

The Delta General

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Commander's Note

My fellow compatriots

I hope all is well with you and your families. The past month has been a trying time for me personally, but I try to garner strength from reflecting on the past and what our ancestor's must have faced. It brings me into focus, it puts things into perspective, it makes my problems seem so much smaller. The SCV is not just an organization dedicated to the truth of our common history, it is a brotherhood from which we can draw strength to fight our own battles, some personal and some as an organization. In holding with this our April meeting will be a get to know your ancestor night. Not only is it a time when you can stand up and share the experiences of your ancestor with the rest of us, but it is also a time when we can all reflect, and take pride and strength from those experiences.

There have been times at a get to know your ancestor night when some of us have found out that our ancestor's served in the same unit. There has been at least one occasion when two of our members found that they were distant kin through their sharing the story of their ancestor. It is a special night to me and I hope that all of you who can will attend. As April is confederate heritage month I hope all of you our members will attend our own confederate memorial service at the Greenville Cemetery on Sunday, April 14 at 2:30 pm, as well as the camp meeting on the 18th.

Now to change the subject a bit. Most of

you have probably heard about the lawsuit just filed against three major U.S. corporations for their supposed profiting off the backs of slaves some 140 years ago. Well I say that if the U.S. courts do not throw this suit out as ridiculous and frivolous, then I think I will personally file a law suit against the U.S. government for it's illegal war against my home state that it carried out from 1861 through 1865. I think I could prove without much trouble the U.S. Governments total disregard for the protection of private property, the wholesale destruction of our major cities and hamlets throughout the state, and yes even the murder of many of it's citizens by the U.S. Army. I was thinking of asking for a couple of trillion! What do you think??

Heck, I am even thinking of filling a suit against Great Britain for the war of 1812. I don't know why exactly except that I have heard the Royal family has a lot of money. Come to think of it, I'll bet I have an ancestor that came to this country as an indentured servant; what shame I must feel...what opportunities I must have missed because of it. I'll have to contact my lawyer on that one for sure! I'll bet there are all kinds of corporations and governments I could sue for that! I can almost smell the greenbacks now!!!

As always, Confederately yours,
Alan Palmer

Local Camp and Society News

Recap of March Meeting

For those who missed the March meeting, you missed a really great night. About 40 people attended the meeting that was highlighted by our guest speaker "Miss Ellie" Dimmagio who spoke on the "Influence of Women During the War Between the States". "Miss Ellie" hails from Lake Village, Arkansas. She appeared in period attire and presented a wonderful program. The highlight of her program was when she lifted her dress to reveal all of her petticoats and how Southern ladies could hide valuables, supplies, medicines, and even men from the dreaded Yankees.

Also that night, Brigade Commander Earl McCown once again stressed the importance of contacting their local Senators and Representatives to support new proposed legislation that would protect Confederate monuments in Mississippi. He stated this will open up a new front in the defence of our Heritage by going on the offense. He also reported that the Division has sent \$1,000 to National Headquarters to begin repayment of the \$56,000 that was sent to us in the Defence of the State Flag Vote.

Adjutant Dan McCaskill also reminded us to give to the Heritage Defense Fund. MS-DV Commander Wayne McMaster asks each member in the Division to give \$10.00 to the Fund which if every member in our Camp gave, we could donate almost \$700.00 to the Fund.

Commander Alan Palmer also shared his gratitude to those members who braved the weather on March 16-17 to come out and support the Fort Pemberton Event in Greenwood. The event caught a lot of news attention and it was a great opportunity to promote Florewood State Park, the Fort Pemberton Event, and present the truth about our Ancestors' Cause.

Also, Commander Palmer reported on a plea from a California SCV Camp to the entire Confederation to donate money to help clean up and restore to its natural beauty one of the largest Confederate Cemeteries in the nation. The Cemetery is located in Virginia and buried there are several thousands of our Compatriots that need new headstones. The Camp voted that individual members could give and the money sent in the name of the Camp. It is a very ambitious project for the California SCV Camp, especially since the Cemetery is on the other side of the country but they feel convicted to carry out this Cause. A bowl will be set at the Confederate Memorial Service in Greenville for any member who wishes to give to this Cause.

Once again, the ladies of the OCR should be congratulated for the refreshments that night. There are not enough words to express appreciation to our sister organization for all of the hard work and support they give us.

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Camp News continued . . .

The Camp also finalized plans for the Confederate Memorial Day Service at the Greenville Cemetery. It will be on Sunday, April 14, 2002 at 2:30 PM. Please make all efforts to attend and bring a friend so we can promote our Heritage.

Our April meeting will feature "Get to know your Ancestor Night" says Lt. Commander Thomas Haik. Haik feels it is fitting with such a program because April is Confederate Heritage Month this should be a time where we can share information and learn from others about the experiences of our Ancestors during the War. So be prepared to tell old war stories and bring memorabilia that is associated with your ancestors that night.

We hope to see you there at our Camp meeting on April 18. Remember to make all efforts to attend and bring a friend.

Brig.-General Clark Chapter, #253, MOS&B**THE PURPOSE OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS.**

With few exceptions, the officers of the armed forces of the Confederate States of America are without memorials, biographies, or anyother commemorations. The attention given to the memory and history of the Confederate elected and appointed officials is even less.

These heroic men suffered unbelievable hardships for their honored cause, without once wavering, without once shying from their terrific responsibilities. The story of the "Immortal Six Hundred" chronicles the conditions in which the Confederate officers were held while prisoners of war. Even after the war had ended, the officers were singled out by their former adversaries for revenge. Through every test, these brave men stood tall/

Though not usually exposed to service in the field, the elected and appointed members of the Confederate Government exhibited the necessary moral courage to lead the heroic Southern people through a vicious four-year struggle for personal freedom. Their homes were singled out for destruction by the invading Yankee armies, many were charged with treason by the U.S. Government, and after the war they faced imprisonment. Despite threats, abuses, and deprivations, these civil leaders held the Confederacy together when lesser men would have capitulated.

The members of the MOS&B bear and extra responsibility to their Confederate heritage.

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Not only should we take active part in the affairs of our local camps of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, we should also strive to preserve the special place in our Southern history for the Confederate officers and civil leaders. In doing so, we accomplish the goals of both organizations.

Why a separate organization for commemoration of the Confederate Officer Corps and officials of the civilian Confederate Government? - THIS ABOVE ARTICLE SHOULD ANSWER THIS QUESTION FOR YOU.

God Save the South;

Earl M. McCown Jr., Commander

Ella Palmer Chapter #9, MS Society Order of the Confederate Rose

Ladies of the South,

As you know, the Governor has proclaimed April as Confederate Heritage month. Take time out to fulfill one of our obligations and do something to educate our children and the public about our Heritage. If you have connections at a library, ask to decorate an area of the library to promote Confederate Heritage Month, volunteer to be a guest speaker at a school, write an article for your local newspaper, but if you can't do any of this, then come out in large numbers and attend the Confederate Memorial Day Services at the Greenville Cemetery on April 14, at 2:30 pm.

I would like to thank the men of the B/Gen Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp for honoring the ladies of our Chapter with "Miss Ellie" as our guest speaker for the March Meeting. It was wonderful hearing about the contributions of women during the war and how they made a difference. If you missed that meeting then you missed a wonderful speaker and I hope we can have her back again some day. For our April meeting, the men are promoting "Get to Know Your Ancestor Night". Ladies let us brush up on information about our ancestors and share this with others. If you have any artifacts or pictures that belonged to your ancestors during the war bring them and share those stories about them. This is a fitting way to honor them during Confederate Heritage month. I hope to see you all there on April 18.

Confederately,

Annette McCluney, President

**Governor Ronnie Musgrove
has proclaimed the Month of April as
Confederate Heritage Month in Mississippi**

Take time out to reflect upon the sacrifices of our Ancestors who fought
in a just and noble Cause!



***Confederate Memorial Day Services at the
Greenville Cemetery
Will be Sunday, April 14, at 2:30 pm***

The B/G Benjamin G. Humphrey's Camp 1625, SCV,
The B/G Charles Clark Chapter, MOS&B
And the Ella Palmer Chapter #9, OCR,
will be holding its 6th Annual Confederate Memorial Service at the
Greenville Cemetery located on South Main Street in
Greenville, Mississippi, Sunday April 14, 2002 at 2:30 pm.
The service will be held at the UDC Monument in the cemetery. The
speaker will be the Reverend Stephen Ramsey of Harmony Baptist
Church. The CS Marine Color Guard will present Colors. We en-
courage everyone to come honor the men who fought and died to
protect their State from invading armies. There will be some chairs
available we encourage you to bring a yard chair.

Mississippi Division News

107th ANNUAL REUNION, MISSISSIPPI DIVISION UNITED SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

And

33rd ANNUAL REUNION, MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20.00

**[EACH DIVISION MEMBER WHO ATTENDS THE CONVENTION, EVEN THOSE
ATTENDING THE BANQUET SATURDAY EVENING, ARE REQUIRED TO PAY
THIS FEE.]**

BANQUET: \$25.00 PER PERSON

ANCESTOR MEMORIAL(S):...\$5.00 PER ANCESTOR

**[HONOR YOUR CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR(S) BY INCLUDING THEM IN THE
CONVENTION PROGRAM] IMPORTANT: ANCESTORS MEMORIALS MUST BE
RECEIVED BY MAY 01, 2002 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM**

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FOR ANY INFORMATION, CONTACT CONVENTION CHAIRMAN EDDY CRESAP

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Convention Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

REGISTRATION: UNTIL 6:00 P.M. (BATTLEFIELD INN'S MAIN LOBBY)

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION: 6:30 P.M. AT MOTEL

OCR MEETING: 8:00 AT MOTEL

MOSB BUSINESS MEETING: 8:30 P.M. AT MOTEL

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

REGISTRATION: 7:00 A.M. until 8:30 A.M. (MAIN LOBBY)

OPENING: 8:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.

SCV BUSINESS SESSION: 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon (Approximate Time)

LUNCH: Each Will Dine on Their Own

BANQUET: 7:00 P.M. Speaker: Brigadier General Parker Hills

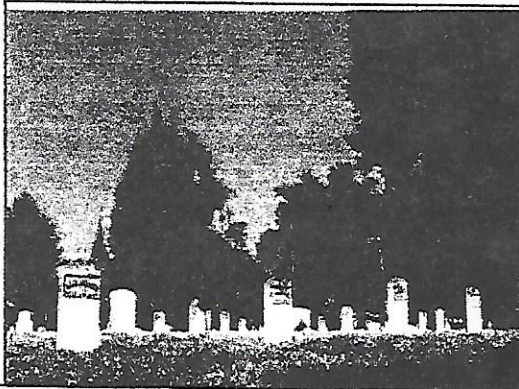
SUNDAY, JUNE 9

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICE: 9:00 A.M. SOLDIER'S REST

Mississippi SCV Division Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir

The Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will hold a Confederate Memorial Service at the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier, located next to the Beauvoir Confederate Cemetery on Saturday, April 27, 2002. At 12 noon there will be a "pot luck" picnic on the East Lawn and the memorial service will begin at 2:00pm.

Beauvoir celebrates Confederate Memorial Day each April with a full schedule of activities including a traditional Southern picnic and ceremony. Admission to the memorial service and picnic is free; regular admission is charged for the museums and Beauvoir House.



The April Issue of the Delta General is Dedicated to the Sacrifices of the men of

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")

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]

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

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

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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 (which see).

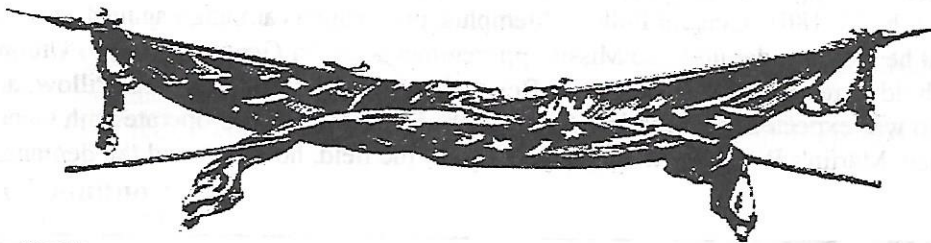
Colonel Martin commanded with distinction a Mississippi brigade composed of the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Regiments, and the Thirty-seventh Alabama, at the battle of Iuka, and at the battle of Corinth, October 3, 1862, fell mortally wounded at the outer line of Federal works. General 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."

Editor's Note: Take time out if you have internet access to see all of the new links that the Mississippi SCV Division Website has for research and information about Mississippi Units and how to do research on your ancestors.

Go to: http://www.mississippiscv.org/gen_research.htm

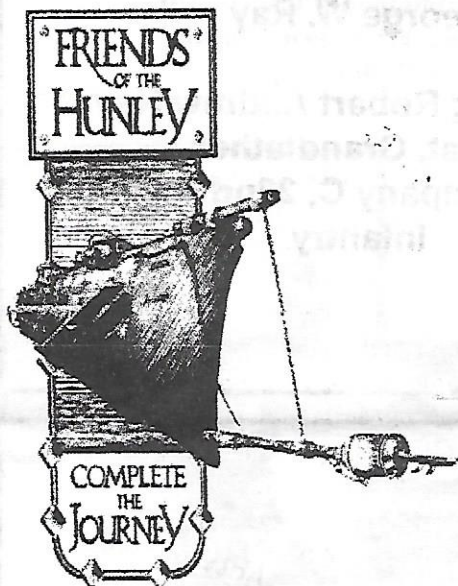
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Hunley Update: The Saga Continues

Hunley Crew Remains to be Studied by Top Smithsonian Experts



As the focus of the H. L. Hunley excavation shifts to the human remains of the crew, top scientists from the Smithsonian Institution will be traveling to Charleston, S.C. next week to learn more about the 8 men who lost their lives when the world's first successful submarine sank after completing its mission on February 17, 1864.

Dr. Doug Owsley, head anthropologist at the Smithsonian, research assistant Rebecca Kardash and Dr. Robert Mann, who is a hand and foot bone expert, will be at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center all next week to study the human remains of the crew. S.C. Senator Glenn McConnell, chairman of the Hunley Commission, said, "Just as the Hunley is the story of technology and bravery, it is now technology which will unmask the identity and secrets of the final voyage of the H.L. Hunley. The crew gave their best and now our present crew will give their best to tell the complete story of this national treasure."

"The goal is to sort the bones by laying them out anatomically in order to make a person," said Dr. Owsley. With 206 bones for each human, it is a complex and lengthy process. The forensic team's task has been simplified somewhat by the fact that the remains were found where each crewmember was stationed in the submarine. "This process is the first step in identifying each crewmember. We have to create a person before the formal analysis can begin. What is also helpful is that we are dealing with people of various sizes and ages, which will assist us in laying out the remains," Dr. Owsley said. The scientists on the Hunley project will be assisting the forensic team in this process. The preliminary study of the remains will begin to unlock the mystery surrounding the crewmen. Project Director Dr. Bob Neyland said, "We should be prepared for startling discoveries about the personal life, background, age and health of the crew."

Warren Lasch, chairman of Friends of the Hunley said, "Although nothing will be conclusive next week, this will put us closer to our goal of giving these brave men a name and a face, which is important not only to everyone on the project but also to the descendants of the crew."

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Camp Web Page:
<http://humphreys1625.homestead.com/Index.html>

Welcome New Camp Member

George W. Ray

Ancestor: Robert Andrew Ray
Great, Grandfather
Private; Company C, 22nd Alabama
Infantry

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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