

The Delta General



Brigadier General Benjamin G. Humphreys
Camp 1625 - Sons of Confederate Veterans
Ella Palmer Chapter 9 - Order of the Confederate Rose

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We welcome Joe Stanley Pulliam on record of his great-grandfather Captain Joe Lumpkin Pulliam, Co. A, 17th Mississippi Infantry (Buena Vista Rifles).

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

On February 19th, I had the privilege of speaking to a group of over two hundred Fourth grade students at Lizzie Horn (Grenada Upper Elementary) School. It was a very exciting event for me. I have spoken to larger groups before, but I have never spoken to a more attentive, well mannered and well behaved group of individuals. These are a great group of young people. If this is a sign of

things to come, our future is, indeed very bright.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Gentlemen, there are five members who are holding out, and have not renewed their memberships. It is not too late, Please send in your renewal dues now.

If there is a specific reason that you haven't renewed, please let me know. If there is something that you feel is wrong, I would like to know about it, so that we might have an opportunity to make it right.

We need you and really don't want to loose you. Let us hear from you.

LOST

I have loaned my only copy of the Jefferson Davis Library Dedication to someone at our July 1998 camp meeting. If anyone has it or knows who may have it, PLEASE let me know. You can call me at (601)686-2975 or e-mail to danmccas@tecinfo.com or snail mail at the following address:

*Dan A. McCaskill
205 Cypress Street
Leland, MS 38756*

Thank you for your help.

Dan A. McCaskill

MARCH MEETING

Don't forget our regular camp meeting on March 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 311 Catchings, Indianola. Our guest speakers will be Mr. Steve Whitaker and Mr. Keith Spence who will speak on LT. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest. Mr. Whittaker is Camp Historian and Mr. Spence is Adjutant of Major General E. C. Walthall, Camp 211 of Grenada. Both of these gentlemen have ancestors that served in Forrest's Cavalry Corps. Steve's ancestor was killed in Tennessee. Keith has five relatives in the 19th Tenn. Cavalry. This will be a very good program, so lets show up in large numbers.

GET WELL SOON

Compatriot Randle Furr Sr., has been in the hospital with a severe case of the "Flu". We wish you a speedy recovery.

DIVISION YEARBOOK.

I have received ten copies of the Mississippi Division Yearbook. They are for sale. The price is \$5.00.

Should we need additional copies, and I hope that we do, they can still be ordered from the Division Adjutant.

COMMANDER'S NOTE

My Fellow Compatriots:

Spring is just around the corner and now is the time for our camp to come out of its winter quarters and begin preparations for the new campaign season. There were only a few members at our February meeting but alot of business was accomplished. The March meeting will be very busy for us and we need all our members to attend. Let me go ahead and set the agenda of business for you:

1) We need to prepare for our March Event at Floewood March 19-21. The reenactment at Floewood promises to be a big recruitment opportunity for our camp and a chance to work with the Grenada camp as well.

2) We need to finalize plans for the Grenada Event at the Grenada Masonic Lodge on April 3. The Grenada Camp has once again offered to work with us on this opportunity to work with the public and display our Southern Heritage. For those of you who are not up to date on this, the Masons have requested our Color Guard

Unit, a detachment of the Miss. First Light Artillery, and other reenactors to set up camp, a recruitment booth for the SCV and OCR, and help them dedicate their new flag pole and monument to all veterans that were members of the Grenada Lodge.

3) We need to prepare for Confederate Memorial Day on April 25 at Greenville Cemetery

4) We still need volunteers for our Committee, Grave Registry Committee and By-laws Committee. As you can see, there is a lot of work to be done to prepare for the next two months. We need all members to attend and make this year a success. **LETS NOT BE BACK SEAT REBELS** but let us make a difference in our area to preserve our heritage.

If anyone is interested, The Confederate States Marine Corps Color Guard Unit is looking for a few good men as new recruits. We need new volunteers to fill the demand that our color guard is starting to receive because of its new found attention from the surrounding community.

Our speakers for the March meeting will be Keith Spence, Adjutant of the Grenada Camp and Steve Whittaker, Historian of the Grenada Camp. They will speak on Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest, a personal and historical account. Lets turn out in record numbers for this meeting and I hope to see all of you there.

Confederately Yours

Larry McCluney, Commander

OCR PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Ladies of the South:

We had a low turn out for the February meeting and I hope to see each and everyone at our March meeting. We have a lot to discuss to prepare for the upcoming months. Be prepared to discuss the Floewood Event. We have been asked to set up a recruitment table for that event, and the Grenada Event which is another big opportunity for us to recruit new members. We need volunteers for both these events to **MAN THE TABLES**. Grenada will provide the tables for us but they want us to bring our flag, our applications, and some help with the recruitment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men of Brig/General Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp for the generous donation to our treasury. They gave us \$70.00 to give us some working capital for future events. Anyone that would like to bring some refreshments to our March meeting, I know the men would enjoy them. I hope to see all of you once again at the March 18th meeting.

God Bless the South,

Annette McCluney
President OCR Chapter #9

TO DIVISION MEMBERS

THE MISSISSIPPI DIVISION WILL HOLD THE THIRD ANNUAL WORKSHOP IN JACKSON ON SATURDAY MARCH 27, 1999 BEGINNING AT 9:00.

THE WORKSHOP IS OPEN FOR ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS. WE HAVE A GOOD PROGRAM SET UP BUT WILL MEAN VERY LITTLE IF WE DO NOT HAVE A GOOD ATTENDANCE TO PARTICIPATE. THE WORKSHOP IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE S.C.V. WE DO NOT HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET AS A DIVISION AND VISIT WITH OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES. WE SHOULD HAVE A GREAT DAY OF FELLOWSHIP.

SOME OF OUR MEMBERS WILL HAVE SEVERAL MILES TO TRAVEL TO THE MEETING AND YOU MIGHT SUGGEST THAT THEY CONSIDER FORMING A CAR POOL TO HELP ON EXPENSES. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS WORKSHOP AND DRESS WILL BE CASUAL. GUESTS ARE ALSO WELCOME.

CONFEDERATELY,

Billy Hankins
WORKSHOP CHAIRMAN

NOTE TO MEMBERS

I will have a copy of the workshop agenda for you to see at our March

18th meeting. This is a worthwhile meeting. I regret that I won't be able to attend this year due to prior commitment at church.

DIVISION CONVENTION

This is an election year in the Mississippi Division. The following are the offices, nominees and camps as presented by the nomination committee:

*Division Commander:
Billy Ray Hankins - Heidelberg
1st.Lt.Commander:
Wayne McMaster - Vicksburg
2nd.Lt.Commander:
Ricky Hall - Clinton
Adjutant:
Tom Waggener - Jackson*

FIRST BRIGADE:

*Commander:
Cliff Valentine - Holly Springs
Executive Councilman:
Rev. Cecil Fayard -Grenada*

SECOND BRIGADE:

*Commander:
John Flippin - Houston
Executive Councilman:
Dr. Michael Warren - Tremont*

THIRD BRIGADE:

*Commander:
Noel Huneycutt - Jackson
Executive Councilman:
Ed Funchess - McComb*

FOURTH BRIGADE:

Commander:

Jeff Barnes - Forrest

Executive Councilman:

Ward Calhoun - Meridian

FIFTH BRIGADE:

Commander:

Frank Wade - Hattiesburg

Executive Councilman:

John Fornea - Picayune

To serve for five (5) year term as

member of Board of Directors,

Beauvoir, Jefferson Davis Shrine:

Lamar Roberts - Vicksburg

To serve for five (5) year term as

member of Board of Trustees, Beauvoir,

Jefferson Davis Shrine:

John L. Echols -Desoto County

THE ELLA PALMER SAGA

Part III

At this time General Beauregard, who succeeded Gen. A. S. Johnston, had his headquarters in Corinth, and it was said that he had over forty thousand soldiers in and around the town. The hills around were covered with camps. At night a vast area was ablaze with camp fires; and if one would go out and listen, the voices of thousands of soldiers singing or cheering could be heard. The Confederate soldiers were great singers as well as brave fighters; they sang at all times and at all seasons. The harder their luck, the more they sang.

The women and girls of Corinth, besides making bandages and lint, knitting socks for soldiers, etc., made small bouquets to be placed on the breast of every man who died in the hospitals and whose

remains were shipped away or were buried at Corinth.

At the front skirmishing was going on all the time and ambulances bearing the wounded were constantly coming to the rear, while fresh soldiers were going to the front. All these soldiers passed the Baptist church hospital. Mrs Palmer knew nothing of Corinth, as she never had the time to go about. Day and night she was constantly employed in directing the work of relief.

When the army moved, all left who could go, and only the hospital attendants remained. The Federals were near enough to shell the town, and why they did not do it is still a mystery.

The army had what was called an ambulance hospital that received the wounded brought from the front, where wounds were dressed as best they could be and the men sent to the rear. Often surgeons were shot by stray bullets while at their work. The worst cases were left at the Baptist church. The hospital was full and others were laid out under the trees on cots or on the ground - anywhere in the shade.

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