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Commander's Message

Greetings,

Our February meeting was great. We had a large number of members there and if you missed it you missed a great talk by Compatriot Henry McCabe. The March meeting should be just as exciting. We will have a social get together and get acquainted with our members as well as our ancestors. Each of you should be prepared to talk a little about your Confederate Ancestor. Bring pictures books, letters, and anything else about your ancestor to the meeting.

The attacks on our heritage continues on every front there are groups of people trying to remove the Confederate Flag, State Flag, and Confederate Monuments. We must be

vigilant and guard against these foes. Display your Confederate flags, talk to people, and contribute your time, talents, and money. These violations are not in some foreign country, they are right here in our Southern States, and the State of Mississippi is not excluded. It will take the strength and efforts of all of us to preserve our rights. We must defend the cause which our ancestors fought, bled, and died.

We are in the middle of a couple of busy months. We are co-sponsoring the Reenactment of Fort Pemberton at Greenwood on March 17-19. There will be a need for volunteers to man the recruitment tables as we have done

in the past. It is anticipated that this will be the largest reenactment at Floewood ever. Your assistance is required and appreciated. We will again celebrate Confederate Memorial day in April at Greenville and on the Division level at Beauvoir. The Color Guard unit plans to participate at the Shiloh reenactment in April as well. It is great to be busy, especially when you are getting something done.

I look forward to meeting you on March 16, bring family and friends to have a good time in fellowship and to honor the memory of our ancestors.

Your Obedient Servant,
Earl McCown Jr., CMDR



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March Meeting: Share Your Ancestor Night

Lt. Cmdr. Alan Palmer asks everyone to make a maximum effort to attend the March 16th meeting to **Share Your Ancestor**. The night is to be a social night so bring finger food and we will put it together to have a pot luck supper. Palmer also asks everyone to share the war history of their ancestor with the Camp by telling everyone about their ancestor and sharing any relics that you may have that

your ancestor owned during the war. Palmer says that it is a night to get reacquainted with the members and to learn a little about the wealth of history that we can share with one another just by telling everyone about their ancestor. "Our camp has a wealth of untapped history that is waiting to be revealed just by sharing it," he says. So make the effort to come out and enjoy sharing history.

February Meeting Recap

If you missed the February meeting you missed a treat. One of our own Henry McCabe was the guest speaker giving a presentation on Ft. Pemberton. The program included slides of the present day earthworks of the various forts around Greenwood. The program was used to kick-off the Ft. Pemberton Reenactment to be held on March 18-19 this year. The event is a camp sponsored proj-

ect to recruit new members for all three of our societies, educate the community, and most importantly to preserve the truth about our Confederate Heritage.

There were 28 people in attendance, the largest crowd seen at a meeting for some time. We hope this spirit continues and carries over to our March meeting. Bring a friend and we hope to see all of you once again on March 16.

The Confederate Flag: Should We get Rid of It?

By J.J. Johnson Editor-n-Chief
Sierra Times Jan. 30, 2000



Okay, so what's wrong with me? In celebration of slain Civil Rights Leader Martin Luther King's day if I watch enough news, I should be out there with my black brethren yelling, screaming and looking to burn every free waving set of Stars and Bars I run across. So what's wrong? Shouldn't I be offended as well? In a way, yes. I am. And here's why: I had ancestors who fought on both sides of that war - which was anything but civil. Surprised?

Yes, in Northern Mississippi in fact. Cousin against cousin. One man trying to protect what was his, and one who escaped slavery only to be drafted into taking his cousin's land away. This little fact, along with all the arguments about Southern Heritage, Southern Pride and Remembering the Gentlemen who in died war gets lost in all the noise about why it's so "insensitive." And I am just fed up with it. More than that, I'm fed up with the yellow-bellied, white guys who don't have the guts to fight back on the issue. I know, no one wants to get labeled the "R" word. To politicians, it's a label that's worse than being called a liar, an adulterer or a draft dodger. And heaven knows, you white guys in the public sector better not even bring it up at work or in public. There's a civil rights lawsuit with your name on it. Yet, I know how many of you especially you folks south of the Mason-Dixon line must feel right now.

Wanna fight back? Hold my coat for a minute. Where were these protests against OUR Confederate battle flag for the last 135 years? Why are these black people allowing themselves to be manipulated by the media and their left-wing, so-called "black leadership?" Whenever I hear a black person talk about this flag issue, I ask them the same questions. Do you know how long that flag has been flying over those state capitals? Haven't you seen them there before? The answer from most blacks I talk to out west is, "who cares?" Not good enough for the National Association for the Advancement of Career Politicians (NAACP). Not good enough for these modern-day "Plantation Pimps" who can't find any other juvenile criminals to fight for so now they retaliate by "dissing" a great hunk of American culture. This is ONLY being done to pander to black voters this political season. You see, back in 1992, folks just decided to burn down Los Angeles while liberal politicians mailed gasoline to the rioters. This time, let's burn down a heritage instead.

I hope some black person is reading this right now and fuming. You should be. If you think the Confederate flag is insulting to you, you are being used, or as we say it in the hood, you bein' played - for a fool. By who? Not by those evil conservatives, but by the liberal white man. The ones who'll take your votes, then tell you you're not good enough to make it on your own. But there is no sense giving you the same argument many of the Southern Ladies and Gentleman are trying to give now. You don't want to hear them, anyway.

Let's talk about "insensitivity," shall we? If you don't mind, some of us with southern roots are going to find every Vietnamese American citizen in this country, bus them to Washington, D.C. and protest to have the Vietnam Memorial removed from the park. Why stop there? On the way to Washington, we might as well grab every citizen with German or Japanese ancestors. With enough noise, we can get rid of that World War II Memorial, too. After all, these people all had relatives who were killed by the men and women America honors at those Memorials. You liberal, nothing-else-better-to-do black folks wouldn't mind, would you?

Yes. Let that sink in real good. That's what you're doing to these good people of the South. You are DESECRATING THEIR MEMORIAL. Check that - Our Memorial. What ever happened to Diversity? Tolerance? Must be a one sided thing. Don't give me that "Symbol of Slavery" bull****. If that were the case, turn in all those 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 dollar bills. The faces on these bills were men who were leaders when many blacks were slaves. But let's get down and dirty, shall we?

The worst riot in American history was not in Los Angeles. It was in New York, back in 1863. You see, there were a bunch of people who, like during Vietnam, didn't want to be conscripted (read: drafted) to serve in an unjust war. Talk to your President about that. Over 1200 people died in just two days. Most when President Lincoln sent federal troops in to put down the "rebellion." Oh, by the way, 83 blacks were lynched in those two days -right there in The Big Apple. So, which flag do you really want taken down? But since we're all told to boycott, will those leftist, black elected leaders in South Carolina boycott the Statehouse while its in session? I doubt it. Will they avoid buying goods in their own state? Doubt it. Our forefathers who wrote the Constitution gave all of us a way to deal with a state's policies we didn't like. That's what the South was fighting for. It was not about slavery. If that were the case, we'd be bombing China right now, and we would not accept license plates made with prison labor right here in the good ol' USA.

Oh. What's the black population percentage in prison these days, anyway? The multicultural extremists can't call me racist, but in the black socialist community, they have even uglier words for people who refuse to live on that "plantation," such as me. Just ask Clarence Thomas. So let that flag wave proudly as a monument to the last Army in this country that actually fought for the Constitution. I am proud to have ancestors who fought with them. And for those people who don't want their state to fly the stars and bars, here a solution that's much easier than protesting: Leave. There's a term for it. Its called "white flight."

Get on with life and let the Rebel flag Rest by Donald V. Adderton Sun Herald: Feb. 24, 2000

[Donald V. Adderton is a nationally syndicated political columnist, and is black.]

Children as is their uncanny fashion, often reduce life's more complex issues down to a more common understanding. Even without uttering a word, youngsters can convey meaning to a situation that adults can neither explain nor solve. Two weeks ago, Pascagoula pupils from Arlington Elementary School toured Beauvoir in Biloxi to learn about a Confederate submarine sunk in Charleston Harbor during a Civil War battle off South Carolina. From that learning experience sprang a poignant photograph of a black youngster - standing with a white classmate - wearing a Beauvoir sticker on her face depicting Confederate President Jefferson Davis between the U.S. flag and the Rebel battle flag.

It is a portrait that speaks volumes of how far this state and nation have come in terms of race relations, and how utterly ridiculous the argument against flying the Confederate battle flag has become. The precious innocence of childhood is one of life's purest joys. Sadly, for many children that positive exuberance is soon debased by the prejudice of adulthood. Nonetheless, the so-called black leadership - testifying from a platform of repugnance - would have you believe every person of color has an abomination toward the very staff which the red, blue and white-starred Confederate banner flies upon.

"Banish the battle flag from all segments of society," their scratched record drones. It makes no matter to these zealots that the ensign is an integral part of American history. Kick the red cloth to the curb and burn it, they scream. These critics continue to conjure up dusty, overworked delineations of slavery, bigotry, white supremacy, Jim Crow, discrimination and violence. Sort of like the pot calling kettle black. Where is the hatred here? So-called racial symbolism aside, the Confederate battle flag is not responsible for rampant black-on-black crime and incarceration. The answer will not be found upon a flag pole, but in a mirror. The red cloth is not the reason that some minorities do not thrive in this nation's ever-increasing technological society. As a scapegoat or chump to blame human foibles on, the battle flag is just all-too-convenient.

The skirmish continues in South Carolina over the battle flag flying over the state capitol, and in Georgia over the ensign being incorporated into the fabric of that state's flag. Closer to home, the Mississippi Supreme Court is still weighing arguments brought by the NAACP to expunge the battle flag from the canton corner of the state flag. On the Coast, black factions are pressuring the Harrison County Board of Supervisors to remove the Rebel flag from its two perches on the beach.

And for what? Will the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the scene improve anyone's quality of life? I don't think so. Even if the majority acquiesced to these thug leaders, don't think for a moment that the battle flag impasse would be ended. An example: The embroilment in South Carolina could be settled tomorrow, because many state lawmakers are agreeable to removing the flag from atop the capitol and placing it at the Confederate memorial on the state house grounds. Not good enough for the NAACP. The organization wants to Rebel flag out of sight, and certainly out of mind. As far as these battle flag critics are concerned - they're spelling racial relief, G-O-N-E. As the imbroglio continues to swirl around the Confederate battle flag, we should remember those young school children who view the Civil War and Confederate battle flag as history lessons, not as modern symbols of racism and bigotry.

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Battle of Fort Pemberton Reenactment To Be Held on March 18-19, 2000

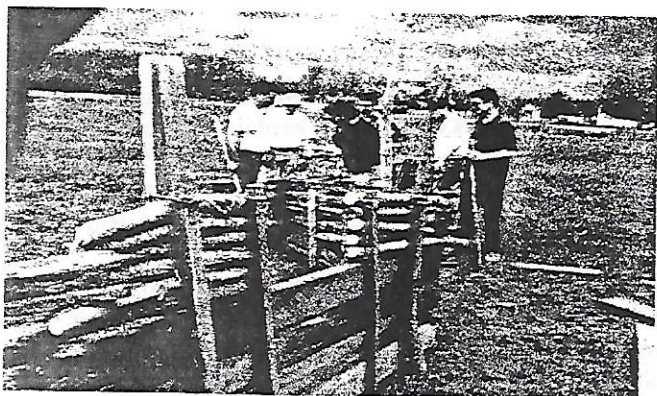
Preparations for the reenactment of the Battle of Fort Pemberton is really starting to shape up. The committee recently was awarded \$2,000.00 for advertising and \$2,000.00 in sponsorship grants from the Greenwood Tourism Board to help fund the event. It is estimated that 9 cannon and from 400-500 reenactors will attend this year's event. Also, Mike Ballard, Librarian at Mississippi State University, will be on hand at the event to autograph his recently published book on General John C. Pemberton. The event will be held at Florewood River Plantation State

Park. Please make the effort to attend the March meeting so the Camp can make final preparations for this important event.

The Camp voted to sponsor the event last year. Lt. Cmdr. Palmer is sending out a call for volunteers to man a recruitment booth for the Camp, and our OCR and MOS&B Chapters. He says we will also need volunteers to help with the registration of reenactors for the event. "This is a good opportunity to promote our camp, educate the public, and recruit new members," Palmer says. If you would like to volunteer, let Lt. Cmdr. Palmer know at the March meeting.



Work Day At Florewood to Prepare for the Fort Pemberton Event February 26, 2000



Alan Pamer, Dan McCaskill, Scott Blaylock, Andrew McCaskill, Larry McCluney, and others working on gun emplacements at Florewood. Pictures provided by Gary Pierce.

Taking time out from work to enjoy each others company. All work and no play makes a very dull day.

OCR President's Message Annette McCluney, President



Ladies of the South.

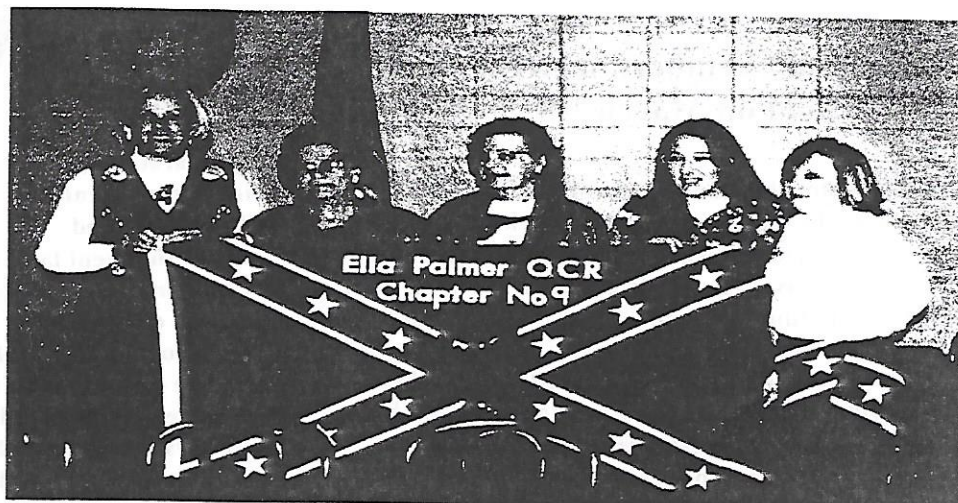
Lt. Cmdr. Alan Palmer has declared our March Meeting as **Share Your Ancestor Night**. He is encouraging everyone to participate by bringing any pictures or artifacts that your ancestor may have owned and sharing it with everyone. We are asked to participate as well. Also, the night is to be a social night so please don't forget to bring finger food. We will throw it all together to make it a Pot Luck Dinner in a sense. I will be contacting you soon about who can bring plates, cups, napkins, and stuff.

nate \$5.00 to our chapter. It's something to think about and to discuss. I feel really strong about this table because it will be a good opportunity to recruit new members for our Chapter. I think I have two new ladies who are interested in joining our Chapter, one of them is the park manager of Florewood.

We need to also start making plans for Confederate Memorial Day as well. It will soon be upon us, April 30. Also, in case you haven't noticed, Brian McCraven has our chapter on the internet. Take time to check it out. Thanks Brian from all the ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter. I hope to see each and every one of you at the March meeting.

God Bless the Southland.

We also have a busy schedule that we must attend to as well. We need to discuss who can help with the OCR table at the reenactment and help the men with registration at the event as well. We will need an extra card table to set up and Alan Palmer's mother has volunteered to bring Baby Quilts at our table to sell. She said that every quilt sold she would do-



A History of the Order of the Confederate Rose

The idea for the Order of Confederate Rose came to Jane Latture of Birmingham, AL, after a Robert E. Lee birthday dinner in January 1993, when the speaker, Charles Lunsford, told Mrs. Latture of an Order of Robert E. Lee that had been reactivated in Georgia. Knowing that other ladies in Alabama felt the need to help combat the growing attack on their Confederate Heritage, Mrs. Latture proposed the idea of their own order to some ladies, including Ellen Daniel, Sharon Dasinger, and Harriet Outlaw. All responded positively. The first name to occur to Mrs. Latture was The Order of the Confederate Rose, based on the movie "The Rose and the Jackal" about Rose O'Neal Greenhow, a Confederate Spy.

On May 1, 1993, eleven wives and daughters of Alabama Division SCV members met by a picturesque pond in Alabama City during the SCV state convention and organized the order. The ladies amended and approved the name Order of Confederate Rose, and everyone agreed it was perfect.

Then, using ideas from the Georgia order, they mapped out the purposes and the structure of the organization. One evening late in May, Ellen Daniel and Jane Latture met by chance at the home of Sharon Dasinger, where they

wrote up a tentative constitution and by-laws for the organization.

In July 1993, the first application and a short history of the order appeared in the "Alabama Confederate" offering charter membership to those whose applications came in by August 1, 1993. As a result, 65 applications were received and a charter signing ceremony was scheduled at Cahaba, the first capital of Alabama, on 16 October 1993, to coincide with the fall muster of the MOSB.

Great interest in the order was expressed by women from other states at the 1993 SCV National Convention in Lexington, KY., so the Alabama ladies put up a sign and handed out applications. Most importantly, the Alabama member then decided to petition the SCV General Executive Council for official recognition, which was granted on August 14, 1993; the Order was now a national one. Also during the convention, an insignia for the order was decided upon. It was a rose placed on top of the Confederate battle flag, with the name of the order inscribed around the sides of the flag.

Now, today this is where the order stands. The next steps in its history are up to the members. Their ideas, support and talents will determine the direction of its future.

A Message from the Commander-General MOS&B

Gentlemen:
Members of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOS&B) have a unique and special calling. In addition to our duties as Sons of Confederate Veteran (SCV) members, we have an obligation to honor our ancestors who served as officers and in elected positions of the Confederate Government. Our ancestors were "leaders of men"; that fact does not give us any special privileges, but it does challenge us to go the extra mile in their honor. Not only should we be active in the SCV; we should preserve the special place in Southern

history which our officer ancestors held. Through its literary programs, the MOS&B recognizes and awards those who forward the true history of the War. It sponsors the Douglas Southall Freeman History Award, which is an annual grant to the author who writes the best book on a Southern theme. Also sponsored by the MOS&B is the Lt. Dabney Scales High School essay contest and the John Esten Cooke Fiction Award. All of these literary awards promote and encourage the portrayal of the South in a historically accurate manner. The John

Randolph of Roanoke Oratorical Contest gives our membership a chance to present the great Southern speech-giving tradition on a variety of themes.

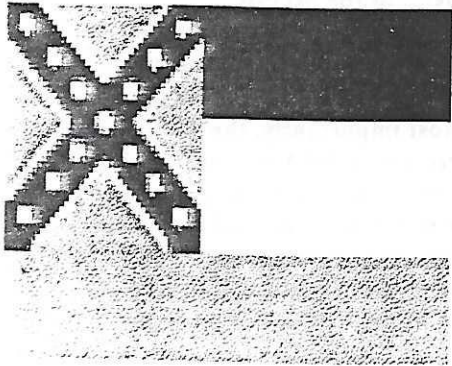
Our officer ancestors led by example; we have the challenge to do the same. As descendants of the Confederate Officer Corps and the elected officials of the Confederate government, it is our duty to continue the tradition of Southern leadership.

Joe B. Gay, III, Commander-General



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Confederate flag banned on Mississippi Highway Patrol Cars

Associated Press JACKSON, Miss. February 24, 2000

The chief of Mississippi's Highway Patrol has ordered troopers to remove unauthorized decals and emblems from their patrol cars, including the state flag with its Confederate battle flag in one corner. The directive last week was one of the first decisions by L.M. Claiborne Jr., the Highway Patrol's first black chief.

Other lawmakers, however, are outraged by the new directive. "That's going to cause discontent in the ranks of the Highway Patrol over what should be a non-issue," said GOP state Rep. Keith Montgomery. "The state flag has a place anywhere someone wants it to be displayed. Instead of trying to tear it down, we ought to be respectful."

"I think 99 percent of our Mississippi Highway patrolmen understand that they are uniformed officers and their car is an extension of their uniform," he said Wednesday. "There's going to be the 1 percent that will try to make this more than it really is. These are non-conformers and that's always been that way." Claiborne said he planned to issue standard front license plates for patrol cars.

The two sides in the flag debate also are awaiting a ruling on the constitutionality of the flag from the state Supreme Court. The state was sued in 1993 by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Annual Billy Ray Hankins Division Work Shop to Be Held On March 25

The Annual Billy Ray Hankins Division workshop will be held March 25 in Jackson. This is an opportunity for camp members to gather with other members from throughout the Division, to learn about and discuss plans for the future. It is very urgent that Camp officers attend since there will be in the afternoon a special session for Camp Adjutants as well as Brigade meetings. It is very important that each Camp be represented by more than one or two of its members.

The Workshop will begin with a very special event taking place Saturday morning in the Old Capital Building, one you will not want to miss. Rev. John Killian Of Birmingham, winner of the 1999 MOSB Oratorical contest, will speak to those present. To make it even a more special event, this will take place in the House chamber where the delegates to Mississippi's Secession Convention met and voted. Those of us who have heard Rev. Killian can tell you that you most cer-

tainly want to be present to hear him. Following is the agenda for the Workshop:

AGENDA

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM

Registration in the War Memorial Building Lobby

9:30 AM - Call to Order

Old Capitol - Upstairs - House Chambers

9:45 AM -

Preservation of Mississippi's Battle Flags - Ron Stowers and Mick Wright
Heritage Report and Discussion - Earl Faggert

BREAK

11:00 AM -

Memorial Service - Ricky Hall
Division Convention - Carl Ford
Fall Muster - Richard Perry

ORATION - REV. JOHN KILLIAN

12:00-1:15 - LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

1:15 PM -

Yearbook - Tom Waggoner
State Flag Certificate - John Echols
Division Band - Stone Barefield
Speaker's List - Chuck Bond
Division Website - Henry Irving

2:00 PM -

Beauvoir - Rick Forte, Bob Hawkins, Rusty Townbridge

BREAK

2:45 PM -

Adjutant Workshop - Tom Waggoner
Brigade Meetings - Brigade CMDR

3:45 PM -

Songs of the South

CLOSE

4:00 PM -

Convention Committees Meetings
Recruiting Committees Meetings