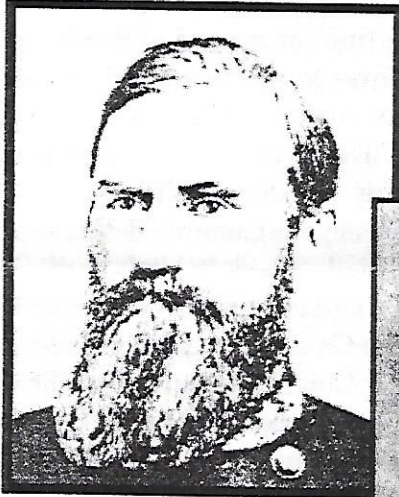
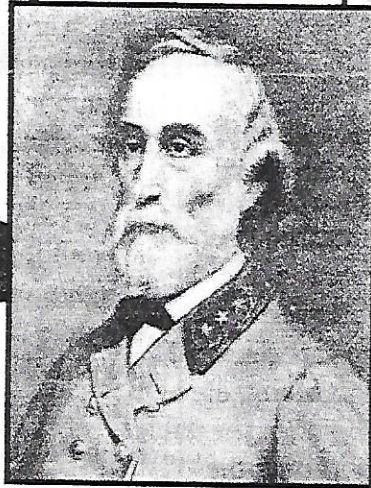


The Delta General

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Happy New Year
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Local Camp and Society News

Commander's Note —

Compatriots;

Happy New Year to each of you. It's hard to believe that 2002 is here already, but it is and we have a lot to look forward to. There is much to be done and it will take all of us to do it.

Congratulations to the new officers, I wish you success for your tour of duty. If I can be of assistance, please count on me. I know that you will do a great job. I truly look forward to serving with you. I am sure that all the camp is behind you.

The folks that have planned the Lee/Jackson Banquet have been hard at work and it sounds as if they have covered all bases. This is our most important event of the year and I look forward to seeing each of you there.

Thank you for your support over the past tour, I couldn't have done it without you.

God Bless each of you and God Bless the South.

Earl M. McCown Jr., Commander

Commander Elect's Note Alan Palmer

My Fellow Compatriots,

Let me first say a word of thanks to Earl McCown for he wonderful job that he has done over the past two years for our camp. Thank you Earl; you have left some mighty big shoes to fill.

Serving as your Commander behind Earl seems a daunting task but with your support we will continue to grow and prosper as a Camp. It is sort of traditional that all new Commanders set a goal for the camp during their tenure. As anyone would wish I want to see our camp grow in numbers, because without growth we would simply fade away eventually. I think though that participation is at least as important as growth. We need you our members to take a more active role, such as come to as many monthly camp meetings as you can, attend our Confederate Memorial service in April in the Greenville cemetery, the more participation we have the more power to make change we attain.

Our enemy is strong and organized and looks for every weakness in us that he can

exploit, and our greatest weakness is complacency. We take it as a right that we will always have the freedom to meet and honor our confederate heritage, but I tell you that there are those who would take that right away from us if they could. Therefore we must be diligent and faithful to our beliefs if we are to continue forward as a free people.

I hope that all of you will continue to support not me but our camp as you have in the past. With the power of numbers and the voice of truth behind us we will prevail. Only when the truth is taught to the masses will the days of bigotry and racism against "us" end; and I will remind you here that no one besides us is leading the charge to educate the public about the truth. If we fail, then our cause is truly lost forever!

Thank you all for your support AND God Bless the Southland !

Camp News —

The December meeting opened with finalizing plans for the Lee/Jackson Banquet. After the business of finalizing the arrangements for the Lee/Jackson banquet, the candidates nominated and approved by the Executive Committee were presented to the Camp for election:

Commander – Alan Palmer

Lt. Commander – Thomas Haik
 2nd Lt. Commander – Kenneth Ray
 Adjutant – Dan McCaskill
 Treasurer – Larry McCluney
 Judge Advocate – Walter Swain
 Surgeon – Dr. Joe PulliamQM/Color
 Sgt. – Trey Davis
 Chaplain – Lofton Davidson
 Historian –

Also, keep in mind that if you have not paid your dues, the last time to pay is at the Lee/Jackson Banquet before you are delinquent and removed from the mailing list. Dues are \$37.00 and all checks should be made out to SCV. Please forward those dues to:

Dan McCaskill
 205 Cypress St.
 Leland, MS 38756

In old business, Alan Palmer asked the Camp to continue its support for the Fort Pemberton Reenactment. The Camp has supported the event the past four years. He asked members of the Camp to think about volunteering to man a Camp Recruiting Table and to help with Registration. This has always been a good recruiting tool for us and an opportunity to educate the public about our organization.

Hope to see everyone at the Banquet and have a Happy New Year.

New Officers Elected For the Brig.-General Clark Chapter, #253

Our December meeting was also the scene for the election of new MOS&B Officers. The following gentlemen were elected for a two year post:

Commander – Earl McCown

Lt. Commander – Randle Furr

Adjutant – Alan Palmer

Commander McCown encourages those who are interested in honoring their ancestors who were officers or members of the Confederate government (both state and national) to see him for details on membership in this prestigious organization. **He also wants to remind those that it is time to pay your dues for the Chapter.**



Commander McCown also wants to remind those interested that the Military Order of the Stars and Bars awards three college scholarships of \$500 each. These scholarships are appropriately named for Confederate Generals Lee, Cleburne, and Forrest. Application forms will be available from IHQ soon.

To be eligible for consideration the applicant must be:

1. Enrolled in or applied to a community college, junior college, or four year college/university which is a degree-granting institution.
2. A genealogically proven descendant of a Confederate Officer or descendant of a member of the Confederate Executive or legislative branches of government or a descendant of the Confederate Executive, Legislative, or Judiciary branches of state governments.

Contact Earl McCown for more information as the applications become available. Or go to the national web-site <http://www.scv.org/mosb/mosbinf9.htm> for further information as it comes available.

Ella Palmer Chapter #9 President's Note —

Ladies,

First, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy New Year. Now I would like to remind everyone that with a New Year comes new opportunities to further our Cause and we must prepare ourselves for when that time arises.

Our January meeting will be the annual Lee/Jackson Banquet on January 19. I hope you will take time out to make arrangements to attend. We have so few social engagements that this Banquet is always looked forward to by both the men and women every year.

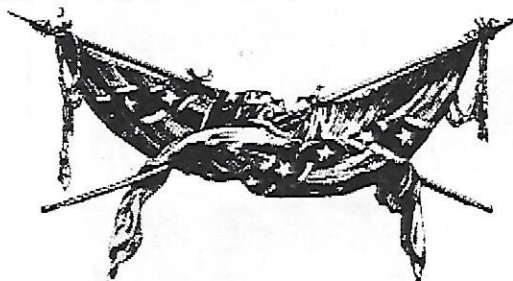
I hope that we can renew our fellowship in the next few months. I know many of you have been absent for various reasons and I hope it has not been because of bad health. I hope to see you all at the Banquet.

God Bless the
South,

Annette McCluney
President



Lee/Jackson Banquet January 19, 2002



The Brig./General Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp # 1625 will be holding its 7th annual Lee-Jackson Banquet at the Deer Creek Town and Racquet Club in Leland, Mississippi the night of January 19, 2002. Social hour will begin at 6:00 pm with a steak dinner being served at 7:00 pm.

The guest speaker for the evening will be **Mr. Donald Adderton**, editor of the Delta Democrat Times. Donald came to the Democrat Times from the Sun Herald of Biloxi, Mississippi.

The dinner will cost \$15.00 per person. **Reservations and remittance can be sent to:**

Dan A McCaskill
205 Cypress Street
Leland, Mississippi
38756

Division News

Last Confederate Widow Needs Your Help



The cry for more funds will never end, but this Cause is just and worthy. The Sons of Confederate Veterans pays for a large percentage of the expenses and hospital care of Ms. Alberta Martin, "The Last Confederate Widow."

The National Office has asked that each Division contribute. The amount

the MS Division has committed to breaks down to about \$60.00 a year per Camp in the Division. Our Camp arose quickly to the occasion and voted unanimously to pay. This will be a yearly contribution that our Camp will make to the Division for her care. If you would like to contribute any funds to the Ms. Alberta Martin Fund, please make checks out to SCV and forward them to:

Dan McCaskill
205 Cypress St.
Leland, MS 38756

Ms. Alberta Martin just celebrated her 95th Birthday in December and is doing fine. Give generously for she is our only live link left to our past so lets make her remaining years as comfortable as possible.

Editor's Note:

As an update, and its hard to think of such a thing happening in the near future, but Funeral arrangements have been made for Mrs. Martin and completely paid for. If you are interested in making preparations to attend her funeral, when that time may come, go to the following web sight for information.

<http://lastconfederatewidow.com/funeral.htm>

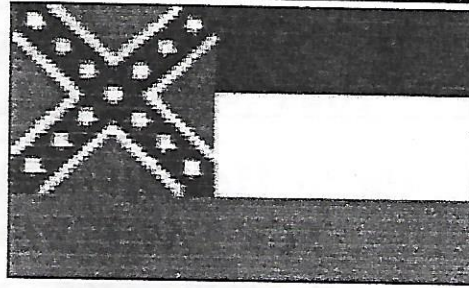
State Flag Defense Fund Needs Your Help

At the December meeting, it was disclosed by First Brigade Commander Earl McCown that the State Flag Defense Fund is depleted. Division Commander Wayne McMaster is asking all Mississippi Division members to contribute \$10.00 to the defense fund. After that historic vote on 17 April, 2001, a date that no Mississippian will forget, our funds just do not exist to take on another Campaign. It is important that these funds are replenished as we prepare for Phase II in the Flag Fight as we prepare to help create and introduce proposed legislation into our State Congress to protect all “Confederate Monuments, streets named after Confederate heroes, cemeteries, and so forth for future prosperity.”

Will you please give generously and forward those donations to:

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**Lets Capitalize on the April 17,
2001 Vote and Carry the Fight to
Our Enemies**



Dues Reminder from Tom Waggner, Division Adjutant

*PLEASE HELP YOUR
CAMP ADJUTANT...*

All current members' dues for the 2001-2002 year must be received at IHQ no later than February 1, 2002. Any member whose dues are not mailed to IHQ by February 1, 2002 will be required to pay a \$5.00 reinstatement fee at the time dues payment. Additionally, members whose dues are not current on February 1, 2002 will be suspended, and their subscription to the *Confederate Veteran* discontinued. Source: SCV Gray Line

National News

On to Memphis, TN in 2002 !! SCV * MOS&B National Convention News

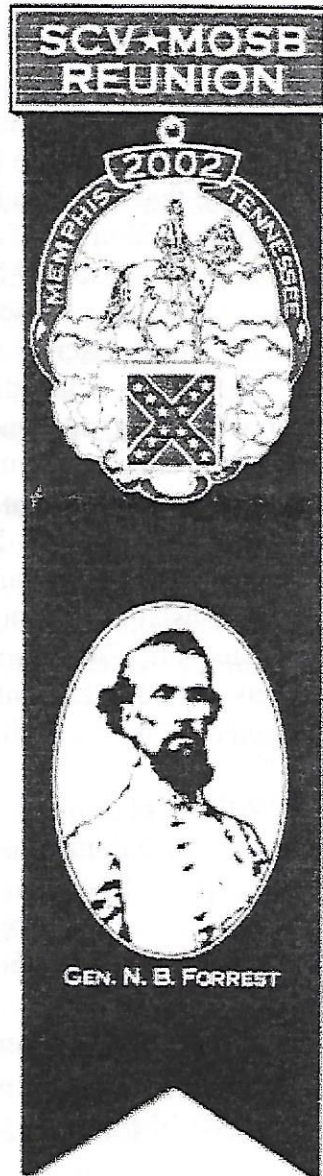
The historic Peabody Hotel will be the site for the 2002 SCV National Convention in Memphis, TN from July 31 August 3, 2002. The Peabody has reserved 300 rooms for our use. Our rate is \$99.00 per room. When making reservations mention to the person taking your reservation that you are with the "SCV" or "Sons of Confederate Veterans" to receive this rate. Deadline for Hotel reservations is July 1, 2002. To make reservations click on the Peabody Logo or call 1-800-PEABODY or 901-529-4000

The N.B. Forest Camp #215 (the Host Camp for the Convention) has also arranged a
SHILOH BATTLEFIELD BUS TOUR
Tuesday, July 30, 2002 from 7:00am - 5:00pm
\$55.00 Singles \$100.00 Couples

This includes the tour, box lunch and a drink.

Your tour guides will be experienced reenactors with vast knowledge of Shiloh will lead you through the Shiloh Military Park. This all day tour will be well worth your visit. ***LIMITED BUS SPACES***, so make your reservations early.

For more information go to the Convention website at
www.scvmemphis2002.org



140 years ago this Month in Civil War History –

1862 Battle of Logan's Crossroads

Union General George Thomas defeats Confederates commanded by George Crittenden in southern Kentucky. The battle, also called Mill Springs or Beech Grove, secured Union control of the region and resulted in the death of Confederate General Felix Zollicoffer.

Zollicoffer commanded a brigade that moved across the Cumberland River in November 1861 in order to control as much of Kentucky as possible. Crittenden was the key Confederate commander in the region, and he arrived in early January to supervise Rebel operations. Crittenden had initially ordered a withdrawal to the south bank of the Cumberland, but he found Zollicoffer's force safely entrenched on the north bank of the river, which was running unusually high. Thomas's Yankees were just ten miles north. Crittenden ordered Zollicoffer to advance, and Thomas' scouts detected the move. Thomas moved his troops south, and the two forces collided early in the morning of January 19. The Confederates attacked the Union left flank, then the center. As additional Federal troops arrived, the tide of battle

turned. At one point, Zollicoffer approached a unit that he thought was part of his army. It was the 4th Kentucky, a Union regiment. Before he and his entourage could flee, a volley killed Zollicoffer. At about this time, the tide of battle turned for the Federals. Union troops pressed all along the line and the Confederates began to break en masse. Fortunately for the Confederates, Thomas' troops were low on ammunition and could not take advantage of the situation.



That night, Crittenden withdrew his forces across the swollen Cumberland but had to abandon most of its artillery and horses. The Confederates lost 400 men in the engagement; the Yankees lost about 250. Crittenden was heavily criticized for the defeat and he resigned that fall. The Union retained control of Kentucky, but the engagement was a prelude to the much larger Battle of Shiloh in April.

Important Dates in January

Lt. General James Longstreet

B. January 8, 1821

General Robert Edward Lee

B. January 19, 1807

**Lt. General Thomas J. "Stonewall"
Jackson**

B. January 21, 1824

Major-general George Pickett

B. January 28, 1825

**Mississippi Secedes on January 9,
1861 and is still occupied today**

A Declaration Secession of the State of Missis- sippi from the Federal Union,

In the momentous step which our State has taken of dissolving its connection with the government of which we so long formed a part, it is but just that we should declare the prominent reasons which have induced our course.

Our position is thoroughly identified with the institution of slavery-- the greatest material interest of the world. Its labor supplies the product which constitutes by far the largest and most important portions of commerce of the earth. These products are peculiar to the climate verging on the tropical regions, and by an imperious law of nature, none but the black race can bear exposure to the tropical sun. These products have become necessities of the world, and a blow at slavery is a blow at commerce and civilization. That blow has been long aimed at the institution, and was at the point of reaching its consummation. There was no choice left us but submission to the mandates of abolition, or a dissolution of the Union, whose principles had been subverted to work out our ruin.

That we do not overstate the dangers to our institution, a reference to a few facts will sufficiently prove. The hostility to this institution commenced before the adoption of the Constitution, and was manifested in the well known Ordinance of 1787, in regard to the Northwestern Territory. The feeling increased, until, in 1819-20, it deprived the South of more than half the vast territory acquired from France. The same hostility dismembered Texas and seized upon all the territory ac

quired from Mexico.

It has grown until it denies the right of property in slaves, and refuses protection to that right on the high seas, in the Territories, and wherever the government of the United States had jurisdiction. It refuses the admission of new slave States into the Union, and seeks to extinguish it by confining it within its present limits, denying the power of expansion. It tramples the original equality of the South under foot.

It has nullified the Fugitive Slave Law in almost every free State in the Union, and has utterly broken the compact which our fathers pledged their faith to maintain. It advocates negro equality, socially and politically, and promotes insurrection and incendiaryism in our midst.

It has enlisted its press, its pulpit and its schools against us, until the whole popular mind of the North is excited and inflamed with prejudice. It has made combinations and formed associations to carry out its schemes of emancipation in the States and wherever else slavery exists. It seeks not to elevate or to support the slave, but to destroy his present condition without providing a better.

It has invaded a State, and invested with the honors of martyrdom the wretch whose purpose was to apply flames to our dwellings, and the weapons of destruction to our

lives. It has broken every compact into which it has entered for our security.

It has given indubitable evidence of its design to ruin our agriculture, to prostrate our industrial pursuits and to destroy our social system. It knows no relenting or hesitation in its purposes; it stops not in its march of aggression, and leaves us no room to hope for cessation or for pause.

It has recently obtained control of the Government, by the prosecution of its unhallowed schemes, and destroyed the last expectation of living together in friendship and brotherhood.

Utter subjugation awaits us in the Union, if we should consent longer to remain in it. It is not a matter of choice, but of necessity. We must either submit to degradation, and to the loss of property worth four billions of money, or we must secede from the Union framed by our fathers, to secure this as well as every other species of property. For far less cause than this, our fathers separated from the Crown of England.

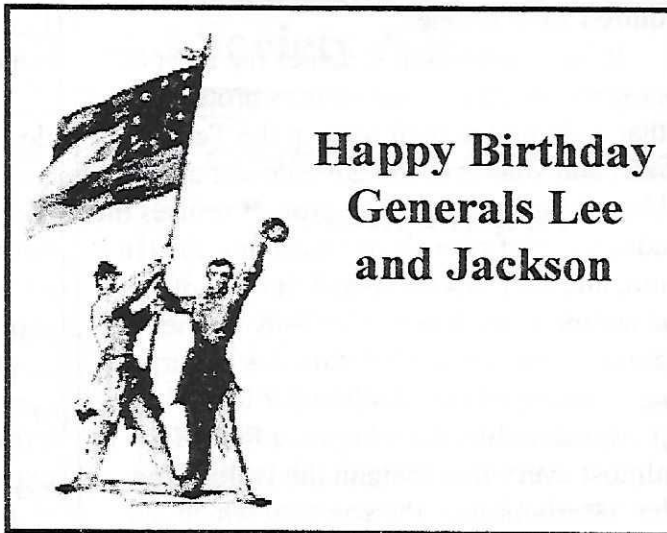
Our decision is made. We follow their footsteps. We embrace the alternative of separation; and for the reasons here stated, we resolve to maintain our rights with the full consciousness of the justice of our course, and the undoubting belief of our ability to maintain it.

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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