

Women of the Confederacy Monument Conservation Project

The beautiful monument to the Women of the Confederacy which stands on the South front of the Mississippi Capitol is in need of conservation and cleaning. It exhibits "typical" deterioration and corrosion for a sculpture exposed unprotected to the elements for more than eighty years. The Department of Archives and History has applied for a grant from the SOS (Save Outdoor Sculpture) National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property to clean, repair, and apply professionally recognized conservation treatments to help preserve the monument. The grant is for \$8,000 and requires another \$8,000 to match, making a total of \$16,000. Mr. Elbert Hilliard, Director of the Department of Archives and History, has asked if the SCV and the UDC would be willing to undertake a project to raise this \$8,000 match.

The Mississippi Division SCV Executive Council considered that at its February meeting and approved adopting this as a recognized Division project. Since that time, the project received the very generous offer of a contribution of \$2,000 from an SCV member in the Jefferson Davis Camp #635. The Executive Council approved the recommendation that each Division Camp attempt to contribute \$100 in this effort. This, with the \$2,000 individual contribution would result in something like \$6,000.

It is planned to have the conservation work completed in time for a ceremony on June 3, 2002, which would begin a year's observance concluding on June 3, 2003, which is the centennial of the dedication of the New Capitol. This monument was erected through the efforts of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Our people put it there in the single most prominent site in Mississippi. It greatly behooves us to do what is necessary to care for it. It is a wonderful opportunity for our organization to conduct a worthy, positive, and very public activity which will receive significant publicity.

Contributions should be sent by May 31, 2000, to Tom Waggener, Division Adjutant, Rt. 3, Box 152, Taylorsville, Mississippi 39168. Individual contributions are tax deductible.



Ella Palmer Chapter #9, OCR President's Note

Ladies and Gentlemen of the South,

As you know, our governor has proclaimed April as Confederate Heritage month. It is up to us to take advantage of this opportunity to show the area what means to be a true Confederate patriot by displaying our flag during the month of April.

April will be a very busy month for us as we prepare for the Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony at Greenville. I have asked the men to allow us to do the Rose Ceremony so we need to discuss the details on this at the next meeting. Also, Larry has informed me that the Color Guard has been requested to put on a living history at the Grenada Masonic Lodge once again on Saturday, 22 April. They will camp out on Good Friday there and present a program that Saturday. This is a good opportunity to inform the public about confederate Heritage. The public is invited and there will be a lunch served as well. I will attend to represent the OCR and I encourage you to as well. We must do what ever we can to inform the public about the truth.

I have been asked to run for an OCR State Society office and I am still thinking this over. I could use your support and encouragement as I think this over and determine if I will accept the nomination. Please keep me in your prayers on this matter.

Also, two of our own need our prayers, Ms. Barbra Daigre will be having possible laser surgery on one of her eyes and Ms. Susan Williams father is in the Greenwood Leflore Hospital with lung cancer.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on April 20.

Confederately,

Annette McCluney, President



Chaplain's Corner By Frank Aderholdt, Jr.

**- Let us keep Susan Williams' father and
Barbra Daigre in our prayers.**



A Godly Heritage

Every true Southerner needs to know the story of "Christ in the Camp," the religious influences and Christian revivals in the Confederate armies. The following is a paragraph from the classic work by E. Merton Coulter, *The Confederate States of America, 1861-1865*:

Many preachers became chaplains in the army; others became active officers, among them Brigadier General William N. Pendleton, chief of artillery of the Army of Northern Virginia, and Major General Leonidas Polk of the Army of Tennessee, previously Bishop of Louisiana. What the former said on one occasion before ordering the artillery to fire became a standing bit of conversation in the Confederacy. It was variously reported, this being one of the versions: "While we kill their bodies, may the Lord have mercy on their sinful souls - FIRE!" The great preachers of the Confederacy, Palmer, Bishop Elliott, Charles Todd Quintard, and many lesser ones, visited the Confederate armies, especially the armies in the West, and, aided by the army chaplains, converted and baptized probably as many as 150,000 soldiers and a half-dozen or more generals, including Joseph E. Johnston, John B. Hood, and William J. Hardee. For a time vice among the soldiers was routed, and the Confederate army took on the nature of Cromwell's Ironsides. The greatest of the revivals broke out in the winter of 1863-1864. A North Carolina soldier in March, 1864, wrote from Orange Courthouse, Virginia, "We have preaching almost every night. Our Brigade has constructed a very neat and very comfortable log house as a Chapel and we have preaching in it almost every day." "Let the voice of prayer mingle with the din of arms," exclaimed an Alabama Baptist. Many Confederate commanders needed no conversion, for religion was so much a part of their lives that they could have claimed the right to convert others. Such were Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, Episcopalian and Presbyterian respectively, both of whom constantly gave the Lord credit for their victories.

The record of true religion and genuine revivals in the Confederacy and its armies is a thrilling one. On a regular basis, God willing, we will recount some of the inspiring stories of God's rich blessings upon our faithful ancestors. From privates to generals, the faith of many Confederate soldiers was deep and unshakable. They fought not simply for land or liberty, but for the purity of the Gospel and a Bible-based culture. May we follow their example!

ANCESTOR MEMORIALS

The donations made for this month's issue of the *DELTA GENERAL* is dedicated to the memory of :

Elijah Ferguson; Pvt, Co. H, 29th Mississippi Infantry. He died in service from measles.

- Ancestor of Dan McCaskill

James W. McCluney; Pvt, Co. F, 6th Mississippi Cavalry, Forrest's Cavalry Corps

- Ancestor of Larry McCluney, Jr.

Richard Hosier, Pvt, 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry, "Mosby Rangers"

- Ancestor of Barbra A. Daigre

Thomas B. Trevathan, Pvt, Co. A, 2nd Kentucky Infantry, "Orphan Brigade"

- Ancestor of Annette McCluney

From the Confederate Soldier in the Civil War by Ben La Bree

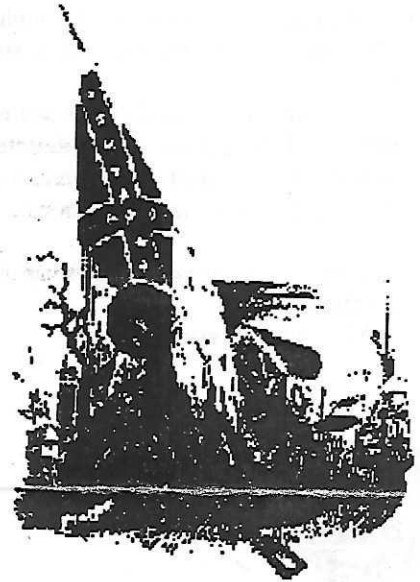
Gallant nation, foiled by numbers!
Say not that your hopes are fled;
Keep that glorious flag which slumbers,
One day to avenge your dead.

Keep it, widowed, sonless mothers!
Keep it, sisters, mourning brothers!
Furl it with an iron will;
Furl it now but keep it still—
Think not that its work is done.

Keep it till your children take it,
Once again to hail and make it
All their sires have bled and fought for;
All their noble hearts have sought for--
Bled and fought for all alone.

All Alone! ay, shame the story!
Millions here deplore the stain;
Shame, alas for England's glory,
Freedom called and called in vain!

Treat it gently, for 'tis holy; Till that day--yes furl it sadly; THEN ONCE MORE UNFURL IT GLADLY!! Conquered banner! Keep it still!



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