



The Delta General

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Dedicated to the memory of Brig. General Benjamin G. Humphreys



Commander's Corner: Joe Nokes

Compatriots,

With all the excitement of the past month and the months to come, I am almost at a loss where to begin. I will try my best to be as brief and concise as possible under the circumstances.

Dr. Larry Mangus spoke at our June meeting. He presented a hodgepodge of WBTS artifacts from his personal collection, everything from marbles to canteens to bayonets to a Bachelor's degree from Washington University signed by then-president Robert E. Lee. Dr. Mangus was a real treat! Kudos go out to Larry McCluney for getting Dr. Mangus to our camp.

I was pleased to see attendance at the camp meeting back up to almost thirty members and guests. Furthermore, we need to extend welcomes to our two newest camp members James Alford and Johnny Gaugh.

The day after our meeting saw the opening of the SCV State Convention for the Mississippi Division in Brandon. The Convention was a great success. Our camp took home the following honors: Graves Preservation Award - Mr. Alfred Burton and Dunbar Rowland Scrapbook Award (50+ camp member division). My personal thanks go out to ALL of you who helped with the scrapbook in whatever way.

On June 19th, the Museum of the Mississippi Delta and Turnrow Books (both of Greenwood) sponsored a book signing with author Jack Hurst. Mr. Hurst spoke on his new book *Born to Battle* which covers comparative aspects of the careers of U.S. Grant and N.B. Forrest. The event was a great success with a large crowd. My personal thanks go out to all the SCV and OCR members who attended, participated, and manned our recruitment table.

For July, our camp meeting will be a pot-luck supper in honor of Nathan Bedford Forrest's birthday. This will be at the usual time and place (Presbyterian Church, 7:00 pm, July 5th). The OCR ladies have asked that we coordinate via email and phone to ensure that a good variety of foods will be present. Contact Annette McCluney or myself with what you plan to bring.

Of course, the SCV National Reunion is scheduled for July 11-15 in Murfreesboro, TN. I already know of several members going, but hopefully more of you will be able to attend the festivities. The Mississippi Division hopes to have a large and vocal group at the convention. This year is an election year. Larry McCluney is up for reelection as Executive Councilman for the Army of Tennessee. We need to show our continued support for Larry in this endeavor.

Let me remind everyone that our August camp meeting has been changed to a lunchtime picnic on Saturday August 4th. We will pilgrimage to Grand Gulf to the gravesite of our camp namesake General Benjamin G. Humphreys. Food plans for the event will be discussed at the July meeting.

As I stated earlier, I have tried to be as brief as possible given all of the activities that have been and will be occurring with the camp. I would like to close by urging all of us to work together for the betterment of our society. As Division Commander Alan Palmer spoke in Brandon, he said that things were looking so positive, that he was concerned about when the next "issue" would occur. We need to realize that our adversaries number in the millions. There are millions more who could be swayed to their side. We need to solidify our numbers, add to them whenever possible, and make sure that we do not become divisive unto ourselves. Let's not do the "other sides" work for them.

I remain respectfully,
Joe Nokes, Commander

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Upcoming Events:

- **7/5 - Regular Camp Meeting –
General Forrest Birthday Picnic**
- **7/11-15 – SCV National
Convention in Murfreesboro, TN**
- **7/15 – 2:00 PM at Forrest Park
in Memphis, TN – General
Forrest Birthday Celebration at
Forrest's Tomb**
- **8/4 - (Saturday) – Camp
Meeting/ Pilgrimage to Grand
Gulf Military State Park – This
will be a picnic to honor General
Humphreys on his Birthday (No
Camp meeting on Thursday
August 2)**

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Camp News:**Past Camp Commander Jack Ditto Died**

Jack Ditto of Greenwood died Thursday, June 14, 2012, at the State Veterans Home in Kosciusko after a lengthy illness. Mr. Ditto was 92 years old. Mr. Ditto was the son of the late Walter Gordon Ditto of Greenwood and the late Fannie Norwood Ditto of Carrollton, Mississippi. He is survived by three children, Katherine Ditto McClain of Oxford, Charles Bell Ditto, II of Greenwood, and Gordon Minter Ditto of North Carrollton; four grandchildren, Anne Katherine Aldridge Schuler, Charles Gordon Sims, Anne-Minter Ditto and William Pitchford Morrow, all of Oxford; and two great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Anne Aldridge Schuler and William George Parker Wyatt, also of Oxford. He was predeceased by his wife, the late Ann Katherine Aldridge Ditto. For over thirty years, Ditto was the owner of Ditto Insurance Agency in Greenwood. He served as a Sergeant Major in World War II and as an artillery officer in the Korean Conflict. He retired from the Army Reserve in 1975 at the rank of Colonel, after serving for many years in the Mississippi National Guard as the Commander of the 114th Field Artillery Battalion. Mr. Ditto was also active in Democratic Party politics, having served on the State and Leflore County Executive Committees. He was elected as Greenwood City Commissioner and served in that capacity from 1969-1973, while also serving as the interim Mayor of Greenwood upon the death of Mayor Thurman Henry. Mr. Ditto was also active in community affairs, having belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Cottonlandia Museum, the Elks Club and Lions Club. He was a communicant of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity for over fifty years, where he served on the Vestry and as Junior Warden. Mr. Ditto was a board member and former president of the National Guard Association of Mississippi, and an avid Ole Miss fan. A memorial service will take place at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Greenwood on Monday, June 18, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, friends and family may make a memorial donation in the name of Mr. Ditto to the University of Mississippi Foundation for the Ole Miss Track Team, Post Office Box 249, University, Mississippi 38677, or to the Episcopal Church of the Nativity.

Door Prizes, Capture the Yankee, Show and Tell, and National Convention Business for July Meeting

To revitalize interest in camp meetings, Lt. Commander Larry McCluney has encouraged a door prize raffle that is conducted and carried out by the OCR. The OCR has also revived the Capture the Yankee as a fund raiser. There is a red chip for every member in the Camp in the pot and a white chip for every OCR member. One blue chip symbolizing the Yankee. Chances are \$.25 cents each and whomever captures the yankee gets half the pot. That yankee has yet to be captured The pot is now up to \$21.00 and growing. Come to the meetings and lets see if you can capture that elusive Yankee.

Our June meeting also featured Joe Nokes doing his Show and Tell of the Camp Scrapbook that was entered into competition at State Convention. His hard work paid off in the long run cause the Camp's Scrapbook won the competition. Ata' Boy Commander Nokes.

Our guest speaker last month was Commander Larry Mangus of the Corinth Camp who shared with the Camp many prized relics from his Civil War Collection and allowed everyone to handle those artifacts.

Because of the closeness of our meeting to the 4th of July, it is hard to get a speaker and we have much to discuss for National so we will not have a speaker for July.

The OCR would like everyone to bring a covered dish for a social and to remember General Forrest on his Birthday. Please e-mail Annette McCluney what you plan to bring – confederate@suddenlink.net

Camp Adjutant's Report: Dan McCaskill

The Camp Meeting of June 7, 2012 was called to order by Commander Joe Nokes at 7:00 pm. The Meeting was opened with an invocation and blessing by Camp Chaplain Earl McCown. Commander Nokes welcomed all members and guests attending the Meeting. The Commander then invited all to partake in the evening meal brought by the ladies of the OCR before getting into the Meeting. The meal consisted of Hoggie Sandwiches. After the meal, Commander Nokes reconvened the Meeting. Color Sergeant Chris Lewis was absent, so Commander Joe Nokes led the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and salutes to the Flag of Mississippi and the Battle Flag of the Confederacy. After the salutes, Joe read "The Charge" to the Sons of Confederate Veterans given to us by General Stephen D. Lee to remind everyone why we do

Camp Program: The program for the night was "Oddities and Rarities of the Civil War" presented by Larry Mangus, Commander of the Corinth SCV Camp. Larry had many original items from the War Years and years just after the War he has collected over the years. Items included documents signed by President Jeff Davis and Abe Lincoln, a Letter of Marque signed by Judah Benjamin, swords & knives and ceramic marbles. The most valued item was a diploma from Washington College signed by Robert E. Lee. The diploma is valued at \$ 60,000. It was a great privilege to actually handle these artifacts. Next month's program will be an indoor picnic to honor the birth of Nathan Bedford Forrest.

Announcements: The State Reunion will be in Brandon June 8-10. The National Reunion will be in Murfreesboro, TN July 11-15. There will be a book signing at Cottonlandia on June 19th starting at 6:30 pm. Author Jack Hurst will be autographing his new book about Grant and Forrest and the battles they fought. Earl announced that Saturday, June 30th would be the memorial in Magnolia honoring his two ancestor buried there. Brandon Beck will be at Cottonlandia on August 7th for a book signing. Our Camp Meeting in August, we will renew our pilgrimage to Grand Gulf and Port Gibson in honor of Benjamin G. Humphreys on Saturday, August 4th. We plan to meet at Grand Gulf around 11:00 am.

Officer Reports: 1st Lt. Commander Larry McCluney announced next month's program will be an indoor picnic to honor the birth of Nathan

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Bedford Forrest. It will be a “Pot Luck” supper so bring your favorite dish. Also, Doug Adams would be our July Camp Meeting speaker. 2nd Lt. Commander Junior Stillman was working on several prospective members as was Earl. Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported that Jim Alford and John Gaugh had applied for and paid their dues to join the SCV. This would bring Camp Membership to 55. Camp funds still stood at \$ 1,392 in the checking account. Dan also has the latest issues of Flag Cups for sale at \$ 20.00 each. Anyone wanting Flag Cups need to contact Dan. Editor Larry McCluney inquired if anyone had trouble receiving the Delta General. Earl McCown reported that the Gen. Charles Clark Chapter of the MOS & B needed a few good men. Larry, as Beauvoir Trustee, gave an update on the progress at Beauvoir. It is hoped that the library will be completed in March of 2013. As AOT Councilman, Larry reported he was running for re-election and asked for the Camp’s support. Also, with the number of Real Sons diminishing, the GEC voted to recognize Real Grandsons and honor them with a medal.

Camp Business: The only Camp business was to finalize the Camp’s delegation for the State Reunion. Delegates from the Camp will be Joe Nokes, Chairman; Larry McCluney; Earl McCown; Nathan McCaskill and Kenneth Ray with alternates Dan McCaskill, Gator Stillman and Mike Lavender. With no other business coming before the Camp, a motion was made to terminate the business session by Earl McCown, seconded by Earl Allen and passed. The Meeting was dismissed with a word of prayer by Chaplain Earl McCown. Attendance for the evening was 23.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan McCaskill, Adj.

Camp Meetings for July and August, 2012

If you missed it, you missed a great time that was had by all at our last Camp meeting. For our July meeting, the Camp voted to have a Forrest Birthday Celebration. We will celebrate General Forrest’s Birthday with a social and possibly a guest speaker for the evening on the General.

For our August Camp meeting, we will make a pilgrimage to Grand Gulf Military Park just outside of Port Gibson for a Saturday Picnic. Afterwards we will explore the park and travel to the Port Gibson Cemetery to lay flowers on Gen. Humphreys grave. This is a family affair so we want kids, wives, everyone involved. The date for the August meeting will be Saturday, August 4, at 11:00 AM. We will meet at the Pavilion on the hill as soon as you enter the park. There are ceiling fans their and a nice shade. Perfect for a picnic. Everyone will bring a dish and we will put it all together. Mark your calendars and make plans for this special weekend and enjoy the fellowship as we get the opportunity to honor two great men during July and August. Maybe we can even have a cake made for the August meeting to honor General Humphreys.

Pictures From June Meeting

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1. Letter from Harpers Ferry, rare marbles used as CSA Ammo, the Vicksburg Post printed on wallpaper during the siege, a pie plate Canteen, and a D-Guard Bowie Knife.
2. A Washington College Diploma signed by Robert E. Lee, a Battle Rattle, D-Guard Bowie Knife, and a Grease Canteen.
3. A Letter signed by Abraham Lincoln, Bayonet, and a Missouri Cross carried by Missouri Troops.
4. Commander Nokes poses with Commander Larry Mangus with a homemade Confederate Sword at the meeting.

Book Signing August 7 at the Museum of the MS Delta

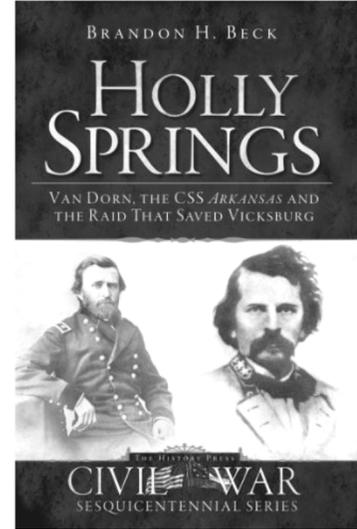
The Museum of the Mississippi Delta presents a lecture and book signing on Tuesday night, August 7, at 6:30 PM on the CSS Arkansas by Dr. Brandon Beck. This is the second in a series of book signings dealing with the Sesquicentennial. The address is 1608 Hwy 82 W | Greenwood, MS 38930 | (662) 453-0925

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Division News:**Save the Battle Flags Cups Are Still Available**

Donald Wright (dwright29miss@usa.com) has the following previous issues of STBF cups, in case some Compatriots who have only recently started collecting need some! I'm sure Don will mail them to anyone interested for \$20, plus the cost of shipping & handling. Thanks to Donald for alerting us to this supply of previously issued STBF cups! Donald -- like all of the members of the STBF Committee -- is a true workhorse!

Thanks! -- Jim Huffman, STBF Comm



Here is all the cups that I still got right now! I got 13 - 22nd miss. Infan., I got 12 - 11th Miss. Infantry, I got 12 - 4th miss. , I got 9 - 11th miss cavalry, 9 - 46th miss and 3 Bolivar troops cups! I got the new cups yesterday! If you know anybody need some of the old cups let me know.

Respectfully - Donald Wright

Battle of Iuka 150th

To UDC and SCV Members and their families,

August 31 - September, 2012 - Iuka Heritage Day and Wheels of Northeast Mississippi Antique Car Show are scheduled. September 21 & 22 Iuka will host one of the largest quilt shows in the south. Other events of interest include a dulcimer festival on August 17 & 18 and October 20, numerous fishing tournaments virtually every weekend, and several other car shows and festivals.

**BATTLE OF IUKA 150th ANNIVERSARY**

Labor Day Weekend - August 31-September 2, 2012

Mineral Springs Park - Iuka, Mississippi

WANTED: Re-Enactors and Sutlers

* Re-enactors can register online at www.battleofiuka.com

* Walk-on participants are welcome

* \$100 bounty for the first 10 cannons registered

* School day educational events

* Military drills and skirmishing

* Living history demonstrations

* Battle of Iuka descendants' reunion (register online)

* Grand Ball Saturday evening \$10 fee (Saturday meal included)

* 2 p.m. battle re-enactment Sunday on 120-acre battle site

"...The fight began and was waged with a severity I have never seen surpassed."

Major General Sterling Price, CSA September 19, 1862

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: www.battleofiuka.com or www.tishomingofunhere.org or Barry or Ellen Ayers, 48th TN Infantry 662-423-9011 or Harold Lomenick 662-423-1231

A Word From the Mississippi Division Commander:

Gentlemen,

I have been hearing of this upcoming event at the Old Capitol Museum reenacting the Federal Occupation of Jackson as you have. I have also heard of the invitation or call for participation by the SCV.

In Feb 2010 I contacted the Old Capitol Museum to see if they had anything planned for the Sesquicentennial of the vote for secession. They said they had nothing planned and no budget to plan anything. I told them we, the SCV wanted to put on an event and I outlined it over the phone. He thought it sounded great or so he lead me to believe. He requested I submit our idea's in writing for approval and so I told him to give me a couple of months and I would do just that. Larry McCluney and I spent quite some time in planning out an event to reenact the events of January 1861 and we talked with many people who agreed to portray representatives in the chamber and give the historical speeches that were given during the vote for succession. After much hard work we presented to the Old Capitol Museum Director and Board our written request and a very detailed outline of the event we planned. After nearly two months I hadn't received a reply so I called the Director at which time I was told that they were planing an event themselves and we were denied access to host our event because they didn't want two events portraying the same thing.

As most of you know already , their event was not what we planned, however they used many of our idea's that we laid out for them. The big difference was that they turned it into a PC event and neither of their two main speakers were even from Mississippi. In fact their keynote speaker was a Yankee from Gettysburg, Pa. Now what the ___ does a Yankee know about Mississippi's succession that we don't know? It was an insult to our whole idea and a slap in the face of the SCV and the great state of Mississippi.

I am not as most of you know one to give orders but I feel very strongly that our name not be used in connection with this event. I for one will have nothing to do with the PC crowd at the Old Capitol Museum and will not allow the name of the SCV to be associated with them as long as I am commander. I do not have anything against any-ones participation as an individual and will never say anything to you about it, but I do ask you not use the name of the SCV in your participation.

There will be no compromise or official participation with these people by the Mississippi Division of the SCV unless and until the Director, and Board of the Old Capitol Museum are replaced and the new people show that they are willing to tell the truth and not pander to the PC crowd.

Sincerely,
Alan Palmer, Cmdr Ms Div SCV

National News:

Proposed Standing Orders to Be Voted On at National Convention

Compatriots,

The following letter was mailed to each Camp Commander in the Confederation regarding proposed Amendments to the Standing Orders of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Please review and share with your Camp members. You can also find a link to the credentials forms for the Reunion at the following link. <http://www.scv.org/pdf/2012Credentials.pdf>

May 10, 2012

Dear Compatriot,

The annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will soon be upon us, and I and the other members of the General Executive Council hope we will see you and members of your Camp there. This year we are meeting in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, July 11-14 and it promises to be a memorable Reunion.

Attached you will find two proposed amendments for the Standing Orders of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. These are being provided to your Camp per the requirements of Article 16 of the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans which requires that any proposed amendments to the Constitution or the Standing Orders be "sent to each Camp in good standing at least thirty (30) days and not more than ninety (90) days in advance to the address on record at General Headquarters". Please share these amendments when the camp next meets so your camp can be prepared to vote on these amendments at Murfreesboro.

These proposed amendments to the Standing Orders, and the previously published amendments for the Constitution, can also be found on the scroll on the front page of [scv.org](http://www.scv.org), on the SCV Blog and have also been distributed via the Telegraph.

Deo Vindice!
Charles Rand, Adjutant In Chief

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS FOR CONSIDERATON AT THE 2012 REUNION

PROPOSED STANDING ORDER AMENDMENT NO 1:

This amendment would add a section to Article 3 of the Standing Orders. This amendment is proposed by the General Executive Council. The new proposed section is:

3.6: Each Camp of the Confederation shall establish and maintain an official Camp email address with the General Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This email address may be used by General Headquarters, if directed by the General Executive Council, for sending the Camps official correspondence and notices.

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Reasoning: If each Camp has an email address it will enable the Sons of Confederate Veterans to more easily communicate information to the Camps in a timely matter. While we currently have electronic distribution of information on the Telegraph, only a limited number of members (approximately 25%) are subscribed to this service. This amendment will allow for official distribution of required notices directly to the Camps by use of their unique email address. It is intended that email distribution of notices to the Camps will be purposefully limited to items such as official notices and information and important Heritage Defense information so as to keep the number of notices distributed to a low level. Given the advances in technology and communication it is imperative the Sons of Confederate Veterans adopt modern methods of communication in order to be effective in fulfilling our mission in the 21st Century.

PROPOSED STANDING ORDER AMENDMENT NO 2:

This amendment will replace the existing language of section 9.5 in its entirety with new language. This amendment is proposed by the National Disciplinary Committee. The following is the existing language of section 9.5 of the Standing Orders: 9.5 No legal action against or on behalf of the general organization Sons of Confederate Veterans, its officers and/or members shall be undertaken or entered into by any member or group of members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in which that member or group of members proposes to act as (a) representative(s) or agent(s) of the Sons of Confederate Veterans without prior approval of the General Executive Council. If a proposed legal action is presented to the General Executive Council for approval, the petition shall be distributed in writing to all members of the Council prior to the filing of the same. The petition shall state the name(s) and address(es) of the party (parties) against whom the petition is proposed to be filed. The affirmative vote of the members of the Council shall be necessary for Council approval of such legal action. If any legal action is filed without the approval of the Council, the member(s) filing such action shall be subject to expulsion from the Sons of Confederate Veterans in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Standing Orders which relate to expulsion of members.

Below is the proposed language which would replace the existing section 9.5 in its entirety:

9.5 No member, group of members, camp, division or any other subdivision of the Sons of Confederate Veterans may initiate any civil litigation wherein they act, or attempt to act, with standing and name (directly or indirectly) any member (in their capacity as member or officer of the Sons of Confederate Veterans), any subdivision or the Sons of Confederate Veterans as a whole as defendant or plaintiff without the prior express consent of the General Executive Council (GEC). The same shall apply to naming any member (in his capacity as a member of officer of the Sons of Confederate Veterans), subdivision or the Sons of Confederate Veterans as a whole as a third party in an already initiated civil litigation.

Petition for said approval shall be distributed in writing to all members of the GEC, stating the name(s) and address(es) of all parties in the proposed litigation, and a brief description of the nature and necessity of the proposed litigation. All reasonable administrative remedies (petitions, motions, hearings etc. before camp/division executive councils, division conventions, etc.) available shall be attempted by petitioner(s) prior to submitting such petition to the GEC, or the GEC may refuse consideration of the petition. A majority vote of the GEC shall be required for approval of the petition.

The GEC shall not delay consideration (other than for failure to attempt all available administrative remedies) on the petition to the point it would jeopardize the proposed litigation (such as past filing deadlines), and no later than the next regular meeting of the GEC. Failure to abide by this section is a serious offense and subject to discipline, including expulsion, in accordance with the Constitution and Standing Orders.

Reasoning: This section of the Standing Orders results in more disciplinary cases (and more acrimonious ones) than any other section. Because of its nature (a prohibition on civil lawsuits) this section is subject to more technical attacks and arguments by those accused of violating it, and misunderstandings by many members beyond those accused, than any other section. As a result, the Disciplinary Committee has attempted to both strengthen and clarify the language.

For example, accused members have attempted to claim the "general" organization is only the national organization, and that their suit wasn't "against or on behalf" of the organization because they were suing a single officer. This invokes the legal concept (theory) of "standing" without using the word, so the language here has been changed to reflect in more precise legal language what exactly is being prohibited. Further, in the old language "no legal action" could be interpreted broadly. For example if a camp filing a police report when something is stolen considered a "legal action", or is someone who is arrested for displaying a Battle Flag at a convention hotel and offers a legal defense in the case taking "legal action"? So again, the more precise "initiate any civil litigation" is used in the proposed wording. The proposed language also emphasizes the common legal requirement of "exhausting administrative remedies". This means that a member or group of members do not go straight from a disagreement to a lawsuit, but they must attempt all other remedies, such as making a motion at their division convention. Courts routinely dismiss cases which have not attempted all administrative remedies. Finally, language preventing the GEC from withholding consideration on a petition is added as a safeguard. Finding language which contemplates all possible circumstances which might invoke section 9.5 is difficult, but the Disciplinary Committee feels these revisions help in many circumstances.

Officers and members need to keep in mind that both the existing and proposed language is broad, and would include lawsuits initiated by camps or divisions in circumstances such as suits over car tags, etc. If a camp or division is going to initiate a suit, the procedures in 9.5 must be observed.

Virginia Sesquicentennial Commemorative Coin

Com patriots:

The Virginia Sesquicentennial Commemorative Coin is here! Now you can honor the contribution of the Old Dominion as well as acquire a valuable keepsake from this significant and profound period of historical observance.



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These 1 oz. coins are beautiful - minted with a glossy finish and bearing 3-D images of Generals Lee and Jackson on the obverse, the "Sic Semper Tyrannis" state seal on the reverse. Like all the coins, they are made, 100%, of .999 purity silver, not merely plating or overlay, with each coin being serially numbered (only 3000 of each state). The product of the [The Highland Mint](#), the coins are encased in a protective capsule and will arrive in a black velvet box with their certificate of authenticity.

A single coin is yours for ***ONLY \$99! No tax, shipping or handling need be added to your order.*** All proceeds from this program will go to the work of the SCV and ***YOUR division can participate in the revenue sharing!*** This is available to ALL divisions, not just the 13 states of the Confederacy.

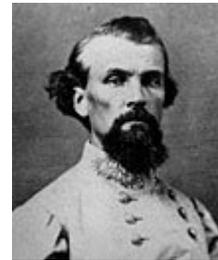
Go to [csacoins.com](#) and view the newly released Virginia coin and all the others, also. You'll see their images, front and back, as well as the stories behind them. As you enter the website, you'll be greeted by the *Premium Collection*, a presentation of all 13 coins arrayed in the familiar Southern Cross formation, reminiscent of the Battle Flag. Each coin will carry a consistent serial number and will be placed in a handcrafted wooden display case. This product is the maximum experience of the CSA Sesquicentennial Commemorative Coin Collection.

On the reservation form you will be asked for a *Promotional Code*. This is nothing more than your state's two-character postal code (i.e. AL, NC, TX, etc.). ***For each coin purchased using your code, your division will earn \$12.*** Furthermore, ***for each 500 coin orders with your code, your division will receive a \$1000 BONUS.***

So, get the word out and start earning funds for your division! Link to the website... use your division and camp newsletters... prepare fliers... be creative. Help us to market this one-of-a-kind product well beyond the bounds of the SCV. Earn revenue on ANY purchase, not just those from SCV members. Make the Sesquicentennial memorable for you and a financial success for your division. Visit [csacoins.com](#) today!

Sesquicentennial Article:**The First Battle of Murfreesboro, July 1862**

On June 10, 1862, Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell commanding the Army of the Ohio, started a leisurely advance toward Chattanooga, which Union Brig. Gen. James Negley and his force threatened on June 7-8. In response to the threat, the Confederate government sent Brig. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest to Chattanooga to organize a cavalry brigade. By July, Confederate cavalry under the command of Forrest and Col. John Hunt Morgan were raiding into Middle Tennessee and Kentucky. Perhaps, the most dramatic of these cavalry raids was Forrest's capture of the Union Murfreesboro garrison on July 13, 1862. Forrest left Chattanooga on July 9 with two cavalry regiments and joined other units on the way, bringing the total force to about 1,400 men. The major objective was to strike Murfreesboro, an important Union supply center on the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad, at dawn on July 13. The Murfreesboro garrison was camped in three locations around town and included detachments from four units comprising infantry, cavalry, and artillery, under the command of Brig. Gen. Thomas T. Crittenden who had just arrived on July 12. Between 4:15 and 4:30 am on the morning of July 13, Forrest's cavalry surprised the Union pickets on the Woodbury Pike, east of Murfreesboro, and quickly overran a Federal hospital and the camp of the 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment detachment. Additional Rebel troops attacked the camps of the other Union commands and the jail and courthouse. By late afternoon all of the Union units had surrendered to Forrest's force. The Confederates destroyed much of the Union supplies and tore up railroad track in the area, but the main result of the raid was the diversion of Union forces from a drive on Chattanooga. This raid, along with Morgan's raid into Kentucky, made possible Bragg's concentration of forces at Chattanooga and his early September invasion of Kentucky.

**Belle Boyd Arrested as a Confederate Spy, July 29, 1862**

Confederate spy Marie Isabella "Belle" Boyd is arrested by Union troops and detained at the Old Capitol Prison in [Washington, D.C.](#) It was the first of three arrests for this skilled spy who provided crucial information to the Confederates during the war.

The Virginian-born Boyd was just 17 when the war began. She was from a prominent slaveholding family in Martinsburg, [Virginia](#) (now West Virginia), in the Shenandoah Valley. In 1861, she shot and killed a Union soldier for insulting her mother and threatening to search their house. Union officers investigated and decided the shooting was justified.

Soon after the shooting incident, Boyd began spying for the Confederacy. She used her charms to engage Union soldiers and officers in conversations and acquire information about Federal military affairs. Suspecting her of spying, Union officers banished Boyd further south in the Shenandoah, to Front Royal, Virginia, in March 1862. Just two months later, Boyd personally delivered crucial information to General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson during his campaign in the valley that allowed the Confederates to defeat General Nathaniel Banks's forces at the Battle of Winchester. In another incident, Boyd turned two chivalrous Union cavalrymen who had escorted her back home across Union lines over to Confederate pickets as prisoners of war.

Boyd was detained on several occasions, and on July 29 she was placed in the Old Capitol Prison in Washington. But her incarceration was evidently of limited hardship. She was given many special considerations, and she became engaged to a fellow prisoner. Upon her release one month later, she was given a trousseau by the prison's superintendent and shipped under a flag of truce to Richmond, Virginia. Boyd was arrested again in 1863 and held for three months. After this second imprisonment, she became a courier of secret messages to Great Britain. In 1864, her ship was captured off the coast of [North Carolina](#), and the ship and crew were taken to [New York](#). Captain Samuel Hardinge commanded the Union ship that captured Boyd's vessel, and the two were seen shopping together in New York. He followed her to London, and they were married soon after.

Boyd was widowed soon after the end of the war, but the union produced one child. Still just 21, Boyd parlayed her spying experiences into a book and an acting career. She died in [Wisconsin](#) in 1900.

General Nathan Bedford Forrest's Birthday, July 13, 2012



Confederate General. Millionaire civil war private-confederate general, raider. He was born in Marshal County, Tennessee the son of a poverty-stricken, backwoods blacksmith. No man had more to overcome during his rise to fame. With no formal education, at the age of sixteen, he was forced into adulthood to not only provide for himself but a large family left by the death of his father. Through the seamy business of slave trading, he became a multimillionaire. At the onset of the civil war, Forrest enlisted as a private in a Tennessee regiment. He was a friend of Tennessee Governor Harris who promptly had him discharged so that Forrest could recruit and form his own battalion of cavalry. So, with no formal military training, he found a way to become a general. He recruited men who could furnish their own weapons and he equipped the group at his own expense. He developed raiding tactics that made his cavalry a superb strike force. He seemed to be a natural military genius with an intuitive grasp not only of tactics, but also of logistics. He is noted mainly as a highly successful raider behind union lines but also distinguished himself in several traditional type battles. His postwar activities included a leadership role with the Ku Klux Klan until he ordered dissolution in 1869 because of its extreme radical nature. He failed in many business ventures and never regained the fortune lost as a result of the civil war. Plagued by illness, he died at the home of his brother in Memphis the result of diabetes at the age of 57. Services were held at Court Avenue Presbyterian Church in Memphis with an oration given by Jefferson Davis. A funeral procession formed at the church by thousands of marchers who then proceeded to accompany the body to Elmwood Cemetery where it was interred. In 1905, with the political climate favorable, he and his wife were reinterred and moved to downtown Memphis in what today is known as Forrest Park which is located on Union Avenue. His Great Grandson achieved the rank of Brig. General during World War II. He exhibited the same traits as his forbearer always being at the center of combat with no regard as to personal safety. His plane was shot down over the Baltic Sea during a bombing raid. His body was recovered and buried by the Germans, after washing up at a seaplane base, in a small cemetery in Wier, Germany.

Order of Confederate Rose News

The Order of Confederate Rose held their Annual Reunion on June 8-10 at Brandon, MS. New Society officers were elected: Missy Stillman, President; Becky Cupit, Vice-President; Annette McCluney, Sect/Treasurer. Many Chapters were present and 27 members attended. One of the main issues discussed at the meeting were dues. Thus as a notice to the members of the Ella Palmer Chapter, our annual membership dues are to be paid by August 31. We have a grace period till January 1. Renewals are \$20.00 and can be paid to Annette McCluney at the meetings or by mail:



(Group Shot from Society Meeting)

Annette McCluney
1412 North Park Dr
Greenwood, MS 38930

It is my hopes that all our members will renew their membership because we have many new potential members interested in joining. We also discussed the SCV National Convention in 2013 at Vicksburg and how our Society needs to prepare for that.

We now have a new society website – www.msocr.weebly.com check it out to keep updated on MS Society news. We have two new Chapters in our Society, Gulfport (The Ladies of Beauvoir Chapter) and another in Senatobia just about ready to Charter. Hope to see you on July 5th at our monthly meeting in Indianola. Please forward to me what you will be bringing for the Forrest Picnic at our meeting by e-mail (a_mccluney@yahoo.com) or call me at 662-453-7212.

Commander General's Message: MOS&B

Gentlemen of the Order, it is a signal honor to be permitted to serve as the Commander General of the *Military Order of the Stars and Bars*. It was my great privilege to serve as Adjutant General under PCG Anthony Hodges and PCG Max Waldrop, and as Genealogist General under PCG Waldrop. That service gave me the opportunity to appreciate in a significant way the heritage that we share as members of the Order.

On my watch we will commemorate the sesquicentennial of a number of major battles, including Seven Days, Second Manassas, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and Cold Harbor. As CG I will endeavor to honor the sacrifices made during these momentous occasions. I invite the membership of the Order to identify for me the participation of their direct ancestry in any of these battles – whether enlisted or officer. We join a long list of military leaders and veterans, politicians, and professionals in many fields, who have shared our brotherhood. Through monthly Commander General Messages, I will attempt to share some of the dynamic that underpins our Order and hopefully communicate the excitement I feel being a part of it. If we are all excited, others will want to join us to be a part of it. In the process we will ensure the survival of the *MOS&B* into the future and thus continue the remembrance of the South's struggle to pre-serve individual freedoms from being unduly fettered by government.

We are a unique Confederate heritage group in that we were founded by actual Confederate veterans. In this first message I would like to introduce you to our founding Confederates and to an early re-cords tragedy suffered by the Order. The Order was founded in Columbia, South Carolina, on August 30, 1938, by fifteen Confederate veterans, as well as twenty-six sons and twenty-one grandsons of Confederate veterans. Between then and the end of World War II thirty more direct descendants of Confederate veterans joined the Order. By War's end all of the founding Confederates and at least nine of the other early members of the Order were deceased. During the War a custodian of the membership records donated the papers of the deceased members to a WWII scrap paper drive for the War effort. As a consequence, it has been necessary to recreate much of the early membership records from other primary sources. Confusing the picture of our founding Confederates' service in the War Between the States is the fact that their service in the postwar United Confederate Veterans colored the accounting of their service, especially as it pertains to ranks. Evidently ranks awarded during the UCV era were initially equally as acceptable as ranks conferred during the WBTS in determining eligibility for membership in the Order. The current standards for admission into the Order only accept primary documentation for ranks achieved during the WBTS.

It is likely that individual members of the Order possess or have access to additional primary documentation than that which currently informs our official records. Improvements to our records are solicited. By WBTS rank seniority, the following is our present understanding of our founding Confederates – alphabetically arranged:

Major Stephen Peters Halsey, Virginia 21st Cavalry, F&S: Major Halsey was born November 13, 1843, in Lynchburg, Campbell, Virginia. He died March 1, 1939, in Lynchburg.

Captain Samuel A' Court Ashe, Confederate Troops - AAG: Captain Ashe was born September 13, 1840 in Wrightsville, New Hanover, North Carolina. He died August 29, 1938 in Raleigh, Wake, North Carolina. [He was a posthumous member of the Order by one day.]

Captain Holland Middleton Bell, Alabama 41st Infantry, Co. H: Captain Bell was born June 25, 1839, in Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He died April 11, 1943 in Fayette County, Alabama. [UCV Colonel]

1st Lieutenant Benjamin McCain Robinson, Alabama 63rd Infantry, Co. G: Lieutenant Robinson was born November 16, 1845 in Alabama. He died October 4, 1938, in Orlando, Orange, Florida.

1st Lieutenant James M. Stewart, Arkansas 30th Infantry, Co. A: Lieutenant Stewart was born March 1, 1842, in Collierville, Shelby, Tennessee. He died March 1, 1939, in Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas.

2nd Lieutenant Noah Monroe Brock, Virginia 10th Cavalry, Co. B: Lieutenant Brock was born August 14, 1836 in Farmington, Davie, North Carolina. He died June 10, 1942 in Darlington, Montgomery, Indiana.

2nd Lieutenant Wyatt Tucker Hill, Virginia 3rd Reserves, Co. A: Lieutenant Hill was born December 1, 1846, in Campbell County, Virginia. He died October 4, 1938, in Lynchburg, Campbell, Virginia. [first Surgeon General of the Order]

2nd Lieutenant Peter James Keyser, Jr., Virginia 3rd Reserves, Co., G: Lieutenant Keyser was born March 16, 1847, in Page County, Virginia. He died January 4, 1939, in Rileyville, Page, Virginia.

3rd Lieutenant James A. Lowry, North Carolina 48th Infantry, Co. A: Lieutenant Lowry was born January 1, 1845, in North Carolina. He died in 1942 in Monteverde, Lake, Florida.

Cadet Carter R. Bishop, Virginia Military Institute, Co. C: Cadet Bishop was born May 1, 1850 in Petersburg, Dinwiddie, Virginia. He died in 1941 in Petersburg.

Cadet William Morison Wood, Virginia Military Institute, Co. A: Cadet Wood was born December 21, 1846, in Scott County, Virginia. He died March 2, 1943, in Bristol, Sullivan, Tennessee.

Corporal William McKendree Evans, Virginia Richmond "Parker" Light Artillery Battery: Corporal Evans was born February 1, 1847, in Henrico County, Virginia. He died October 23, 1939, in Richmond, Richmond, Virginia [UCV Major].

Private Homer Atkinson, Virginia 39th Infantry, Co. B: Private Atkinson was born May 27, 1848 in Virginia. He died March 31, 1945, in Petersburg, Dinwiddie, Virginia. [UCV General and first Commander-in-Chief of the Order (1938-1945)]

Private John Andrew Jackson Dowdy, Texas 24th Cavalry, Co. C: Private Dowdy was born December 20, 1848, in Lincoln County, Tennessee. He died July 18, 1943, in Kleberg, Dallas, Texas. [UCV Captain and first Historian General of the Order]



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Otto Richard Gellette: Mr. Gellette was born September 23, 1845 in Iuka County, Mississippi. He died June 1, 1944, in Shreveport, Caddo, Louisiana. [UCV Major General and first Adjutant General of the Order] [claimed an undocumented service as 2nd Lieutenant, Mississippi 2nd Infantry, Co. K]

The only founding Confederates cited by others for their **MOS&B** relation are Homer Atkinson, Holland Alexander Bell and Benjamin McCain Robinson. None of these founding Confederates have ever had an MOS&B Chapter named in their honor. Gentlemen, every day matters! *YOU* are the Order and our future is in *YOUR* hands!

Respectfully,
Toni Turk , Commander General