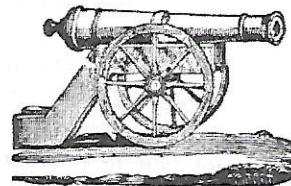
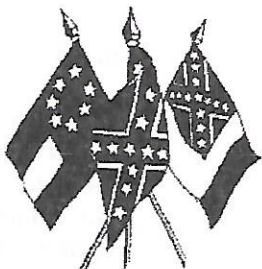
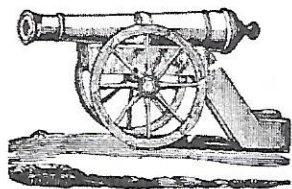


The Delta General



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of our Camp, I wish to welcome the following new members:

Herman Thomas Wilson on record of his Grandfather Private William Cyrus Wilson Company B - D Second Regiment Mississippi State Cavalry.

Guy Robert Wilson on record of his Great Grandfather Private William Cyrus Wilson Company B-D Second Regiment Mississippi State Cavalry.

Robert A. Upshur Sr., on record of his great-grandfather Private Littleton Upshur, 1st Battalion Mississippi Conscripts.

Robert A. Upshur Jr., on record of his Great-Great Grandfather Private Littleton Upshur, 1st Battalion Mississippi Conscripts.

These new members were recruited by Compatriot Dan McCaskill. Well don Dan!!!

DUES DEADLINE

For those members who have not paid their dues for 1999, the DEADLINE is here. If you have doubts as to whether you have paid your

dues of not contact me as soon as possible. It is important for your dues to be paid on time in order to avoid a delinquent fee.

LEE/JACKSON BANQUET

January 23rd is the day for our annual Lee and Jackson Banquet. This has always been a great event and this year will be no different. Each year seems to better than the one before. If all who have indicated that they would attend this will be the largest gathering to date.

Our speaker is noted author Grady Howell. He is always a delight.

The Confederate States Marine Corps Color Guard Unit will make its formal debut. Just remember that a couple of us still have two left feet.

There will be a "Roll of Honor" candlelight ceremony conducted that night. So all members should be ready and able to name their ancestor(s) and the unit(s) they served with as you light your candle in their honor and memory.

And last and just as important: The food is always great!!! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

My Fellow Compatriots:

I hope that everyone had a safe and eventful holiday. Let me be the first to say Happy New Year to each of you. However, just as we thought the celebrating was over we must prepare for the Lee/Jackson Birthday celebration. I am looking forward to the event and I hope you are as well. This will be our first social of the year that I hope will set the tone for the new year.

*Our guest speaker will be Grady Howell author of **TO LIVE IN DIE IN DIXIE**. The Confederate States Marine Corps Color Guard, our camp color guard unit has been working hard and will present the colors for the first time that night. Also, be prepared to participate in the "Roll of Honor" that night as we remember our ancestors.*

The ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter #9, Order of the Confederate Rose, are looking forward to the night as well. They have worked hard in preparing for the occasion and hope to use the occasion to recruit some of the other wives into their chapter.

Everyone should receive an invitation for the event describing the menu, time and date, place and price. Please respond no later than RSVP time so we can have an estimated head count for the night. I hope that members will turn out in record numbers for the occasion. This is the occasion where we get together and renew old friendships. Bring you wives, family, and friends for this glorious occasion as we celebrate two of the South's greatest heroes and the fellowship. Until then, remember to keep it flying.

God Bless the South,

Larry McClunay
Commander

OCR NOTES

Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity, in behalf of the Ella Palmer Chapter, to thank the men for the charter dedication ceremony. The food was great and we enjoyed the fellowship that was shared by all. I would also like "Mr. Earl" for the silk roses that each of the members received that night. In addition, we would like to thank Alan Palmer for the music that night as well. The music really made the occasion special.

Now we need to begin preparing for the Lee/Jackson Banquet. This night should be a special occasion, not just for the men, but a good opportunity to recruit some of the SCV member's wives that will show up that night. I thought that we would set up a table to display our charter and flag. I will bring some applications for that night as well and maybe we can take pictures for our scrapbook that Katie is working on for us.

Contact Ms. Jeanette McCaskill and Ms. Betty Furr if you would like to help decorate for the banquet. If anyone has anything they wish to put on display for the occasion please contact me at 375-7230 or Ms. Jeanette McCaskill at 686-7321. Lets make this a special occasion for everyone and use this opportunity to build up enthusiasm in our chapter. I hope to see everyone of you at the dinner. Thanks for all your hard work.

God Bless the South,

Annette McClunay
President

DIVISION YEARBOOK

The Mississippi Division Yearbook is now being printed and will be available for purchase soon. The book is 122 pages with approximately 100 pictures. They are being sold at cost to promote as wide a circulation as possible. In addition to being of interest to regular members, they would make excellent orientation material for new members or recruits. If you order 10 or more at \$5.00 each, no shipping will be charged. However, if you order fewer than 10, the cost is \$6.25 each to cover mailing. When they are gone, they're gone, so I would suggest that you quickly order 10 or 20 for your camp. I believe, when you see them, you won't have a bit of trouble selling them to your members.

Tom Waggener, Division Adjutant

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FACT OR FICTION???

Early March 1865 a Confederate picket was surprised by yankee horseman approaching just across a small stream. There rode General Grant all alone ahead of his command, less than thirty yards away. The Confederate Sergeant called his pickets to attention, snapped a salute that even the Commandant of West Point would have been proud of. He told his men, "That's the Commanding General of the whole Union Army," Instead of firing on the General, the pickets came sharply to present arms. General Grant returned the salute just as sharply, and rode on.

Author Unknown

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STAND WAITE SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. James M. Edwards of Georgia founded the Stand Waite Scholarship Fund in 1975 while he was Commander-in Chief. He names Charles Smith of Oklahoma the first chairman, and the Stand Waite Camp of Oklahoma City took the lead in raising funds with generous support from Dr. Edwards, who wanted to develop a scholarship program within the SCV. Dr. Edwards wanted to memorialize Gen. Stand Waite, not only for his Cherokee heritage in

Georgia, but for his remarkable courage and record of fighting for the Confederacy in Indian Territory and for being the last Confederate General to surrender in the field.

To be eligible, the scholarship applicant must be a member in good standing of either the SCV, UDC or CofC. Also the applicant must have completed his or her freshman year at an accredited college or university. The deadline each year for applications to be received is July 1st with awards made in August. This past spring the general executive council authorized an increase from \$500 to \$750 for maximum amount that can be awarded per scholarship.

JEB Stuart, IV, heads the investment committee, and we hope to increase the number of scholarships that can be awarded plus the amount per scholarship as the fund grows. Thirty four scholarship have been awarded since 1988 to deserving young men and women of Confederate Heritage.

This one of the most important programs and deserves the widest possible support. For guidelines and application form, write Charles W. Britton, Chairman, 6500 N. W. Grand Blvd. 118, Oklahoma City, OK 73116.

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SCV CREDIT CARD UPDATE

As a result of December 7, 1998 conversation with personnel at First USA credit card company, a representative of the company has agreed to the following to stem dissatisfaction between members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and First USA over their mishandling of interim replacement credit cards.

* First USA admitted making a mistake by issuing a credit card in the SCV name with a background eagle and American flag. This was not the interim card that was supposed to be issued and they apologize for the error.

* First USA will issue within the next month or next billing statement a new SCV replacement

interim card through the ultra-graphic process. It will have a blank background, and the name of the Sons of Confederate Veterans across the top of the card. Our logo will appear on the card if the ultra-graphic process is capable of supporting that image in a dignified fashion. If the logo doesn't look decent, I told them not to place it on the second interim credit card.

* First USA has agreed to have the "new" SCV credit card available on or about 1 March 1999. It takes about thirteen weeks to make and implement a new color credit card for distribution. The new card will depict our logo prominently on the card as it is officially sanctioned by the SCV in gold, red and blue. An excellent ambrotype image of a uniformed Confederate soldier with a musket and a bowie knife tucked in his belt will also appear on the card. Naturally, our name will be printed across the top of the card. This is a very distinctive credit card and I believe it will be popularly accepted.

* In your First USA statement in January 1999 you should receive a buck slip insert depicting a color version of the final replacement card, an explanation of the error arising from the first issued interim card and instructions to use a new inserted interim card, as described above, until you receive the final card, one that I am sure you will like and enjoy.

* Camp commanders and adjutants need to share this information with camp members as soon as possible.

I share your frustration over what should have been a simple procedure with First USA. However, I believe a satisfactory remedy has been achieved in the face of some inconvenience and aggravation. Thanks for your patience, hold the "Thin Gray Line" together and, let's work through the present adversity to receive quality SCV credit cards all of us can be proud to use and exhibit.

Patrick J. Griffin, III
Commander-in-Chief

MRS. ELLA PALMER

Reminisces of Her Service in Hospitals

The death in Colorado of Mrs. Ella Palmer occurred November 7, 1909, at the advanced age of eighty years. Mrs. Palmer rendered much valued service to the sick and wounded of the Army of Tennessee during the War between the States. She was one of the first to undertake, systematic nursing and care of the sick and wounded, and she continued this work to the close of the war.

Prior to the battle of Shiloh, in 1862, while at Chattanooga her interest in the work was aroused by the sick and dying soldiers who had contracted pneumonia in the wet trenches at Forts Donelson and Henry. These men were taken to Chattanooga and put into an old academy and other vacant buildings. At that time the hospital corps, in addition to a large number of surgeons and physicians, consisted of men detailed from the army to act as nurses, cooks, and such other positions as were necessarily filled about hospitals. Of course these men had no previous experience. Negro men and women, principally field hands from surrounding plantations, were also utilized.

There were neither beds nor cots in the hospital and very little bedding, only a few of the soldiers having blankets, and they were covered with vermin. Conditions were horrible. In this extremity a call was issued to the people of Tennessee for contributions and help. This call met with prompt and hearty response by contributions of food, clothing, beds, bedding, blankets, and money. Mrs. Palmer was one of the contributors. She also visited the hospitals in person, and she saw something more was imperatively needed --viz., personal sacrifice and patriotic service to the sick and wounded. She spoke of this to the surgeons, and they asked her to take charge of this work.

She was then a widow with one child about five years of age and her home was at Cleveland, Tenn. She returned to Cleveland, packed up all her household goods, and returned to Chattanooga. Aside from a bed and bedding for herself and child, she gave the hospital all her household effects and took charge of the hospital as matron. At the time she was the only woman at the hospital except the daily visitors. The condition was shocking. Many were dying each day for lack of care and proper nourishment, and everything was in confusion.

To be continued next issue.....

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Robert Edward Lee was born 19 JAN 1807
at Westmoreland City, Va.
Died 12 OCT 1870

Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson was born 21 JAN 1824
at Clarksburg, Va.
Died 10 MAY 1863 from wounds

GRAVES MARKERS AVAILABLE

The Veterans Administration will provide a marker for your Confederate Veteran ancestor at no expense but you must apply. The marker can be a upright granite or marble headstone, a bronze flat marker, a bronze niche, or a flat granite or marble stone, depending on your choice. The form you need, for ordering, is VA Form 40-1330 and it can be obtained from a local Veterans Administration Office. You can also call 1 800 827-1000 and request one, or write the Office of Memorial Programs (403A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20420-0001 and they will provide. Some funeral homes will keep a supply of the forms.

A copy of the form can be downloaded from <http://www.va.gov/benefits.htm>. The applicant may be anyone having knowledge of the deceased. The applicant must certify that the grave is unmarked and a Government headstone or marker is preferred to a privately purchased headstone or marker. This restriction also applies for companion markers, which identify two or more decedents buried, or to be buried, in the same of adjoining graves. A grave is considered, marked if a monument displays the decedent name and date of birth and/or death, even though the veterans military data is not shown.

Any deceased veteran discharged under than dishonorable is eligible and that includes Confederate Veterans of the War Between the States. To expedite processing, attach a copy of the veteran proof of service. The stone or marker will be shipped within 70 days, after the VA receives the fully completed application with correct information. The stone or marker will be shipped to the consignee designated on Form 40-1330 and all costs for installation must be paid from private funds.

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to announce the publication of the first-ever SCV membership directory due for release in

December 1999. In the next few months you will receive information from Harris Publishing Company, Inc. describing the process for inclusion. Only those compatriots who want to be listed in the membership directory will be included.

Comprehensive directory listings will include member name, camp and division, plus name, rank and regiment of up to five Confederate ancestors. Membership in the Military Order of the Stars and Bars will also be indicated as well as personal information.

The work will be organized alphabetically by member name, Confederate ancestors, geographic location and e-mail address. This information should make for a very useful book. For those of you who are on-line, a questionnaire will be available on Harris Publishing Company's home page.

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IHQ E-MAIL ADDRESSES

When communicating with the staff at Elm Springs, we encourage the use of e-mail. If you have access to email service, you have direct access to the individuals at Elm Springs. Please use the following email addresses to contact the person you wish your message to go to.

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