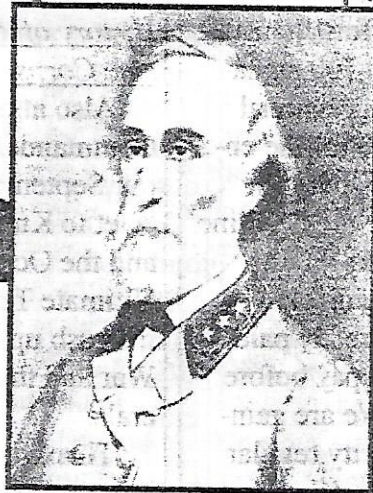


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Commander's Note —

Compatriots;

Our Petition Drive is progressing slowly, but it is progressing. We have a little over 3 weeks before the deadline. My Thanks to all who are working so hard. Many of the camps in the Division have the advantage of attending Gun Shows, Trade Days, Flea Markets etc., and are collecting many signatures. I visited the Batesville Camp last night, their Commander and his wife have collected over 700 signatures on their own. This is great effort!!! Just a reminder we need over 18,500 signatures in each of the 5 Congressional Districts, with over 93,000 for the entire state. That is a big job, but we **MUST** complete it before the deadline.

The number of members paying their dues is coming along nicely. Thanks to all who have already paid. I encourage all members to pay before the December deadline. We are gaining new members on a pretty regular basis, but we need to retain all of our current members as well in order to maintain our strength.

I look forward to seeing you on the 20th for our September meeting.

God Bless the South

Earl M. McCown Jr., Commander

Camp News —**Next Camp Meeting Is
September 20**

Our August Camp meeting was really great. Our guest speaker was yours truly giving a brief history on the Confederate Marine States Marine Corps. If you are interested in reading more about this elite branch of service during the war check our Ralph Donnelly's book *Rebel Leathernecks: A History of the Confederate States Marine Corps.*

Also at our August meeting, Lt. Commander Alan Palmer revealed that our September Meeting will feature "Get to Know Your Ancestor Night" and the October meeting will be our Ultimate Trivia Night, the ladies need to brush up on Heroines of the Civil War and the men need to read on Generals.

Thanks goes to the ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter, OCR for the delicious treats that they brought to honor General Benjamin G. Humphreys Birthday. Make the effort to join us in September to learn more about our ancestors and renew old friendships. Bring the whole family.

From the Adjutant

My Fellow Compatriots,

August 1, 2001 starts the new year for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This also means that annual dues of **\$ 37.00** are now due and payable from 1 August until 31 December 2001. Our goal for this year is 100% retention of our current members. The strength of the SCV and Your Camp is solely dependant upon the members of the Camps. Last year we lost 18% of our members for various reasons. **Your Camp** cannot grow and remain a viable force without retaining its current members and recruiting new members. Remember it was the Sons of Confederate Veterans who spear-headed the effort to retain the Mississippi Flag. We won a great battle on April 17, 2001 but the War is not over. The NAACP is marshalling their forces for renewed attacks on our Confederate Heritage in the near future. Do not remain on the sidelines; help defend your Confederate Heritage by renewing your membership today! Your dues are the ammunition the SCV uses in this fight.

Please send your dues to:

Larry McCluney

P.O. Box 63

Webb, MS 38966

Or

Dan McCaskill

205 Cypress Street

Leland, MS 38756

Make your checks payable to "SCV".

God Bless The South,

Dan A. McCaskill, Adjutant

Mississippi Society, MOS&B

The Mississippi Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars will hold its annual Symposium September 22. This year the Symposium will be in Brookhaven, MS and the members of the Pickens-Brady Camp, SCV are really going all out to host a great time for everyone. Society Lt. Commander Chuck Bond is making some special arrangements with a motel for less expensive rooms for those wishing to stay overnight.

For further information, contact Chuck at: dixiedad-007@yahoo.com or write him at

P O Box 714, Clinton, MS 39060

Ella Palmer Chapter #9, OCR President's Note

Ladies of the South,

As you know August was the month that our OCR dues were to be paid. I would like to remind everyone that if you are planning to attend the September 20th meeting please remember to bring \$20.00 for your dues if you have not paid yet. If you do not plan to attend, please submit your dues to:

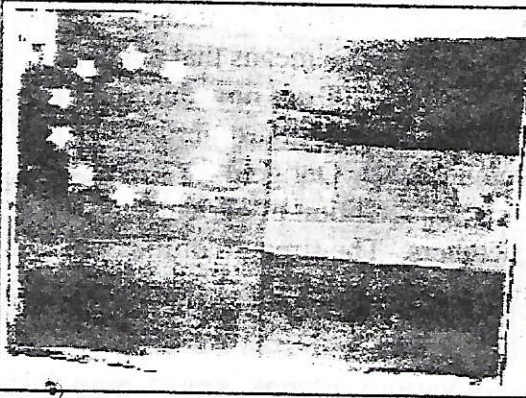
Ann McCaskill
205 Cypress Street
Leland, MS 38756

As you know, our Chapter is the largest in the state and I would like to see our numbers maintained and grow even more.

This month's meeting features a "Get to know your ancestor Night." I really enjoys these sessions led by Lt. Commander Palmer. They can be emotional at times but yet it seems to draw us closer together. Feel free to join the men and give information on your ancestor.. I hope to see you all there.

Confederately,
Annette McCluney, President

Division News – Save the Flag of the 15th Mississippi Infantry



"The reputation of the Mississippians for heroism was fully sustained by this regiment. Its loss and killed in wounded, which was far greater than that of any other regiment, tells sufficiently the story of discipline and courage... Suffice it to say that it is entitled to all praise."

General George B. Crittenden.

"Doubtless its heroic self-sacrifice saved the main part of the Confederate command from capture."

Dunbar Rowland

HELP SAVE THIS GRAND OLD FLAG !!

Free limited edition commemorative coffee mug emblazoned with color photograph of the actual battle flag given with donations of or more.

(Add extra for UPS charges if shipped.)

Set of 4 coffee mugs shipped free with donations of or more.

Send donations to:

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% Ron Stowers

P. O. Box 16945

Jackson, MS 39236

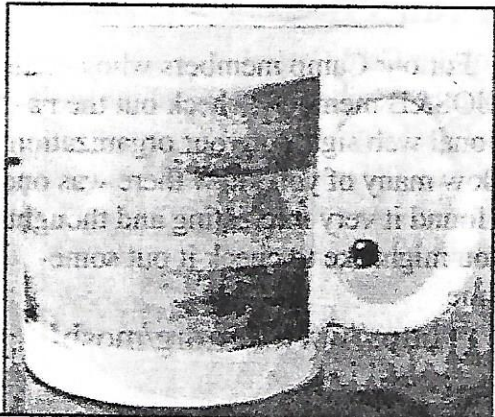
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"Jefferson Davis Camp # 635, SCV."



WHAT DID THEY SAY ABOUT THE "WHY"

There is no reason to let someone else interpret our ancestor's motivations when they are quite eloquent in their own defense. The following is a conversation between Admiral Semmes and Captain Hillyar HMS Cadmusas as recorded in *Memoirs of Service Afloat During the War Between the States* written by Admiral Semmes.

"Simply, that the machinery of the Federal Government, under which we have lived, and which was designed for the common belief, has made the means of despoiling the South to enrich the North," and I explained to him the workings of the iniquitous tariffs, under the operation of which the South had, in effect, been reduced to a dependent colonial condition, almost as abject as that of the Roman provinces, under their proconsuls; the only difference being, that smooth-faced hypocrisy had been added to robbery, inasmuch as we had, been plundered under the form of law."

Story continued on page 6 . . .

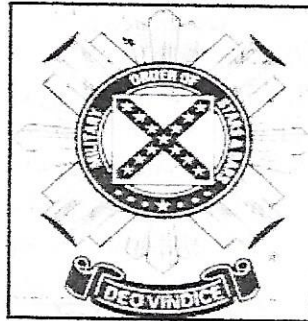
"All this is new to me I assure you" replied the Captain (Hillyar) "I thought your war had risen out of slavery question"

"That is a common mistake of foreigners. The enemy has taken pains to impress foreign nations with this false view of the case. With the exception of a few honest zealots, the canting, hypocritical Yankee cares as little for our slaves, as he does for our draught animals. The war which he has been making upon slavery, for the last forty years, is only an interlude, or by-play, to help on the main action of the drama, which is Empire; and it is a curious coincidence, that it was commenced about the time the North began to rob the South, by means of its tariffs through Congress; and when, at length, the South, driven to the wall, turned, as even the crushed worm will turn, it was cunningly perceived by the Northern men, that 'No Slavery' would be a popular war-cry, and hence they used it. It is true, we are defending our slave property, but we are defending it no more than any other species of our property - it is all endangered, under a general system of robbery. We are, in fact, fighting for independence. Our forefathers made a great mistake, when

they warned the Puritan serpent in their bosom; and we, their descendants, are endeavoring to remedy it."

Editor's Note: The article you just read comes from the John C. Pemberton Camp's Newsletter, In the Trenches. News Editor Eddie Cresap.

**SCV National News -
MOS&B has a
National Web Sight**



For our Camp members who are also MOS&B members, check out the national web sight for your organization. How many of you knew there was one? I found it very interesting and thought you mightlike to check it out sometime.

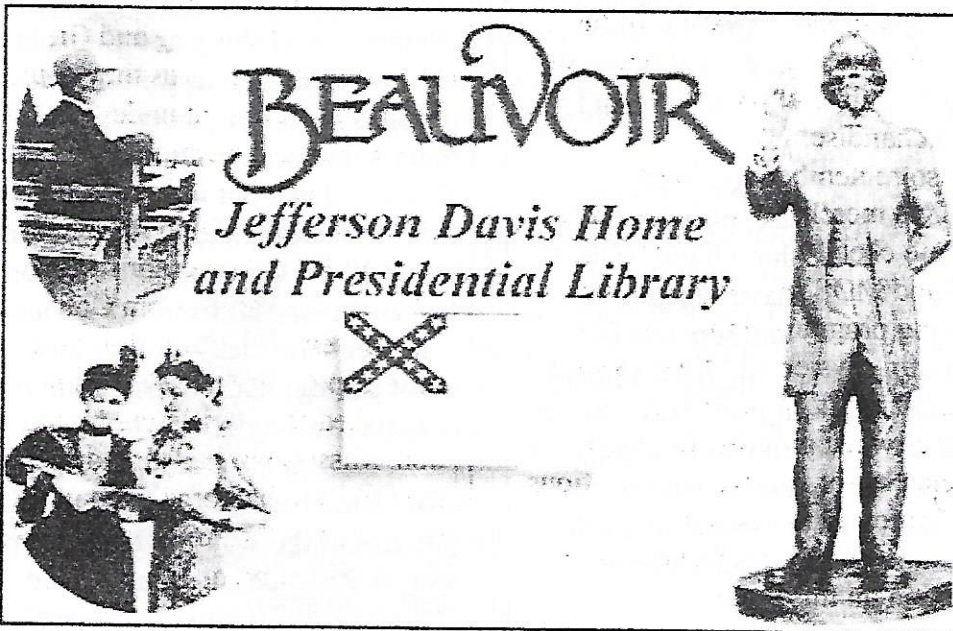
<http://www.scv.org/mosb/>

Beauvoir –***Getting Ready For Fall Muster***

Each October, Beauvoir sponsors its largest (and still growing !) event. Fall Muster is an event which has something for every member of the family! Approximately 400 re-enactors, their wives and children gather at Beauvoir for two days of life in the 1860's. Activities include period camp life, music, dancing, medical demonstration, infantry drill, artillery drill, 1860's church services, children's games and last but not least, War between the States skirmish, just to name a few. Also, several merchants and sutlers are on hand for every need you may have for 1860's apparel, equipment and memorabilia.

This year's event will be on October 20-21. The event will be in memorial of the 140th anniversary of the war and will feature early war campaigns.

Take time out to experience this event and support Beauvoir. Food and beverage vendors are also available.



National SCV News —
New SCV Merchandise
Catalog on the Way

(Article comes from the *Gray Line*)

Check your mailbox over the next few weeks for the new SCV Merchandise Catalog. They have added new products and it promises to be twice the size of last year's catalog. Items include books, novelties, reenacting supplies, great Confederate gifts for all ages — even items that might tempt the Southern Belle in your life. The catalog will come in just in time for you to plan early for Christmas. Also, for those who have internet access check out the Catalog Online at www.scv.org and go to merchandise.

Also remember, if you order MOS&B merchandise, please write a separate check for these items. The SCV and MOS&B have separate accounting programs and separate UPS accounting systems. MOS&B shipping charges are different from SCV. So remember when ordering to write separate checks for the two organizations when ordering merchandise for each. The National HQ appreciates your cooperation on this matter.

Mississippi History —
ARMY OF 10,000
SIXTY-DAY TROOPS,
1862-1863

(from Dunbar Rowland's "Military History of Mississippi, 1803-1898"; company listing courtesy H. Grady Howell's "For Dixie Land, I'll Take My Stand")

September 28, 1861, Governor Pettus called for 10,000 volunteers, to enlist for emergency service under the orders of Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston in Kentucky. They were to rendezvous at Natchez, Vicksburg and Grenada, and bring such guns as they could find. No troops were sent under this call, but a remarkable collection of firearms was secured and put in repair at the armories at Jackson and Aberdeen. November 20 the Governor received another urgent appeal from Columbus, Ky. He sent General Pillow twenty kegs of powder and some ammunition and asked the Legislature to take action. Mississippi had already sent to the field and had organized in the eight regiments of the Army of Mississippi about 25,000 men. The Legislature

made an appropriation of \$500,000 and authorized the Governor to call for volunteers for sixty days' service, not to exceed 10,000 in number, the men to furnish their own clothing, blankets and cooking utensils, also their own arms, such as double-barreled shotguns and hunting rifles. The troops were ordered to rendezvous at Corinth under Gen. Reuben Davis of the State troops, and at Grenada under Gen J. L. Alcorn, State troops. Miles H. McGehee and William W. Bell were appointed Quartermaster-Generals and John W. Ward and C. C. Scott Commissaries. Before the companies could be filled, the two brigades were ordered to Kentucky.

General Davis, with 2,000 infantry, two regiments and a battalion, arrived at Bowling Green December 16, and was assigned to command of the fortifications in and about the town, his men being stationed as garrison in the various works. One of Gen. Hardee's Brigades was also put under Davis' command, when Johnston prepared for the defense of the line of Barren River. The strength of Davis' Brigade was reported, December 31, as 145 officers and 1,617 enlisted men in the infantry and 35 officers and 495 enlisted men in

the cavalry, aggregate present, 2,295, present and absent, 3,550.

Gen. Johnston reported, December 25, "The sixty-day troops of Mississippi, recently arrived, under the command of Gen. Reuben Davis, are stationed here (Bowling Green)."

General Alcorn collected at Grenada a force of 1,850 infantry and 56 cavalry, mostly armed with double-barrel guns, and sent one regiment on to Union City, December 16. December 21 he reported the arrival of his command at Columbus, Ky., embracing three regiments, two other companies of infantry, and enough expected to follow to make a fourth regiment. No more than three were organized, however. He also had one company of mounted men, Capt. C. McLaurin. Capt. R. W. T. Daniel was Brigade Quartermaster, Maj. J. N. Davis Adjutant-General, Major Compton Brigade Surgeon.

General Alcorn was assigned to command of Camp Beauregard, where he prepared to meet an attack December 29, on report of a Federal advance to Mayfield. He then had about 1,700 enlisted men, armed with shotguns. General Polk's force was so much depleted by sending troops to Bowling Green, that he ordered Alcorn to Union City,

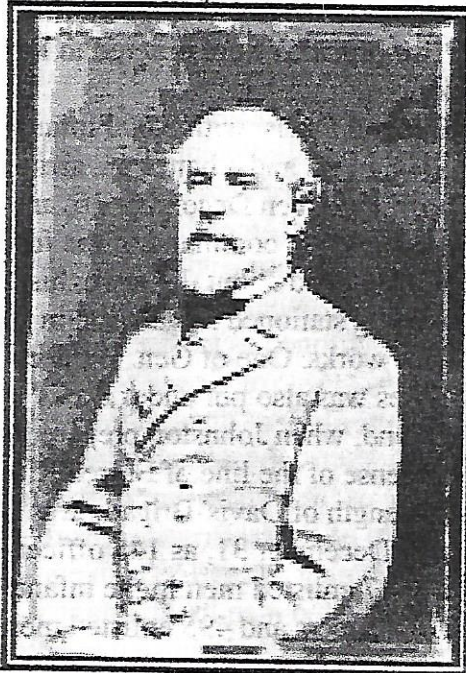
Tenn., January 1. Alcorn wrote: "I regret that I am to leave here and regret to go to Union City and most respectfully beg to have my command disbanded." They continued on duty, however. The men of both brigades, during the service in Kentucky, had no opportunity for hostilities, but suffered intensely from the very severe winter. Snow lay on the ground for weeks and the men were unaccustomed and unprepared for such exposure. Most of them came down with measles and many died from this serious camp disease and pneumonia. The regiments were disbanded at the expiration of the term of enlistment, but many of the men re-enlisted at once in other commands. The regiments were back at their organization camps in February, 1862. 2001 marks the 140th Anniversary of the start of the war. I hope to continue a series of stories based upon events of 1861.

**The Delta General Honor's
this Unit for the Month of
September with its
history**

The Battle of Cheat's Mountain "Granny Lee's First Test" September 11-13, 1861

Editor's Note:

Little did anyone know that the man they would call "Granny Lee" would come back to Virginia in 1862 and re-establish himself as one of the top Generals in U.S. Military History and become a Southern Icon simply known as Lee.



After the twin victories at Philippi and Rich Mountain, much of pro-Union western Virginia was securely in federal control. Maj. General George B. McClellan received the credit for the victories and was called to Washington to command the Union Armies in the East. The Confederacy called General Robert E. Lee from his job as military advisor to President Jefferson Davis, and sent him to reclaim the territory in the rugged mountains.

At Cheat Mountain, a key position in western Virginia that controlled the traffic on the major turnpike and several mountain passes, were 2,000 Union soldiers under Gen. Joseph J. Reynolds. Five of the six regiments held a defensive position on the turnpike, while the remaining regiment was placed upon the summit of the mountain, seven miles away. Lee assumed the personal direction of 15,000 Confederate soldiers under command of Brig. General William W. Loring, and decided to attack the Cheat Mountain position. He devised an intricate plan to take the summit while simultaneously attacking the forces on the turnpike.

On September 11, in a steady, drenching rain, part of the Confederate

forces made contact with Reynold's outpost. The next morning, as the rain continued to pour down, Lee pressed the attack, but his plan was too complicated for his inexperienced troops. The surprise attack on the summit never came, and Lee's plan quickly fell apart. Captured Union soldiers convinced Lee that he was outnumbered two to one when he actually commanded six men for every one Union soldier. Meanwhile, Reynolds received reinforcements and skirmishing continued on September 13. Lee, having lost the element of surprise and knowing the federal troops held an impregnable position, withdrew his troops. Casualties in the battle were light — 100 Confederate and 21 Union soldiers. Lee's failure was severely criticized. Dubbed "Granny Lee," he was shipped off to South Carolina to supervise fortifications. Little did Lee know that he would make a return and become one of America's premier generals in history.

The Confederacy never regained the territory lost in western Virginia. Through an irregular and illegal process, the state of West Virginia was created from this Union occupied territory and entered the Union on June 20, 1863.

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Regiment Mississippi State Troops.

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Descendant of Isaac Putnam
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"Remember, it is your DUTY to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations" —

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee