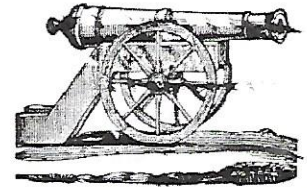
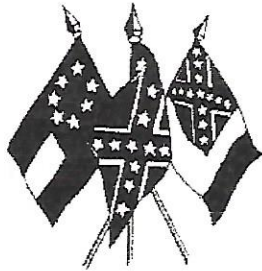
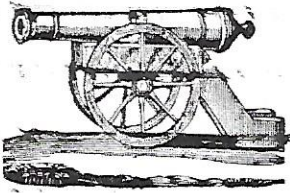


# The Delta General



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### ***YOU HAVE BEEN MISSED !!!***

*A number of our regular members have not been to meetings for a time. This is to let you know that you are missed and we would like to have you rejoin us. Look forward to seeing you back soon.*

*Just as a reminder, we meet at 7:00 p.m. each 3rd Thursday at The First Presbyterian Church, 311 Catchings, Indianola, Mississippi.*

*Those of you who were not at our July meeting, you missed a very interesting talk by Mr. Scott Blaylock on the Confederate States Marine Corps.*

### ***WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER***

*We wish to welcome our newest member Mr. Jeffrey Paul Horton on record of his Great-Great-Grandfather*

*Pvt. Samuel Horton, Company I, 38th Alabama Infantry Regiment. Pvt. Horton was from Clarke County, Alabama.*

*We also want to welcome Compatriot S. L. Johnson of Greenwood back to our Camp.*

### ***COLOR GUARD UNIT***

*Our Confederate Marine Corps Color Guard unit is almost a reality. Members have been selected and are in process of obtaining uniforms. We are looking forward to the activation of the Color Guard Unit and its addition to our Camp.*

### ***SPECIAL THANKS***

*Our special thanks to Compatriot Dan McCaskill on his outstanding recruiting efforts, especially the Ad in the Delta Democrat Times.*

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

*My fellow Compatriots:*

*Summer is about to be in its last month and I know most of you can't wait until it cools off some. As the summer is in its last phase we should be preparing for the coming fall. The summer has produced some success to the goals that I established when my administration began in January: (1) The ladies have succeeded in establishing an Order of the Confederate Rose and are in the final stages of applying for their Charter (Congratulations to All!)*

*(2) Our membership is growing with the addition of two new members to our camp which currently gives us 38 members. This is only 12 members shy of our goal of 50 by the end of December.*

*Let's keep up the good work. (3) And now our camp and its activities are receiving well deserved publicity, thanks to 2nd Lt. Commander Paul Artman and his radio station and our Camp Treasurer Danny McCaskill with his connections with the local newspapers. (4) We have established a camp Color-guard Unit and is currently in process of outfitting itself. All of these successes are *not* what I have done but it is your hard work and your devotion to the cause.*

*I must congratulate everyone for their hard work but we must not stop here. Now is the time for us to get our second wind and prepare for the fall campaign. We still have a goal of 50 members by December that we must achieve and the fall is also the planning period for future activities such as our Lee/Jackson Banquet and planning for the Charter Cere-*

*mony for our ladies in the OCR. The wok is a never ending process.*

*Let us also remember that August is a special month for our Camp because August 26 is Brigadier General Benjamin G. Humphreys's birthday. Remember to fly you flag in his remembrance.*

*Now I must closed. I hope to see everyone at our next meeting on August 20. Bring a friend. Contact a member that has not been to the meetings lately and let him know that he has been missed. Let's try to turn out again in great numbers and not be back seat Rebels but those willing to turn out to remember our Ancestors and the Cause for which they fought and died.*

*Keep it Flying*

*Larry McCluney, Commander*

## ORDER OF THE CONFEDERATE ROSE

*Members:*

*Just a reminder, at the August 20th meeting, be prepared to choose a name for our Chapter. We need to vote on this and choose our officers as well. All of this must be done before we can apply for our Charter and before they send us our Membership Certificates. Also, I need to know who wants to order an OCR Membership Pin so I can order those as well. The cost of the pin is \$12.00. I hope to see all of you at the meeting.*

*God Bless the South*

*Annette McCluney*

## **PREPUB SALE:**

### **Confederate Muster List**

*(From the Mississippi History Newsletter  
Submitted by 2nd Lt. Commander Paul Artman  
Sr.)*

*A limited edition of volume one, For Dixie Land I'll Take My Stand! A Muster Listing all known Mississippi Confederate Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, will be published by H. Grady Howell, Jr., of Madison, Mississippi. The number of copies printed will be based on the number of prepaid volumes ordered. The volume will contain approximately 1,000 pages and over 140,000 entries including much supplemental information. Volumes two and three will be printed at a later date. Volume one is \$50 through August 31, 1998 (\$60 after the deadline). To order send checks (post-dated for August 1998) for \$50 plus \$4 s/h for first copy, \$2 for additional copies, and 7 percent Mississippi sales tax if applicable to; Chickasaw Bayou Press, 103 Trace Harbor Road, Madison, MS 39110*

## **CONFEDERATE STATES MARINE CORPS**

*On February 18, 1861, the Confederate States Navy was established. Proposed as part of the CS Navy was the Confederate States Marine Corps, to consist of a battalion of six companies headed by a Major. On March 16, 1861, the CSMC was officially established by Act of Congress.*

*The CSMC would be comprised of a HQ and six companies. These would consist of 22 officers, 49 NCOs and 612 enlisted men. Seen as inadequate the size of the CSMC was increased from 783 officers and men to 990. The CSMC equaled approximately 13% of the CS Navy compared to the USMC comprising 20% of the prewar US Navy.*

*Despite its size, the CSMC provided gallant and efficient service in every theater of war in which the Confederacy was engaged - both on land and the high seas. On the high seas the CS Marines served aboard, among others, the following ships: CSS Sumpter, Alabama, Shenandoah, Stonewall, Atlanta, Tallahassee*

*and Chickamauga. In addition, the Marines served aboard Confederate vessels of the fresh water navy. They also served on shore, manning fortifications and serving as infantry and artillery. They provided guard detachments in such places as CS Naval Stations in Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Charlotte, Richmond and Wilmington. They manned shore batteries at Pensacola, Hilton Head, Ft. Fisher, and Drewery's Bluff.*

*While the Headquarters for the CSMC was at Richmond, its permanent home was at Camp Beall, the Marine camp at Drewery's Bluff, VA. Camp Beall became the equivalent to Parris Island and Quantico of the USMC with officer's training and basic training.*

*Lloyd J. Beall was appointed as Colonel Commandant on May 23, 1861. He remained its Commandant for the remainder of its existence. Beall had not been a member of the USMC before the War. At the outbreak of the War, he was serving as a Major in cavalry.*

*The most colorful officer in the CSMC was Captain Alfred C. Van Benthuyzen. Born in Brooklyn, NY in 1836, he had moved with his family to New Orleans in the 1850's. His aunt Eliza was the wife of Joseph Davis, brother of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Prior to the War, Van Benthuyzen's military career had been a most colorful one: serving in China (1857-58) and in Italy under Garibaldi in 1859-60. He returned to the South in 1861 and was commissioned a Captain in the CSMC. He was severely and captured during the battle of Ft. Fisher January 15, 1865. His actions in that battle brought his special commendation for his carrying the wounded Colonel Lamb and General W. H. C. Whiting out of danger. Exchanged on February 25, 1865, Van Benthuyzen joined President Davis' party when Richmond was evacuated. Paroled in Florida at the end of May or early June 1865, he may have been the last Confederate Marine officer to surrender.*

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