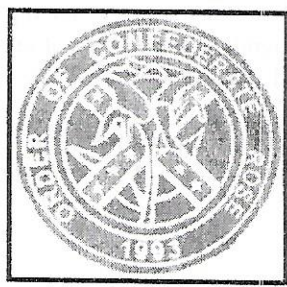
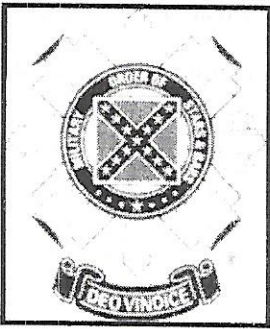
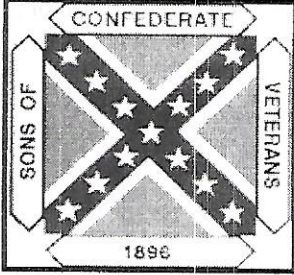


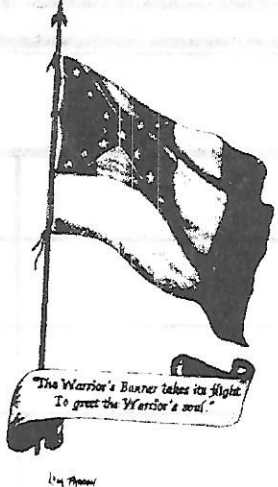
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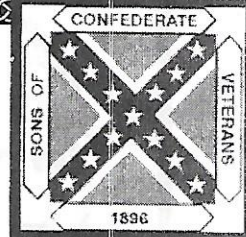
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**“Remember, it is your DUTY to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations” — Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee**

## Commander's Note: Earl McCown Jr.



Compatriots;

We are about a month away from the Vote for the Flag. This is a serious matter and all of us need to be involved. There are many people to contact and only a few of us to do it. I have a list of people that are PRO-FLAG that must be contacted to remind them that just being PRO-FLAG is not enough. We must have their vote for the Flag. Dan McCaskill, Larry McCluney, Annette McCluney attended the Division workshop on March 3rd. Please see one of us about what we need you to do before the day of voting. We have never had a more serious matter to work on. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. We cannot atand by and say that someone else will take care of it. There is only us.

Our February meeting was one of the best that I have been too. Thanks to LTCMDR Alan Palmer and each of you for attending and participating. It was great.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the meeting on March 15th.

Your Obedient Servent  
Earl McCown Jr., Commander

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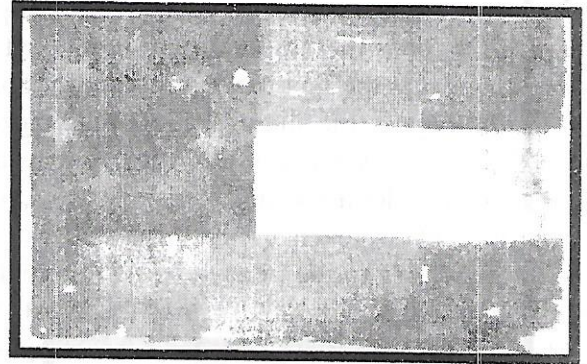
# Camp News:

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## Recap of the February Meeting March 15 will highlight the Siege of Fort Pemberton

Once again, Lt. Commander Alan Palmer should be congratulated for his success with the "Meet Your Ancestor Night" program. This is the second time this has been done and it is always a treat sharing stories with one another about our ancestors and making connections with one another. This was done in a round table fashion where every member that wanted the opportunity to share stories about their ancestors could and show off artifacts. Some of these stories were quite emotional, and others were very educating as we all used the time to memorialize our Confederate ancestors in such an honorable fashion.

Brigade Commander Cliff Valentine was on hand to give us an update on what is happening in the Division with the State Flag controversy and news around the Brigade and Division. He also announced the third Confederate Flag from the State Archives has been sent to the Preservationists to be worked on. It is the flag of the "15th Mississippi Infantry" and he had collectors mugs on sale once again with the picture of that flag on it to sale to help preserve that flag. If you are interested please contact Commander Earl McCown or Camp Adjutant Dan McCaskill. They are gathering up orders to take to order some. They need at least ten before they can order. The mugs are \$25.00 each. (Flag of the 15th MS Infantry portrayed above).



The Camp also honored the memory of Jeffrey and Oliver McCaskill with memorial certificates to Jeanette and with the creation of the Jeffrey and Oliver McCaskill Memorial Scholarship Fund. With a unanimous vote from the membership present, the Camp established the Jeffrey and Oliver McCaskill Memorial Scholarship Fund on February 15, 2001. This is the first Camp Scholarship established and it was created to keep the memory alive of two staunch Southern Compatriots that were Charter members of our Camp. As you know both men were supporters of our Cause and it was fitting that such a scholarship was established in their memory. Donations are being taken to fund the scholarship, please feel free to make checks out to **SCV** and send all donations to:

**Larry McCluney**  
**P.O. Box 63**  
**Webb, MS 38966**

Applications and guidelines will be available at the next Camp meeting for those that are interested in applying.

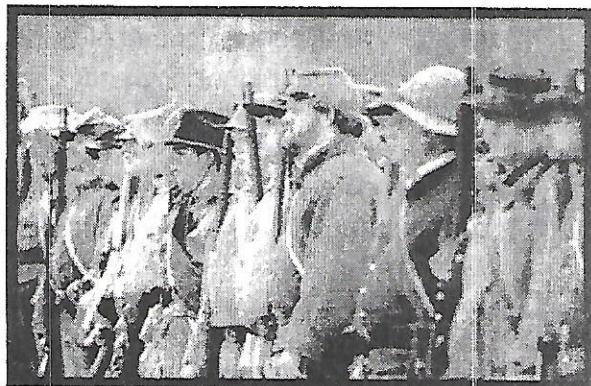
Our next Camp Meeting will be on March 15, and our guest speaker will be Henry McCabe. As you know, Henry is our Camp authority on Fort Pemberton and he will once again give a talk on the siege of the fort to coincied with the Siege of Fort Pemberton Reenactment on March 16-18. Bring an friend and enjoy the fellowship.

# Siege of Fort Pemberton Reenactment

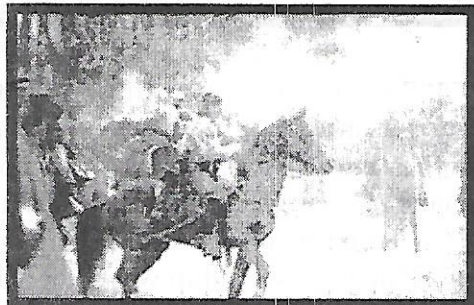
## March 16-18, 2001

*So real you'll be tempted to run home and bury the silver*

From the perfect setting of Floewood River Plantation to the authentic uniforms and original cannons, our Civil War Battle Re-enactment is as real as it gets. Recreated to be a historically correct version of a 1850's plantation, Floewood provides the backdrop for all the action that accompanies a battle. Men, women and children play their parts convincingly, whether they're setting up camp, defending their units, or as medics tending to wounded soldiers. Adding to the interest is the fact that Floewood sits on part of Fort Pemberton, the site of a Civil War skirmish where "The Star of the West" was intentionally sunk in the Tallahatchie River to block Federal passage. This effort successfully thwarted Grant's attempts to reach Vicksburg by this route.



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The re-enactment takes place on the third weekend of March, and each year a different battle is highlighted. A speech given by Confederate Congress-man Thadeus Green from the balcony of the planter's home is typically the call to take up arms. Camps open to the public at 9:00 a.m. and the battles begin at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The Reenactment is sponsored by the Civil War Maritime Education Foundation, President Scott Blaylock, and hosted by Co. C, CSMC, the Brig.-General Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp #1625, Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Ella Palmer Chapter #9, Order of the Confederate Rose, and the Floewood River Plantation State Park. Both the Camp and the OCR are looking for volunteers to man recruiting tables Saturday and Sunday for the event. Please contact Earl McCown for the SCV table and Annette McCluney for the OCR table.



**Hope to See You there!!**



## Ella Palmer Chapter #9: OCR President's Note Annette McCluney

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Ladies,

As you know, we are in the midst of a fight for the State Flag. The countdown has begun and now is not the time to let up the pressure on the enemy nor to slack up our support for the men in their efforts to get out the vote on April 17.

Also, on March 17-18, the Reenactment of the Siege of Fort Pemberton will be held at Floewood River Plantation State Park in Greenwood. I would once again like to set up a recruiting table for that weekend. I need volunteers to man the table from 9:00 am – 1:30 pm. I will not be able to man it because I will be helping the park take up money and conducting tours with the other members who are wearing period attire. We will also be selling our Mardi Gras beads with the State flags and Confederate flags on them. This is one of our fund raisers that we will use to help raise funds for the Chapter and to make a donation to the Jeffrey and Oliver McCaskill Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please let me know if you can help man the recruiting table by the March 15 meeting or call me at 662-375-7230 before that date.

It was a wonderful sight to see all of the State OCR Chapters represented at the Division Workshop. It was a great meeting with the other Chapter Presidents and discussing our stand on the South Carolina and North Carolina attempts to control the Confederation. It was also great to find out that the other Chapters feel the same way as we do on this issue and we took a vote to hold true to the original Articles of Confederation and our own By-laws until this mess is resolved.

I also want to remind you about convention on June 8-10 at Southaven. I will get the Society Newsletter out soon with the details. I hope to see each and everyone of you at our meeting at our March meeting.

Confederately,  
Annette McCluney, MS OCR Society President

## Mardi Gras Beads for Sale By the Ella Palmer Chapter, OCR

The Ella Palmer Chapter, OCR, began its Mardi Gras Beads sale on March 3 at the Division Work Shop and within 30 minutes all the beads that were take as a sample selling were sold. The ladies are selling Confederate Battle Flag Beads, State Flag Beads, and State Flags with Magnolia Beads for \$6.00 a strand. Proceeds will be divided between the Chapter and to make a donation to the Jeffrey and Oliver McCaskill Memorial Scholarship Fund. Beads will be on hand at the March meeting for those who are interested in purchasing some and they will be sold at the Siege of Fort Pemberton Reenactment at the Recruiting Table. "The beads were a big hit at the Division Workshop and I wished we had taken more," says Ella Palmer Chapter President Annette McCluney. Hats off to Dan and Anne McCaskill for backing this project and ordering the beads.

## Mississippi History: The 6th Mississippi Cavalry

**Starting this month, the editor would like to bring to life some Mississippi history and honor a Mississippi unit each month that fought in the War for Southern Independence**

In October, 1863, Colonel Isham Harrison was forming his regiment at Columbus, according to report of Col. Richardson, commanding district. Harrison was ordered to report to General Ruggles at Columbus, February 11, 1864, his regiment to be armed there. February 23, Colonel Harrison, commanding cavalry brigade in the Columbus district, was directed to send his regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Sykes' detachment, Colonel Morton's Battalion and Haller's section of Rice's Artillery to Cotton Gin port for defense of the Tombigbee. February 24, General Lee asked that the regiment be sent to Artesia to await his orders.

The regiment was assigned to Mabry's Brigade, with the Fourth Cavalry, Fourteenth Confederate, and Thirty-eighth Mounted Infantry, about 1,000 in all, which, upon the approach of the third Federal expedition in Forrest's country, moved from Saltillo to Ellistown, July 9, 1864, and reported to General Bufford, of Forrest's Cavalry. Colonel Harris was sent with the Sixth to Plentytude, to operate on the flank of Gen. A. J. Smith's Union troops, moving to Pontotoc, and they skirmished on the 11th. On the 13th, Mabry's Brigade, accompanied by Generals Lee and Forrest, followed the enemy toward Tupelo, skirmishing sharply. Smith went into line of battle at Harrisburg, and Lee and Forrest attacked July 14. Mabry's Brigade advanced under a furious fire of artillery. He reported: "My line advanced steadily, driving a heavy line of skirmishers back to the fortifications. A most terrific fire of small arms was opened on me when we were within about 300 yards of the works. I immediately ordered a charge, but the heat was so intense and the distance so great that some officers and men fell exhausted and fainting along my line, while the fire from the enemy's line of works by both artillery and smallarms was so heavy and well directed that many were killed and wounded. These two causes of depletion left my line almost like a line of skirmishers. At about sixty yards from the enemy's works, seeing that my line was too much weakened to drive the enemy, I halted and directed the men to protect themselves by lying down in a hollow and behind a low fence. I held this position until our second line came up to within about 100 yards of my rear and was repulsed, when I gave the order to fall back. My loss in the hollow and in falling back was severe." Among the killed were Col. Isham Harrison, Lieut.-Col. Thomas M. Nelson, Capt. T. G. Fields, and Lieuts. W. D. Carrington, Company H; and A. D. Clifton, Company C. Among the wounded, Lieut. J. F. Clifton, Company B; Sergt. W. J. Sweeney, D; Lieut. J. Turner, E; Capt. A. C. Johnson, Lieut. William Bell, I; Lieut. T. W. Cobb, A.

Colonel Heath, Thirty-third Missouri (Union), reported that after the repulse of the last assault, Captain McKee's company, deployed to fill a gap in the line, "came upon a party of the enemy's sharpshooters, whom he charged and drove frown cover," capturing a flag "supposed to belong to the Sixth Mississippi," which the party was "endeavoring to recover from the hands of their dead color bearer."

The total casualties of the Sixth were 13 killed, 46 wounded, 14 missing. The brigade of which it was a part was about 1,000 strong before the battle. Total Confederate casualties, killed and wounded, 1,262; Federal, killed and wounded, 636.

**Continued on the next page . . .**

"The battle of Harrisburg will furnish the historian a bloody record, but it will also stamp with immortality the gallant dead and the living heroes it has made. Prominent among the dead the names of Col. Isham Harrison and Lieut.-Col. Thomas M. Nelson, of the Sixth Mississippi; Lieut.-Col. John B. Cage, commanding Fourteenth Confederate, Lieut.-Col. Sherrill, of the Seventh Kentucky, and Major Robert C. McCay, of the Thirty-eighth Mississippi, will shine in fadeless splendor. They were lion-hearted officers and courteous men. It was a sad blow that struck down these gallant spirits. In unselfish devotion to the cause and high courage they leave no superiors behind among men. Their noble natures and ardent patriotism, it is hoped, will find in the soldier's grave that peace for which their country has thus far struggled in vain, and for the achievement of which they have sacrificed their lives. Future generations will never weary in hanging garlands upon their graves." (Report of General Forrest.)

August 1 the brigade was reported 400 present for duty. Captain Lipscomb was promoted as Lieutenant-Colonel, commanding the regiment, which was returned to Gen. Wirt Adams' district.

Colonel Lipscomb was at Macon with about 250 of Mabry's Brigade, when Grierson's raiders, from Memphis, struck the Mobile and Ohio Railroad in December, 1864. Grierson eluded most of the Confederate commands, and Lipscomb, in his pursuit, did not come up with him.

In February, 1865, with Mabry's Brigade, Wirt Adams' Cavalry, between Vicksburg and Jackson. March 3, General Forrest ordered Mabry's Brigade broken up and assigned the Sixth to Brig.-Gen. Starke's Brigade. This brigade arrived at Selma, Ala., during the battle of April 2, but was unable to render assistance. Thence they fell back to Livingston, Ala., their post, April 30. The dates of capitulation were: By General Taylor, commanding department, May 4; by General Forrest, at Gainesville, Ala., May 22, 1865. In 1865 the Sixth was consolidated with the Eighth, Colonel Duff, but the Sixth Regiment, Col. R. G. Brown, retained its identity to the last.

- Company A -- Harper's Company (raised in Noxubee County, MS)
- Company B -- Brown's Company (raised in Itawamba County, MS)
- Company C -- Pardue's Company (raised in Itawamba County, MS), aka Morgan's Company  
(raised in Monroe County, MS)
- Company D -- Carter's Company (raised in Tishomingo County, MS)
- Company E -- Hunt's Company (raised in Lowndes County, MS)
- Company F -- Harrington's Company (raised in Lowndes County, MS)
- Company G -- Runnel's Company (raised in Neshoba County, MS)
- Company H -- Richards' Company (raised in Lowndes County, MS)
- Company I -- Johnston's Company (raised in Lowndes County, MS)
- Company K -- Lipscomb's Company (raised in Lowndes County, MS)
- Company L -- Williams' Company (raised in Chickasaw County, MS)

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

## Camp Adjutant's Report: Dan McCaskill

We are now half way through our current fiscal year. The most important event of the year is coming on **APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>**. We are asking everyone to please get out and **vote for the Flag**. Take a friend!! Even with a victory on the 17<sup>th</sup>, the fight will still be going on until we get Initiative 21 on the ballot in 2002. This constitutional amendment will make it all the more difficult to change the Flag in the future. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District is still short of the needed 19,000+ signatures to get the Initiative on the ballot. Anyone needing blank petitions can email me at danmccas@tecinfo.com or call 662-686-2975 to order blank petitions. For ease of certifying signatures, get signatures of **registered voters** from your home county. **The County Voting Office at your Courthouse must certify all names**. Please mail all certified petitions to the following address:

**Coalition to Save the Flag  
Greg Stewart  
P. O. Box 8244  
University, MS 38677**

You may make as many copies as you need but front and back **must be on one sheet**.

There are several things happening in the Division:

1. The 2001 Mississippi Division Yearbook is available for purchase by members. The cost will be \$ 5.00 each plus \$ 1.00 s/h if less than 10 copies are ordered. Members can place orders by contacting the Adjutant at 205 Cypress Street, Leland, MS 38756 or by email at danmccas@tecinfo.com .
2. For those who enjoy shopping on the Internet and reading books, IHQ-SCV has reached an agreement with Amazon Books and Barnes and Noble Books that anyone purchasing books from these two companies via the Internet link on the SCV Homepage, they will send part of the proceeds of the purchase to IHQ-SCV. This is a great way to build a library and help the SCV at the same time.
3. The Flag Preservation Committee is currently raising money to preserve the flag of the 15<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Regiment. The Flag of the 15<sup>th</sup> MS is a First National Flag. Donations can be sent to: Cliff Valentine, 5105 Hwy 194, Rossville, TN 38066. Those who donate \$25.00 will receive a complimentary coffee cup with the flag of the 15<sup>th</sup> on the cup. Let's help preserve our Flags!

Last but not least, there has been talk among members about removing the United States Flag from our Camp Meetings and there have been those who refuse to say the Pledge. I would like to quote a paragraph from the MS Division's official brochure "Like their ancestors in the UCV, the Sons of Confederate Veterans are loyal, patriotic citizens of the United States and oppose any groups with contrary objectives. **All SCV meetings begin with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United State Flag.**" The emphasis is mine. Even in defeat, at the end of the War for Southern Independence our ancestors pledged their allegiance to the U.S. and became loyal citizens. In my opinion, to do any less would dishonor their memory!

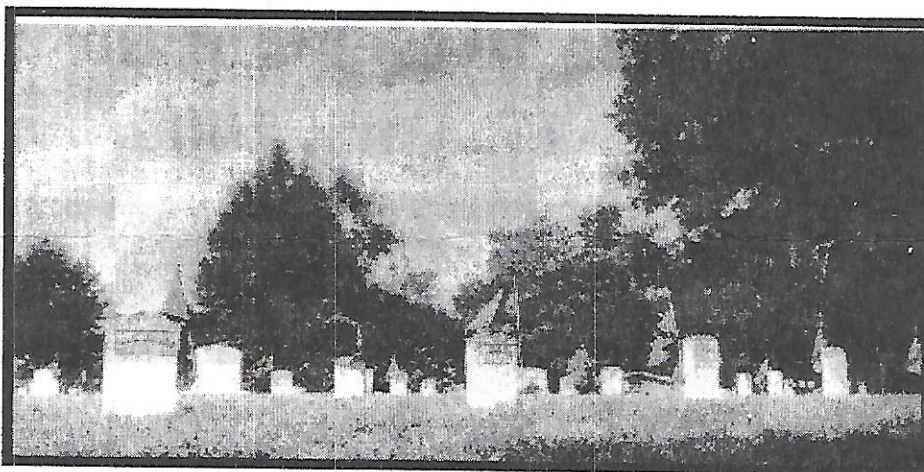
Respectfully,  
Dan A. McCaskill, Adjutant



**Brig.-General Benjamin G. Humphrey's Camp  
Confederate Memorial Day Service  
Will Be on the 8 April 2001**

The Division has asked that all camps have their Confederate Memorial Day Services before April 17 to coincide with the State Flag vote. Heritage Committee Chairman Earl Faggert requests that all Camps do this and invite the press to the services to promote the positive aspects of our Heritage and as a go promotional aspect to encourage people around the State to get out and vote for the flag. We really need a large turnout from our members in an effort to a large showing to encourage people to vote. The services will be held at 2:00 pm at the Greenville Cemetery. Dan McCaskill will need volunteers to put flags out on the graves early Sunday morning.

**Please mark this on your calendar and make the effort to attend in record numbers. Show the public that they should not be ashamed of observing their Southern Heritage**

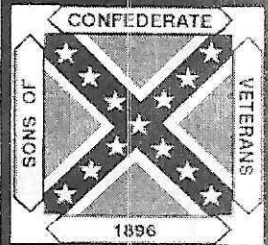


**Members to be Kept in Our Prayers**

**Susan Williams has recovered from surgery and now is  
recovering from a type of Scarlet Fever  
Continue to keep Michelle and Stan Spell in your prayers and their  
families**



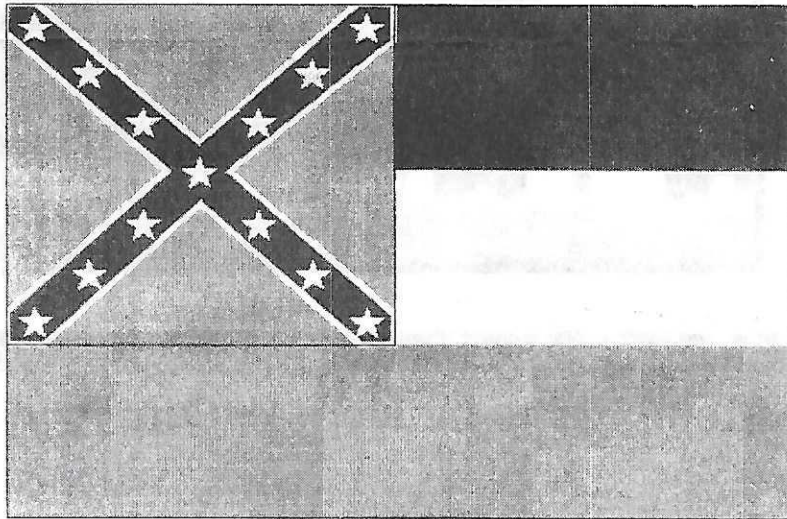
## Welcome New Members OCR, SCV, & MOS&B



**Carla Sheffield**

Carla is the wife of Compatriot Paul Sheffield and we would like to welcome her as our newest member in the Ella Palmer Chapter, OCR

**Remember To Get Out the Vote On  
17 April 2001**



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**To Save Our Flag!!  
Fly your Flag every day to show  
your support!!**