

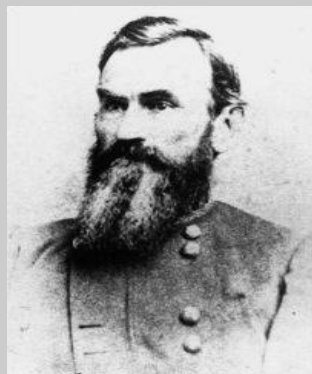
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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

My Fellow Compatriots,

I hope everyone had a Blessed Thanksgiving. There is much to be thankful for each year. The year is quickly coming to an end. With the end of this year, the Camp will elect new officers for the coming two years. It is with pleasure to announce the following nominations and the office for which each has been nominated.

**Camp Commander: Claude "Junior" Stillman**

**1st Lieut. Cmdr: Charles "Gator" Stillman**

**2nd Lieut. Cmdr: Ronnie Stewart**

**Adj / Trea: Dan McCaskill**

**Color Sgt / QM:**

As you see, we still need a nomination for Color Sergeant / Quartermaster. If anyone wishes to fill this office, please let me know. We will also entertain nominations from the floor at the December meeting for any of these offices before elections are held.

As Commander, I had the pleasure of inducting Dr. Andy Martin into the Camp as our 46th member. When you see Andy at our next Meeting, extend him a warm welcome. Also, it is each member's duty to continually recruit new members for the Camp.

The Camp now has a new project to put us

back into public view.

Larry McCluney found the Junior ROTC "H. L. Hunley" Awards Program which recognizes a second year cadet in a high school ROTC Unit who has demonstrated the qualities of Honor, Courage and Commitment to his/her unit. The cadet will be presented a medal, ribbon and certificate. The Camp has adopted the Greenwood High School JROTC program.

Alan gave a very good "Trivia Test" on the CSS Arkansas and activities up and down the Mississippi River. I did not realize the Arkansas' tour of duty was only 21 or 23 days. The first place finisher was Earl McCown with Larry second.

Our December Camp Meeting will consist of electing new Camp Officers and adopting changes in the Camp By-Laws, which are published in this newsletter. Our program for the evening will be preparation for the Christmas Season with song, fellowship, food and whatever Gator has for us.

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



From all of  
us on your  
Camp's Executive  
Council to  
all of you,  
we wish you  
a . . .



## WELCOME NEW CAMP MEMBER DR. ANDY MARTIN

Dr. Andy Martin comes to us as a new member through his ancestor:  
Russell Banks – Great, Great Grandfather – Private; Co. I, 66th GA Infantry

### Upcoming events of interest:

- ⇒ **December 17, Regular Camp Meeting, Election of New Officers**
- ⇒ **Saturday, 6:00 PM, January 23, 2010, Lee and Jackson Banquet (Pot Luck in Indianola, MS – No Regular Camp meeting this Month)**

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## CAMP NEWS:

# PROPOSED CHANGES TO CAMP BY-LAWS

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**All changes are in BOLD print, deletions are in red**

**Article III: Nature**—The Brig.- General Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp, in furtherance of the Charge of Lt.-general Stephen D. Lee, **is a historical honor society and service organization dedicated to education and preservation and** shall be strictly patriotic, historical, educational, fraternal, benevolent, nonpolitical, non-racial, and nonsectarian.

Reasoning: This change brings us in line with the National Constitution.

**Article IV, Membership; Section 2**—after the word “duplicate” in the last sentence add “**sent to the Division Adjutant and**”.

Reasoning: Camp Adjutants will be sending a copy of a member’s SCV application to the Division level for an additional record keeping source.

**Article IV, Membership, Section 4**—Begin the sentence with **—All**.

Reasoning: This clarifies that National, Division and Camp dues & fees must accompany the application when submitted to the Camp Adjutant.

**Article V: Finances; Section 5**—Add the following sentence: **Revenue cannot be raised by means of a raffle, bingo, or any other method of games of chance.**

Reasoning: Internal Revenue laws prohibit this type of activity unless you have a license to do so.

**Article V: Finances; Section 6**—after Stars and Bars Fund, and the “Re-enactors Funds” which include but not limited to Co. D, CS Marines, Ft. Pemberton Re-enactors and the Jeff Davis Battalion..

Reasoning: The Re-enactors Fund has been removed to an account of their own and this money is no longer in the Camp’s account.

**Article VII: Officers and Their Duties; Section 1**— Rewrite the first sentence to read as follows: “ The **elected** officers of the Camp shall be Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Second Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant / Treasurer, Judge Advocate and Color Sergeant / Quartermaster, and an Executive Committee.”After “...his Staff” in the second sentence add **—a Judge Advocate, —**. At the end of this Section add the following sentence: **— Contact information for all newly elected and appointed Camp Officers shall be printed one time in the Camp Newsletter and posted on the Camp Website as soon as practicable to include a minimum of email address and telephone number, with permission, for all Officers and mailing addresses for the Camp Commander and Camp Adjutant. If space permits, list mailing addresses for all other Officers.**

Reasoning: Adding the word “elected” clarifies who are elected versus those who are appointed. Judge Advocate is an appointed position, not an elected office. Executive Committee is not an office and is discussed in Article VIII. Sometimes an officer is elected or appointed who does not have a computer. Adding the phone numbers and mailing addresses will enhance communications.

**Article VIII: Executive Committee and their Duties; Section 2** – After the first sentence, add the following: **—The Commander shall chair the Committee but will not have a vote except to break a tie and he cannot make any motions. Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the Committee.**

Reasoning: Just a clarification of who chairs the Committee and his duties

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## FOR CHRISTMAS JOIN THE FRIENDS OF BEAUVOIR

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Clip or copy the below information and send it to the address below. Share this with as many friends and family as you can. Membership categories (please check one)

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# ELLA PALMER CHAPTER, MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE: PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Dear Ladies of the OCR,

We're drawing to the end of a busy calendar year. Even though several re-enactments were canceled, there was enough activity to keep everyone involved. Here is a recap of some of those events over the year. The pot-luck Lee and Jackson Banquet was great fun and inspirational, Confederate Memorial Day was celebrated with dignity and honor for our ancestors, and Fall Muster was a grand reunion for all who attended. The most exciting event, however, was the State Convention of the SCV and OCR, which our Camp and Chapter hosted. The months of planning and hard work resulted in a very successful convention that received great reviews.

Also, this year the OCR initiated The Order of the Black Rose.

These women, dressed in period mourning, will participate in memorial services, marker dedications, and other events when invited. Most recently, we planned a Christmas Card delivery for the 148 residents of the Veterans Home in Oxford, Ms. We Southern girls just love a man in uniform! More will be posted later on these projects.

It is my hope and prayer that this Christmas season be one of peace and joy for each of you. May it be Christ-filled for everyone!

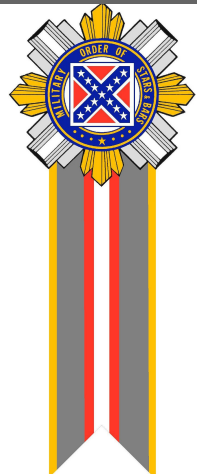
Graciously and Confederately,  
Sandra Stillman  
OCR President, Ella Palmer Chapter

## MOS&B SOCIETY NEWS: THE MOS&B STORE

We want to extend a special "Thank You" to all our members who continue to support our store. If you haven't checked out our merchandise recently, please take a minute out of your schedule and go to the MOSB home page, [www.mosbihq.org](http://www.mosbihq.org), and click on "Store." There are a wide variety of items priced from \$4.00 to \$80.00 with most in the \$10.00 to \$30.00 range.

By far the majority of our customers are newer members of the Order but we really need the support of all members. Those of us who have been in the Order for a substantial time may feel that we have devoted enough time, effort and dollars to the Cause and that is understandable. However, your financial support is always needed, whether you have been in the Order for just a year or you are a long-time or Life Member. As you know, donations are often requested and made from the Chapter level to the National level. Buying from the Store can be thought of as a donation with benefits! You receive something tangible and the Order receives your financial support. In today's jargon, it's a Win-Win!

Gary M. Loudermilk  
Quartermaster-General



## NATIONAL NEWS:

### A MESSAGE FROM CIC CHUCK MCMICHEAL

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) has been informed that they may not march in the Homestead, Florida Veteran's Day Parade with the Confederate Battle Flag. The SCV is quite surprised by this anomaly. The SCV honors and respects the members of the VFW, in fact many veterans are members of both. All across the nation the SCV and VFW have worked together in harmony on many occasions to honor America's Veterans. However, the SCV condemns the decision by the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Homestead, the sponsor of the parade, as the Confederate Battle Flag is a banner which denotes the valor and bravery of some of America's most renowned veterans - the Confederate Soldier. By denying the SCV participation in the parade the Homestead post of the VFW has shown that it is no longer an organization that supports the memory of Veterans but is instead more interested in promoting an agenda of political correctness.

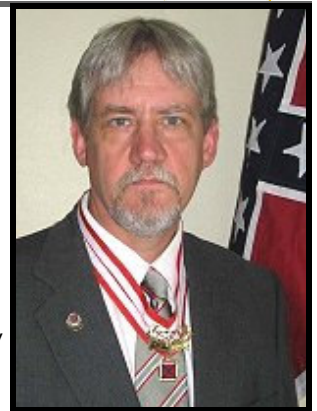
For the last 90 years Confederate Veterans have been recognized as U. S. Veterans by the United States Congress. The actions of the VFW show that they believe they have the authority to redefine who qualifies to be recognized as a veteran in defiance of a congressional statute. Further, the actions of the VFW, in denying the SCV entry into the parade, are repugnant to the sacrifice made by many millions of veterans who have fought to preserve the Rights of Americans as established in the Constitution.

This arbitrary action of the Homestead VFW Post is an affront to Southerners of all colors and ethnic backgrounds whose ancestors served honorably in the military of the CSA, and today continues to lead the nation in voluntary service and casualties suffered by U. S. Forces in conflicts around the world.

In these times all Americans should be drawn together, and American veterans equally recognized, rather than be torn apart by a small group who wishes to inject controversy and disruption into the rightful recognition of ALL American Veterans. It is also greatly disappointing that the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post is allowing itself to be used in this manner.

The SCV urges the community in Homestead, Florida to express their rightful disappointment that the memory of one group of American Veterans, Confederate Veterans, are being disparaged by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**Chuck McMichael,  
SCV Commander in Chief**



## DIVISION NEWS: NEWS FROM BEAUVOIR

Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library, will conduct a ground-breaking ceremony for the new Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and Museum on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 2p.m. (This is the 120th anniversary of Jefferson Davis's death). The construction of the new Library is estimated to be 550 days. The J.C. Duke Construction Company of Mobile, AL will build the 25,500 sq. ft. structure. **The public is invited to attend the ceremony.**

Beauvoir is located at 2244 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, Mississippi 39531. Phone 228-388-4400. Beauvoir is owned and operated by the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

**Work has now begun** on the new Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and Museum.

The statue of Jefferson Davis with his son Joseph and Jim Limber has now arrived at Beauvoir, Wednesday, October 14, 2009. This statue was commissioned by the National Sons of Confederate Veterans and Donated to Beauvoir. The statue will eventually be placed in front of the new Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and Museum.

Fall Muster largest yet! The 23rd Annual Beauvoir Fall Muster was held on October 17th-18th. This was our largest, and most successful event yet with spectator attendance over 1000 each day, over 300 re-enactors, 8 artillery pieces, and many other attractions, such as sutlers, food vendors, a turkey shoot, and live period music. See the Photo Gallery page for pictures from this year's event.

We have a Penny Machine!-Turn a Lincoln head penny into Jefferson Davis's likeness for 51 cents! The Gift Shop keeps adding great items for everyone

Stay tuned, more good news to come!

Rick Forte Sr.

Chairman of the Combined Boards and Acting Director



## EVENTS TAKING PLACE AROUND THE MISSISSIPPI DIVISION

### 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**

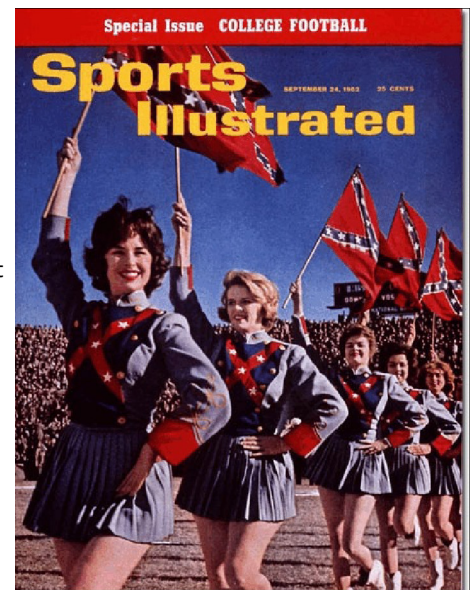
All Mississippi Division Compatriots are welcome. Any member wishing the floor must contact Chief of Staff Ed Funchess in advance

## PRE-POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

The Ole Miss majorettes appearing in Sports Illustrated in 1962 illustrates how it was in the good ole days at Ole Miss before political correctness. First the Flag, then pure undiluted Dixie, then a bastardized version of Dixie paired with the blasphemous Battle Hymn, then Colonel Reb, now the chant The South Will Rise Again after the Battle Hymn. Why not go all the way and change the name Rebels, Ole Miss and change the name to University of Massachusetts South and be done with it. All you people that place a football team above your heritage, go ahead and keep going to the games. Nancy and I have not gone to an Ole Miss game since we went to give out cardboard Flags and cloth Flags removed from their sticks and stapled on rolled up copies of the Daily Mississippian, the Ole Miss student newspaper. We don't intend to go now or ever as long as Ole Miss is still under Reconstruction.

Ole Miss brags about its Phi Beta Kappa chapter. One thinks about academic freedom when one thinks about academic excellence. Chancellor Jones has revealed that like the Emperor, Phi Beta Kappa wears no clothes. Sold by Khayat as an academic achievement, it is obviously gained by being politically correct. Khayat publicly admitted as much when he was eliminating Southern symbols explaining that was necessary to gain the Beta chapter. Either Phi Beta Kappa was always a fraud, or it has descended to the level of the most recent Nobel Peace Prize.

The Oldest Private in the Confederate Army  
Carl Ford



## MS DIVISION MEMBER SCHEDULES A BOOK SIGNING

A book signing for *The Battle of Okolona: Defending the Mississippi Prairie* by Brandon H. Beck will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Okolona's Carnegie Library, 321 Main Street from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Hosted by Friends of Battle of Okolona, this will be the first viewing since its publication. Please come to meet the author and get an autographed copy—just in time for the holidays. Dr. Beck is an historian and professor, retired from Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia. He moved to this area to research and document the history of the Battle of Okolona. For further information, call Patsy Gregory at 662-401-0715.

"By your valor and courage you have given safety and security to the homes and firesides of the defenseless and helpless inhabitants of the country."—

General Nathan Bedford Forrest

In February 1864, General William Sooy Smith led a force of over seven thousand cavalry on a raid into the Mississippi Prairie, bringing fire and destruction to one of the very few "bread-baskets" remaining to the Confederacy. Smith's raid was part of General William T. Sherman's campaign to march across Mississippi from Vicksburg to destroy the railroad junc-

tion at Meridian. Both Smith and Sherman intended to burn everything in their path that could aid in the Southern war effort. It was a harbinger of things to come in Georgia, South Carolina and the Shenandoah Valley. But neither reckoned with General Nathan Bedford Forrest. Forrest's small Confederate cavalry force defeated Smith in a running battle that stretched from West Point to Okolona and beyond. Forrest's victory prevented Smith from joining Sherman and saved the Prairie from total destruction. Join Civil War historian Brandon Beck as he narrates this exciting story, with all the realities and color of cavalry warfare in the Deep South. Also included is a brief guided tour of the extant sites, preserved for future generations by the Friends of the Battle of Okolona, Inc.

Happy Thanksgiving!

We are very excited about this opportunity. Please make plans to attend and spread the word.

Patsy Gregory  
Director, Friends of Battle of Okolona  
662-401-0715

## GENERAL LEE MEETS SANTA CLAUS

Dear General Lee:

We think you are the goodest man that ever lived, and our auntie says you will go right straight to heaven when you die; so we want to ask you a question, for we want to know the truth about it, and we know that you always speak the truth. Please tell us whether Santa Claus loves the little rebel children, for we think he don't; because he did not come to see us for four Christmas Eves. Auntie thinks you would not let him cross the lines, and we don't know how to find out unless we write and ask you. We all love you dearly, and we want to send you something; but we have not any thing nice enough; we lost all our toys in the war. Birdie wants to send you one of our white kittens--the one with black ears; but auntie thinks maybe you don't like kittens. We say little prayers for you every night, dear General Lee, and ask God to make you ever so happy. Please let us know about Santa Claus as soon as you can; we want to know for something very, very, very particular; but we can't tell even you why until Christmas time, so please to excuse us.

Your little friends, Lutie, Birdie, and Minnie



The above letter was sent the following day, and in about a week the answer was received:

My dear little friends:

I was very glad to receive your kind letter, and to know by it that I have the good wishes and prayers of three innocent little girls, named Lutie, Birdie, and Minnie. am very glad that you wrote about Santa Claus for I am able to tell you all about him. I can assure you he is one of the best friends that the little Southern girls have. You will understand this when I explain to you the reason of his not coming to see you for four years.

The first Christmas Eve of the war I was walking up and down in the camp ground, when I thought I heard a singular noise above my head; and on looking to find out from whence it came, I saw the queerest, funniest-looking little old fellow riding along in a sleigh through the air. On closer inspection, he proved to be Santa Claus. Halt! Halt!, I said; but at this the funny fellow laughed, and did not seem inclined to obey, so again I cried Halt!. And he drove down to my side with a sleigh full of toys. I was very sorry for him when I saw the disappointed expression of his face when I told him he could go no further South; and when he exclaimed, Oh, what will my little Southern children do! I felt more sorry, for I love little children to be happy, and especially at Christmas. But of one thing I was certain--I knew my little friends would prefer me to do my duty, rather than have all the toys in the world; so I said: Santa Claus, take every one of the toys you have back as far as Baltimore, sell them, and with the money you get buy medicines, bandages, ointments, and delicacies for our sick and wounded men; do it and do it quickly--it will be all right with the children. Then Santa Claus sprang into his sleigh, and putting his hand to his hat in true military style, said: I obey orders, General, and away he went. Long before morning he came sweeping down into camp again, with not only every thing I had ordered, but with many other things that our poor soldiers needed. And every Christmas he took the toy money and did the same thing; and the soldiers and I blessed him, for he clothed and fed many a poor soul who otherwise would have been cold and hungry. Now, do you not consider him a good friend. I hold him in high respect, and trust you will always do the same. I should be pleased to hear from you again, my dear little girls, and I want you ever to consider me,

Your true friend, General Robert E. Lee

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## **CHRISTMAS FOR A REBEL**

(Mike Williams – Camp 692 Montgomery, Alabama)

On this cold Christmas morning In Alabama, I  
think of the war, and southern land,  
Just how many year's earlier, in Montgomery a  
new nation was at hand.

Brave men now were fighting, many young,  
many old, and full of pride, and how on this  
Christmas morning, how some loved one was  
lonely and had cried.

How they left their families, their homes to stand  
and hold their ground, and how they gave their  
lives in honor that today is seldom found.

Now 150 years later as we reflect on those brave  
men, and of the wish of freedom that we'd love  
to have again!

So we thank you, Rebel Soldier, your honor,  
with us in trust we will keep the cause for you,  
as Vindication is a must!

Merry Christmas to all the sons of Confederate  
Veterans this year and thank you, on behalf of  
my grandfathers, who's spirit forever lingers  
near.



**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](mailto:confederate@windjammercable.net)

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