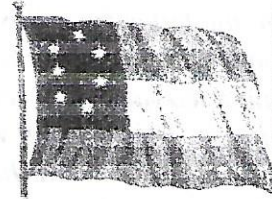
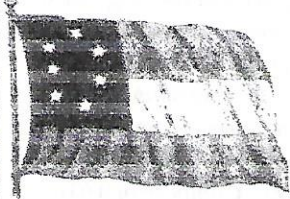


The Delta General



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GRENADA PILGRIMAGE

The Color Guard Unit was busy again this month. We like being busy though. On May 22nd we were invited to participate in the Grenada Pilgrimage along with the Grenada Camp. We formed up at the Lizzie Horne Elementary School and marched to Confederate Square. There was a new 1st Sergeant calling cadence (he really should have been calling a square dance), sometimes new 1st Sgt stripes act as a tourniquet, stopping the circulation between the brain and the mouth. {All in fun 1st Sgt.}

We presented the Colors, along with a local Boy Scout troop. The ceremony to honor Veterans from the area was led by Rev. Cecil Fayard Jr., Commander of the E. C. Walthall Camp No. 211 of Grenada. Among the speakers was Senator Bunky Huggins.

Following the ceremony we marched back to Lizzie Horne Elementary School and disbanded. The afternoon brought a small rain shower and plenty of heat and humidity. Larry and I were posted at the Walthall House with Commander Fayard. Our duties included greeting visitors to the house. All in all the Color Guard Unit made a good showing again.

DIVISION CONVENTION

June 4, 5 and 6 were the dates - Natchez, Mississippi was the place. Our camp was represented by Commander and Mrs Larry McCluney, 1st LT Commander and Mrs Randle Furr Sr and myself.

In my opinion, this was the largest Mississippi Division SCV/MOS&B Convention ever (at least since I have been going to them). This was an election year and officers were elected (see the letter from Past Division Commander John Echols); business was conducted and great fellowship was enjoyed. The Banquet was especially nice and the folks at the Ramada Inn are to be congratulated for their fine service.

There were over 220 members and guests at the banquet. The entertainment was great.

It would be nice if more of our members and wives could attend next year.

JUNE MEETING

June 17th is the date; 7:00 p.m. is the time; The First Presbyterian Church, 311 Catchings, Indianola is the place. The guest speaker will be Mr. Lamar Roberts, Past Commander of the Mississippi Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. Lamar always gives an interesting talk. I encourage all members to attend this meeting. I will not be able to attend due to a prior commitment. My grand daughter graduates from High School in Portsmouth, Virginia and I will be there. I will be thinking of you though.

MOS&B CHAPTER

We now have enough eligible members to form a Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. I have the Membership Applications and will be glad to assist members in completing them for submission. This is one of the goals set by Commander McCluney for this year and we can make this a reality.

COMMANDER'S NOTE

My Fellow Compatriots:

Once again we must rally around the flag. Just as I had suspected at our last meeting, forces are once again gathering to attack our state flag. It seems that the NAACP were able to get their appeal in the State Supreme Court where a major battle is brewing over the constitutionality of the flag. Compatriot Mike Barefield, the attorney representing the division in this matter, will be at the convention to answer any and all questions. Division Commander John Echols reported that this issue did not make an unexpected reappearance but there is nothing we can do about it until it comes up in court. Attorney Barefield has represented us on numerous occasions dealing with the state flag and he has succeeded so far. This issue seems to reappear its ugly head every time around election time, in case we haven't been paying attention. Let us prepare for the upcoming battle and lend any and all support to the division that may be needed. Now is the time that all of our compatriots need to unite and stand firm once again on such heritage violations and out right to free speech.

What can we do on our level to show support? First, fly your state flag so everyone can see our support in keeping such a beautiful and historic flag. Second, keep a watchful eye on our state building and make sure they are flying the state flag. Just recently, I had to file a complaint because the Sumner Court House was not flying any flags and come to find out it had not in two years. I was reassured by the Sheriff's department that this would come to an end and every morning he would personally see to the flags being raised and lowered every day. Third, write to the Clarion Ledger (or Clarion Liar) and express your views about this since so many people are freely expressing a negative view about the flag. Give positive aspects about the flag, such as it flying over the battleship Mississippi during WWII in the Pacific earning numerous battle honors.

We are in a fight, my compatriots and we need your help and support. Attend meetings, play an active role in the camp, voice your opinions.

and most of all, don't be ashamed to call yourself a Son of a Confederate Veteran.

Now I must close. I hope to see a record crowd at our next meeting. Many people from our SCV and OCR camps will be attending Convention and will give a report on their findings. Also, remember our guest speaker will be Lamar Roberts. Until then, let us be on our guard and keep a watchful eye for heritage violations.

Deo Vindice

Larry McCluney, Commander

OCR PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you can tell from our last meeting and by the Commanders Note. My husband is quite upset over the flag issues and the various heritage violations that are starting to appear. Just as he and I discussed earlier, politics are starting to play a major part in these violations. It is an election year, and one way we can send a clear message to these people of our disgust in their political games is to **VOTE AGAINST THESE PEOPLE**. We can keep these people out of office if we unite and stand firm to vote better officials in.

As members of the OCR we must also take on a more active role with the men and educate the ignorant about our's and their's heritage. Recently, Larry went to the Sumner court house to complain that the state flag nor the American flag were not flying on the pole. After getting a response that there had not been a flag flying for almost two years, many of the ladies working in the court house had to admit that they did not know what the state flag looked like. What is wrong with this picture people? Whose fault is this? We must all take a partial blame in this because, if we were not so persistent about flying the flag, no one would know what it looked like, stood for, and the heritage behind it. We must educate our young people and take a larger interest in what they are learning in school. Do you know that at some schools they are not flying the state flag, and some of them are putting it down as a symbol of racism.

Now to speak about convention, Mrs Furr and myself will be at the convention and will update everyone at our next meeting. There is speculation that the Mississippi Division Officers are working on a newsletter for our society. We will find out more about this and help push for its existence. We really need one so that we can find out what is going on around the state.

Now I must shift gears and change subjects. I want to remind everyone that dues are to be renewed by our August meeting. I hope everyone will renew and continue this fight. We will need all of your support and the men will need ours as well. I hope to see each and everyone of you at the June meeting.

Until then, Keep it flying.

God Bless the South,

Annette McCluney,

OCR President

NEW OFFICERS

The following Officers were elected at The Mississippi Division Convention:

Commander:

Billy Ray Hankin *Waynesboro, MS*

1ST.LT.Commander:

Wayne McMaster *Vicksburg, MS*

2ND.LT.Commander:

Ricky Hall *Clinton, MS*

Adjutant:

Tom Waggener *Taylorville, MS*

FIRST BRIGADE

Commander:

Cliff Valentine *Rossville, TN*

Executive Councilman:

Rev. Cecil Fayard *Duck Hill, MS*

Elected to serve for five (5) years

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