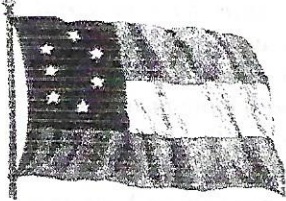


# The Delta General



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## **SPEEDY RECOVERY**

*Compatriot Oliver McCaskill has undergone Open Heart surgery again at Delta Medical Center in Greenville. We all wish you a speedy recovery and hope you will be with us again very soon.*

## **JULY MEETING**

*For those of you who missed our July meeting, you missed a great time. The food and fellowship was excellent. The music was very enjoyable - Thanks to Compatriot Alan Palmer.*

## **AUGUST MEETING**

*We will meet at our regular time, at the regular place. Our speaker will be First Brigade Commander Cliff Valentine. He will speak on Fort Sumpter. Everyone*

*should make a real effort to be there for this meeting. For those of you who have been absent from our meetings - You have been missed.*

## **WELCOME**

*We extend a heartfelt welcome to Associate Member Scott Blaylock. As most of you know; Scott is Commanding Officer of the Color Guard Unit.*

## **FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

*The Color Guard Unit will have a drill period on Saturday afternoon August 14th at Floewood. Dress of the day will be Battle Fatigues (Bring your Frock Coat and Sash for photographs) **ALSO BRING YOUR CANTEEN FILLED WITH WATER.***

*August 21st, the Color Guard Unit will be in Magnolia, Arkansas to participate in a ceremony honoring Major General John Porter McCown, Colonel George Washington McCown, the Unknown Confederate Soldiers and all Confederate Veterans interred at the Old City Cemetery there. This always a great celebration*

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

*Please be reminded that you may start paying your Membership Dues for the year 2000 now. The amount for renewal is \$37.00 (this is due to the increase of the Division dues by \$2.00). You are encouraged to pay your dues as soon as possible. I would like for them to all be collected no later than 31 December 1999.*

### **COMMANDER'S NOTE**

*My Fellow Compatriots:*

*I hope that everyone enjoyed the General Forrest Birthday Social at our last meeting. If you did not attend then you missed a wonderful time of food, fellowship and music. I would like to thank the ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter of the OCR for sponsoring the social and hopefully we can make this an annual get together. I also would like to thank Alan Palmer for playing the guitar that night, the period music really set the tone and was loved by everyone.*

*For those who have not been contacted about Oliver McCaskill, he was recently operated on for heart bypass. He pulled through the operation and is now recovering. We hope that he has a speedy recovery and will once again return to the fellowship of our camp. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.*

*Summer is slowly beginning to wind down and thoughts are preparing for School all around the Delta. As the summer winds down it seems that activities will be picking up for us in the future. On August 21, the Color Guard Unit will be in Magnolia, Arkansas, for a memorial service, and possibly the entire unit will be participating in Decatur, Alabama for a reenactment as well representing the Confederate States Marine Corps. We also have an invitation to present Colors at the MOS&B Seminar to be held at Yazoo City on November 6.*

*Dan McCaskill has also updated me on the progress of headstone restoration at Greenville. One headstone has been restored so we should get an estimate on the cost of restoring the others very soon. I am 100% behind this project and I hope you are too. This is an opportunity for us to be more publicly seen.*

*At our August meeting, I will be calling for volunteers to participate on the By-laws committee. As you know, our by-laws need updating to put them in line with the new State and National by-laws. I would like to see proposals completed on the by-laws so that they can be voted on and adopted at our December meeting when we elect new officers.*

*Finally, as you know, to get our membership dues in line with the State and National fiscal year, dues will be collected starting at our August 19th meeting until the December meeting. Let us all make the effort to renew our membership for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. They are now \$37.00 now that the State has raised the State fees by \$2.00. Our membership has been steadily on the rise and our membership retention has been outstanding. Currently, we are the fastest growing camp in the First Brigade. I attribute this success to you members as we work hard together to make our camp more publicly known and educating the public about the SCV. That deserves a big **REBEL YELL** to each and everyone of you.*

*Now I must close, I hope to see each and everyone of you at our August meeting. First Brigade Commander Cliff Valentine will be our guest speaker. He will be speaking on Fort*



*Sumpter. Lets turn out in record numbers and welcome our Brigade Commander to the Delta. Also remember to put your flags out on August 26th for General Benjamin Humphrey's birthday.*

*God Bless the Southland,*

*Larry McClunney,  
Commander*

### **OCR PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

*Ladies and Gentlemen of the South;*

*August is upon us and I would like to remind everyone that our Chapter is now one year old. Dues will be collected at the August meeting so remember they are \$20.00. It is hard to believe that a year has passed so quickly. I want to make it our goal this year to increase membership now that we have our feet firmly planted in this cause.*

*I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making the General Forrest Birthday picnic a success. I hope we can make this an annual event. We have so few social events and such gatherings are a great opportunity for families to get together and enjoy each other's company. Alan Palmer and his guitar really set the mood that night as everyone enjoyed singing period songs.*

*As you know, the First Brigade Commander of the Mississippi Division, SCV, will be the guest speaker on August 19th. The men are asking us to sponsor a snack table for that night to welcome Cliff Valentine, the author of **TO SET MY COUNTRY FREE**, who will speak on Fort Sumpter. Lets all turn out that night and welcome our guest.*

*We want to keep Jeanette and Oliver McCaskill in our thoughts and prayers. As you know, Oliver had by-pass surgery on his heart July 30th and is currently recovering from a successful operation. We hope that both of them are doing fine and will return to us soon.*

*So much has been going on that I forgot to make copies of the OCR Newsletter for the last*

*meeting. I will try to make copies for this meeting and get them to you.*

*Now I must close. I hope to see everyone on August 19th at the meeting.*

*God Save the Southland,*

*Annette McClunney,  
OCR President*

### **DIVISION WEBSITE**

*The Mississippi Division of the SCV now has a Website. The address is: [www.mississippiencv.org](http://www.mississippiencv.org) The website was created by Henry Irving, Commander of the University Greys in Oxford. The website was made possible by the donation of \$500.00 by Compatriot Greg Stewart of the Oxford camp. Thanks to Henry for his hard work and Greg for his donation.*

### **SOUTHERN HERITAGE CONFERENCE**

*Our Compatriots in Laurel have scheduled their 5th Annual Southern Heritage Conference for Labor Day weekend. This is an excellent family weekend with some really great speakers scheduled to be present. More information will be included in the next Division Newsletter. In the meantime, for more information call: 601/426-2041 or 601/649-8808.*

### **DIXIE CLUB**

*Compatriot Dan McCaskill has recently received a Certificate from International Headquarters of the SCV making him a member of the DIXIE CLUB, for his recruiting of SCV Members. A BIG REBEL YELL to Dan for all his hard work!!!!*

### **GENERAL'S BIRTHDAY**

*August 26th is General Benjamin Grubbs Humphreys's Birthday. Remember to fly your Flags that day.*