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Commander's Farewell Note

My Fellow Compatriots,

These past two years has seen our camp grow to new levels of success. Our membership has almost doubled, the creation of the Camp Color Guard, the revision of the Camp By-laws, the birth of the Ella Palmer and Brig. General Charles Clark Chapters, and a growing spirit of enthusiasm in our Camp is just a few of the successes you have made possible.

As my administration ends, I leave my office knowing that our Camp is now a force to reckon with in the area. We are more publicly known now and more active in our communities than we were two years ago. I challenge the new administration to continue to capitalize on the successes that we have made and take them to new levels. I challenge our members to become more active in our Camp because it was not anything that I did that made these past two years successful, but you the members.

Give our new officers even stronger support than you did me for they are the leaders of the new millennium and they will be the ones to lead us through the new attacks upon our heritage that seeks to remove, recall, and retract all reminders of our Confederate Heritage. All who oppose them are labeled UN-politically correct or branded as racists. It is only through your hard work and dedication to these men can they lead and guide us through this "terrible storm." You as officers and members must take these challenges serious and show those who would strike down our heritage what it means to be a true **Son of a Confederate Veteran**.

Now I must close. Thank you again for a successful two years as your Commander.

God Bless Our Southland,
Larry McCluney

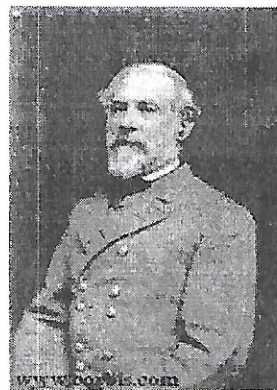


Lee/Jackson Banquet Promises to be an Exciting Night

The first Lee/Jackson Banquet of the new millennium looks to be an exciting event with many activities planned for the night. Recently published author **Don Simmons** will be our guest speaker. His program will be on his new book, **THE WAR ON THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA**. He will have autographed copies to purchase.

Also planned for the night will be a charter ceremony for the Brig./General Charles Clark Chapter, MOS&B, the presentation of colors by the CSMC Color Guard, installation of new Camp Officers, induction of new members, and a candlelight memorial service in memory the members ancestry. There will also be a raffle for the newest released biographies on General Lee and General Jackson.

Invitations should be mailed out the first week of January. Tickets are \$15.00 each for a Rib-eye Steak dinner. You will need to pay for your tickets by January 19 if you are to make the event. Last year 's banquet was attended by 55 people and we look for even more this year. You do not want to miss this one folks. Come out and honor Generals Lee, Jackson, and our ancestors.



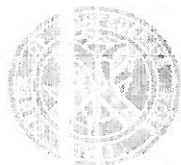
Ella Palmer Chapter #9, OCR President's Note

Ladies and Gentlemen of the South,

I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year as we prepare for a "New Millennium." However, once the festivities are over we must prepare for what looks to be a busy year for our Chapter. Already, we are preparing for the Lee/Jackson Banquet but other activities are looming in the horizon. The men want us to participate in the Ft. Pemberton Re-enactment in March and just as soon as it is over, we must prepare for Confederate Memorial Day.

In June we must also prepare for Convention which will be very important for us to attend with the election of new State Officers and to see how the Society as a whole is going to address these new waves of attacks on our Heritage. We must also prepare for our Nathan Bedford Forrest Social in July. In addition, we are in the closing months of my term and must look forward to electing new officers in August. As you can see, this is just the tip of things to come.

Now I must close. I hope to see all of you at the Banquet and when we meet again, let us look forward to the challenges that await us.



God Save the South,
Annette McCluney, President

Welcome New Members

Hurray for our new members and welcome:

Pearcy "Duke" Kimbrough: Alexander Kimbrough, Great Grandfather; 1st Sgt.; Co. K "Carroll Rifles", 11th MS Infantry.

Kenneth Ray: Robert A. Ray; Great Grandfather; Private; Co. C, 22nd Ala Infantry.

Bobby Maxey: Andrew Jackson Maxey; Great Grandfather; Private; Co. C, 6th Ms Cavalry.

A Note from the Commander Elect

Compatriots,

Our Camp has experienced a great year. All goals set by Commander McCluney have been met. The membership quota, the creation of a MOS&B Chapter, and the renewal of the Camp By-Laws has been completed. Almost all of you have renewed your dues for the year 2000. At this time, only four members have not paid and I expect two to pay before the end of the year. This is the best retention rate this Camp has ever had. All of this is because of you. I really appreciate the cooperation and support of each of you and hope that you will continue in this spirit.

I look forward to serving as your Commander. Larry set some high standards and he leaves some big shoes to fill, with your help, I will try to carry on.

The Lee/Jackson Dinner looks to be a great event. There will be many activities and I look forward to the fellowship with you. I hope that all of you can attend this highlight affair, I know that you will enjoy being there.

One of the duties of Commander is to appoint an Editor for the **DELTA GENERAL**. I have decided to appoint Larry McCluney to this duty. He has some great ideas to improve the newsletter and I am sure he will do a very good job. Send him any articles or notices that you would like to see in the **GENERAL**.

Until I see you, I remain your Obedient Servant,
Earl M. McCown, Jr., Commander

The 1999 Mississippi Division Yearbooks Are Ready

The 1999 Division Yearbook should be ready for mailing shortly after the first of the year. It is about 125 pages with about 130 pictures, and quite a number of good ads, individual memorials and tributes. The prices of the books, which have to be mailed, are:

1-4 copies \$7.00 each (includes S&H)
5-9 copies \$6.00 each (includes S&H)
10 or more \$5.00 each (S&H is free)

Send orders with check included, of course, to:
Tom Wagner, Ms Division Adjutant
Rt. 3 Box 152
Taylorsville, Ms 39168

Brig./General Charles Clark Chapter #253, MOS&B Becomes A Reality

Thanks to the hard work of our members, we now have a MOS&B Chapter named after former Governor and Confederate General Charles Clark. Clark was born on May 24, 1811, at Lebanon, OH, and died December 18, 1877, in Bolivar City, MS. Before the war he was a teacher, planter, politician, and served under Jefferson Davis in the Mexican War.



During the War for Southern Independence, in 1861 he arose to the rank Maj.-General of state troops. In May 1861, he was promoted to the rank of Brig.-General in the Confederate Army and would see action at the battles of Shiloh and Baton Rouge. He would retire from military duty after being crippled at Baton Rouge and became Mississippi's last wartime governor.



Chapter officers will be inducted in a charter ceremony during the Lee/Jackson Banquet, January 22, 2000. Officers include: Commander – **Earl McCown, Lt. Commander – Randle Furr, Adjutant – Frank Aderholdt**

Heritage Violation Declared On the City of Natchez, Ms

This is to notify you Billy Ray Hankins, MS Division CMDR, has declared the current situation in Natchez regarding the flag a Heritage Violation. Two recent incidents have necessitated this action.

First, the flag was removed from in front of the Welcome Center in Natchez and all attempts to have the flag returned has met a deaf ear. No one there, including the Mayor and City Council will consider its return.

Second, compatriots from Louisiana were denied permission to march in the Natchez Christmas parade, after having been assured they would be allowed to do so. According to our information, the unit had met all restrictions placed upon them and at the last minute, the chief of police ordered them to furl their colors and leave

the parade. Since they were not marching under the name of the SCV, a lawsuit for discrimination seems fruitless.

From what has been said, the Mayor will not even consider these two issues. We have also been told that tourism is their main source of income now. Thus, we are asking that every member write, not call or send e-mails, to the mayor and head of the Natchez Convention Bureau. Let us through intelligent letters, not threatening ones let them both know that Natchez is considered, "off-limits, until these two violations are corrected.

One of the largest draws to Natchez is their annual pilgrimage. Lack of attendance can severely hurt their economy. We will not be returning to their city until our symbols of heritage are restored and their chief of police apologizes for his actions.

The mayor is **Larry L. "Butch" Brown, Mayor, City of Natchez, City Hall, P.O. Box 1185, Natchez, MS 39120. The other is Natchez Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Attention Walker Tipton, 640 S. Canal, Box C, Natchez, MS 39120.**

Please spread this word to your members, friends in other Divisions, OCR and UDC members, and nonmembers. Please encourage them to write. Let the powers in Natchez realize that our organizations and friends are going to be the ones who would be coming to visit the historic homes in Natchez and we do not intend to until. If anyone has a question, please contact Commander Billy Ray Hankins at prosouth@yahoo.com

Deo Vindice,
John L. Echols, Communications Officer
Mississippi Division, SCV

New Camp Officers Elected and By-Laws Amended

A large crowd of members was on hand to elect new officers that will lead our camp into the "New Millennium" for the next two years. The new officers will be inducted at our annual Lee/Jackson Banquet on January 22, 2000. They are: **Commander, Earl McCown; Lt. Commander, Alan Palmer; 2nd Lt. Commander, Guy Wilson; Adjutant, Danny McCaskill; Historian, Brian McCraven; Treasurer, Larry McCluney; Chaplain, Frank Aderholdt; Color-Sgt./Quartermaster, Oliver McCaskill; Judge-Advocate, Walter Swain; Surgeon Dr. Joe Pulliam**

In addition, the Camp By-laws were amended to get them in line with the State and National Constitutions. All proposed amendments were passed, with little revisions, unanimously. Congratulations to our members for making this possible and to our new officers upon their election.

General Lee's Picture to Remain on Floodwall in Richmond

On June 2, 1999, the Richmond Times-Dispatch ran an article about the opening of the City's Canal Walk along the Kanawha and Haxall Canals, a public-private venture intended to re-vitalize Richmond's long neglected riverfront. A photo of the Lee Mural affixed to the floodwall located adjacent to the Canal Walk was included in the article. Noticing the Lee image, Richmond City Councilman Saad El-Amin approached the project developers and threatened a boycott of the black community unless Lee was removed from the floodwall. He stated that Robert E. Lee was offensive to African Americans and was a symbol of slavery, not belonging in any public display. Comparing Lee to a Nazi, his threats were listened to by the project developers. The Mural came down that day. This incident would set off a series of events that would eventually lead to the return of the mural.

On June 3, the Virginia Division of the SCV held a press conference at the Lee Monument on Monument Avenue. Division Commander Red Barbour called for a public boycott of the Canal Walk until the Lee Mural was returned that set off a wave of public protests. Officials such as former Virginia Governor Douglas Wilder called for the return of the Lee portrait.

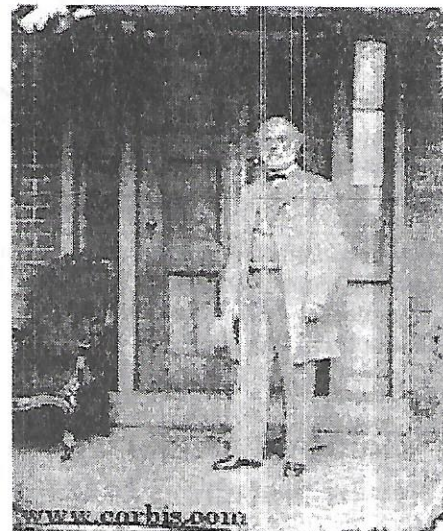
On June 4, a small crowd showing the effects of the SCV boycott attended the Canal Walk ribbons cutting ceremonies. Protestors were in abundance; holding Confederate flags from the bridges crossing the Canal. James Rogers, President of the Richmond Historic Riverfront Foundation and one of the developers who caved in to the demands of Saad El Amin, announced that his organization would form a 19 member citizen committee to review all the murals and make recommendations. The criteria for the murals would be the person or event's ties to Richmond.

On June 12, the Virginia Division placed a \$7000 full-page ad in the Richmond Times-Dispatch supporting General Lee and his place in history. Polls showed a majority of area citizens supported the return of General Lee to the floodwall.

On June 30, the Committee made a tentative choice and recommended 19 murals including a new image of Lee, the famous Brady photo of General Lee on Franklin Street. These tentative choices were placed on public display in the Richmond Convention Center for public input for approximately 1 week. Saad El-Amin was not finished yet. Knowing that he was losing the battle, he demanded that the Richmond City Council decide the matter at a public hearing, which would be held on July 26. Along with the NAACP, Saad formed a group that

called "The Ad Hoc Committee on Justice".

This group viewed the entire controversy as a white supremacist plot. Their views received some support with the appearance of David Duke in Richmond on July 15. The former Klan leader came to Richmond to fight for European American rights and the Lee mural in particular. The Virginia Division of the SCV quickly opposed his participation in the local issue, stating that his appearance would only enflame the already chaotic situation. At the Council public hearing on July 26, Saad and the SCV marshaled their forces. After 4 hours of threats, intimidation and ugly heated racial rhetoric, Council voted 6-3 to support the Committee's recommendations including returning General Lee to the Floodwall. At the end, El-Amin could not restrain his anger. "This is a defining moment and everything is laid bare" he said. Saad, the NAACP and the Ad Hoc Committee on Justice then publicly stated they would target the black City Council members who supported the Lee Mural and see to it that they were defeated in their next Council election. The mural of General Lee (**SEEN BELOW**) was returned to the floodwall in early November.



Camp has New Web Page

Thanks to Historian-Elect, **Brian McCraven**, the camp now has a web page. It is still under construction but you can visit it at:

<http://humphreys1625.homestead.com/Index.html>

Check the site out, Brian has done a great job on it.

Confederate Masonic Lodges

Did you know that whole units of the Confederate Army formed Masonic Lodges? I found this interesting and thought I would share it with you. The following is a list of Mississippi Units that formed Masonic Lodges and when they were defunct:

Lodge Name	Location	Chartered	Defunct
1 st Texas Army Lodge	Ector's Brigade	1/27/1864	1865
P.F. Liddell Army Lodge	11 th Miss. Vols. CSA	1/29/1864	1870
Stephen's Army Lodge	31 st Miss Vols CSA	1/27/1864	1870
Wm. Cothran Army Lodge	28 th Miss Cav CSA	1/27/1864	1870
W.D. Ferris Army Lodge	1 st Miss Lt Artillery CSA	1/29/1864	1870
A. Shields Army (McLean)	4 th Miss Cav CSA	1/27/1864	1870
O.H. Johnson Army	5 th Miss Vols CSA	1/27/1864	1870
Wm. Barksdale Army	Barksdale-Humphreys Brigade, CSA	1/29/1864	1867

If you have any information on these Lodges, please make copies and forward them to me so I can run a story on these and how they were formed. I find it interesting that the defunct dates are right in the middle of Reconstruction. Also, note the dates when they were chartered.

For those who are not aware, there is an auxiliary organization of the SCV for Masons called the "Confederate Lodge" who are recording the names of Confederate Soldiers who were Masons.



Happy New Year

As the New Year is ushered in, make a resolution to carry the fight to the "politically correct" and revisionist forces that want to rewrite the truth about our Heritage. We are in a fight for our right to observe and honor our ancestors and the Cause they fought and defended. We must not surrender their honor now!

"Surrender means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the War; will be impressed by all the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision."

General Pat Cleburne, CSA

Recipes for the Ladies

Antebellum fashion was an awe-inspiring thing. Waists were laced to 18 or 20 inches, and skirts were 12 to 14 yards in width, trimmed with ruffles and flounces of lace, worn over mountains of petticoats and hoops. But fashion did not stand in the way of Southern women from impressing their men with treats. I thought the ladies of the OCR would enjoy this one since they are always thinking of ways to provide nice treats for us at meetings.

Date Dreams

First Mixture

1/2 cup of Dark Brown Sugar, 1/2 cup butter or margarine, 1 cup flour

Cream butter and sugar, and work in flour until crumbly. Pat smooth in greased, square cake pan, and bake at 375 degrees about 10 minutes.

Second Mixture

1 cup of Dark Brown Sugar, 2 eggs, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 3 teaspoons flour, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 1 1/2 cups shredded coconut, 1 cup chopped dates

Mix sugar, beaten eggs and add vanilla. Sift together flour baking powder, and salt. Mix in coconut. Blend with sugar and egg mixture. Add chopped dates. Pours over baked crust, and return to oven and bake 20 minutes. Cut in squares or bars when cool.