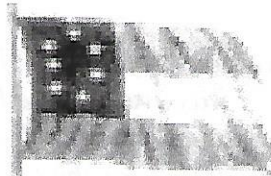
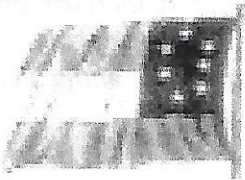


The Delta General



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LEE/JACKSON BANQUET

Wow! Our Lee/Jackson Banquet was great. This was really a special night for all who attended. Mr. Grady Howell gave an outstanding talk that was enjoyed by all. The food and the fellowship was great. For those of you that were unable to attend, we missed you. This was the largest gathering that we have ever had. I want to personally thank all who worked so hard to set up the banquet room and made the evening so pleasant. We even signed up two new members that night.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*We take this opportunity to welcome our newest members:
Thomas Edward LaFoe on record of his great-great-great-grandfather*

Private Littleton Upshur III Battalion Mississippi Conscripts

L. A. Davidson on record of his great-grandmother's brother: Private William L. Walker of the 10th Tennessee Cavalry

This brings our total membership to 48. We only missed our goal of 50 members by two, and we can try a little harder this coming year.

GET WELL WISHES

Captain S. L. Johnson has recently be in the hospital with some pretty severe health problems. He is at home now and we wish him the very best and hope that he is feeling much better soon.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

My Fellow Compatriots:

I hope everyone enjoyed the Lee/Jackson Banquet. I was overwhelmed with the number in attendance and from my understanding, it was the largest banquet since my very first. There has been some discussion that next year we may have to start the social time earlier since so many people came early. There were 53 people attending that night and we recruited two new members, Lofton Davidson and Thomas LaFoe, as well.

For those who missed that night let me update you on the night's events: 1) The camp Confederate States Marine Corps color guard unit presented the colors for the first time that night as well. We were a little nervous but everyone seemed to enjoy the military atmosphere and the dress uniforms; 2) Grady Howell was an excellent speaker as he informed us about the common soldier of the South from Mississippi; 3) I set new goals to emphasize our need for more membership participation in the camp; and to close the night 4) we had the "Roll of Honor" which touched everyone.

*I would also like to take this time to give a special thanks to Betty Furr, Jeanette McCaskill, and Ann McCaskill for the hard work they put into the decorating for the event (Here's a big **REBEL YELL** to those ladies). Also another rousing **REBEL YELL** to all the ladies of the OCR for the planning of this wonderful event that has set the tone for*

the new year and has continued the enthusiasm in our camp.

This year I want to not only increase our membership but I have some new goals in mind that will continue the enthusiasm and stability of our camp:

- 1) Create a **CONTACT COMMITTEE** so we can keep in touch with our members that are absent from meetings, let them know they are missed or keep in contact with those who maybe sick*
- 2) Create a **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE** so we can get our camp by-laws in line with National and State*
- 3) Create a **GRAVE REGISTRY COMMITTEE** for Confederate graves in the area and file them with the National Headquarters*
- 4) Increase membership to 55 members we currently have 48*
- 5) Create a **MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS CHAPTER**, we have enough qualified members to be founding charter members*

*Why am I on this kick to increase involvement? To quote our **VERY DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT** from his State of the Union Address, "To prepare for the coming millennium, every community must challenge themselves to preserve our heritage for future generations." If we do not take up this challenge, then our heritage will be long forgotten for future generations. Thus, It takes more than just camp officers to accomplish this, it takes you the members. If you are interested in*

COMMANDER'S CORNER cont'd

serving on any of the committees, let me know at the next meeting on February 18.

Let us turn out in record numbers for our February meeting. We have a lot of business to take care of with so many events that are coming up:

- 1) Floewood Re-enactment at Greenwood - Membership recruit opportunity
- 2) Camp Color Guard will present colors in Grenada at the Masonic Lodge for their Veterans' Day
- 3) Confederate Memorial Day event
- 4) Division Convention

There are more but too many to list now. **DON'T BE A BACK SEAT REBEL.** Get involved with the camp and make a difference. Until we meet at our regular meeting, remember to **KEEP IT FLYING AND BE PROUD OF YOUR HERITAGE.**

Larry McCluney,
Commander

**ELLA PALMER CHAPTER # 9
ORDER OF THE CONFEDERATE
ROSE**

Friends:

I hope everyone enjoyed the Lee/Jackson Banquet. I was overwhelmed with number in attendance. I made contact with many possible new members for our chapter and many people commented on

the beautiful work that Ann did on the flag. Ms. Charlene Barr from the UDC was impressed with our chapter and how well it is organized.

I would like to take this time to give special thanks to Betty Furr, Jeanette McCaskill, and Ann McCaskill for the hard work you put into the decorating for the banquet. Everyone was talking about the decorations and the candle service. Many of the ladies I talked to were so impressed with the "Roll of Honor" the men did and how emotional it was.

I thought Katie looked beautiful in her gown and I would like to thank her for lighting the candle at the banquet. There were many people commenting on how her dress and the way the men were uniformed set the tone and atmosphere that night.

It looks like we could have a busy year ahead of us and many opportunities to draw members to our chapter and draw attention to it, so I hope to see everyone at the February meeting to discuss this. There are some events the men have planned that we can be involved in as well and we need to discuss those.

Until we meet at our regular meeting, remember to **KEEP IT FLYING AND BE PROUD OF YOUR HERITAGE**

Annette McCluney
President

**THE ELLA PALMER SAGA
PART II**

Last month Mrs Palmer had just left her home in Cleveland, Tennessee and with her five year old daughter moved to Chattanooga where she was placed in charge of the hospital as matron.

As soon as Mrs. Palmer was put in charge she began a systematic organization. Two kitchens were established, one for the sick and one for the attendants and those who were wounded. A linen room was organized and put in charge of a competent man. In fact, everything was systematized as well as conditions would permit. She even prepared many little delicacies for those who were too weak to relish the hospital cooking, and she was never so tired as to fail to respond to the calls of the distressed and dying.

When she walked through the wards, the sick and dying turned to her as a ministering angel, and she was treated as a queen by the surgeons as well as the patients. The chief surgeon told her that she should consider herself the same as an enlisted soldier and go wherever ordered; that she was needed in many places, and that she must be ready to move at a moment's notice.

Soon came the battle of Shiloh, and Mrs. Palmer received orders to go to Corinth, Miss. She packed up, procured transportation, took her little daughter, and started for Corinth via Mobile, Ala. Her transportation included hotels where she had to lie over between trains. She went to Montgomery by rail and

from there by steamboat on the Alabama River to Mobile; then by the Mobile and Ohio Railroad to Corinth.

Arriving in Corinth, the post surgeon sent her to a hospital in a Baptist church which was on the edge of town on the way to the front. The kitchens, linen stores, etc., were in tents or vacant houses around the church. Stores and residences were filled with the wounded. There were no sick in the hospital, as it was nearest to the firing line; only the most desperately wounded were left there. The rest were sent to the two other hospitals in town to be forwarded into the interior as soon as possible.

In the other two hospitals a Mrs. Newsome was chief matron of one and the Sisters of Charity had the other. Mrs. Newsom was from Kentucky, and before the war was principal of a young ladies' school. She stayed at the front, wherever she was most needed, until the end of the war. She was a fine, gentle lady, and her noble work should be enshrined in the hearts of all Southern veterans. The hospital of the Sisters of Charity had a mother superior and about a dozen sisters, who were fine, highly educated women. They wore large bonnets of white linen and white linen capes around their shoulders. The hospital moved with the army in all its marches just back of the lines. The good work that those holy women did should not be forgotten.

To be continued next issue.

OFFICER'S MEETING

There was a meeting of camp officers at the Crystal Grill in Greenwood on the evening of February 6th. It was a most successful meeting and the food was great, as was the fellowship. We discussed the budget for this year and the development of several committees. These items will be discussed at our business meeting February 18th. We are definitely looking for more involvement of all camp members. No camp can survive with only the camp officers "running the show." So please be prepared to offer your ideas and assistance. After all this is your organization too!!!!

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ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you have articles that you would like to see in the Delta General, please submit them to the editor. These can be articles about your ancestors, his unit or anything else that you think we might find interesting. This is your Newsletter so please submit your articles by the 10th of each month for inclusion in that months issue.

TWO PRESIDENTS

Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis were born in Kentucky within one hundred miles and one year of each other. On February 11, 1861, Lincoln left his Springfield, Illinois, home on a train bound for Washington and his inauguration as president of the United States. While he was enroute to the capitol, he learned that at Montgomery, Alabama, Jefferson Davis had been inaugurated as president of the Confederate States of America.

Davis left his Brierfield plantation in Mississippi for the temporary Confederate capitol on February 11, 1861.

