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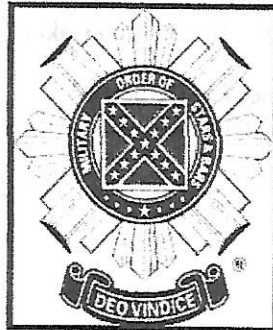
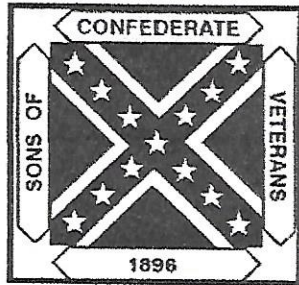
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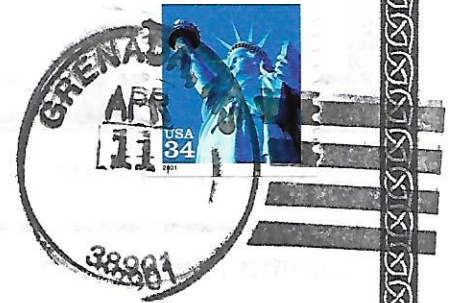
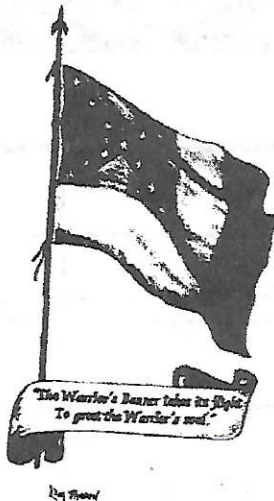


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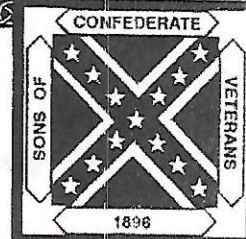
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**“Remember, it is your DUTY to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations” — Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee**

## Commander's Note: Earl McCown Jr.



Compatriots;

Spring is here and the weather is heating up, so is our battle for preserving our Heritage. The fight for our flag is continuing and we will soon be voting on the issue. Our Forefathers gave us the right to vote for key issues. On April 17th we must stand and be counted. I urge each of you to exercise your right to vote. Along with this right we have a responsibility to exercise this right. We must save our flag, that has flown over our great state for 106 years. We cannot be apathetic and count on the opposition failing to get the vote out. Only we can stop the opposition. Please vote to preserve our Flag.

June 8-10 will be the annual SCV Division Convention in Desota County. I encourage each of you to consider attending. This is an election year and all officers for the Division will be selected. Many important matters will be discussed and voted on at the Convention. Each of us need to be a part of the decision making process. The convention is not all work, many good times are there for each of us.

I hope to see you all again at our monthly meeting on the 19th.

Until then, I remain  
Your Obedient Servant

Earl M. McCown Jr., Commander

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# Camp News:

## Recap of the March Meeting

### April 19 will be our next Camp meeting

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Our March meeting was busy as usual. There were many guests including the sutlers from the Fort Pemberton Event. They have become extended family form many of our Camp members who are reenactors and are always a welcomed sight to have like minded people from out of state who are supportive of our Falg Cause.

The meeting was business with no program as Commander McCown laid down the Division's plan of attack in this Flag Vote issue. The camp raise about \$400 to be put toward raido advertising to get the vote out for the flag and many members volunteered to man the Petition booth at Springfest. If you get a chance, thank the McCaskills for putting up the booth money. Also, we had MR. Kenneth Ray to thank and Jeannette McCaskill and the ladies of the OCR who helped man the recruiting tables at Fort Pemberton. The park had over 2,500 visiotrs and made about \$6,500 that weekend. A record for any event they have on their books.

Our Camp Scholarship Fund has grown to over \$500 from donations. As you know it was established to keep the memory alive of two staunch

Southern Compatriots that were Charter members of our Camp, Jeffrey and Oliver McCaskill. Both men were supporters of our Cause and it was fitting that such a scholarship was established in their memory. Donations are being taken to fund the scholarship, please feel free to make checks out to SCV and send all donations to:

**Larry McCluney**  
**P.O. Box 63**  
**Webb, MS 38966**

Applications and guidelines will be available at the April Camp meeting for those that are interested in applying. Remember to get out the vote on April 17 and turn out in record numbers for our Victory Celebration at the next Camp meeting. We are planning to show the film of the Fort Pemberton Reenactment for the April Program so if you missed the big battle, here is your opportunity to see it courtesy of Anne McCaskill and McCaskill Productions.

## Mardi Gras Beads for Sale

### By the Ella Palmer Chapter, OCR

The Ella Palmer Chapter, OCR, began its Mardi Gras Beads sale on March 3 at the Division Work Shop and within 30 minutes all the beads that were take as a sample selling were sold. The ladies are selling Confederate Battle Flag Beads, State Flag Beads, and State Flags with Magnolia Beads for \$5.00 a strand. Proceeds will be divided between the Chapter and to make a donation to the Jeffrey and Oliver McCaskill Memorial Scholarship Fund. Beads will be on hand at the April meeting for those who are interested in purchasing a set.

"The beads were a big hit at the Division Workshop and I wished we had taken more," says Ella Palmer Chapter President Annette McCluney. With the Flag vote coming up they have been a hot item amongst both men and women. "Many of my students have bought sets at the High School," says Larry McCluney. Hats off to Dan and Anne McCaskill for backing this project and ordering the beads.

## Sailor found in Hunley had bad back

BY SCHUYLER KROPF

THE POST AND COURIER, Charleston, SC, Saturday, March 24, 2001

Scientists don't know his name, but they do know he worked himself ragged. Bone evidence from the Confederate submarine Hunley sailor uncovered this week indicates he endured long spells of physical exertion. One of the disks in his spinal column is herniated - a fact scientists say is proof of sustained strenuous labor.

"It means he's putting stress on his back and getting compression and herniation of the disk," Doug Owsley, head of the Smithsonian Institution's division of physical anthropology, said Friday at a press conference. "You see that type of injury on people today, too, but what it means is he's overloading it," Owsley said. "It's more strain than his back is prepared to physically deal with."

The man's remains include six ribs that were found in the forward part of the crew compartment, near the conning tower. He appears to be lying on his right side, close to the sub's ceiling. Scientists believe he may have floated in that position after the Hunley sank in February 1864 and filled with water.

The skeleton's left arm is raised above its torso. The crewman is not believed to be the sub's captain, Lt. George Dixon, who would have been stationed near that part of the vessel. "It appears to be a small man, and Dixon was 6 feet tall," project manager Bob Neyland said.

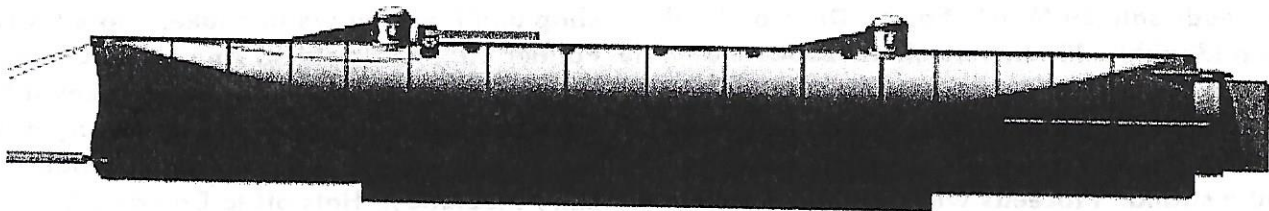
Archaeologists also found a single uniform button in the ribs. It depicts an admiral's anchor, which would have been consistent with sailors in the Confederate navy. Whoever the man is, Owsley knows only that the bones belong to "a young adult."

It is unknown whether the man's injuries were attributed to cranking the propeller shaft that powered the Hunley, since Confederate sailors would have been exposed to a wide degree of labors during life aboard ships. Most of the Hunley's crew were volunteers drafted from the rebel fleet.

The discovery comes as Hunley archaeologists say they probably will not be able to remove the sub's snorkel box or any of the panels closer to the front of the crew compartment. The sub's two dive planes are frozen in the "up" position and are blocking rivets that would have to be removed.

The offshoot is that the team's smallest member, chief archaeologist Maria Jacobsen, must crawl inside the sub, lie flat and work in a confined area scooping silt out.

The Hunley excavation at the Warren Lasch Conservation Lab in North Charleston will continue this weekend and is expected to take several months. The sub was recovered in August from its grave 4 miles off Charleston Harbor.



CSS Hunley from photo and original descriptions.

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## Ella Palmer Chapter #9: OCR President's Note Annette McCluney

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Ladies,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped in making our Confederate Memorial Day Service a success. You are all an entr'acte part of our Chapter. It did mu heart well to see So many of our members to attend the service. I want to encourage you to get out the vote on April 17 this is a fight that I feel we MUST win before we go to the next step in getting the Petion prepared for 2002. MS Division-SCV Commander Billy Ray Hankins has asked that everyone call ten people that are not members of our organizations and ask them to vote for the 1894 Flag and then ask them to call ten people and do the same. Word of mouth seems to be our greatest asset in this fight.

I hope to see each and everyone of you at our April meeting as we prepare for a VICTORY celebration after this vote. Lets turn out in record numbers and bring a friend as well. See you on April 19. Until then.

Confederately,  
Annette McCluney, MS OCR Society President

## Adjutant's Report on Springfest 2001

Delta Springfest 2001 was held in Greenville the weekend of March 23-25. The sponsors of the event were kind enough to give us a booth at a greatly reduced rate to help us in our quest for signatures for Initiative 21, the State Flag Constitutional Amendment. The crowds for the weekend were small due to the wet, cold weather but we collected 346 signatures including two Blacks. Very few of the people signing were pessimistic about the up coming vote and all were going to vote on April 17th. If everyone votes, we will win in a landslide but you have to vote!

The collection these signatures could not have been accomplished without the help of volunteers. I would like to thank McCaskill Farms for paying for the booth and the following volunteers who took time to help man the booth: Randle and Betty Furr, Jeannette McCaskill, Mary Francis Flood, Kenneth Ray, Darrel Haley (who cut a business trip short to help), Trey Davis, Paul Artman, Larry and Annette McCluney, and Ann and myself. Without these compatriots helping, the job would not have gotten done. We need more helpers getting signatures on the petition. The 2nd District is far behind the other Districts. If we all pitch in a little, we can keep our Flag flying for years to come.

Dan McCaskill

## Mississippi History: FIRST BATTALION, MISSISSIPPI SHARPSHOOTERS (aka 10TH MS INFANTRY BATTALION, and aka 20TH MS INFANTRY) BATTALION)

(from Dunbar Rowland's "Military History of Mississippi, 1803-1898"; company listing courtesy H. Grady Howell's "For Dixie Land, I'll Take My Stand")

Formed from three Mississippi companies in the Twenty-fifth Mississippi, or Second Confederate, Regiment and Caruther's Sharpshooters. Also called Tenth Battalion Infantry; also Twentieth Battalion. Majors --William A. Rayburn, James M. Stigler.

The "Mississippi Battalion, William A. Rayburn, Captain", is mentioned by General Van Dorn among the troops at Vicksburg, during the bombardment of May, June and July, 1862. Caruther's Sharpshooters, merged in this battalion, was a part of Gen. John S. Bowen's Brigade at the battle of Corinth, with Sixth, Fifteenth and Twenty-second Mississippi Regiments. General Lovell mentioned them as particularly distinguished in the successful assault upon the outer line October 3, 1862. Commanded by Captain Caruthers, in the skirmish line with the First Missouri, and with the Twenty-second Mississippi in charging and capturing a battery, they were conspicuous for coolness and courage, said General Bowen. They were in line of battle and under artillery fire on the 4th. On the 5th Bowen, as rear guard on the retreat, was pursued and attacked by cavalry, which was repulsed by two companies of Jackson's cavalry, the Mississippi battalion and Lieutenant Barlow's artillery section. January, 1863, in Rust's Brigade of Loring's Division, Fourth Military District, Maj. -Gen. Loring commanding reserve corps at Jackson. March 24, 1863, the battalion was at Wilson's, six miles above the mouth of Deer Creek, obstructing the creek by felling trees, and were reinforced by the command of Gen. S. D. Lee, to meet the Federal advance along the creek. Rayburn's First Battalion Sharpshooters, with Holland's Thirty-seventh Regiment, made reconnaissance of Federal position on the Tallahatchie near Fort Pemberton, April 4, 1863. May 30 return, First Mississippi Battalion Sharpshooters, Maj. W. A. Rayburn, Featherston's Brigade. July 30, Maj. J. M. Stigler,

commanding.

Maj. James M. Stigler commanding, in Featherston's Brigade, Loring's Division, army of Gen. Polk, concentrated at Canton when Sherman began his march to Meridian from Vicksburg, February, 1864; fell back to Demopolis, Ala.

Part of Featherston's Brigade, during the Atlanta campaign, beginning with Resaca, May 12-16, and including the skirmishing on the Cassville line, were distinguished for daring on the skirmish line at New Hope Church, May 27, the incessant sharpshooting and artillery work of entrenched lines near New Hope Church, the memorable battles of skirmish lines around Kenesaw Mountain, notably the repulse of the Federal attack near the base of the mountain, by Marietta, by Stigler's Battalion and the Third Regiment, on the skirmish line, June 27. The battalion participated in the fatal assault upon the Federal line on Peachtree Creek, July 20, losing 4 killed, including the Adjutant, 21 wounded, and 7 missing; was also in the attack of July 28, on the Lickskillet road, and served in the trenches around Atlanta until the evacuation, September 1.

In the Tennessee campaign the battalion shared the gallant action of Featherston's Brigade in the assault at Franklin November 30, and the brigade losses of 352 killed, wounded and missing. They were in the battle of Nashville, December 15-16, and with the rear guard under Walthall on the retreat, in the actions at Columbia, Anthony's Hill, and Sugar Creek. After crossing the Tennessee River December 28, they moved with the army to Tupelo. Major Stigler was in command of the battalion December 10, 1864, and the aggregate present December 21, was 63.

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In the last battle of the army, at Bentonville, N. C., March 19-21, 1865, about sundown, in the last volley, Major Stigler, a lieutenant and one of two enlisted men were wounded. Organization of March 31 Featherston's Brigade commanded by Maj. Martin A. Oatis, the First Battalion by Lieut. E. H. Griffis. April 9, First, Twenty-second and Thirty-third Regiments and First Battalion consolidated as the Twenty-second Regiment, Col. Martin A. Oatis, commanding.

Company A -- Coms Avengers (raised in Carroll County, MS)

Company B -- Red Rebels (raised in Holmes County, MS)

Company C -- Capt. Leigh's Independent Company (raised in Yalobusha County, MS)

Company D -- Wigfall Guards (raised in Tennessee)

## Call to State Convention 2001

In accordance with the By-Laws, Mississippi Division, United Sons of Confederate Veterans, **Division Commander Billy Ray Hankins** issues a **CALL TO CONVENTION**. This is to all members of the Mississippi Division, United Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Mississippi Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars. The Conventions are to be held in DeSoto County, **MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 8-10, 2001**. The host camp is the Captain Edward W. Ward Camp #1452, SCV. Members of this camp will honor the

**106th ANNUAL REUNION, MISSISSIPPI DIVISION, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**  
**32nd ANNUAL REUNION, MS SOCIETY, MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS & BARS**

### CONVENTION COST INFORMATION

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$15.00 REGISTRATION FEE**

**EACH DIVISION MEMBER MUST PAY, EVEN THOSE ATTENDING ONLY THE BANQUET**

**BANQUET: (Buffet Dinner) \$25.00 PER PERSON**

**RESERVATIONS FOR THE BANQUET MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN  
MAY 25, 2001**

**ANCESTOR MEMORIAL(S): \$5.00 PER ANCESTOR (Honor Your Confederate Ancestor(s) by Including Them in the Convention Program).**

**IMPORTANT: ANCESTOR MEMORIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 01, 2000 FOR INCLUSION.  
PLEASE USE THE RESERVATION FORM TO MAIL YOUR CONVENTION RESERVATIONS. HOTEL  
RESERVATIONS: DAYS INN - RATES: \$ 60.00 PER NIGHT PLUS TAX**

**IMPORTANT REGARDING RESERVATIONS: PLEASE USE THE RESERVATION FORM ON PAGE 9  
OF THIS NEWSLETTER. HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE *NOT* TO BE MADE WITH THE HOTEL COM-  
PLETED RESERVATION FORM IS TO BE MAILED DIRECT TO**

**JOHN ECHOLS  
8477 SOUTHAVEN CIRCLE WEST  
SOUTHAVEN, MS 38671-3543  
CONFIRMATION NOTICES WILL BE MAILED.**

## CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday June 8-Day's Inn

REGISTRATION - Noon until 6:00 P.M. (Day's Inn Hotel Lobby)

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION - 8:00 P.M. at Hotel

MOSB BUSINESS SESSION - 8:30 P.M. Comfort Inn Meeting Room

### SATURDAY: JUNE 9 - DESOTO CIVIC CENTER

REGISTRATION - 7:00 A.M. until 8:30 A.M. -(No delegate credentials will be issued after business session begins)

OPENING - 8:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.

SCV BUSINESS SESSION - 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon (Approximate Time)

LUNCH - Each Will Be On Their Own

BANQUET- 7:00 P.M. -

### SUNDAY: JUNE 10

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICE - 9:00 AM

EDMUNDSTON'S CEMETERY, SOUTHAVEN

GUEST SPEAKER: HONORABLE BILLY RAY HANKINS

## CONVENTION RESERVATION FORM:

MAIL CHECK AND MAIL FORM TO:  
CONVENTION CHAIRMAN JOHN ECHOLS  
8477 SOUTHAVEN CIRCLE WEST  
SOUTHAVEN, MS 38671-3543  
(662) 393-2803

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15.00 PER DIVISION MEMBER (X)=

BANQUET: NUMBER ATTENDING AT \$25.00 PER PERSON (X)=

ANCESTOR MEMORIAL(S): COST: \$5.00 PER ANCESTOR AND UNIT (X)=

TOTAL REMITTED \$

[PLEASE PRINT]  
MEMBER'S NAME:

CAMP NAME and NUMBER:

ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

TELEPHONE:

[FOR "ANCESTOR MEMORIAL," LIST ANCESTOR NAME, RANK, UNIT ON SEPARATE PAGE AND ATTACH TO RESERVATION FORM]

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2001.

**Editor's Note: As close as Convention is to us this year, let us all make the effort to turn out in numbers to represent our Camp.**



# Days Inn - Horn Lake, MS Advance Reservation Form

Group Name: MS Division - Sons of Confederate Veterans State  
Convention

Date: June 8 & 9, 2001

Rate: \$60.00 per night plus taxes

The Days Inn of Horn Lake, MS, is proud to be the host hotel for the State Convention of the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. To help establish an accurate rooming list, we are asking that you do not call the hotel to make reservations. This form will be your method of reserving a room within the block of rooms set aside for your group. Please fill out the form completely and return to Mr. John Echols as he will specify in his communication with you about the function. We will work with Mr. Echols to create the rooming list and pre-block rooms. A confirmation of your reservation will be sent to you as we organize this list during the months of April and May. When selecting room types, we ask all couples to select a King bedded room. Rooms with two beds are limited and will be necessary for members traveling without their wives and sharing a room.

Names: (List names of everyone in the room):

Address:

Phone:

Credit Card (For guarantee only):

Arrival Date:

Arrival Time:

Departure Date:

Room Type: King Bed \_\_\_\_\_ Two Double Beds \_\_\_\_\_



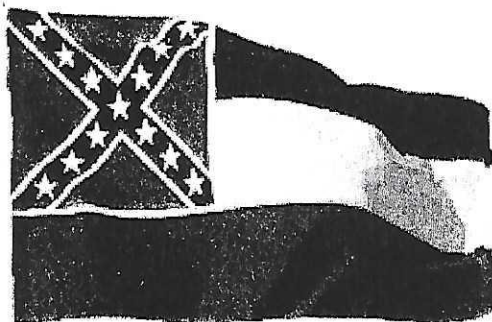
**Welcome New Members  
OCR, SCV, & MOS&B**



**Everette Wallace Hamilton  
Everette is a descendant of Peter Quinn, 1st Lt.,  
Co. C, 35th MS Inf.**

## **Keep the Following Members in Your Prayers**

**Larry McCluney's Father, Larry McCluney Sr., will be having  
Heart Surgery on Good Friday  
Trey Davis' Grandfather passed away on April 8**



**Remember to get out and Vote on April 17  
and fly your Flag proudly!!!  
Don't be fooled by the opposition!! Get out the Vote and en-  
courage everyone to do the same! Our Ancestors are  
counting on Us!!**