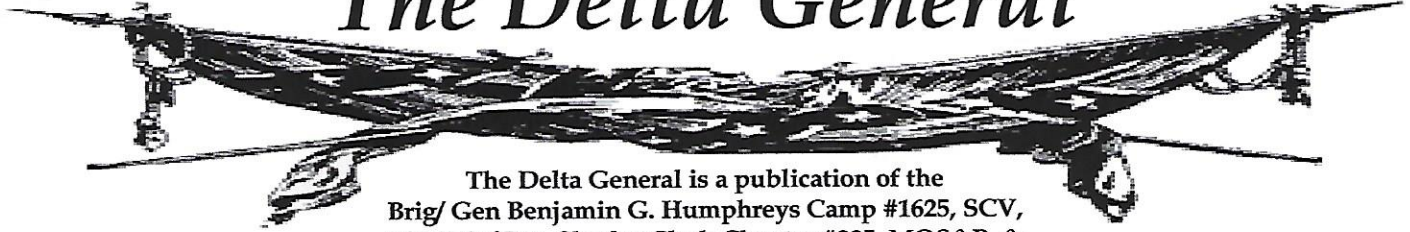


# The Delta General



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## Camp Commander's Message

Greetings;

Well, the holiday season is here. We have so much to be thankful for. I am thankful for the enthusiasm, dedication and loyalty of the members of our camp. Your attendance at our meetings is greatly appreciated. 2004 is coming to an end and we have "held our own" pretty well. I trust that the coming year will be even greater. We have accomplished several really notable things this year and I thank each of you for your contributions to these events.

I look forward to the December meeting and hope to see each of you there. I'm sure that the meeting will be an exciting one. LtCmdr Palmer always comes up with something good.

Come to the meeting, bring the family and a friend with you.

Season's Greetings & God Bless the South,  
Earl McCown Jr., Cmdr



**December's 16 meeting will Feature  
Cmdr Cecil Fayard of the Maj/Gen W.C. Wathall Camp in  
Grenada Speaking on "The Five Civilized Tribes: Indian  
Allies of the Confederacy"**

Welcome New Member to the Brig/Gen Charles Clark Chapter  
MOS&B - Ricky Stoker  
and Bryan Heath Manning to the  
Brig/Gen Benjamin G. Humphreys  
Camp, SCV



**Season's  
Greetings From  
Dixie Ya'll!**

**Everyone Bring a Snack Dish for the meeting to Celebrate the Holidays**

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*"It is my philosophy that though the South lost all but honor to save that honor,  
it was better to have fought and lost than not to fight at all."*

*- Brig/Gen. B.G. Humphreys, "Autobiography"*

## Camp and Society News

Our November meeting was very busy and if you were not there you missed a great one. First, Commander Earl McCown opened the business meeting with Officers Reports:

Lt. Cmdr's Report – Alan Palmer reported that he saw Minor Buchanan, author of the latest biography *Holt Collier*, at a mall in Jackson. Minor commented to Alan how impressed he was with our Camp and its activities and went as far as to say that our is one of the premier Camps in the state.

Adjutant's Report – Dan McCaskill reported that out of 71 members we have 63 that have renewed their membership and reports everyone that renews now must add a \$5.00 late fee.

Treasurer/Editor/Webmaster's Report – Larry McCluney gave a report on our financial status and how well our Camp is standing financially. He also reported that we lack approximately \$40.00 to pay off the Camp Flag fund. LT. Commander Palmer made a motion to take some of the Lt. Commander's fund to pay off what was needed to cover the flags. It was seconded and passed. McCluney also reported that he needed a date to secure Terry Winschel for the 2006 Lee/Jackson Banquete and a motion was proposed that it be held on January 21, 2006 and carried.

1st Brig Cmdr's Report – Larry McCluney gave a report on the progress of two reenactments that he encourages the Camp to support – Actions along the Yalabusha Line – March 18-20, 2005 to be held at the Triple N Ranch in Carroll County and the Battles of Davis Mills – May Memorial Day Weekend 2005 in Michigan City. He also reported that the Winona Camp is rededicating the UDC monument in Oakwood Cemetery.

MOS&B reported that they have a new member, Ricky Stoker, bringing their membership total to 9 members.

The OCR reported that one of the members, Betty Hinson, has cancer and is living in hospice. Annette McCluney encouraged those OCR members who have not renewed to renew their dues.

New business from the floor – Compatriot John Dickerson reported that the Methodist Church and Baptist Church has Compatriot James Edwards on their Prayer List. Business was closed.

After the business session, "Miss Ellie" Dimaggio gave a program on ladies fashions during the war. It was very interesting, even from a man's view, to understand the various garments, colors, materials, and how their clothing evolved during the war. Afterwards, members were treated with snacks that the OCR ladies prepared. The men of the MOS&B and SCV greatly appreciate these ladies in all of their work and dedication.

## Brig/General Charles Clark Chapter, MOS&B Confederate Legacy Endowment Fund

Shortly after the war for Southern Independence was over, the women of the South banded together to care for their dead by moving them from the battlefields to cemeteries, seeing that their graves were properly marked, and building monuments to their memory on town squares and courthouse lawns, throughout the South.

We now face a different culture that would like to destroy this last vestige of tribute to our courageous ancestors. Editorials in many newspapers, attack the Southern way of life, and denounce flag enthusiasts as having "racist thinking". One editor wrote:

*The Confederacy was one of the most backward, repressive and ignorant countries that ever existed...Still, those rubes in Mississippi - and their fellow Confederate flag-lovers elsewhere- will swear that the old South was a paradise, an idyllic place of happy nigras serving kindly massas mint juleps....If its wavers want to live in a past marked by violence, ignorance and repression, let them. More progressive-thinking Americans have more important battles to fight.*

This attitude has become more pervasive in the South, as migration continues to move in our direction, and you suddenly find that you are not an American if you support your Southern Heritage. Flag waving is not for them, but "hanging of our flag" is accepted. Paying homage to our Confederate dead by erecting cemetery markers and monuments is not "politically correct" either. But more and more cemetery markers, and monuments to our Confederate Soldiers are defaced and destroyed by acts of vandalism. That is why the Confederate Legacy Endowment Fund needs your help and support.

Through the Confederate Legacy Endowment Fund, the Military Order of Stars and Bars is undertaking to restore and rebuild Southern memorials and monuments. We are emphasizing to the Southern Youth that the Confederacy is not accurately portrayed by the media nor by the educational institutions.

The MOS&B has formed the Confederate Legacy Endowment Fund to fight the battle against "political correctness" and apathy. As a beginning, we need to raise One Million (\$1,000,000.00) to promote our Confederate Heritage, and we need your help.

Specifically, the Confederate Legacy Endowment will:  
\* Obtain land acquisitions and right-of-ways in/around

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Confederate memorials/monuments.

\* Establish a perpetual Confederate monument and memorial maintenance fund.

\* Fund Academic Scholarships.

\* Construct statuary for our Confederate heroes.

\* Develop the McCain Library Project at SCV/MOSB International Headquarters.

\* Publish Pro-Confederate books and treatises. Compatriot, we are asking that you pledge \$1,000 to the Confederate Legacy Endowment. This pledge can be ascribed over a period of four years (\$250/year). Below is a pledge Card for your use in helping us to win these important heritage battles. The MOS&B is a registered 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization and your gift is tax deductible:

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 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Cut out and mail to: **Adjutant General MOSB, c/o International Headquarters, PO Box 59, Columbia, TN. 38402-0059**

**Ella Palmer Chapter #9, OCR  
 President's Message**

Ladies of the South, Greetings!

As the Holiday Season comes upon us we should take the time out to give thanks for the many wonderful gifts that have been bestowed upon us. We should also take time to reflect upon those four Christmas' that our ancestors spent away from home in service for our country to fight for a just and noble cause.

I want to remind the ladies that January will be upon us soon and we need your support in making preparations for the Lee/Jackson Banquet to be held on January 22, 2005. We will need all your help in making those final preparations and decorating.

I want everyone to keep Ms Betty Hinson in your prayers as she battles cancer. Ms Hinson is one our own so take time out turn your thoughts toward her and flood heaven with your prayers.

Thanks goes out to "Ms Ellie" for such a wonderful program last month. I personally did not get to see it but there was many great comments I heard afterwards about it and wished I had been there to hear it. I hope to see you all at our December meeting lets remember to bring a dish that night since this is our last meeting of the year.

Happy Holidays Everyone,  
 Maranda Haik, President

**Lee/Jackson Banquet  
 Saturday January 22, 2005**

This year's Lee/Jackson promises to be something special. It will be held once again at the Deer Creek Town and Raquete Club in Leland on Saturday, January 22, 2005. Social hour will begin at 6:00 pm and the banquet begins at 7:00 pm. Our guest speaker will be Robin Smith, park ranger at the Vicksburg National Military Park. Ms. Smith formerly served as park ranger at the Chancellorsville Battlefield Park in Virginia and has a great admiration for General Lee. Her topic will be a comparison of General Lee's and General Pemberton's strategy in overcoming rivers in their campaigns.

The menu is yet to be determined or the price per plate and will be voted on at our December meeting. Please consider the following: menu list for the Banquet: for \$15.00: Pork Loin, Roast Beef, Ham or Chicken Cordon Bleu; for \$ 25.00: Rib Eye Steak or Prime Rib. Side dishes: Rice or Potato Casserole, twice baked potato, green beans. Meal served with green salad, rolls and dessert (apple crisp last year). To drink, ice tea and coffee. Any suggestions for alternate dishes are welcome.

This will be a coat and tie affair or period attire. The Camp Color-guard will be in winter dress uniform and will once again present colors. Door prizes will be given out as well. Invitations will be sent out and you must RSVP to reserve a place at the banquet. Please be making plans to attend this great social event as we honor Generals Lee and Jackson on their birthdays.

## Camp Member Needs Your Prayers

The following letter comes from Compatriot James Edward's daughter who has been keeping a few of us informed about Mr. Edwards' health. As some of you may or may not know, Mr. Edwards was diagnosed with cancer about two years ago. Since then he has followed his ancestor's example and has been battling this sickness. Now he really needs our support as he renews his campaign against this sickness. Please send up all of your prayers for him

Hello,

Once again I ask that you STORM Heaven on behalf of my precious daddy. As I wrote earlier, he has developed a fungal infection in his left lung (where he has cancer.) Daddy has not been able to have his chemo for over two months, as the doctors have been having to battle this fungus.

At 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 30, Daddy will undergo MAJOR surgery. Dr. Koury will remove over half the diseased lung at the Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, MS. Daddy will be in intensive care for twenty-four hours, and in the hospital for around four days.

PLEASE pray that the Lord will guide Dr. Koury's hands and that my daddy will have no problems with this surgery. Please pray that this surgery will rid Daddy of both the fungus and the cancer! I am praying that the Lord will heal Daddy. Please pray for Daddy's peace of mind and strength to endure these trying days ahead.

Also, please keep Daddy's wife, Jo, in your prayers. Pray for her strength and peace of mind as well.

Prayer is the only thing that will get us through this. Thank you so much for your prayers for my Daddy and his family.

Love always, Jamie

Editor's Note: By the time you read this Mr. Edwards will have had his surgery and is doing great but we still need to keep praying for him to recover.



## Mississippi Division SCV News



### Lets Keep It Flying at the Stacks

At the Division Executive Council Meeting in Jackson this past Saturday, Bill Hinson (Lowry Rifles) asked for help in purchasing a new MS State Flag to fly at "the Stack," the intersection of I-55 and I-20 in Jackson, and the busiest intersection in Mississippi.

The Lowry Rifles have for years purchased flags for this site -- huge, very expensive flags. Last year, the Lowry Rifles had to purchase a smaller than desired MS Flag for this site because they simply couldn't afford the \$1000 replacement cost of an 18' x 24' MS State Flag.

The Lowry Rifles have currently collected about \$780 toward the purchase of the new MS State Flag! \$430.00 was collected from just 13 people present at the Division Executive Council meeting in Jackson last Saturday!

The Lowry Rifles need the assistance of every member of the Mississippi Division (and other friends) to insure that our State Flag continues to fly at "the Stack."

It will probably be moved at next year's convention that the Division assist the Lowry Rifles in their annual purchase of a replacement MS State Flag. However, the June convention is of no use to us NOW in getting a new flag up and flying!

Please donate whatever you can to help this banner -- THE MOST VISIBLE MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG IN THE WORLD! Please contact Hon. Bill Hinson with your vital and most-appreciated Heritage donation at BHLH87@aol.com! His mailing address is 238 S. Fox-Hall, Pearl, MS 39208



## Confederate Commander Coin for 2004

Gentlemen:

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars' vaunted Confederate Commander Coin for 2004 is now available JUST IN TIME FOR A CONFEDERATE CHRISTMAS!!

Bravely dodging the Yankee blockaders, our runner laden with 200 of these rare beauties has reached our stealth, deep-sea port in Oklahoma City.

As you know, each year the MOSB honors outstanding Confederate commanders who boldly led our brave Southern troops into history. To honor these hallowed men who wore the Gray, the Order mints a limited edition Confederate Commander's Coin for members of the SCV and MOSB. In 2002, Gen. NB Forrest was honored. In 2003 it was the STONEWALL OF THE WEST, Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne. Each coin was limited to a 200 unit production.

These items are now actively sought after on Ebay and other Confederate auction sites. These Coins will GO FAST, and make EXCELLENT Christmas gifts.

Note: These coins include an islet at the top for use as a watch fob or can be hung on Christmas Trees as a true Confederate Christmas ornament. All orders may be made directly to Past Commander General Jeff Massey at:

Jeff Massey/MOSB . . . 922 South Boulevard, Suite 200 . . . Edmond, OK 73034  
Please make all checks payable to: MOSB

The Coin is \$15 which includes postage and handling. Note that we have a LIMITED NUMBER OF THE 2002 AND 2003 Coins also available. If you would like a .jpg or .pdf of those coins, please email Cmdr. Massey at REBELJAG@AOL.COM. The 2003 and 2002 coins are \$15 each. This is a beautiful coin, and a great one to add to your collection.

Deo Vindice,  
John L. Echols, Communication Officer  
Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

## State flag - '05 session no time to unearth issue

Editorial from the Clarion Ledger November 29, 2004

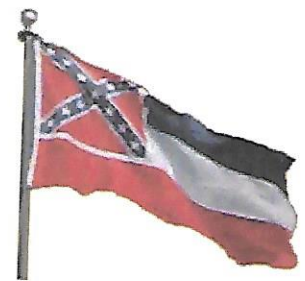
It may be as state Rep. Walter Robinson Jr. says that legislation to remove the Confederate battle emblem from the state flag is "quite certain" next legislative session, but it would be a wrong move.

Not because the change isn't needed, or that having it in the state flag isn't divisive and disruptive, even embarrassing — as Mississippi State University having to "host" a basketball game out of state recently because of the NCAA's objections demonstrates. But the timing is all wrong.

Mississippians overwhelmingly decided the issue of retaining the emblem in the flag in a 2001 referendum.

Yes, in recent years, state economic development officials have been at pains to present a message of inclusion to counter lingering negative stereotypes of Mississippi's segregated past. And, yes, it was embarrassing that MSU had to open its men's basketball season Nov. 11 in Birmingham, some 140 miles from State's campus, because of the ban. Mississippi can expect further embarrassments. But, when lawmakers convene in January, their main focus will be to approve a state budget that was \$3.6 billion this year, with approximately the same amount available as revenue, as agencies are requesting \$4.7 billion.

As the special session just concluded shows, with a stalemate between chambers and the governor over funding bonds for economic development, agreement on cutting services and/or raising taxes will likely be bitter. Interjecting the flag would divert focus from the real needs facing the state, including fully funding education and making vital decisions about health care and other basic services. With the flag, this year, discretion is the better part of valor — even though the flag itself is indiscreet.



## SCV wastes no time with Confederate monument

11/17/2004 6:22:36 AM By Sandi P. Beason Daily Journal

HOUSTON - Just hours after gaining supervisors' approval, the Sons of Confederate Veterans installed their long-awaited, controversial monument on the Houston courthouse lawn.

"They got there at 3:30 (Monday afternoon) and got the base down," said David Horn, SCV camp commander. "When we got the obelisk of the top part of the monument, the clock struck 5 p.m. We thought that was kind of prophetic."

Earlier in the day, the Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to approve the monument, which voters also had supported in a nonbinding referendum Nov. 2.

Columbus Marbleworks made and installed the monument honoring Chickasaw County men who fought in the Civil War, he said. At first, the SCV wanted to wait until Tuesday to place the monument, but members were concerned about actions that might be taken by an opposition citizens group.

"We heard they might file some kind of court thing or get an injunction," Horn said. "I said we'd better go ahead and put it up. It would be best to strike while the iron is hot and go ahead."

Horn said he thought the group opposing the monument would be so psychologically devastated by supervisors' allowing the monument that it would take them a while to get reorganized.

Thomas Guido, spokesman for that opposition, said his group met Monday night at the Buena Vista Volunteer Fire Department and will meet again Thursday.

He did not say whether the group, which termed the monument offensive and did not belong on public property, had formulated an action plan.

"There is nothing they can do from a legal point of view," Horn said. "This has been approved by voters. What-

## A brand new American flag raised over Beauvoir Veterans Day tribute

**Biloxi, MS** - Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library proudly raised a brand new American Flag over its property at 2:00 pm, **November 11, 2004** in honor of Veterans Day. This new 11-foot by 15-foot flag flies on a 40-foot flagpole facing Highway 90. This new pole replaces an original flagpole that existed on the property many years ago.

The flag bearers included, Lt General Clark Griffith, Ret.; President of the Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce and Patrick Hotard, Executive Director of Beauvoir.

This flag arrived just in time to be raised in recognition and in memory of the many young men and women in uniform during this war time Veteran's Day.

## National SCV News

### Message from Commander in Chief Denne Sweeney

Gentlemen:

I have had several updates made to the SCV website over the last week or so that I wanted to bring to your attention:

1. Revised amendment voting record from the Dalton convention. This is available from the link on the main page. I think most of the duplications, etc. have been eliminated. It would have taken too long to include the name of each camp (in addition to the camp number), but I did have the Division included for each camp.
2. My CIC link has been completely revised. It now contains all my LtCIC articles as well as my current articles and General Orders. I plan to add a report section later (sort of like a blog, but not as voluminous), but haven't had a chance to get to it yet.

God Save the South,  
 Denne A. Sweeney, Commander-in-Chief  
 Sons of Confederate Veterans  
 cic@scv.org "What would General Lee want us to do?"

## *A Time for Mourning*

### **The Death of President Jefferson F. Davis December 6, 1889**

Jefferson Davis left Beauvoir for the last time in early November, 1889 for a trip to Brierfield, his plantation on the Mississippi River below Vicksburg. He went by train to New Orleans, arriving in sleety rain. Although he caught a severe chest cold, he boarded the steamer *Laura Lee* for the trip to Brierfield. But when the steamer arrived late at night in Brierfield, Davis was too ill to get up, so he continued on to Vicksburg, docking in the morning. That afternoon, he left Vicksburg for Brierfield, arriving after dark. He lay ill for four days, and the plantation manager secretly wired Mrs. Davis, who left at once for New Orleans. Jefferson Davis boarded the steamer *Leathers*, commanded by his friend, Captain Leathers, for the trip back to New Orleans. Meanwhile, Mrs. Davis boarded a northbound steamer commanded by Captain Leathers' son. During the night as the ships were about to pass one another, young Leathers learned that Davis was aboard his father's ship. He brought his ship alongside and transferred Mrs. Davis to the other steamer. When Davis awoke, he was amazed to find Mrs. Davis at his bedside.

When the ship docked at Bayou Sara, above Baton Rouge, two doctors examined Davis and diagnosed him as suffering from acute bronchitis, complicated by malaria. When the ship reached New Orleans, a number of prominent men met it, among them was Dr. Chaille, the dean of the medical faculty of Tulane University, and Justice C. S. Fenner, to whose home on First Street Davis was taken. A noted New Orleans physician, Dr. C. J. Bickham, joined Dr. Chaille, and the two concurred in the diagnosis of the Bayou Sara doctors. Lingered for about three weeks, Davis died on December 6, 1889.

Varina Davis decided that her husband should be buried in New Orleans, choosing the tomb of the Army of Northern Virginia at Metairie Cemetery as his burial site. The funeral ceremonies have been called "The South's Greatest Funeral."

Special trains brought thousands to New Orleans from all over the South. The city was crowded with prominent Confederates, both civilian and military, while private soldiers and private citizens poured into the city. A number of Jefferson Davis' former slaves also made the journey. One of them, William Simpson, wept openly at the funeral. When asked by a Northern reporter how he felt about Davis, Simpson replied: "That I loved him, this shows, and I can say that every colored man he ever owned loved him."

Less than four years later, in May, 1893, Jefferson Davis was removed from the tomb in Metairie Cemetery, and a special train furnished by the L & N Railroad carried his body to Richmond Virginia. Huge crowds and flowers marked the course of the train as it wound its way across the South. He rests today in Hollywood Cemetery, surrounded by his family. It is appropriate that his final resting place be in the city of his greatest labor as the only President of the Confederate States of America.



**Jefferson Davis catafalque, a ceremonial platform used to carry the remains of Jefferson Davis in the 1889 funeral procession is on display in the Confederate Museum at Beauvoir.**



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**The 110th Reunion of the  
Sons of Confederate Veterans**

**The 67th Reunion of the  
Military Order of the Stars and Bars**

The 2005 Reunion will be held in Nashville,  
Tennessee's Music City Sheraton on July 18 - 23, 2005.



Got some time to spare? Check out these interesting web pages.

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[www.scv.org](http://www.scv.org)  
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**“The Sacrifices of the past will never die unless we who are alive  
permit them to die.” — Unknown**