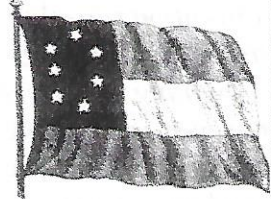


The Delta General



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JULY MEETING

July 15th is the date of our July meeting. This will be a very special meeting. We will be having a "pot luck" picnic in the fellowship hall of the Church. Bring a dish and enjoy some great fellowship after a short business session. Remember 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 311 Catchings, Indianola, Mississippi.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Members present at the Division Convention voted to raise Division Dues (first such increase in ten years) by \$2.00 per year effectively immediately.

This will bring our dues to the following:

Renewal	\$37.00
New Member	\$42.00
Delinquent Member	\$43.65

Remember, the new membership year begins AUGUST 1ST. We will be collecting dues for the year 2000 beginning on that date. We need to bring our fiscal year in line with Division/National schedule.

We four (4) delinquent members and we are in process of contacting them to get them to re-enlist. **WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANY MEMBERS**

You might like to know that there are only six (6) camps in the Division that have more members than our Camp. We should all be proud of our Camp and the progress that we have made. **THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.**

HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND

The members present at the Division Convention raised \$1,193.00 for the Division's "Heritage Defense Fund," for fighting the attacks on our flag. However, more money is needed so mail your donations to the Division Adjutant, stipulating the Heritage Defense Fund.

Next years Convention will be at Laurel, Mississippi. Make plans now to attend.

OLD ABE, YANKEE BUZZARD

(Excerpted from The Peoples Almanac, Copyright 1975, page 698, Category Unusual Animals")

Submitted by Compatriot Anselm C. Griffin

With red, white, and blue ribbons around his neck, Old Abe, the Eagle was sworn into service in the 8th Wisconsin Regiment in April, 1861. From then on, Old Abe played his part to the hilt. It was said that as the soldiers marched, drums beating and flags flying, Old Abe flew from his perch to the metal standard holding the flag, grabbed Old Glory in his beak, and helped carry it through the streets.

In a battle at Farmington, Mississippi, Old Abe broke his cord and flew screaming above the men. Throughout the war Old Abe took part in 36 battles and 50 skirmishes, each time flying above the troops screaming his war cry. Once a spent bullet hit his chest, and several tail feathers were shot off, but he was not killed nor were any of the standard bearers who carried him.

This was strange, for the Confederates had put a price on the "Yankee Buzzard."

Note 1. The Battle of Farmington occurred in May, 1862

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COMMANDER'S NOTE

My Fellow Compatriots,

The month of June has come and passed and so has another Division Convention. I would like to thank those that attended and represented the Camp and the OCR Chapter. This year's convention was a record attendance and I hope that next year we can have even more members from our camp to attend.

The year is half over and we have a few more goals that I set in January to accomplish:

1) Earl McCown is heading up the MOS&B Chapter that is being formed and it seems that we have ten members that qualify. I hope that this chapter will be a reality by December.

2) We need to form our By-laws Committee to get our By-laws in line with the State and National. If you would like to volunteer for this committee please let me know at our July meeting.

3) We are currently stuck on 49 members. We need six more to satisfy the goal of 55 that I wanted to shoot for this year.

Let's work together on these goals because the camp is only as successful as you make it.

I would like to congratulate the members on their donations at the June meeting for the Mississippi Flag Fund. As you know, it has cost the Division over \$12,000 in court fees to save the State Flag. Now that the battle has been renewed, we must rally around the flag once again and donate our funds to help save our flag. If you would like to make a donation, please send your check to Dan McCaskill at 205 Cypress Street, Leland, MS 38756 -- and he will forward all donations to the Division. Please give from the heart.

We have missed our members at the meetings. For those who have not been attending, you have missed some great speakers lately. Just to keep you informed on some of our future projects such as restoration of headstones at the Greenville Cemetery. Hopefully the project will

be a reality soon as we wait on the projected costs of this project. Please come and participate and renew old friendships.

Our July meeting will be a social that the ladies of the OCR will be sponsoring. They are asking all members to bring their wives and a covered dish for a pot luck social (finger food). We will be honoring Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest's Birthday on July 15th. Officially his birthday is the 13th so remember to put out your flags in honor of this great Son of the South. Also, if you have any prints, pictures or books that you would like to display on Forrest, please bring them. Allen Palmer will be playing his guitar that night and playing period music.

Until then, I hope to see you all there. Lets once again turn out in record numbers and remember to keep those flags flying.

God Save the South,

Larry McCluney, Commander

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OCR PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Ladies and Gentlemen of the South,

I have found out that the OCR has a national newsletter called the "Confederation Newsletter." Mary Perry will be sending me a copy which in turn I will duplicate for our members. Also she reports that there will be a meeting at National Convention for the OCR in Mobile. National Convention is very expensive so I will not be attending but do not let me discourage any of you who may be interested. Please see Larry if you are interested so he can give you the paperwork needed.

I would like to thank the ladies for the Jefferson Davis Birthday party we had at our last meeting. It was a success and I'm sure the men enjoyed the sweets as well. We should do this more often.

I would like to remind you that OCR renewals are due in August, they are \$20.00. Let's keep this in mind for our August meeting. It is hard

to believe that our Chapter is a year old come August. Where has the year gone?

Now we must prepare for our July meeting. As you know, it will be a Meeting/Social. Everyone, and that means you men as well, is asked to bring a dish (finger food) for our Picnic Style social on July 15th. The occasion is to honor the birthday of Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest which officially is the 13th. Also, if you have books, pictures, or other memorabilia of the General you are encouraged to bring it for the display table I will be in contact with you ladies about decorations, food, and any other details that may need final touches before then. Until then, I hope to see everyone at the meeting.

God Bless the Southland,

Annette McCluney, OCR President

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GRANDSON COLORS IN HISTORY
By Carlos Moncada of the Tampa Tribune

ST. PETERSBURG - The grandson of a slave who fought for the Confederacy says the role of black soldiers is misunderstood. Nelson Winbush has colorful story to tell anyone willing to listen. It's about the blacks who fought with white soldiers in the Battle of the Blue and Gray. Winbush, 70, whose grandfather signed up with the Confederate forces against Union troops, says the role of blacks in the Civil War is one-sided.

"You see, to the victor goes the spoils," said the retired school teacher from Kissimmee. "So the Yankees wrote the history books."

Winbush was among the participants at Saturday's Juneteenth celebration in St. Petersburg, held in honor of the day in 1865 when the last slaves learned they were free. He shared stories he heard as a child from his grandfather, who went to war with his master's sons when he was 14. "All blacks weren't slaves," he said. "Some were free blacks. You had blacks that owned slaves. And all of their

slaves weren't black. Some of their slaves were white."

His grandfather, Louis Napoleon Nelson, was one of more than 90,000 black men who fought for the slaveholding Confederacy, Winbush said. His heritage dispels the notion that black men fought only in the Union army. "Can you imagine a Yankee soldier going back up North and saying, I went down South to try to free the slaves, and when I got there some black soldiers were shooting [at me]" Winbush said.

Members of the John T. Lesley Camp 1282, Sons of Confederate Veterans in Tampa, also were on hand in full battle dress at the Juneteenth fete at Campbell Park, sponsored by Juneteenth of Tampa Bay. Except for one "adverse comment" the group received positive responses from the mostly black festivalgoers, said 1st Lt. Cmdr. Marion Lambert. "We're trying to let people know that Southern heritage is something other than just a racial thing," he said. "It's all-inclusive."

Winbush, a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Kissimmee, said he has spoken publicly about black history, his grandfather and the Civil War since 1995.

"Most people, they don't seem to be alarmed," Winbush said when asked what reaction he gets. "They just didn't know."

For example, Stan and Alicia Singletary of St. Petersburg stopped at Winbush's booth, where he displayed such mementos as photographs of his grandfather taken at one of 39 Confederate reunions he attended. Behind Winbush was the same Confederate Battle flag that draped his grandfather's coffin when he was buried in a Rebel uniform in 1934.

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NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST

Forrest was born in Bedford City, Tennessee on July 13, 1821. The son of a poverty-stricken backwoods blacksmith, no man had more to overcome during his rise to fame than Forrest. Forced to assume responsibility for a large family at 16, Forrest, who could make the most

of meager resources, became a successful slave trader and planter by 1861.

Enlisting in the Confederate Army as a private that year, he was promoted to brigadier general July 21, 1862, major general December 4, 1861 and by war's end he was a lieutenant general. Despite lack of military education, he displayed extraordinary capability as a tactician and a firm grasp of strategic considerations. His underlying philosophy of warfare was "War means fightin' and fightin' means killin'." He applied this belief with such imagination and ferocity that he became the most feared of all Confederate cavalry leaders.

Forrest's escape with all his men from FORT DONELSON and his performance at SHILOH brought him to prominence early in the war, which allowed him to develop the raiding tactics that made his cavalry a superb strike force. Time after time, he led his men of raids behind enemy lines and invariably accomplished far more than could have been expected from the resources committed. Though such outstanding successes caused his other capabilities to be overlooked for much of the war, he was far more than a raider, which is clearly demonstrated at BRICE'S CROSS ROADS. There, in a head-on engagement, he inflicted one of the most humiliating defeats in the history of the U. S. Army.

Following the war Forrest devoted his life to farming and business interests. Maj. General William T. Sherman summed up the accomplishments of this charismatic leader and magnificent field commander when he said, "After all, I think Forrest was the most remarkable man our Civil War produced on either side."

Nathan Bedford Forrest died October 29, 1877 in Memphis, Tennessee.

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**REMEMBER TO FLY THE
FLAG ON FORREST'S
BIRTHDAY !!!!!**

Q: What are three books that should be in every right-thinking home?

**A: *Gone with the Wind*, *The South Was Right!*, and
*THE SCV COOKBOOK***

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