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Ella Palmer Chapter, MSOCR
Celebrates 20 years

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Commander's Report: Larry McCluney

My fellow Compatriots,

First, how do I start this report, better yet what do I say after an eventful month of July. I think the best thing to do is say thank you to my Camp in supporting me in my election as Lt. Commander-in-Chief of the SCV. I could not have done it without your support and encouragement. I also want to thank the Ella Palmer ladies for keeping Annette and I calm until we heard the election results.

As we come together for our meeting in August, I want to dedicate this issue to the ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter, MSOCR. This is their 20th anniversary for the ladies Chapter which means a lot to me as a founding member and I want to see it continue for the future.

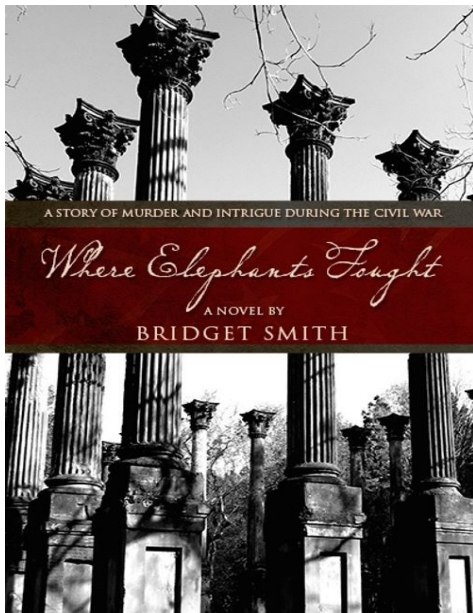
I hope to see you at our Camp meeting in August as we celebrate their anniversary. Remember to let Dan or myself know what you are bringing since we are cooking for the ladies. We are going with a picnic theme so think picnic food. Also, if you have not done so yet, please remember to pay your dues. I want a 100% renewal which we have never done. Old members have rejoined recently as well. Remember, LIVE THE CHARGE!

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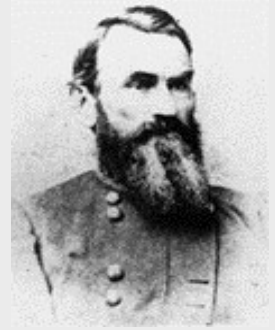
Camp Speaker

Our speaker for August is the author Bridget Smith who will be presenting a CSI report on the death of Earl Van Dorn. A very interesting story full of drama, intrigue, affairs, and murder. It will be on power point and I know everyone will love it. Bring money she will have copies of her book on sale.

Just an FYI, her book is now planning to become a movie. We wish her success on this new endeavor.



Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling and his wife Lynda with Lt. Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney and Annette.



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Dues Renewal Notice

The time to pay your Annual Dues is just around the corner. To facilitate the process we are going to start a series of reminders starting with this notice. Your Annual Dues are a total of \$ 50 which includes Confederation, Division and Camp dues. Those of you who are Confederation and/or Division Life Members pay only those dues that apply to your status. Checks can be made out to "B. G. Humphreys # 1625, SCV and mailed to Dan A. McCaskill at 205 Cypress Street; Leland, MS 38756.

Adjutant's Report by Dan McCaskill — July 7, 2018

The Meeting was called to order by Commander Larry McCluney at 6:00 pm. Camp Adjutant Dan McCaskill was called upon to open the Meeting with a word of prayer and blessing. This was followed by Color Sergeant Earl Allen leading everyone in the Pledge and salutes to our Flags followed by the reading of "The Charge" given to us by L/G Stephen D. Lee.

Larry gave a brief Commander's report informing members of the events at the Division Reunion at Beauvoir. Most of the proposed changes to the Division By-Laws were adopted. A motion was made by Kenneth Ray to adopt the minutes from the June Meeting which was seconded by Joe Nokes. The motion passed.

At this time, Larry recessed the meeting and invited our guests and members to partake in the evening meal provided by the Ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter, OCR.

Officer Reports: 1st Lt. Commander: Zack Kiker was absent so Larry reported that the August Meeting would be the 20th Anniversary of the Ella Palmer Chapter and that the men would provide the evening meal in the form of an indoor picnic. The program for the evening will be presented by Bridget Smith on the assassination of General Earl Van Dorn; 2nd Lt. Commander: Jimmy Alford was absent; Adjutant: Dan McCaskill reported that that annual dues for 21 members, past and present, had been received and Camp membership for Fiscal 2018 currently stands at 25. This number includes three life members and one prorated member from last year. Hopefully, over the next two months, dues for the other 17 members will be sent to the Adjutant. All National and Division dues have been forwarded. The account balance stands at \$ 1,516.33 with \$ 317.50 to be deposited. The balance contains \$ 220 in optional giving and \$ 330 for Initiative 62. MS OCR: Reported that the Society has a new President, Brandi Gray from the Brandon OCR Chapter; Ella Palmer OCR: no report; AOT Commander: Larry reported that disciplinary action could be taken at the National Reunion for the breakdown in mediations at Memphis over the Forrest Statue. Larry will be campaigning for Lt. CIC at the Division Reunion in Biloxi along with Jason Bosher and a representative for Paul Grambling.

New Business: The only new business was to discuss the National Reunion in Franklin, Tennessee and select delegates for the Reunion. The only contested position was for Commander-in-Chief with Paul Grambling and Johnny Holly vying for the position. Dan McCaskill made a motion for the Camp to support Paul Grambling and seconded by Gabriel Nokes. The motion passed. Joe Nokes made a motion for the Camp to support Larry McCluney, Jason Bosher and Jimmy Hill in the event a candidate was nominated from the floor in opposition and was seconded by Kenneth Ray. The motion passed.

Old Business: There was no old business.

With no other business, Larry asked for a motion to close the Business Session which was made by Joe Nokes and duly seconded and passed.

The evening program was a power point presentation by Larry McCluney on Earl Van Dorn's Holly Springs Raid and his raid into Tennessee as a preview to our August Meeting program on Van Dorn..

The Meeting was closed with a prayer from Dan. It was a great meeting with a low attendance of 11. Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 4th, same time and same place.

From the Chaplain's pen by Earl McCown

On June 13, 1861, President Davis declared the Confederacy's first national fast. National fasts days had long been quintessentially northern. Before the War, the South had avoided politics in the pulpit and from the secular rostrum. In the teeth of the conflict, however, the South discovered a religious rhetoric that could interpret God's involvement with the Confederate cause and define the role of the Christian churches in the Confederate nation. This language of Christian nationhood dissolved the barrier between religious and secular speech in the South, and set the stage for a moral battle that declared a declined spirituality in the North, a region – according to southern voices – now run by infidels and fanatics under a godless government.

Vindication for this new nation under God seemed to come with the South's victory at First Manassas on July 21, 1861. In a thanksgiving sermon preached the same day in Richmond, Virginia, At St. John's Episcopal Church, William C. Butler. declared"

"God has given us of the South today a fresh and golden opportunity - and so a most solemn command - to realize that form of government in which the just, constitutional rights of each and all are guaranteed to each and all... He has placed us in the front rank of the most marked epochs of the world's history. He has placed in our hands a commission which we can faithfully execute only by holy, individual self-consecration to all of God's plans."

Such declarations, once rare in the South, would now become a staple of religious press, the civilian preacher, the military chaplain and the politician.

For the remainder of Confederate history, nearly three-quarters of all published sermons were thanksgiving, public fast or other war-related sermons, and the number of sermons in print represented only a fraction of the total. Not only did church-goers hear the message that their war was a holy one, but so did virtually anyone who read a newspaper, attended a public gathering or served in a military camp or on the battlefield.



POTENTIAL FLAG CONSERVATION PROJECTS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI DIVISION,

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

1968.61.1 – 23rd Mississippi Infantry, Co. A, Blount Guards

First National pattern flag made of silk. Captain C.G. Blount raised the Blount Guards in August, 1861, in luka in Tippah County. Blount's sister presented the company with this flag shortly before they left to join General Albert Sidney Johnston's forces in Kentucky.

Conservation Estimate: \$27,000



INITIATIVE 62

The current Mississippi state flag was adopted by the state legislature in 1894. The canton of the flag includes a rendition of the confederate battle flag. In 2001, the Mississippi Economic Council led an unsuccessful attempt to change the state flag. Nearly two thirds of voters rejected a new flag design without the Confederate emblem and chose to keep the 1894 flag. In the intervening years, the confederate flag along with the state flag has been used as a scapegoat for a myriad of issues from racism and hate crimes to poverty. Politically correct leftists in local governments have taken it upon

themselves to go against the will of the people and furl the state flag, including city governments and state sponsored public universities. Many of these movements have been spearheaded by outsiders, who seem to be hell-bent on the destruction of every scrap of southern heritage. Deborah Simpson, who is a resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, has spearheaded initiative 62 in an attempt to force state institutions and local governments to honor the will of the people and the heritage of the citizens of the state of Mississippi. The summary of the ballot measure reads as follows: Initiative Measure No. 62 proposes to amend the Mississippi Constitution to establish the 1894 flag as the one official State Flag for the State of Mississippi, and require that the flag be

flown at the principal installations of all State supported institutions, State agencies and political subdivisions. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please contact the John C. Pemberton Camp, or your local SCV camp in Mississippi to sign the petition. You can also find more information on Facebook by going to [https:// www.facebook.com/ Saveourflagsouthmississippi/](https://www.facebook.com/Saveourflagsouthmississippi/) It is past time for southerners to stand up against the continuous onslaught against the symbols of our heritage.

BEAUVOIR - THE LAST HOME OF JEFFERSON DAVIS

Beauvoir, the historic postwar home of President Jefferson Davis, is owned and operated by the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. There are several ways that you can participate in the continued preservation of this beloved landmark located in Biloxi, Mississippi. Friends of Beauvoir For as little as \$25 annually, you can become a member

of the Friends of Beauvoir. Membership includes tour admission and a 10% discount at the Beauvoir gift shop. Bricks for Beauvoir Honor your Confederate ancestors while supporting Beauvoir. Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestors rank, name, unit, and company. The memorial bricks will be laid creating a sidewalk from the UDC Arch to the Tomb

of the Unknown Confederate soldier. For more information on these opportunities, please visit www.visitbeauvoir.org or contact Beauvoir directly at (228) 388-4400



\$14.00

ADMIT ONE

Beauvoir Branson Style

General Admission

concert and museum entry

August 16, 2018

10:00 AM

Beauvoir

2244 Beach Blvd.

Biloxi, MS

Concert info line

601-323-3335



Mark Lanier





Andrew Ishee



The music program will be lite and comical with lots of family friendly songs and Gospel music. It should last about 1 hour. The tickets are \$14 and include admission to Beauvoir (Jefferson Davis' home in Biloxi). The show is indoors, in the Beauvoir Room.

Help Save General Forrest



The Memphis City Council has passed a resolution to remove the Forrest Equestrian Statue from Forrest Park and to dig up the graves of General Forrest and his wife MaryAnn from beneath the statue.

The SCV and the Forrest family descendants must raise money to fight the city
in this second attack on General Forrest. We need your help.

Help us to save the graves and monument of General Forrest

Can you, or your camp or Division donate \$100, \$500 or \$1000 to the defense ?

Please sign me up as a supporter. No membership fee.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contribute through PayPal at our ally at : www.citizenstosaveourparks.org

Please donate to our cause: Amount \$ _____ check number _____

Forrest Park Defense Fund

PO Box 241875, Memphis, TN 38124

UPDATES FROM MEMPHIS GREENSPACE ASKS FOR GOVERNOR'S HELP RE-LOCATING CONFEDERATE STATUES MAY 25, 2018, BY DAVID ROYER

The company that owns two bronze Confederate statues removed from Memphis city parks is asking for the governor's help finding a new home for the monuments.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The company that owns two bronze Confederate statues removed from Memphis city parks is asking for the governor's help finding a new home for the monuments. Memphis Greenspace Inc. sent a letter to Gov. Bill Haslam on Tuesday. The group says it is working on a request for proposals from groups interested in the statues.

"Once responses are received, we ask for your help evaluating the proposals and determining the best course of action," the letter states.

The City of Memphis transferred ownership of the former Forrest Park and Confederate Park to the private group last December to get around a state law that had prevented the city from removing statues of Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and Confederate President Jefferson Davis from city property. The city wanted to get them removed before the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination in April.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans filed suit against the city for that action, but a Davidson County chancellor ruled it was legal. The group said Thursday it is preparing to appeal.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS SAYS IT'S APPEALING DECISION ON STATUE REMOVAL

The 12-foot-tall Forrest statue is 10,500 pounds feet of solid bronze with a seven-foot marble base. The Forrest statue is 8 feet tall with an unknown weight. Greenspace says the statues are undamaged and safely stored, and that the graves of Forrest and his wife under the monument are undisturbed. The request for proposals specifies that the statues must go to a certified nonprofit group that will allow public access to the statues for at least 25 years.

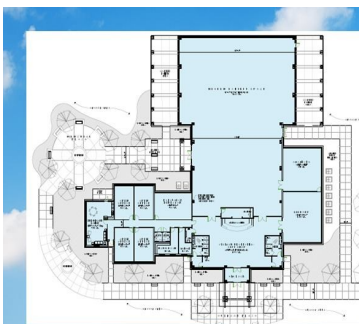


JUDGE RULES CITY'S SALE OF CONFEDERATE PARKS WAS LEGAL MAY 16, 2018, BY STACY JACOBSON AND DAVID ROYER

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The city's removal of Confederate statues in Memphis last year was legal, a Davidson County judge ruled Wednesday. The ruling in the suit filed by Sons of Confederate Veterans Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp against the City of Memphis and nonprofit Memphis Greenspace, was filed at 4 p.m. "This ruling reaffirms what we've said from the start: Everything was handled in a lawful manner," Mayor Jim Strickland said in a release. The city's decision to transfer ownership to a private entity, Memphis Greenspace, appears to be key to the judge's decision. The SCV had challenged the city's right to sell to the nonprofit. <http://wreg.com/2018/05/16/health-sciences-parkin-limbo-while-judge-decides-ownership-fate/> □ Citizens To SAVE Our Parks We, as concerned citizens, oppose the renaming of our historic parks and the removal of any monuments, graves, historical markers, and military artifacts and reproductions from those parks.

Update to this article:

At the SCV National Reunion in Franklin, TN this past July, a new twist on this case. An injunction has been awarded by the judge to review this case closer. Greenspace cannot sell, move, and must take care of the statues until this case is finalized.



This is a rendering and the floorplan for The National Confederate Museum to be built at the our Headquarters in Columbia, TN. Groundbreaking will commence soon, but we have only a small portion of the funds required to build our museum. We need your help! Education is the long term solution to upholding Stephen D. Lee's Charge and our museum will be the penultimate museum dedicated to the Confederate Veteran! Who else will tell the truth about our ancestors? The media? Academia? Schools? No one!

We need you to donate now!



The National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

Please donate today - our ancestors need their story told truthfully!

Museum Fund, Sons of Confederate Veterans, PO Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402

Live the Charge!

Men of the Sons of Confederate Veterans I am humbled by your support in me and the honor of serving as your Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief for the next two years.

This is not an endeavor I take lightly. I look forward to the challenge of working with you to build our organization, preserving the memory of the Confederate Veteran and taking a stand against political correctness running rampant in our nation today. Our

Confederate ancestors deserve to be treated with respect and honor for the sacrifices they made, and they deserve the best we can give. For the past several months, I have traveled 13,000 miles talking to many of you, as Sons of Confederate Veterans, about my ideas for the future of the organization. As we look to the future, the biggest sacrifice we can make is to do YOUR PART to insure the completion of the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs. This will be one of the biggest memorials that we can create that will insure that the TRUE history of our ancestors is being told. As the building is almost complete, the next phase is the interior. My vision is a state of the art museum and library that will draw academia, writers, and historians from around the country that will educate them with the truth. I want this museum to be a place where we can educate our members with seminars that will benefit the future of this organization.

As we look to the future, we need to continue searching for new ways to modernize our organization. Past Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain has laid that foundation for us. The masses have been made aware of the SCV through social media. It is my plan to continue this policy and explore more 21st century technology to bring in new and younger members into our ranks. However, we must not forget some of the tried and true methods of recruiting and retention. While I've had a lot of experience in recruiting/retention, I do not know everything. I would like to explore what works in our successful camps and why it works. There is a reason these Camps have had success in membership growth and share those ideas with you over the next two years.

The past year has seen an explosion of new members. This is due, mainly, because of the numerous attacks on our Heritage. This brings me to one of my passions educating the masses and telling our story. As a college/high school history instructor for the past 25 years, I believe we owe it to the public and our new members to arm them mentally with the true history about our Ancestors and the purpose of our fraternal organization. Remember, every time the SCV is involved in a heritage violation fight, our numbers swell. Yet, once these new members get their membership certificate and pin, they find themselves left in the dark about what we do as an organization and what is required of us. Remember, these young eager new members are the future of the SCV, and it is OUR duty to groom them in the ways of our organization to prepare these future leaders. I assure you, there will be many more attacks against us, our ancestors and everything Confederate, years from now after you and I are long gone. It is our duty now to prepare these future leaders for those battles.

As Paul Gramling once said when he was Lt. Commander-in-Chief, the very term Confederate will be bashed so profusely, some of our own members will be afraid to use it. We even have some of our members wanting to compromise our symbols because they believe they are archaic in today's world. Compromise is a nasty little word which confronts us daily about our heritage. I do not believe in it because once we give in on one thing, political correctness will still not be satisfied until everything Confederate is erased and future generations of Southerners will grow up hating their heritage. Our ancestors fought for constitutional principles, so any compromise, no matter how small, is telling our enemies we are wrong in defending our ancestors good name. We do NOT make deals with them, because you CANNOT compromise with them. They will never be satisfied. Remember, the anti-Confederate forces don't like us, never have liked us and don't want to like us because we do not fit into their one world order. Those people have envy us because "The South" is not a place on a compass but a way of life and they will do anything to destroy it. They have money, the liberal media, and liberal politicians to back them. What they don't have is the truth. The truth scares them. We have the power to defeat our enemies with the truth and now we must go on the offensive and control the narrative because WE THE SONS of CONFEDERATE VETERANS know the truth and it is time we start telling OUR ancestors story.

While visiting different Division reunions these past few months, someone told me that the membership needs to be motivated. I agree. But more importantly we need to be united and support our leadership and present a strong front. We need to get past the apathy and step up to the plate. Let's realize there are forces in this country which want us GONE because WE do not fit their agenda. Let's stop being armchair generals and unite behind our leadership who will be leading this charge and start living the CHARGE that General Stephen Dill Lee gave us.

Live the Charge my brothers,
Larry McCluney, Jr.
Lt. Commander-in-Chief



Moments Caught in Time from the National Reunion in Franklin, TN—2018



Opening Ceremonies on the first day, Thursday —Over 600 Delegates attending



Left—Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain poses with the car the SCV sponsors. 1-800-MySouth has increase in phone calls by 25% because of this car and its trailer as it travels. Right—Ladies of the MSOCR pose with CIC Tom Strain after donating \$1,000 to the Museum fund. Business Session 2 on Friday.



Left—AoT meeting as Jason Boshers gives his speech after winning the election while Joe Nokes, George Conor Bond, and Larry McCluney look on. Right—Paul Gramling gives his speech after winning the CiC election.



Mississippi Delegation at the Reunion



**Banquet
Time at Lt.
Commander
-in-Chief
Elect's table
— Larry
McCluney**



Left—Paul Gramling wins the Jeff Davis Chalice. Above—the 2018-2020 GEC gets sworn in.



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Left—Past CiC Tom Strain puts new CiC Paul Gramling's ribbon around his neck. Right—CiC Paul Gramling puts Past CiC ribbon around Tom Strain's neck



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Top Left—Scott Hall, Robert Edwards, and Carl Jones win the Robert E. Lee medal, three deserving men. Top Right—May Lauret, wife of Chief-of-Staff Charles Lauret (left) and Linda Boshers, wife of newly elected AoT Commander Jason Boshers (right) win the Commander-in-Chief's Ladies Appreciation Award. Both very deserving.



Left—The after convention party on Saturday night—Carl Jones, Past Chief of Heritage Operations hugs on Randy Jackson of Mississippi who took all of the pictures you have seen.

Ella Palmer

A Determined Lady, She Assisted in Healing the Sick and Wounded

Ella Palmer was born in Tennessee in 1829. When the war began, she was widowed with a five-year-old daughter. When the Confederate Government asked for help from its citizens, she and her daughter responded to Chattanooga, where they found sick and wounded soldiers lying on the floor in a makeshift hospital, having no blankets to keep them warm. With her daughter, she gathered all her own worldly goods and took them to this hospital where she also took charge as the head matron.

Although staffed by only men, they welcomed her help. While the Battle of Shiloh was raging, she traveled to Corinth and worked tirelessly day and night in a church tending to the sick and wounded. Following this she went to Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi to help those suffering from typhoid fever. During the war, Palmer was forced to constantly stay on the move, either because the Union army neared, or another hospital was needed elsewhere.

During one of these moves, the male surgeons were planning on leaving behind seven wounded soldiers that they believed were near death. Not hearing of this, Palmer insisted that they be brought along, and got her way, returning six of them to good health. During her travel to Auburn, Alabama she was involved in a train accident and injured when the train in which she was traveling went over a trestle. Through her own determination, after three weeks of recovery, she went to Auburn to continue her work.

At war's end, she and her daughter returned to Tennessee, moving to Colorado in 1873. Here she studied mineralogy and became an expert assayer. Not long before she died on November 7, 1909 at the age of eighty, she discovered gold near Lake City, Colorado.



History of the Ella Palmer Chapter, MSOCR

The Ella Palmer Chapter # 9, Order of Confederate Rose was chartered on August 28, 1998. The charter members are Annette McCluney, Betty Furr, Jeannette McCaskill, Katie Palmer, Ann McCaskill, Earl McCown, and Larry McCluney.

Under the leadership of our past chapter presidents, Miranda McCaskill (2005-2009) Maranda Haik (2003-2005) and Annette McCluney (1999-2003), Missy Stillman (2009-2012), Sandra Stillman (2012-2018). Five of our chapter members have served the MS OCR by holding state offices. Past state officers include: Carole Ray, President (2004-2006); Maranda Haik, Secretary/Treasurer (2002-2006); Annette McCluney, President (2000-2004, 2008-2010) and Vice President (2004-2006); Betty Furr, Vice-President (2000-2004); Susan Williams, Secretary (2000-2002); Missy Stillman, Secretary/ Treasurer (2008-2010) and President (2012-2018).

On May 29-31, 2009, the Ella Palmer Chapter hosted the 2009 Mississippi Society Order of Confederate Rose State Convention in Greenwood, Mississippi.



The Ella Palmer Chapter
Remembers two founding
members:

Betty Furr, 2nd from left
(d. 2/5/2011)

and

Jeannette McCaskill, third from
left
(d. 1/3/2011)



The Boy Named Sue By Robert E Taylor.

The song "A Boy Named Sue" is one of many classic Johnny Cash hits. It's about an errant father who leaves his son with a girl's name so that he'll endure the ridicule and fists of his peers and grow up like a man. "He kicked like a mule and he bit like a crocodile." The real origins of the song trace back to humorist Jean Shepherd, a close friend of Shel Silverstein who wrote the song. Jean Shepherd, like Sue, was often taunted as a child because his name sounded female. The version we came to love was first performed by Cash at California's San Quentin State Prison. Cash recorded the song live in the concert 24 February 1969 for his live album "At San Quentin." Cash also performed the song with comical variations on the original performance in December 1969 at Madison Square Garden. The live San Quentin version became Cash's biggest hit but it was more of a monologue and tells the tale of a young man's quest for revenge on a father who abandoned him as a three year old and whose only contribution to his life was to call him Sue. Because of this, Sue grows up tough and mean, becomes a drifter, due to the shame of his female name. Angered by the embarrassment and abuse in his life, he swears that one day he'll find and kill his father for giving him "that awful name".

When Sue eventually finds his father at a tavern in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, he confronts him by saying, "My name is Sue! How do you do? Now you're gonna die!" A vicious brawl follows that spreads outdoors onto a muddy street. After the two have beaten each other almost senseless, Sue's father says he named him Sue as an act of love; he gave him the name, believing the ridicule would force him to "get tough or die." Learning this, Sue makes peace with his father and they reconcile. So there the story ends and I now pick up the story of the Confederate boy named Sue.

While his name was Marcellus Clarke a newspaper editor created the mythology of him being 'Sue Mundy' a female guerrilla and rebel raider-Editor.



Many are unaware there was a real true to life character during the War Between the States. Perhaps war-time origins have acted to obscure the person behind the name, as have so many real Southern stories of the time. Johnny Cash was a wild, rough-cut diamond from Arkansas. Very patriotic, with a heart welded to gospel songs and the South, it was one of the things that imbued us to him in spite of drugs and a ridiculously wild lifestyle. The original boy named Sue, wasn't the subject of the song but suffered terribly at the hands of his 'Yankee' captors and was hanged without a real trial for his activities, in spite of being a soldier for the Confederacy who always wore the Confederate uniform. When captured he asked to be treated as a Prisoner of War but was treated as a criminal and hanged.

He was a handsome boy and with long hair and fine features was mistaken for a woman.-Editor.



Marcellus Jerome Clark

This boy named Sue was really Marcellus Jerome Clarke born in Franklin, Kentucky in 1844. He was a mere 17 when enlisting in 1861 as M. Jerome Clarke, 4th Kentucky Infantry, 1st Kentucky "Orphan" Brigade. CSA. While with 4th Kentucky, Clarke was captured at Fort Donelson but managed to escape from Camp Morgan. He saw action again with the 4th Kentucky at the Battle of Chickamauga and was later reassigned to Morgan's Men, commanded by the famed Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan. By this time, the young Marcellus had been promoted to the rank of Captain and took part in Morgan's last raid through Kentucky in the summer of 1864. Following the death of his famed commander in September of that year, Marcellus formed his own cavalry unit and returned to Kentucky in October. Raiding throughout the State, they killed Union soldiers and destroyed supplies. It was these raids that were inspiration for a series of articles by the editor of the Louisville Journal, George Prentice who began calling the cavalry officer "Sue Mundy." The newspaper invented the identity using the name of a local and notorious madam to embarrass the Federal army commander in Louisville. The paper and the commander had an ongoing and bitter conflict.

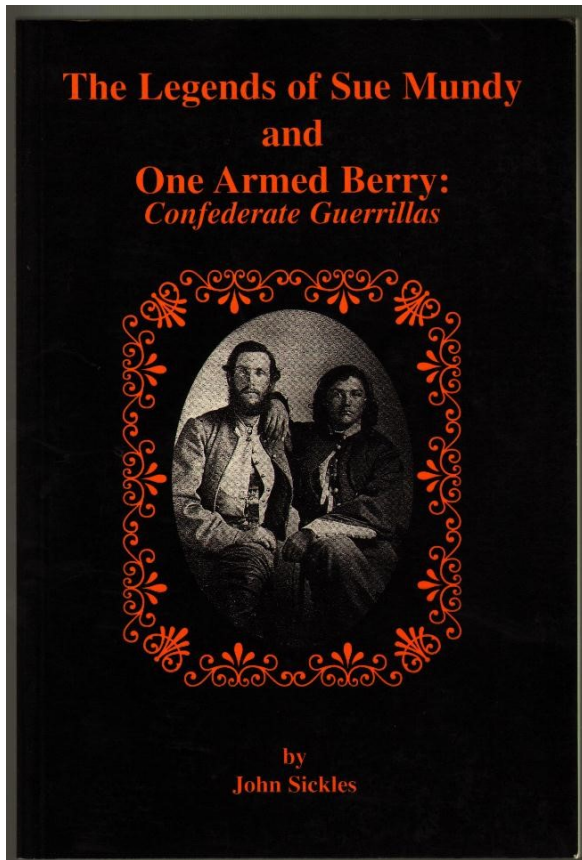
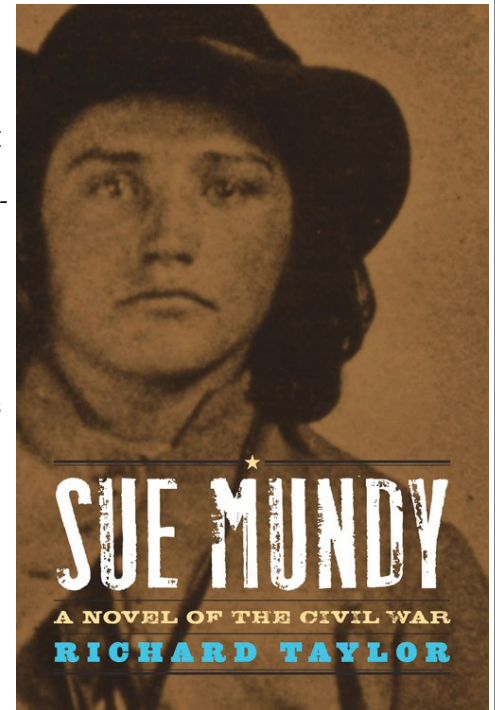
Many of those who had seen Marcellus during his audacious raids were convinced he was a woman. He carried twin revolvers in holsters and close examination of the photograph on page 10 reveals another two tucked into his tunic. He also carried a long stiletto blade disguised as a cane. The U.S. Military Governor of Kentucky, Maj. Gen Stephen G. Burbridge was not a happy man. Believing he was being made a fool of by a mere woman he was further enraged at news that "Mundy's Gang" had joined forces with William Quantrill's Raiders. There's no doubt the young Marcellus Clarke's boy-like looks and long hair gave the impression to many that he was a woman and it's not surprising that newspapers, then as now, attempted to sensationalise a story and gave him the nom-de-plume "Sue." Male or female, he was seen as a dangerous enemy of the Union. On the night of 2 February 1865, the combined force rode into Lair Station, Kentucky, burned the railroad depot and freight cars. A week later the raiders killed three soldiers, took four prisoners and destroyed the remnants of a wagon train.

On 12 March 1865, fifty Union soldiers from the 30th Wisconsin Infantry, under the command of Maj. Cyrus Wilson, were ordered to capture Marcellus Clarke and his gang and surrounded a tobacco barn south of Brandenburg near Breckinridge County. Four Union soldiers were wounded in the ensuing battle but Marcellus was captured. With him were Henry Medkiff and Henry C. Magruder who had been wounded in an earlier attack. Maj. Wilson escorted the three men to Brandenburg, where they boarded a steamer for Louisville. Military authorities kept the so called trial of Marcellus a secret and the verdict had been decided the day before the trial. This was the sort of justice being handed out by the new regime of the United States. Marcellus pleaded to be treated as a prisoner of war but was sentenced without trial as a guerrilla. The military authorities planned the grand execution as a public spectacle, even though the trial had not started. At the brief hearing, Marcellus Clarke was said to have "stood firm and spoke with perfect composure." He repeated that he was a regular Confederate soldier and he had not committed the crimes he was being charged with, or they had been committed by Quantrill. During the three-hour trial, Clarke wasn't even allowed a counsel or witnesses for his defence. Three days after his capture, Union authorities scheduled Marcellus for public hanging just west of the corner of 18th and Broadway in Louisville.



On 15 March Rev. J. J. Talbott visited the 20-year-old in prison and told him that he would be hanged that afternoon. It was said that Marcellus Clarke "Sue" knelt and prayed, asking to be baptised by Talbott, then with Marcellus Clarke dictating, the minister wrote four letters for him: to his aunt, his cousin, a young lady named Lashbrook and his fiancée. His last requests were for his body to be sent to his aunt and stepmother in Franklin to be buried in his Confederate uniform, next to his parents.

When the carriage arrived at the gallows, the Confederate Captain, the boy named Sue, gave one last statement to the crowd. "I am a regular Confederate soldier-not a guerrilla. I have served in the Army for nearly four years. I fought under General Buckner at Fort Donelson and I belonged to General Morgan's command when I entered Kentucky." His last words were: "I believe in and die for the Confederate cause." Several thousand people were said to have attended the execution, attracted by rumours that he was the famed "Sue Mundy." After authorities cut down the body from the scaffold, some spectators cut off buttons from his coat as souvenirs, police arrested three men for fighting over his hat. On 29 October 1865, Union authorities hanged Henry Magruder behind the walls of the Louisville Military Prison. He had been allowed to heal from his wounds and then hanged. Before his death Magruder wrote his memoir and declared he was the real "Sue Mundy." In this complete breach of all basic human rights and the internationally accepted rules for the treatment of prisoners of war, the lives of two famous and dedicated Kentucky Confederate soldiers, branded as "guerrillas," was brought to a savage but noble end. Marcellus was originally buried in the Hopkins family cemetery, and was moved in 1914 by UCV Capt. D. C. Walker Camp to Greenlawn Cemetery. There were bones, remnants of clothing, and locks of hair when the coffin was opened by the coroner for inspection.



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Still Fighting: Inside the Dedication of the National Confederate Museum

Time.com story and photos by Gabby Raymond and Mark Peterson



Amid a period of national reckoning regarding Confederate statues, park names and other symbology and iconography, The Sons of Confederate Veterans is holding a dedication ceremony Friday at the site of the National Confederate Museum, an upcoming and controversial museum dedicated to the Confederacy. The \$5 million museum is being built at the group's headquarters in Columbia, Tennessee, at the one-time home of Confederate Col. Abram M. Looney. The event was intended to be a grand opening, but weather delays caused construction delays, and the museum will not be open until at least 2019.



The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a non-profit made up of male descendents of Confederate combatants. "At the completion of this museum, it will be out of the reach of the long arm of political correctness," The Sons of Confederate Veterans' Paul Gramling told the *Columbia Daily Herald*. Photographer Mark Peterson will be documenting the dedication ceremony for TIME. "For the last few months I have gone to White National conferences, Confederate Memorial Services and Confederate Monument fights," says Peterson. "I have been looking at how we are still fighting the Civil War in the streets, the history books and state legislatures."

Left—Reenactors of confederate soldiers and wives attend the dedication of the National Confederate Museum in Elm Springs in Columbia, Tenn. on July 20.



Left—A race car sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans sits outside the hotel hosting the national convention.



Right—Reenactors at the museum's dedication.



Left— Artist and Confederate supporter Gregory Goodwin Newson at his booth in the vendors area of the Sons of Confederate Veterans national convention. Newson paints pictures of Black Confederate soldiers.



Above Right—Reenactors at the museum's dedication.



Left and Right— Reenactors of Confederate soldiers at Elm Springs which serves as the Nation Headquarters of the organization.



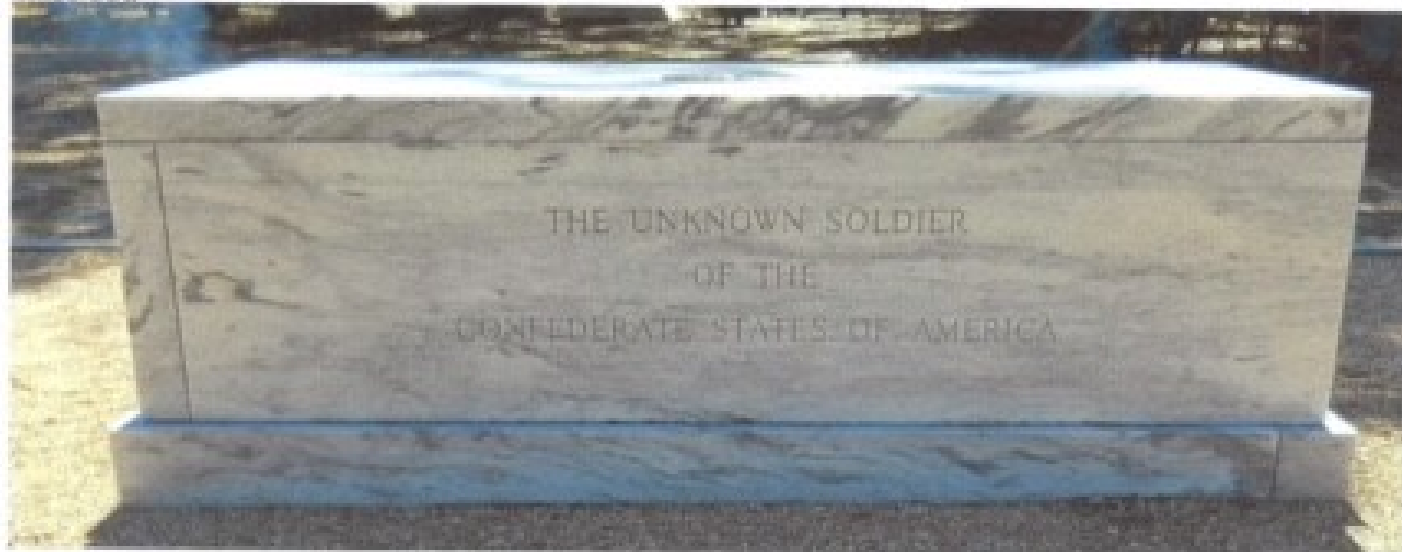
Left—Past CIC-Charles McMichael, of Shreveport, La., helped start the museum back when he was commander.

Right—The Knibb's battery, a reenactment organization from Richmond, Va., prepare a canon for the dedication.



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