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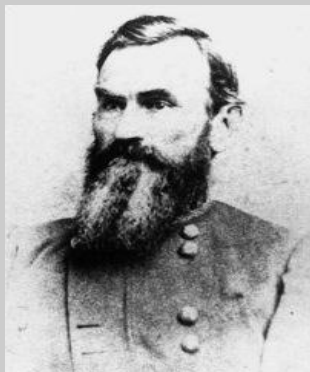
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

My Fellow Compatriots,
RETENTION! RETENTION! RETENTION! If we cannot retain our members, then the Cause for which our Ancestors fought and which we are fighting to preserve and protect is not a worthy cause. For every one of us, there are 100 of those people. We cannot afford to lose one member. It takes money to fight this cultural war which comes from member dues. So I implore you to renew your membership before the October 31st deadline. Your dues need to be in my hands on or before this deadline so they can be post marked by October 31st. As I write this, the following is a list of members who have not yet renewed:

Frank Aderholdt, Jr. Stanley Ayres, Todd Bariola, Dan Bell, John Creech (in Iraq), Dale

DeLoach, Dalton DeLoach, Clyde Griffin, Jr., Thomas Haik, Chris Hill, Burt Huddleston, Mark King, John Lee, Paul Love, Alan Palmer, Christian Preus, Gator Stillman, Walter Swain, Jr., Ike Trotter, and Pierre Westbrook.

This list represents almost 40% of our membership. If you have already mailed your dues, thanks. Let us shrink this number to "0".

God Bless the South,
Dan A. McCaskill, Camp Commander



Camp News:

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

The Brig/General Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp welcome's its newest member John Kelly. John's ancestor is his 5th Great Grandfather Robert Hanson Toler, Private; Company A, 39th Mississippi Infantry. At our next meeting, take time out to meet our newest member and welcome him.

If you know someone who is a prospective member, remember it is your duty to recruit, retain, remember, and preserve our heritage for future generations.

LAST ISSUE OF THE DELTA GENERAL FOR PAST DUE MEMBERSHIP FEES

This is a second and final notice. All dues are due each year by August 1. There is a 90 day grace period so that is why you have until November 1. I have to have the dues in my hand by mid October so I can process them and ready them for the Division and Nationals. So the cut off date for the camp is October 15. Any dues received after the 15th there will be a \$15 late fee added. If you have paid already for this year and receive a notice in the mail disregard it. Please forward all dues to: Dan McCaskill . . . 205 Cypress Street . . . Leland, Ms 38756

Editor's Note:

Lets make all effort to retain 100% of our members as we prepare to begin the Sesquicentennial of the War for Southern Independence next year. The memory and reputation of the Confederate soldier, as well as the motives for his suffering and sacrifice, are being consciously distorted by some in an attempt to alter history. Unless the descendants of Southern soldiers resist those efforts, a unique part of our nations' cultural heritage will cease to exist. Remember it is your duty as descendants of these men to keep their memory and the TRUE cause for which they fought alive for future generations.

Upcoming events of interest:

- ⇒ **October 15, Camp Meeting**
- ⇒ **Fall Muster at Beauvoir, October 16-18**
- ⇒ **October 23-25, 2009 Battle of Collierville Reenactment**
- ⇒ **November 7, School of the Battery in Utica**
- ⇒ **November 13-15, Natchez Reenactment**

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MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE NEWS: DUES RENEWAL TIME



To our sisters of the Ella Palmer Chapter,

According to by-laws, dues are to be renewed by September 30 or a \$2.00 late fee will be assessed after that date for delinquent renewals. Thus, dues are \$22.00 if you have not paid before the deadline. Please make all effort to renew your dues.

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have a new OCR Chapter. It is the Matilda Champion Chapter #19 located in Brandon, MS. Several of our members attended and Annette oversaw the Charter Ceremony..

Speaking of new OCR Chapters, it seems that a new one is also in the works in Biloxi, MS in conjunction with the Sam Davis Camp. Judy Allen is spearheading this and we hope to hear good news on this as soon as they are organized.

We will be having a special meeting at our next Chapter meeting on October 15. This is election time for our Chapter's officers and we ask all members to be present to announce their nominations for office and to vote. Traditionally if you don't show up, you end up getting elected for some office.

BRIG/GEN CHARLES CLARK CHAPTER, MOS&B: COMMANDER'S NOTE



Compatriots,

I will be hosting a Trivia night at our November meeting and hope everyone will come out, learn some facts, and enjoy the fun and fellowship. That nights trivia will be on Mississippi during the war, Confederate and Federal naval ships, and actions at all locations. Study up and come have a great time and you may win the grand prize! (a picture of me) ha!

I will put a couple of questions in next months newsletter so that everyone, especially Larry, can at least get two right! There may be some second and third place prizes if anyone donates some, hint, hint. Y'all come and lets learn some interesting facts about the war while we're having fun.

Also, as a reminder, lets discuss about the State MOS&B Convention at our next meeting so we know who will be attending.

Yours,

Alan Palmer, Commander

**MISSISSIPPI DIVISION, MILITARY ORDER OF STARS AND BARS
SOCIETY CONVENTION ON OCTOBER 24, 2009
AT THE MISSISSIPPI MEMORIAL BUILDING, JACKSON, MS
REGISTRATION AT 9:00 AM - OPENING CEREMONIES AT 10:00 AM**



GUEST EDITORIAL BY CAMP MEMBER JOHN KELLY

Lincoln is known as the Great Emancipator, the man who freed the slaves. Although he was issuing a proclamation into a separate country that held its own sovereignty therefore his words meant little. More importantly why would a man disliked by both North and South from the beginning risk political disaster in such a way?

Freeing the slaves was a major blow to the Confederate economy. Lincoln sought alternate ways to de-stabilize the Southern war machine than just by conventional methods. With an estimated four million slaves in the south, the sudden status change of these men from workers to unemployed freemen would be detrimental to say the least. The sudden change in the workforce was not the only problem to deal with; there also was the fear of an uprising that had been kept under control since the first story of John Brown's raid and attempted mutiny. Although Lincoln could not ascertain the exact implications of his actions, he knew the distraction alone could help his nation and armies. By merely causing such uproar, would greatly assist in his conquering of the newly founded and extremely young Confederacy.

One of the major factors to Union victory was the need for more soldiers. To fight the kind of war Lincoln is known to have wanted would take an endless supply of new blood. This becomes clear as Lincoln continually replaces his generals in command until he finds one who does not proceed cautiously with regard for losses. After surprising losses at First and Second Bull Run and heavy losses at Sharpsburg, Lincoln needed to replenish his war machine. By freeing four million slaves, most would assume they would be gracious and repay this service done to them. Little did they know several would repay it whether they wanted to or not. In actuality most were not allowed to be actual soldiers but were allowed to do manual labor for the Union army without pay (sound familiar).

Lincoln also needed something for his army and country to rally around. After two defeats and nothing decisive to harden their resolve, Lincoln made a political move to take the minds of his citizens off the war. This made his people feel like they were on the side of right. His actions gave them something to feel good about in a decimate time. The Union became freedom fighters in their eyes rather than oppressors as they had been labeled in the South. This gave blacks and immigrants alike a reason to fight. It gave them something to believe in. Lincoln may also have thought that this just might anger some of the Southern fire breathers into doing something without the proper cognitive time required. Lincoln figured if he stirred the pot just enough he may be able to force the South into his style of war and stage a campaign on his terms.

Lincoln stated from the beginning that slavery was not a major concern of his administration. Being the political carnivore he was, he used slavery as means to an end. Freeing the slaves was a way for Lincoln to increase his chances to end the war and in doing so preserve his precious Union.

NATIONAL NEWS:

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CHUCK MCMICHEAL

Compatriots,

For well over a week now, we have been fully engaged, nonstop, combating the recent smearing of the SCV in the big money media. I am pleased to be able to update each of you, my compatriots, with this important posting and relative pertinent background. As you all are probably aware, during a recent speech by President Obama, Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC) shouted out, "You Lie" and predictably a fire storm erupted. In the days following, Maureen Dowd, the left-wing bomb thrower at the NY Times, wrote a column stating that Rep. Wilson did this because he is a racist. What did she offer as proof? In her own words, *"The congressman, we learned, belonged to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, led a 2000 campaign to keep the Confederate flag waving above South Carolina's state Capitol"* On top of that, she included, *"But, fair or not, what I heard was an unspoken word in the air: You lie, boy!"* To further attempt making her false point, she dragged up the trash the SPLC wrote about us some 5 to 7 years ago. This column was mentioned on one of the shows on MSNBC. To set the record straight, we sent out a press release to all major media outlets. That release can be read on the SCV blog. Fortunately, our release was picked by several news search engines. I made the attempt to get myself or some other SCV spokesman on one of the MSNBC shows, but was not successful. Soon after, it was twice mentioned on Fox. First on the Morning Show, at which time, I immediately sent an email rebuking this statement and requested the opportunity to rebut. Sadly, they did not respond. Probably the most egregious was when Juan Williams cited the NY Times column on the O'Reilly Factor. I immediately sent an email to the show explaining the absolute injustice, and pointed out if they wanted to be fair, they should at the very least read my letter or allow someone on the show to speak for us. Again, no response, therefore, I directed the Chairman of our PR and Me-

dia team, Jeff Davis, to call the producers of the show to make our case. They were non-compliant. No wonder, we have since found a You Tube video of Bill O'Reilly denigrating the Confederacy and the Flag. Of course the far left blog went wild, each repeating the charge and adding their own embellishment. I, and a few others, have spent countless hours on these blogs refuting this claim and getting our message on their sites. I was pleased to find that some of our posting has been picked up by various search engines. We continue to fight this trench warfare. The big money media is not interested in what we have to say. In fact they probably wish to suppress it. We have only had one inquiry from any media source, CBS; they wanted to know if in fact Joe Wilson was a member. Our staff told them that our member data base is not public record and it was none of their business. So what now? Unable to get any traction with the big money media, we have decided to go around them to citizens who would be receptive to our message. Last Tuesday we began working with a professional political PR firm based in DC. Our presentation through them will be rolling out today or the next day. I will post details to that as soon as it is out. Myself and members of the staff have been on this, working every viable angle constantly. Those who have seen these lies, for the most part, hate us anyway. Yet still there are many who have seen them and do not believe them because of the source; good for them. We will do our best to reach those who were unaware of us and who might be supportive through the latest initiative. I ask that you all keep the SCV and those in the trenches in your prayers.

Deo Vindice
Chuck McMichael, Commander in Chief

PUBLIC RELATIONS UPDATE FROM COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CHUCK MCMICHEAL

Compatriots,

In a message earlier this week I reported to you about the attacks we have encountered over the (Rep.)Joe Wilson "You Lie" incident and all we had done up to that point to counteract these attacks. I made mention of one step we would be taking in this regard that I will report on now.

In that earlier message I wrote of our efforts to be heard by the "big money" media and how they were unresponsive to us. We had a senior staff teleconference and decided to go around the big money media to communicate with those who may not be familiar with the SCV, but might be receptive to our message. We engaged the services of a professional political public relations firm in Washington D. C. and this is what we all came up with. We have issued what is referred to as an *email blast*. We have sent a message prepared by the SCV to an existing list of known conservative activists. This service costs \$10,000 which was paid for out of our emergency Heritage Defense Fund.

This is what we received: The emails were sent to known to be conservative activists whose email address are all good and current. The large majority of those on the list are middle age males and are mostly in RED States. This list goes out to about One Million (1,000,000) people! On top of that, all email addresses that respond or click on one of the links in the blast will be collected for our future use.

In the message we sent we have links asking for donations and directing recipients to our recruiting video. The main objective is to educate this target audience, but we expect some will join the SCV or make donations. Any money raised by the message will be put back into the Heritage Defense Fund.

If you or your camp would like to donate to the Heritage Defense Fund to offset some of the cost of this initiative it would be appreciated.

Deo Vindice
Chuck McMichael, CiC
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THE CIVIL WAR COURIER AND SCV COOPERATE IN PUBLICIZING EVENTS

Compatriots,

I have spoken to Connie Payne, an editor of the Civil War Courier, Camp Chase Gazette and the Citizens Companion, regarding having SCV news and event information in these publications. We are being offered the opportunity to send our event announcements and / or post event reports for publication. This is a great opportunity to have your Division and Camp news reach a greater audience. Below you will find information on when / how information should be submitted for publication. Notices should be sent to Connie Payne at companieditor@gmail.com. Lets take advantage of this chance to get the word out to "keep the skeer on!"

Chuck Rand, Chief of Staff
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DIVISION NEWS:

BEAUVOIR WINS "BEST OF THE SOUTH: PRESERVING SOUTHERN ARCHITECTURE AWARD" 2009

Dear Richard,

The meticulous restoration of Beauvoir in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina was nominated for the "Best of the South: Preserving Southern Architecture" award sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH). I am pleased to let you know that Beauvoir was selected by the review committee as this year's winner. The award will be presented at the SESAH annual conference held in Jackson next month (October 28-31st). The award ceremony will be Thursday night (Oct 29th) at 7 pm and will be held in the House of Representative Chamber in the Old Capitol. I hope that you will be able to come to the meeting and stay for the conference papers and tours as well! (For more information on the conference, please see www.sesah.org)

Congratulations, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,
Virginia Price for the SESAH "Best of the South" Committee

Editor's Note: Richard Flowers has just published a new book titled *The Beauvoir Chronicles*. It is a history on Beauvoir and the book is great. Get your copy for \$39.99 – Mississippi Division members can get a copy for \$30.00

EVENTS TAKING PLACE AROUND THE MISSISSIPPI DIVISION

October 17 & 18, 2009 – Fall Muster at Beauvoir

Friends, Brothers and a few of you Roughians, we now have less than 30 days until that "epic struggle" is reenacted on the Battlefield at Beauvoir (Oct 17-18). Please consider Participating.... Please note that all slots for Artillery have been filled and no more can be accepted. Hope to see you there!

Troy Savoie, 32nd Miss., Inf., Co. E
fallmuster@cableone.net

Marker Dedication – October 24, 2009 11:00AM Ferguson Cemetery in Hickory

Honoring Confederate Veteran Stephen M. Overstreet of the 36th MS, Co. I. Everyone is going to eat @ Mrs. Earline's after the service. Hosted by the MS SCV and UDC. For information please e-mail 4th Brigade Commander Louis Foley

Executive Committee Meeting November 07, 2009 10:00 AM War Memorial Building Jackson

All Mississippi Division Compatriots are welcome. Any member wishing the floor must contact Chief of Staff Ed Funchess in advance

Living History Weekend at Grand Gulf Military Park November 6-8

In the Dogtrot House behind the museum. Sponsored by Camp 712. We could use some help but we will go it alone if we have to. This is a CONFEDERATE living history. No damned yankee stuff!

Carey Lee Johnston Stone Dedication and Remembrance Picnic – November 15, 2009 2pm

Enterprise Cemetery, Enterprise, Mississippi
Following the service there will be a Carey Lee Johnston Remembrance Picnic under the shade of the trees near Carey's final resting place. Please bring finger type foods such as sandwiches, dips, chips, cookies, brownies etc. and your own beverages. Please bring enough food and beverages to feed a few extra in case we have guest. Bring lawn chairs and tables if you please.

Army of Tennessee Meeting February 13, 2009 09:00 AM Fightin Joe Wheeler Camp Building – Birmingham, AL All Mississippi Division Compatriots are welcome.

Executive Committee Meeting February 20, 2009 10:00 AM War Memorial Building – Jackson, MS

All Mississippi Division Compatriots are welcome. Any member wishing the floor must contact Chief of Staff Ed Funchess in advance

BATTLE OF CORINTH, MS – OCTOBER 3-4, 1862

After the Battle of Iuka, Maj. Gen. Sterling Price's Confederate Army of the West marched from Baldwin to Ripley where it joined Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn's Army of West Tennessee. Van Dorn was senior officer and took command of the combined force numbering about 22,000 men. The Rebels marched to Pochontas on October 1, and then moved south-east toward Corinth. They hoped to seize Corinth and then sweep into Middle Tennessee. Since the Siege of Corinth, in the spring, Union forces had erected various fortifications, an inner and intermediate line, to protect Corinth, an important transportation center. With the Confederate approach, the Federals, numbering about 23,000, occupied the outer line of fortifications and placed men in front of them. Van Dorn arrived within three miles of Corinth at 10:00 am on October 3, and moved into some fieldworks that the Confederates had erected for the siege of Corinth. The fighting began, and the Confederates steadily pushed the Yankees rearward. A gap occurred between two Union brigades which the Confederates exploited around 1:00 pm. The Union troops moved back in a

futile effort to close the gap. Price then attacked and drove the Federals back further to their inner line. By evening, Van Dorn was sure that he could finish the Federals off during the next day. This confidence--combined with the heat, fatigue, and water shortages--persuaded him to cancel any further operations that day. Rosecrans regrouped his men in the fortifications to be ready for the attack to come the next morning. Van Dorn had planned to attack at daybreak, but Brig. Gen. Louis Hébert's sickness postponed it till 9:00 am. As the Confederates moved forward, Union artillery swept the field causing heavy casualties, but the Rebels continued on. They stormed Battery Powell and closed on Battery Robinett, where desperate hand-to-hand fighting ensued. A few Rebels fought their way into Corinth, but the Federals quickly drove them out. The Federals continued on, recapturing Battery Powell, and forcing Van Dorn into a general retreat. Rosecrans postponed any pursuit until the next day. As a result, Van Dorn was defeated, but not destroyed or captured, at Hatchie Bridge, Tennessee, on October 5.

BATTLE OF PERRYVILLE, KY – OCTOBER 8, 1862

Confederate General Braxton Bragg's autumn 1862 invasion of Kentucky had reached the outskirts of Louisville and Cincinnati, but he was forced to retreat and regroup.

On October 7, the Federal army of Major General Don Carlos Buell, numbering nearly 55,000, converged on the small crossroads town of Perryville, Kentucky, in three columns. Union forces first skirmished with Rebel cavalry on the Springfield Pike before the fighting became more general, on Peters Hill, as the grayclad infantry arrived.

The next day, at dawn, fighting began again around Peters Hill as a Union division advanced up the pike, halting just before the Confederate line. The fighting then stopped for a time. After noon, a Confederate division struck the Union left flank and forced it to fall back.

When more Confederate divisions joined the fray, the Union line made a stubborn stand, counter attacked, but finally fell back with some troops routed. Buell did not know of the happenings on the field, or he would have sent forward some reserves. Even so, the Union troops on the left flank, reinforced by two brigades, stabilized their line, and the Rebel attack sputtered to a halt.

Later, a Rebel brigade assaulted the Union division on the Springfield Pike but was repulsed and fell back into Perryville. The Yankees pursued, and skirmishing occurred in the streets in the evening before dark. Union reinforcements were threatening the Rebel left flank by now. Bragg, short of men and supplies, withdrew during the night, and, after pausing at Harrodsburg, continued the Confederate retrograde by way of Cumberland Gap into East Tennessee. The Confederate offensive was over, and the Union controlled Kentucky.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAITOR JOHN BROWN'S RAID ON HARPERS' FERRY, VA - OCTOBER 17, 1859

Abolitionist John Brown leads a small group on a raid against an arsenal in Harpers Ferry, Virginia, in an attempt to incite an insurrection and destroy the institution of slavery.

Born in Connecticut in 1800 and raised in Ohio, Brown came from a staunchly Calvinist and antislavery family. He spent much of his life failing at a variety of businesses--he declared bankruptcy at age 42 and had more than 20 lawsuits filed against him. In 1837, his life changed irrevocably when he attended an abolition meeting in Cleveland, during which he was so moved that he publicly announced his dedication to destroying the institution of slavery. As early as 1848 he was formulating a plan to incite an insurrection, and he shared the idea with Frederick Douglass.

In the 1850s, Brown traveled to Kansas with five of his sons to fight against the proslavery forces in the contest over that territory. On May 21, 1856, proslavery men raided the abolitionist town of Lawrence, and Brown personally sought revenge. On May 25, Brown and his sons attacked three cabins along Pottawatomie Creek. They killed five men with broad swords and triggered a summer of guerilla warfare in the troubled territory. One of Brown's sons was killed in the fighting.

By 1857, Brown returned to the East and began raising money to carry out his vision of a mass uprising of slaves. He secured the backing of six prominent abolitionists, known as the "Secret Six," and he assembled an invasion force. His "army" grew to include 22 men, including five black men and three of Brown's sons. The group rented a Maryland farm near Harpers Ferry and prepared for the assault.

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Although Brown spent years dreaming of the raid, he apparently put little thought into the specifics of its execution. He made no attempt to notify the slaves that he hoped would join him, and he had little idea what to do with the armory he planned to capture. On the night of October 16, Brown and his band overran the arsenal. Some of his men rounded up a handful of hostages, including a few slaves. Word of the raid spread, and by morning Brown and his men were surrounded. A company of U.S. marines arrived on October 17, led by Colonel Robert E. Lee and Lieutenant J. E. B. Stuart. On the morning of October 19, the soldiers overran Brown and his survivors. Ten of his men were killed, including two of his sons. The wounded Brown was tried by the state of Virginia for treason and murder, and he was found guilty on November 2. He went to the gallows on December 2, 1859. Before his execution, he handed his guard a slip of paper that read, "I, John Brown, am now quite certain that the crimes of this guilty land will never be purged away but with blood." It was a prophetic statement. Although the raid failed, it inflamed sectional tensions and raised the stakes for the 1860 presidential election. Brown's raid helped make any further accommodation between North and South nearly impossible and thus became an important impetus of the Civil War.

Editor's Note: I thought everyone should know the truth about John Brown and his treason, not what the PC and Revisionists want to present. Remember, he will be presented as a martyr to their new form of history.

ATTENTION: Address Changes:

If anyone in our Camp has a mailing address change, e-mail address change, or has not received their Newsletter; please contact Larry McCluney at 662-453-7212 or e-mail – confederate@windjammercable.net

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