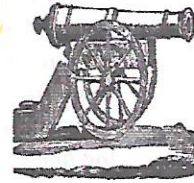
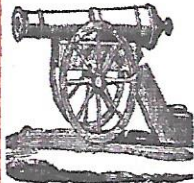
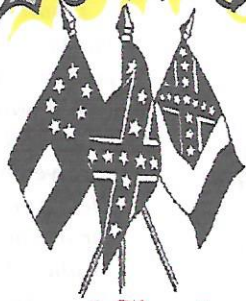


# THE BATTLE BANNER



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### ADJUTANT'S NOTES

Did you ever notice how long it takes for Christmas to come around each year. And did you ever think of how fast Tax Paying time comes around. Well, it's here again this year and I don't even know where January and February went!!! Our February meeting was really good. Ms. Knowell's talk was very interesting and the business session was a success.

I want to give a very special welcome to our two newest members. **Earl M. Mc Cown III and John W. Mc Cown**. They are my sons and I'm proud to have them as a part of our Camp.

-Our March meeting will be 7:00 p.m. March 19th. We will not have a speaker but will have a business and planning meeting. I encourage each and every member to attend and plan to participate..

### DIVISION WORKSHOP

March 21st is the date of our Second Annual Division Workshop. Division 2nd Lt. Com-

mander Billy Hankins is chairing this workshop just as he did the very successful one last year. We will hold this year's workshop at the War Memorial Building Auditorium in Jackson. There is no charge for this workshop Billy has scheduled many speakers that will be of interest to each member of the Division. There will be speakers for the SCV, MOS&B as well as the OCR. So you see, something for everyone. This is an event where all members and their wives can join for a day of learning, sharing information and fellowship. By coming together in manners such as this, not only can we learn together how we might improve our camps and Division, we can also help our Division grow. This will be a great time for those of you who haven't been to Division functions before to meet all out Compatriots from other camps in our State.

**Who knows, you might even enjoy this Workshop!!!!**

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**The Division Confederate Memorial Day service will be held at Beauvoir on Saturday April 25, 1998, at 2:00 p.m**



## COMMANDER'S LETTER

Compatriots:

For those of you who were unable to attend the February meeting, you missed a wonderful evening. The fellowship was truly Southern with a huge turnout for our speaker, Ms. Princella Knowell, who spoke on the "Burning of Greenville." Several time through her talk she mentioned that the burning of Greenville was no burning of Atlanta in comparison, but with all of the homes, buildings and crops that were torched, it really gave many of us the impression that it was worse than Atlanta.

We also had a great business session before the meeting and I would like to commend the camp of their wisdom in the speedy passage of various items of business. I know it was a lot to bring up at once but it was important information that was passed to us from Division Headquarters that all camps needed to be informed about. Thank you for your patience during that session.

I also commend the camp on its wisdom to hold a recruitment booth at the "Battle of Florewood Reenactment" to be held at Greenwood; March 20-22. We had many volunteers to help and it was very exciting to see so many members anxious to participate in this event. This could be a very good recruitment opportunity for our camp. It would be nice to see as many members there as possible to help at the table, taking turns.

As you know, one of the goals this year is to start a Confederate Rose Chapter in conjunction with our SCV Camp. We have three potential members and we need four more to get a Charter. Think seriously about this and give a response to me or my wife, Annette, who is working on this project. It would benefit our Camp in so many ways in membership. Remember, both men and women can join as long as you have an interest in preserving Southern History and are at least twelve years of age.

Here is an opportunity for those to participate with us that cannot find a Confederate ancestor but have a love for the South.

I must commend the camp on their turn out this past February meeting and I hope this continues throughout the year. Our meeting in March will be a business meeting. I hope to have these once a year and this is a perfect time to have one as we prepare for our Confederate Memorial Day Service in April. Please turn out for this meeting because we have important business to discuss that needs your attention and input.

Remember I am in office to serve and I need everyone's help to make our camp a success. You the members are the most important people, not the officers, because without you there would be no camp, so continue your attendance and participation. If there is anything that you feel needs to be brought to my attention, or any of the other officers, do not hesitate to tell us. We are here to serve.

See Ya'll at the next meeting

Commander Larry McCluney

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## GENERAL BRANTLEY MURDERED

November 5th, 1870  
Winona, Mississippi

William Felix Brantley was born in Greene County, Alabama, March 12, 1830, but moved to Mississippi with his family as a child. In 1852 he started the practice of law in the town of Greensboro, Mississippi (this town doesn't exist any longer), and in 1861 he represented Choctaw County in the Mississippi secession convention. He was elected Captain of the Wigfall Rifles, which became Company D of the 15th and later the 29th Mississippi. He soon rose to the rank of Colonel and commanded the 29th with distinction at Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Chattanooga and in the Atlanta Campaign. Brantley was commissioned Brigadier General on July 26, 1864 and led the brigade into Tennessee and afterwards, until its surrender with General Joseph E. Johnston in North Carolina. After the War, General



Brantley resumed his law practice. On November 2nd, 1870 while riding in his buggy, General Brantley was assassinated near Winona, Mississippi. The murderer is unknown and hasn't been apprehended, but Brantley's death apparently resulted from a feud of long standing, and he was by no means, the first victim on either side. General Brantley was laid to rest today behind the church at Old Greensboro, about three miles north of Tomnolen, Webster County, Mississippi.

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## **MARTIN MARBLE: HERO**

*This article contributed by Dan McCaskill*

*From the Delta Democrat Times, June 11, 1920*

A noble old colored man died here yesterday and was buried today.

Martin Marble passed to his reward at the age of eighty-six years.

He was before the war a slave of Colonel Andrew Carson, who was the Sheriff of Washington County during the war between the states.

When the federal gunboats were in the Mississippi River and destroying property along its banks, Martin Marble, colored, under the direction of Sheriff Carson, hauled the county records to the virgin forests back from the river, and guarded and protected them until the danger was over, returning the records as they had been taken away. In the meantime, the old Greenville Court House had been burned by the federals.

Many other acts of loyalty to the south; acts of honor, fidelity and personal devotion to the white people he knew, are credited to this noble old colored man, whose skin was black, but whose character was as white as snow.

A number of years ago, the members of Private Taylor Rucks Chapter, U. D. C., presented Martin Marble to the Board of Supervisors as a true Confederate veteran, although not formally enlisted in the army, and he was placed on the Washington County pension list as an honor pensioner.

When he died yesterday, Mrs. Lizzie Green Hunt and others of the U. D. C., who knew the old Negro, arranged for the funeral and

vouched for it, and it was held from the Wells undertaking parlors and was attended by noble white women, while Rev. E. S. Lewis, pastor of the First Methodist Church read and spoke at the funeral.

The homage paid Martin Marble, a penniless old colored man, is but living evidence that true worth is appreciated and honored, even if the skin be black or the form clad in rags.

*From the Delta Democrat Times, June 12, 1920*

In the notice of the death and funeral of the old Confederate Negro, Martin Marble, yesterday, the funeral being arranged by the ladies of the U. D. C., the short eloquent talk of Judge Percy Bell, who spoke at the funeral, should have been given special mention. Judge Bell's talk was on the line of paying just tribute to whom tribute is due, and that the deeds of the man, whether black or white, high or low, are the things that really count.

Martin Marble had been faithful over a few things, at least, and the unusual tribute to his memory was due to his fidelity.

## **NEGRO CIVIL WAR HERO GIVEN UNUSUAL BURIAL.**

*From the Commercial Appeal  
Greenville, June 12, 1920*

Martin Marble, an old Negro, eighty-six years of age, was given an unusual burial here Friday, following his death on Thursday. Martin Marble was a slave of Colonel Andrew Carson, who was the war sheriff of this (Washington) county, and when the federal soldiers came up the Mississippi River during the war between the states and were destroying much property, Colonel Carson placed the official records of Washington County in charge of Martin Marble, a Negro slave; and that Negro guarded those records while he kept them away back in the delta forest until the danger had passed, returning the valuable records just as he had received them. The old court house was, in the meantime burned, but the records were saved. He was buried under the direction of the U. D. C. chapter, the funeral being held with Rev. E. S. Lewis, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and Judge Percy Bell speaking at the funeral, which was attended by a number of the leading ladies of Greenville.