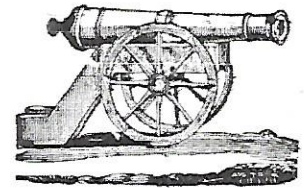
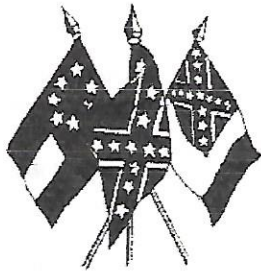
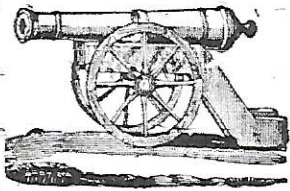


# The Delta General



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### **WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

We take this opportunity to welcome our newest member: **Alan Ray Palmer** who joins on the record of his ancestor **Captain William Henry Ray, Company K 30th Mississippi Infantry.**

### **IMPORTANT CONVENTION NOTICE**

Compatriots:

Division 2nd Lt. Commander Billy Ray Hankins has recommended that we make reservations NOW for the Division/Society Conventions next year. The Ramada Inn has blocked off 40 rooms for us with the promise of an additional 10 if we get these 40 reserved in the relatively near future. Remember that Natchez is a very important tourist city and a lot of people will be going there at the same time we will be holding our conventions. So we want to make certain our people have rooms.

The dates for the Division/Society Conventions are June 4-5, 1999.

You may make your reservations by calling 1-800-256-6311, ask for Margaret and tell her the reservations are for the SCV/MOSB Conventions in order to get this rate.

The room rates are \$69.00 plus tax (single or double).

Make your calls now and set your reservations up for the conventions. Join us in Natchez where we will have a lot of fun and great fellowship.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Billy Ray at 1-601-428-7286.

John L. Echols  
Commander  
Mississippi Division

### **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Our regular Camp Meeting will be Thursday 17 September, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 311 Catchings, Indianola, Mississippi.

Our program will be a video on "Weapons of the Civil War".

We urge all members to come out and bring your family. We now have an Order of the Confederate Rose, so there is something for the Ladies too!!

See you there!!!!

## COMMANDER'S NOTE

My Fellow Compatriots:

Fall is almost upon us and many exciting things are happening in our camp. Our Confederate Marine Corps Color Guard Unit is official organized and will soon be drilling for the presentation of the Colors at the Lee/Jackson Banquet. Our uniforms should be in by the end of November. Mr. McCown can't wait until they come in.

The ladies have officially organized the **ELLA PALMER CHAPTER NO. 9, ORDER OF THE CONFEDERATE ROSE**. They have worked hard in achieving this and we look forward to working with them and helping them to grow. Our hats are off to the ladies and those who made this possible.

Mr. McCown has planned for us a great program at our next meeting with a film of Weapons of the Civil War. This proves to be an interesting program and I hope that everyone turns out in record numbers. Bring a friend..

Once again I must congratulate the members on the enthusiasm and success that is very apparent in our camp. There is a growth trend that has started and I hope will continue as the word about our camp is starting to get out to the communities. Mr. Artman is working very hard in promoting our camp meetings on his radio station and some members have taken the initiative to publicize our meetings in various newspapers. These active members deserve our thanks and a great big **REBEL YELL** for their enthusiasm and initiative above and beyond the call of duty.

It is this kind of initiative that our ancestors would be proud of in preserving the cause they fought for. As this enthusiasm grows I can see the excitement spilling over to other members. It is almost like a disease because it is catching on to other members. Membership turnout for our meetings is growing and we want to continue this. **REMEMBER, DON'T BE A BACK SEAT REBEL, TAKE THE LEAD IN THE CHARGE!!**

This success can only be attributed to you the members. It is you that makes our jobs as

officers much easier and more successful with great members like you. Our camp has caught the eye of our Brigade Commander and Division Commander on many occasions and they are so amazed at the excitement our camp has and they congratulate us.

Now, I must close, remember our meeting on September 17. Bring a friend, family, and wives and lets turn out to show our support and pride for **OUR CAMP**.

God Save the South

*Larry McCluney, Commander*

## **ORDER OF THE CONFEDERATE ROSE ELLA PALMER CHAPTER NO. 9**

My Fellow Members:

**SUCCESS IS AT HAND!** It gives me great pleasure to announce that we are officially organized as the 9th Chapter of the Order of the Confederate Rose of the Mississippi Society. I received the Charter on August 31 along with the certificates from Mary Perry our Mississippi Society President. All founding members will have to sign the Charter before it can be framed so all members need to be at the September 17 meeting if possible.

I would like to encourage those members that are interested in a membership pin to bring their money (\$12.00), so I can order those pins all at once. I am in process of having the certificates and the Charter done in calligraphy and those items may not be finished until our next meeting in October.

I also need to discuss with the members at our September meeting when would be a good time for the men to present our Charter to us. Be prepared with some ideas on this. Also, Billy Ellis will be the guest speaker for the October 15 meeting. He is the author of **TITHES OF BLOOD**. Maybe we can do something special that night for our honored guest. He will bring copies of his book for sale.

Now that the hard part is out of the way of forming our chapter, now we must concentrate on membership for it to grow and maintain its

existence. Therefore, remember to bring a friend to the meetings.

Our Historian will soon be in the process of gathering information to make a scrapbook on the formation of our Chapter and the history of Ella Palmer, our namesake. If anyone has any information on her or know where we can find any more, please let me know or our historian, Katie Palmer. Thanks.

**Congratulations to our officers: President Annette McCluney, Vice President Betty Furr, Secretary Jeanette McCaskill, Treasures Ann McCaskill and Historian Katie Palmer.** Now I must close. I hope to see all of you once again at our September meeting. I am very excited in our future and success.

God Save the South

*Annette McCluney, President*

#### **RAFFLE TICKETS**

All money for raffle tickets for the 4 wheeler, and unsold raffle tickets must be turned in at the September meeting so that the money and unsold tickets can be forwarded to Division Headquarters.

#### **HISTORY OF ELLA PALMER**

**Ella Palmer was born in 1829 and died November 7, 1909**

Ella Palmer responded to a call to citizens to help the many Confederate soldiers who were suffering, lying on the floor and shivering without blankets in a makeshift hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Accompanied by her five year old daughter, Palmer donated her worldly goods to the hospital and then took charge as its matron. Palmer quickly organized two kitchens and a linen room, and she ministered to the sick and dying at all hours. Though the hospital corps had consisted of men only, the surgeons welcomed the widow's help.

During the Battle of Shiloh, Palmer was sent to Corinth, Mississippi, where she worked day and night in a church and under the trees, administering chloroform and binding arteries,

among other services, to the most desperately wounded. She went on tirelessly, to nurse many soldiers suffering from typhoid fever in Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi.

Palmer and her pitiful charges were constantly moved throughout the war as the enemy neared or when a hospital was more desperately needed elsewhere. At one point, when surgeons were going to leave behind seven men they thought were near death, Palmer insisted the invalids be moved too, and she returned all but one to good health. In Forsyth, Georgia the hospital tents overflowed with 1,800 sick and wounded. Townspeople were struck by Palmer's devotion to her patients and helped by providing all manner of services and goods needed by the men in gray. They made bowers out of limbs, cots of leafy branches, and cups and dishes from a local clay bed. Palmer's devotion to the soldiers was impressive: traveling to Auburn, Alabama Palmer was injured when her train derailed and went over a trestle. But after just three weeks in a hospital she made her way to Auburn and resumed her nursing duties.

After the war Palmer and her daughter returned to Tennessee. In 1873 Palmer moved to Colorado, where she studied mineralogy, and became an expert assayer. She discovered gold near Lake City, Colorado before she died at the age of 80.

**Fascinating Fact:** One cruel surgeon often used a barrel shirt to punish patients. Palmer was outraged and finally took an axe to the barrel.

I would like to print more information about Ella Palmer, so if anyone knows anything more about this exciting lady, please let me know.

#### **OCTOBER MEETING**

Compatriot Billy Ellis, author of "TITHES OF BLOOD" will be our guest speaker. He will have books with him than night for sale. Books will sell for \$20.00 and Mr. Ellis will contribute some of this back to the SCV. Please show up and hear this exciting and informative speaker, enjoy the fellowship and PURCHASE A BOOK!!!!