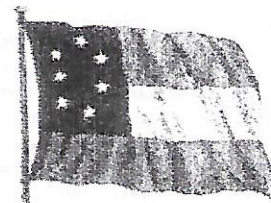
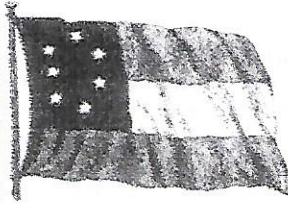


The Delta General



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OCTOBER MEETING

Thursday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. is the time. The speaker will be Mr. Chuck Bond, who will speak on the Battles of Raymond and Jackson. I hope to see all of you there.

TUPELO REENACTMENT

Saturday October 2nd, the Color Guard Unit participated in the Battle of Brice's Crossroads. It was a really good event. There was a large amount of "marching" and some of the troops got pretty tired. They will grow into it though. We served in Company K, 30th Mississippi Infantry Regiment.

CONFEDERATE MILITARY HISTORY

There is no need to go to the library to research the volumes of Confederate Military History. I now have this in my computer. Let me know if there is research that I could do for you.

FALL MUSTER

The 13th Annual Fall Muster at Beauvoir is scheduled for October 16 and 17. A unique and outstanding annual event, this is not only a great time for members and reenactors to gether, it also is a great means of publicity for Beauvoir and the SCV. If you have never attended, make plans to do so. It is an experience you will not regret and think how great it will be for the public to see many SCV members present.

COMMANDER'S NOTE

My Fellow Compatriots:

These are hard times to be a true son of a Confederate Veteran as the attacks on our heritage become more and more numerous. As you know the attack on the battle flag over the capital in South Carolina rages on as our South Carolina compatriots stand their ground in its defense. Thus, to show the confederation's support for that great sovereign state, the year 2000 SCV National Convention will be held in Charleston, SC on August 2-5. A good turnout will show our support to the South Carolina compatriots and their battle flag fight.

Also, the flag has become an issue in Natchez, MS. The Rev. C. R. Jackson has complained that the flag flown at the Natchez Visitor Center should not be flown and has pressured city tourism officials to ask the State archivists whether the flag has any historical value to be flown at the Visitor Reception Center. Jackson has stated that he would rather see a Confederate National Flag flown rather than the Battle Flag because of the offense it causes many people. Thus the Mississippi Department of Archives and History has been asked to determine the accuracy of the Confederate flag and will discontinue using it if inaccurate. This incident seems to be following the pattern that was taken a few years ago on the coast when a complaint was filed to remove the battle flag from the Biloxi-Gulfport Sign that displays the banners of eight nations that flew over Mississippi. Of course this suit failed as will the Natchez complaint.

But now for some good news, I had the pleasure on September 28th to escort the Drew High School Miss History Maid at the Homecoming coronation. Miss Beverly McGrew, a High School Sophomore, dressed in a Southern Belle's dress and I wore the Confederate Marine Corp dress uniform. She also decorated my truck with a southern theme for the homecoming parade in Drew, MS. She once again wore the Southern Belle dress and another student would borrow a Confederate uniform of mine as her escort. Needless to say, we were the focus of positive attention at the coronation and parade. Who says Southern history is not being taught properly in our public schools?

Now for a big REBEL YELL for Paul Artman. Through much persistence and hard work from Paul, it seems that the dream of a Camp commercial is going to come true. After heartbreaking news from WXVT-TV (Channel 15) stating they would not show the commercial because it was controversial, channel 6 WABG-TV agreed and soon it will air. Way to go Paul.

There is much I wish to include in my Commander's note but time and space in the news letter limits me to cut it short. I hope to see each and everyone of you as we renew our monthly fellowship. Our October meeting is October 21, when Chuck Bond will be our guest speaker. Let's turn out in record numbers as we join together to learn more about our Confederate ancestors.

Considerately,

Larry McCluney, CMDR

OCR NOTE

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for making Ms. Barbara Degg and Ms. Susan Williams feel at home at our September meeting. They called and complimented us on our hospitality, a warm feeling that they don't get at their own chapter of the OCR. They are considering joining our chapter.

For our October meeting, Chuck Bond will be the guest speaker and will speak on the Battle of Raymond. Chuck, as most of you know, is the MOSB First Brigade Commander. Maybe we can bring a few snacks to welcome him.

We need to further discuss the Lee/Jackson Dinner plans since we will not be able to discuss them in December like we usually do. As you know, the men will be voting in new officers and adopting new by-laws that month, so things will be very busy that night. We truly need to finalize these plans to present to the men by November.

I know it is short but there has been no new news from Division. I hope to see each and everyone of you at the October meeting. We really need to focus on recruiting new members, so try to bring a friend, if possible.

God Save the Southland,

Annette McCluney, President

MOS&B CHAPTER

With the selection of officers and choosing a name for the new MOS&B Chapter we will be able to apply for our charter after the October meeting.

This has been a goal of our camp for several years, but it appears that it will now become a reality at long last.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

I just want to remind those of you who have not paid your dues for the year 2000, they need to be paid no later than the December meeting. This deadline will give us time to complete the necessary paper work and submit the money to International Headquarters and to the Division Adjutant.

DATE: September 26, 1999
TO: Camp Commanders, Adjutants, and Newsletter Editors
FROM: Chief-of-Staff
SUBJECT: "Save the Battle Flags"

The Mississippi Division, SCV has undertaken a mission to preserve the Confederate Battle Flags housed in the Department of Archives and History. These flags belonged to Mississippi units in the Confederate States Army and afterwards were entrusted to the State of Mississippi for perpetual care and custody.

Many are in terrible condition and in need of immediate care to prevent continuing deterioration. Without proper treatment, the flags will eventually crumble to dust and live only in memory. The technical process to stabilize their condition and prevent further deterioration is called "conservation." Conservation is a very time consuming, labor intensive process that typically costs \$5000 or more for each flag depending on its condition and composition. The State does not have the necessary funds to conserve them.

One flag has already been successfully conserved with the help of many loyal and concerned members of the division. Another flag has been identified by the Department of Archives and History to be in priority need of help. It is the battle flag issued to the 2nd Mississippi Infantry on the battlefield of Gettysburg. Its history is provided in the enclosed flyer.

A fund raising campaign is underway to raise money to conserve this and eventually other battle flags housed in the State Archives. Commemorative coffee cups are given with donations over \$25. A silent auction is being started to sell selected civil war artwork and possibly other unique confederate related items.

Your help is needed to promote the "Save the Battle Flags" Conservation campaign. You can help by informing your camp members and friends about the condition of the flags and the need to save them. Encourage everyone to contribute to this most worthy endeavor. Information concerning these fund raisers is enclosed and can be used however you think best to help spread the word.

Saving the battle flags of our Confederate forefathers is one of the most important things we can do as sons of those brave men who served so honorably and fought so bravely under their colors.

If we, their sons, don't do anything to save their battle flags, then who will?

Thank you so very much for helping save the flags!

Deo Vindice!

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SILENT AUCTION

The auction will begin at the Fall Muster at Beauvoir in October 1999 and run until the next convention in June 2000. At that time the items will be sold to whoever has offered the highest bid. Bids will be publicized as they come in via both the division newsletter and the division web site. Everyone is encouraged to keep posted onto the web site to see how the bids are doing.

To start with, two works of art have been generously donated for this purpose. Each is framed and ready for display.

- A Troiani limited edition print, "The 2nd Maryland", donated by the artist himself
- An original oil painting featuring the 2nd Mississippi flag at Gettysburg painted by division member, Robert Williams of Jefferson Davis Camp #635.

Other items can be auctioned off as well. Collectibles such as artifacts and relics, guns, artwork, books are just some of the items suitable to be auctioned off. Anyone wishing to donate these or other such unique items to be used as fund raisers should contact Ron Stowers.

Ron can be reached at: P.O. Box 16945, Jackson, MS 39236
e-mail: ERStowers@aol.com
telephone: home: (601) 856-8988; work: (601) 364-7026.

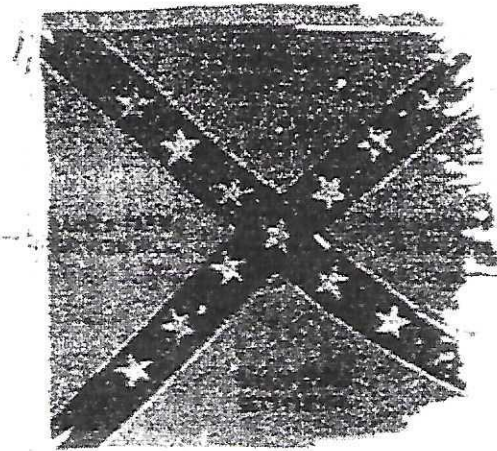
COMMEMORATIVE COFFEE CUPS

Contributors who donate \$25 or more to the "Save the Battle Flags" Conservation Fund will receive a free commemorative coffee cup emblazoned with a full color photograph of the actual battle flag.

If they wish the cups shipped directly to them they are requested to include an additional \$5 to cover shipping and packaging expenses. For donations of \$100 or more, 4 cups can be shipped free of charge.

**100% of all donations go directly to the
"Save the Battle Flags" Conservation Campaign.**

BATTLEFLAG -- 2nd MISSISSIPPI INFANTRY, C.S.A.



Issued by the
Quartermaster Department
Gettysburg
July 2, 1863

History

- Issued during the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863 to replace flag captured in the railroad cut the previous day
- Courageously borne through shot and shell throughout the remainder of the War
- Saved from capture at Hatcher's Run, Virginia on April 2, 1865 when torn from its flagstaff by one of its brave defenders and hidden beneath his gray jacket when taken prisoner
- Concealed and smuggled into Ft. Delaware Prison, it was afterwards brought home to Mississippi by its color bearer
- Whereabouts became lost until it was discovered in Dallas, Texas during a Confederate Veterans Reunion
- Donated to the Mississippi State Archives in 1916 for safekeeping

Help Preserve This Noble Battle Flag

\$ 25.00

Free commemorative coffee mug emblazoned with photograph of actual flag given with every donation of \$25.00 (add \$5 s/h, if shipped)
Set of 4 coffee mugs shipped free with donations of \$100 or more

Send donations to Ron Stowers, Adjutant, Jefferson Davis Camp # 635
 P O Box 16945
 Jackson, MS 39236

Include return street address for UPS delivery (no P. O. Boxes, please)
Make checks payable to "Jefferson Davis Camp # 635"