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Commander's Note:

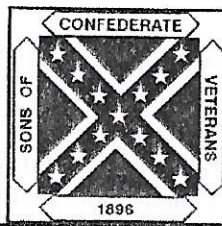
Compatriots;

Summertime is really here and it is getting hot. Please don't let this deter you from attending our meetings. Even in Simmer we have a lot going on and a lot to do.

Several of us will be at Convention this next weekend and I wish you could all be there. It is bound to be an enjoyable weekend.

Don't forget we will be celebrating Katie's Graduation at our meeting on the 21st. I know that you are all as proud of her as I am. CONGRATULATIONS KATIE !!!!

Until then -
God Save the South
Earl M. McCown Jr., Commander



Delta General Gets A Face Lift

I hope you like the new *Delta General*. Its something I have been working on to improve the presentation of our newsletter. Please feel free to comment and make suggestions on it at our next meeting. I look forward to hearing from you and any suggestions that you can make that will make it more presentable to the readers.

Larry McCluney, Editor
The Delta General

Recap of the May Meeting Our Next Meeting Will Be June 21

Our May meeting highlighted a film on "Why Reenactors Reenact" presented by Larry McCluney. Also, Commander McCown gave a report on the Camp Reenactors at Raymond. We also discussed the new proposed bylaw changes so be prepared to vote on this Amending section.

For our June meeting, once again, Lt. Commander Allan Palmer attempts to stump us with his trivia extravaganzas. So brush up on your WBTS knowledge and let the games begin for our June meeting. Also, we will be honoring our recent High School Graduate Katie Palmer.

Hurrah For Earl McCown and Larry McCluney

As you may have known, June 8-10 was our Division Convention in Southaven. That weekend, Earl McCown was elected and inducted as the new First Brigade Commander and Larry McCluney was appointed the new Division Color-Sergeant. Congratulations is are order for Earl as he strives to bring more honor to our Camp, Brigade, and Division.

Heritage Violation: Scouts drop flag from patch

Andrew Jackson Council says it was time for change

By Clay Harden Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

Andrew Jackson Council officials say the decision to drop the 1894 state flag and add the face of Old Hickory to its uniform shoulder strip was not done because of complaints over the Confederate flag. "We just decided it was time for a change," said Larry Smith, assistant executive director for Andrew Jackson Council of the Boy Scouts of America. "We heard no complaints about the old one." But Josie Loveless, Scoutmaster of Troop 701 based at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Jackson, has heard plenty from parents in the black community through most of the 32 years the flag has been on the original patch.

"I like the new one," said Loveless, who has been associated with scouting 29 years and has 64 boys in Cub and Boy Scout troops. "It has a picture of our namesake and it does not have the Confederate flag which offends some of our parents.

"I have heard concerns from them about the flag being on the uniform patch." John Miles of Vicksburg, chairman of the council's western district, said he believes the change was needed. "The new patch more accurately portrays our goals and better serves our constituency as it is today," said Miles, senior vice president at Vicksburg Chemical. "That has changed over the past 30 years."

Sam Walker, former Cubmaster in Madison, could not agree more with Miles' assessment and the unanimous vote of the council's executive board on March 22 — less than a month before Mississippi voters adopted the 1894 banner as the official state flag.

"It shows progressive thinking," said Walker, a black Jackson bank executive. "They probably put a lot of thought into it and decided the change reflected their goals for the future." But state flag supporter Neil Wilfong of Brandon, who helped the state flag gain a 65 percent margin on April 17, doesn't approve. "I don't think they should change it because it is our official state flag," Wilfong said. Barney McKay, assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 29 in Brandon, understands the change.

"The flag doesn't mean slavery to me, although it may to other people," McKay said. "I would have more of a problem if they were to try to change the name of our council from Andrew Jackson than changing the patch. "We have a number of black troops that have a good showing in our district now."

Two other councils in the state have had depictions of state flags on the uniform shoulder strips. The Pushmataha Area Council, based in Columbus, has a small state flag on its patch. But Noel Evans, district executive for the Choctaw Area Council based in Meridian, said the state flag was removed from their council's uniform strip two years ago. "We had the flags of Mississippi and Alabama, but we have a big 2000 and a spread eagle now," said Evans, whose district includes Lauderdale, Clarke, Kemper, Newton and Neshoba counties and Choctaw County in Alabama. "We didn't change because of complaints over the flag. "I don't want to comment on what Andrew Jackson did with their patch." But Evans said many councils change strips to make the old patches collectibles and to have new patches to sell. The Pine Burr council in Hattiesburg has a boat, sea gulls and a forest on its strip, while the Tupelo-based Yocona council features an Indian and a sunset.

Smith said collecting was not why the change was made for Scouts in 22 counties in Southwest Mississippi including Jackson. "We wanted a patch with Andrew Jackson, our namesake, on it," said Smith, praising district director Jim Bell for his artwork in drawing and painting the Jackson portrait for the patch. The new patches will not be available until the end of June, Smith said. And the old patches will not be available after the new patches go on sale. "Scouts can continue to wear the old patch and will not be required to buy the new ones," Smith said. McKay said he has already started buying the old patches as collectibles. "When I heard there might be a change, I started buying the old ones," McKay said. "Now that they have announced the change, there will be a lot of people who will do the same thing."



After almost 32 years with the state's flag on its patch, the Andrew Jackson Council Boy Scout troop has adopted a new design featuring its namesake but no flag. Officials say it more accurately portrays goals.

Camp Reenactors Head to the Reenactment of the Battle of Hernando June 15-18, 2001

HERNANDO — The Battle of Hernando will be re-created June 16-17 with proceeds going to renovation of a historic plantation. The battle was waged 138 years ago in fields and woods near what is today known as Mussecunney Plantation.

Confederate Gen. J.R. Chalmers, who hailed from Hernando, led his 200 troops to victory against Union forces. Chalmers men killed 20 Yankee soldiers and captured 88. Only one Confederate soldier was killed and 20 wounded.

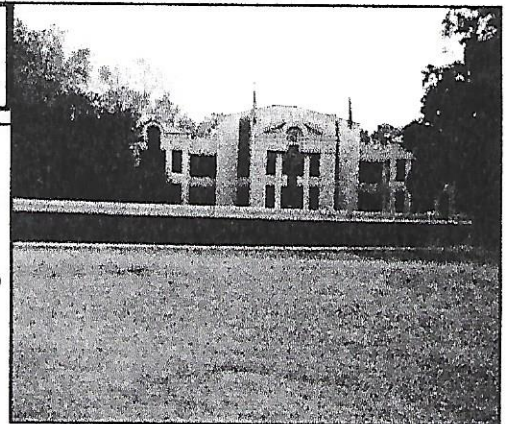
"These re-enactments help continue the memories of these men who fought and died and their deeds of valor," said John Echols, a history teacher at Southaven High and a member of the local Sons of Confederate Veterans. "That's why we have re-enactments of all those who fought."

The Mussecunney Plantation includes the John Robertson home built in 1849. The Robertson home pre-dates Hernando's other historically significant house, the Felix LaBauve home. Eddie Burks owns Mussecunney Plantation, which was named for the Chickasaw chief who formerly owned the land. "Legend has it that he fell off his horse and broke his neck where our driveway is now," Burks said. Burks is trying to restore the house and having it placed on the National Register of Historic Places. "We think this is the oldest house left in Hernando," said Burks.



Have you planned your vacation yet?

Recently Carol, Trey, Kirk Davis went to the Gulf Coast and stayed three days and two nights and visited Beauvoir the last home of our President Jefferson Davis. They reported that they enjoyed the entire trip and wished they could have spent more time there. As the cost of gasoline goes up tourism division fears low revenue because of the state flag (ha!) we should keep our dollars at home and see the sites that our state has to offer. Take time out and visit Beauvoir if you have never been and if you have renew your visi and find something new there that you missed the first visit. To quote John Echols, "The splendors of Beauvoir await you!"



Mississippi History:

25th Mississippi Infantry (aka 1st Mississippi Valley Regiment; later known as 2nd Confederate Regiment)

(from Dunbar Rowland's "Military History of Mississippi, 1803-1898"; company listing courtesy of H. Grady Howell's "For Dixie Land, I'll Take My Stand")

First Mississippi Valley Regiment, later known as the Second Confederate Regiment. Colonel -- John D. Martin. Lieutenant-Colonel -- Edward F. McGehee. Major -- Thomas H. Mangum

This regiment contained three Mississippi companies. On July 23, 1861, General Polk, at Memphis, preparing a campaign against St. Louis, reported that he would order up three Mississippi regiments, under General Clark, to Union City, Tenn., to hold in reserve. Colonel Martin's Regiment he would send to General Pillow, at New Madrid, who was expected to march into the interior of Missouri and co-operate with General Sterling Price. Martin's Regiment was hardly ready for the field, however, and the demand for troops in Virginia weakened Polk so that the campaign was abandoned. Martin's Regiment, in October, was attached to Col. John S. Bowen's Division of Polk's army at Columbus, Ky., Colonel Martin in command of the brigade composed of his regiment and Bowen's. The regiment became known at this time as the First Mississippi Valley Regiment. General Johnston, reporting its arrival from Columbus at Bowling Green, about the first of January, 1862, calls it "Colonel Martin's First Mississippi, 496 aggregate." As the "Twenty-fifth" it was brigaded with the Twenty-second under Col. John S. Bowen, in the army at Bowling Green. The name was changed from Twenty-fifth Mississippi to Second Confederate Regiment, by order of War Department January 31, 1862. At the same time Villepigue's Georgia Regiment was entitled the First Confederate, and Marmaduke's Arkansas Regiment the Third Confederate. Of the latter William E. Brickell, of Vicksburg, was Surgeon and Brigade Surgeon of Marmaduke's Brigade.

The regiment was disbanded May 8, 1862. The three Mississippi companies formed the First Battalion, Mississippi Sharpshooters.

Colonel Martin commanded with distinction a Mississippi brigade composed of the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Regiments, and the Thirty-seventh Alabama, at the battle of Iuka, and at the battle of Corinth, October 3, 1862, fell mortally wounded at the outer line of Federal works. General Sterling Price wrote of him: "The gallant bearing of this officer upon more than one bloody field had won for him a place in the heart of every Mississippian and the admiration and confidence of his superior officers."

- Company A -- Red Rebels (raised in Holmes County, MS) [became Co. A, 2nd Confederate Infantry]
- Company B -- Jackson Hornets (raised in Alabama & Mississippi) [became Co. B, 2nd Confederate Infantry]
- Company C -- Capt. Ray's Company (raised in Kentucky) [became Co. C, 2nd Confederate Infantry]
- Company D -- Capt. Hundley's Company (raised in Alabama) [became Co. D, 2nd Confederate Infantry]
- Company E -- no name or place of origin given [became Co. E, 2nd Confederate Infantry]
- Company F -- Capt. Haver's Company (raised in Missouri) [became Co. F, 2nd Confederate Infantry]
- Company G -- Osceola Hornets (raised in Arkansas) [became Co. G, 2nd Confederate Infantry]
- Company H -- Wigall Guards (raised in Tennessee) [became Co. H, 2nd Confederate Infantry]
- Company I -- Coms Avengers (raised in Carroll County, MS) [became Co. I, 2nd Confederate Infantry]
- Company K -- Worsham Guards (raised in Tennessee) [became Co. K, 2nd Confederate Infantry]

President's Note: Ella Palmer Chapter # 9, OCR



Ladies of the South,

I hope this note finds you all well and eager to come back to our next meeting. Our meeting this month will be on June 21, 2001, Flag Day. I am asking that you all bring some type of finger food since we will be honoring Katie Palmer for graduating from High School. We were suppose to have done this last month but she had other obligations.

I also hope to have a report for you on State Convention which is June 8-10, 2001. There is so much going on it is hard to keep up with it. Be prepared to discuss what we want to do in July for our annual General Forrest's Birthday Picnic. I hope to convince Alan Palmer to play guitar once again for us since this is such a good treat and appropriate for the occasion.

Until then, Confederately,
Annette McCluney, President

Flag Restorations Mugs for Sale for the 15th Mississippi Flag

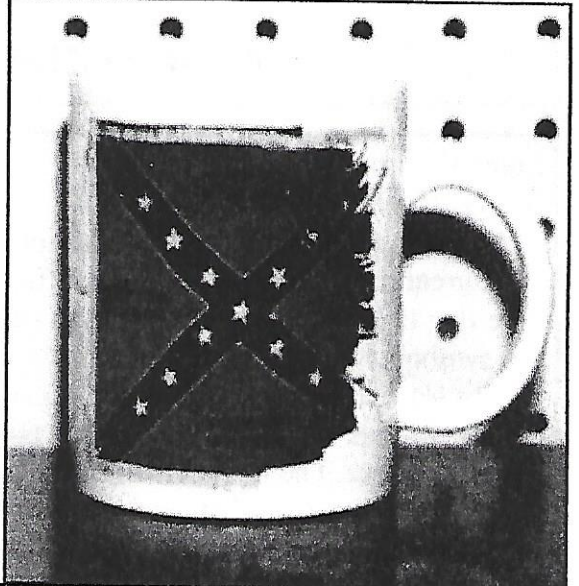
After months of waiting, the 17th Mississippi Flag has been preserved and the Division has once again taken on a new flag to preserve. We currently have the 2nd MS, 17th MS, and now the 15th MS has been sent to the shop for work.

At our last meeting, Cliff Valentine revealed that the cost of the restoration has increased so we are really going to need more financial assistance. We raised money for the 2nd and 17th MS Flags through the donation of \$25 for a mug with the flag on it. These mugs have done well and raising the needed money. Also, they are collector's items. Our Camp has done very well in the purchasing of these mugs in the

past. If you are interested in one you can contact E. Ron Stowers, 3044 Tidewater Ct, Madison, MS 39110

Or email him at ERStowers@AOL.COM.

Remember the mugs are \$25 and you will get one with the 15th MS Flag on it to add to your collection.



Sample Mug above helped pay for the preservation of the 2nd and 17th Mississippi Battle Flags. Both flags have been returned and are on display. If you donate you will get one like above only with the 15th MS Flag on it!!

**Amelia Clark On-Line Studios
New Painting Being Released!!**

New Painting by Grenada, Mississippi artist titled "Heritage" has just been completed and soon will be available in print. It promises to be a hit like her number one selling "Mississippi History" print. To reserve your print contact:



**Amelia Clark Studio
420 Pea Ridge Road
Grenada, MS 38901
Telephone: 662.227.9557
Fax: 662.227.9597**

Or go to her online Studio at <http://www.ameliack.com/>

**Great News!!
Another Heritage Victory for Mississippi!!**

Compatriots:

We wish to advise all our compatriots in both the Mississippi Division and the Confederation of some more great news. Not only have the efforts and prayers of our compatriots paid off with the victory in our state flag fight, but our compatriots in Biloxi have now won another victory for our heritage and symbols.

The Harrison County Board of Supervisors voted last night to restore the "Eight Flags" display located on the beach. This is the display that was taken down by the same Board several months back; wanting to be politically correct. The members in the Sam Davis Camp #596, SCV in Biloxi have worked diligently to gather signatures to have this display restored to its proper place. Their hard work (and maybe even the overwhelming vote for the preservation of our state flag) must have motivated the Board to do what is right.

We know that our compatriots everywhere would like to hear some more good news. We also thank all of you for your continued support.

Deo Vindice,
John L. Echols, Communications Officer
Mississippi Division



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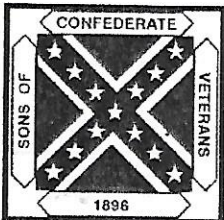
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Welcome New Members

It is a pleasure to welcome two more into the membership of our Camp. Both were recruited by Compatriot Dan McCaskill, and our thanks to him. Dan has spearheaded a huge recruiting outpour for our Camp and is a member of the Dixie Club in recruiting. The new members are:

Pat G. McMahan

Ancestor: William J. Davis, Private,
Company K, 2nd MS Inf

William L. Coppage

This gives our Camp 62 members!!!

**Lets welcome these gentlemen into our Camp and
give them a big "REBEL YELL!!!"**

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***"Remember, it is your DUTY to see that the true history of the South
is presented to future generations" — Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee***