



# The Delta General



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## Camp / Societies News

### Commander's Corner



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Greetings;

I know that you've heard the term "momentous occasion." Well we have now experienced one. I am speaking of the Holt Collier event. This was truly an event to remember. A lot of years went into trying to get this done and it went off without a hitch. My sincere thanks to Dan McCaskill for heading up this project. To all others involved, thanks to you. Ladies, we couldn't have done it without you. You did a great job on the reception and I thank you for that. I heard nothing but positive comments about the Dedication. The weather was outstanding, the service was great and we all had a wonderful day. Thanks to all!!!!!!

For those of you that missed our February Camp meeting at Florewood: We voted to submit our camp as host for the Division Convention in the year 2009. Our Confederate Memorial Service will be April 4th, 2:00 p.m. at Greenville cemetery. Division Memorial service will be April 24th at Beauvoir. Our April camp meeting was changed from the 15th to the 24th. This was necessary due to our trip to South Carolina for the Hunley ceremony. The camp purchased new flags for ceremonies and we are asking for donations to help pay for these. We also purchased new poles and pole ornaments. We have needed these for a long time. If you would like to make a donation, see Larry Mc Clunney, Dan McCaskill or me.

It is my understanding that the Monument Protection Bill has cleared the Senate and will now go to the House for consideration and vote. My information came from Dr. Bill East of the Holt Collier camp at West Point. I will keep you posted on this matter as new information becomes available.

See you at our March meeting.

Confederately yours,  
Earl McCown Jr., Commander

### Inside this Issue:

**Siege of Fort Pemberton  
141st Anniversary Reenactment  
March 20-21, 2004  
Held at Florewood State Park  
\$5.00 a person for a daily pass  
\$8.00 a person for a weekend pass**

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"It is my philosophy that though the South lost all but honor to save that honor,  
it was better to have fought and lost than not to fight at all."

Brig/Gen. B.G. Humphreys, "Autobiography"

## Report on February's Meeting

February's meeting started off with a few snags. For the first time since the Camp has been meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, we had to move our meeting to somewhere else temporarily. The Church had a program going on that week and we held our meeting at Florewood State Park. Thinking very few people would show up, many were surprised to see about 40 make the trip over.

The meeting started with Commander Earl McCown giving an update on activities in the works and an update on the Holt Collier Event. Afterwards, Larry McCluney presented the budget that was adopted after review by the Camp. The Camp voted to move all funds that are designated and not being used to the savings account to boost up interest to drawn towards the Scholarship fund.

Then, Larry McCluney presented a bill, that has been paid, but is requesting donations to reimburse the Camp on flags and accessories for the Camp. The Camp does not have its own flags and poles that can be used in Memorial Services and Special Events. Thus New flags, poles, stands, and ornaments were purchased at \$594.00. We need donations to off set this cost. Currently we need \$150.00. The flags were used at the Holt Collier Memorial for the first time.

Earl McCown and Larry McCluney both brought an update on the Fort Pemberton Reenactment that the Camp now is taking a lead role in sponsoring. Commander McCown is asking for volunteers to man the recruiting table in the pavilion at this event on Saturday, March 20, 2004. Volunteers need to be at the Pavillion by 8:30 AM to help set up the recruiting table. 2nd Lt. Commander Kenneth Ray will be leading this effort and will once again bring his lap top to print off ancestors to the general public. This was a big hit last year and is a great public relations tool. Some of our members were recruited at this event. Kenneth needs helping hands with this to meet with people, talk about the SCV, let them know about our local Camp, and help with applications. So lets get out there and recruit.

The Camp also voted to have our Confederate Memorial Day Service on Sunday, April 4, 2004 at the Greenville Cemetery. Our April meeting will be on April 22, 2004. This is the fourth Thursday of the month. The April meeting was changed because of many members going to the Hunley Funeral and this will give them the opportunity to report back to the Camp what activities took place.



## Military Order Of Stars And Bars Reunion

Convention Registration Information

Dalton, Georgia July 27, 28, 29, 30, 2004

### ~ EVENTS SCHEDULE ~

- Tuesday & Wednesday July 27 & 28, 2004 MOSB Meetings & Prayer Breakfast & Premier of the First MOSB Court Room Drama
- Friday July 30 - United States vs. Jefferson Davis - The Trial of the Century

### ~ LODGING ~

Main Hotels: [ YOU MUST REQUEST THE SCV-MOSB RATE ]

Country Inn & Suites: SOLD OUT  
(706) 259-2583

Hampton Inn (706) 226-4333

Jameson Inn (706) 281-1880

### ~ EVENT PRICING ~

Per Person Pre-Registration (On or Before July 1, 2004) \$25 (After July 1, 2004) \$30

MOSB Awards Luncheon \$25 MOSB Prayer Breakfast \$20

"US vs. Jefferson Davis - Trial of the Century" \$10

[\* Trial Notes \* - Limited to first 200 SCV-MOSB registrants - Max 2 per registration]

[\* Trial Notes \* - This event may conflict with other slated events on Friday Night]

[\* Trial Notes \* - Anticipated time of Trial: 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM]

\* Note All Events Subject To Change Without Notice And Subject To Availability \*

Registration Fee Includes: 2004 Medal & Convention Book

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



Dear Ladies of the South,

Spring is in the air and the weather has been exceptionally good. I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good spirits. Springtime always seems to get everyone active in one project or another.

I want to express how proud I am to be a part of such dedicated women. Everyone turned out and added something to the Holt Collier Dedication. I thank each and everyone of the OCR and the UDC ladies for helping to make this such a well organized and enjoyable event.

Well as I said in last months letter, March will be on us before we know it, and it is here. Our meeting will be the



**Ladies of the OCR: seated, Maranda Haik, Annette McCluney, Adrienne McCaskill; standing: Ellen DiMaggio, Diana Godell, Ann McCaskill**

Thursday before the Fort Pemberton event and we are asking all the ladies to bring a covered dish to help feed the sutlers. Please call either Annette at 662-453-7212 or myself at 662-686-7344 and let us know what you will be bringing so we don't have any repeat dishes. There are several new members that we will be inducting as well that Thursday night, March 18.

I would also like to remind everyone who hasn't already done so, to please bring your bag of cookies to the meeting. These cookies will be served as refreshments at the ball on Saturday night at the Fort Pemberton Event. The OCR will be securing lemonade and cups from our funds. Don't forget to go to our website and get the form to enter the fashion show.

I also want to mention a few things coming up in April. On April 4, 2004, we will be having our annual Confederate Memorial Day. This takes place at the Greenville Cemetery. It will be at 2:00 PM. Please check the website for more details. Due to a large number of our members going to Charleston, South Carolina in April, our meeting has been changed to April 22, 2004. Please make note of this. This will give us the opportunity to report back about this event to the membership.

I am sure that I have forgotten something, so please check our website to keep up with everything going on and

for any changes that may occur. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting, and bring a friend.  
Confederately,  
Maranda Haik, President

## Billy Ray Hankins Work Shop April 10, 2004



Commander French has informed the MS Division-SCV that on April 10, starting at 10:00 AM, they will again have the Billy Ray Hankins Workshop. The meeting will be held at the War Memorial Building in Jackson. Commander French said there would be side meetings for Commanders, Adjutants and maybe other Camp Officers. This meeting is not just for SCV Camp Officers.... It's a meeting for all SCV members to come together and discuss issues and concerns of their camp. If you've never been to one of these meetings, I urge you to make plans to attend.

The OCR will also have a meeting there while the men have theirs to make preparations for the State Convention and the nomination of candidates for State Offices in our Society. All officers are urged to attend and members can attend as well.



I saw this while visiting Miss Ellie's website and thought I would share it with everyone. As you all know, Miss Ellie was originally born up "North" but I think this sums it up about her true feelings about the South.

## *Confederate Headstone Dedication To Holt Collier*

### *Private; Company I, 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry*

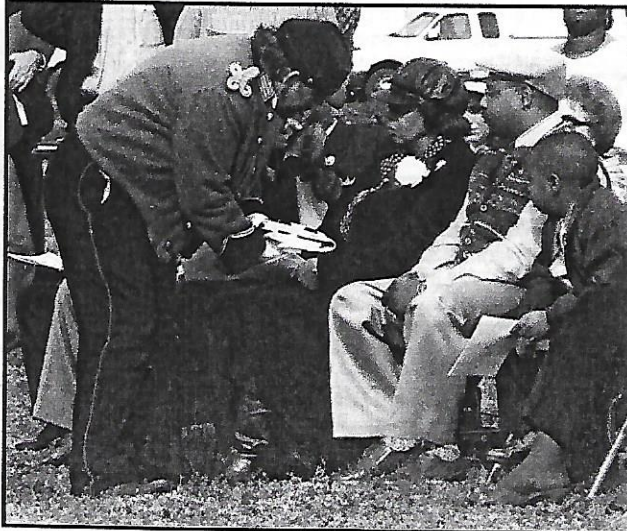
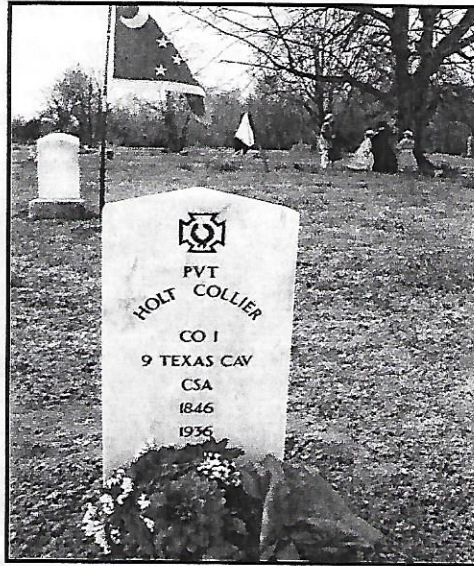
On a cool, sunny Saturday afternoon February 28, 2004, the Old South met the New South at Live Oak Cemetery on South Main Street in Greenville, Mississippi. Men in Confederate Uniform and ladies in hoop skirts and hats met with their modern counterparts, Black and White, to pay tribute to one of Mississippi's famous sons, Holt Collier.

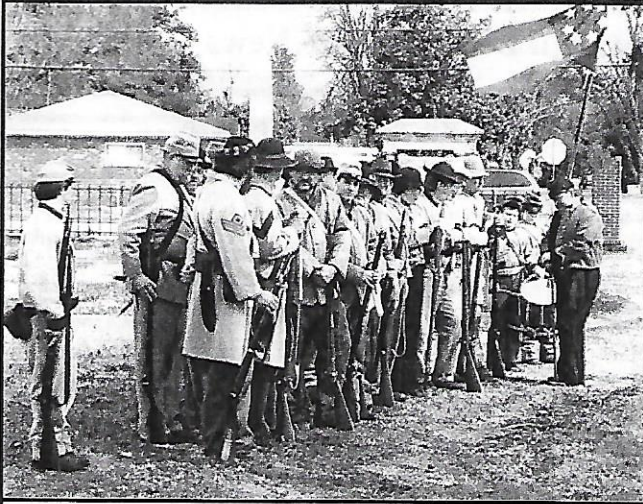
After years of diligent research by author Minor Buchanan, events were put in motion to place a Confederate Headstone at the grave site of Holt Collier. Spearheaded by the B/G Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp # 1625 of Indianola and supported by the Ella Palmer Chapter # 9, Order of the Confederate Rose of Indianola; the Pvt. Taylor Rucks Chapter # 2204, United Daughters of the Confederacy of Greenville; Live Oak Cemetery Association of Greenville; Jefferson Davis Camp # 635 of Jackson; Holt Collier Camp # 2018 of West Point and Gen. Charles Clark Chapter # 235 of Indianola, a Confederate Headstone was acquired from the Veterans Administration and preparations were made for the dedication of the headstone.

Holt Collier was born into slavery in 1846 and was the slave of Howell Hinds. Hinds County is named after Howell's father, Gen. Thomas Hinds. At a very early age, Holt demonstrated his marksmanship with the rifle. At the age of 10, he killed his first Black Bear which would be one of over 3000 killed by Holt. At the outbreak of the War for Southern Independence, Holt's master and son left for the War after giving him his freedom papers and being told he was too young to fight and to remain on the plantation. Holt disobeyed his master by running away from the plantation, stowing away on a riverboat and joining Howell and his son in Memphis, TN. Holt, by choice, joined the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Brigade serving in Company I throughout the War. During Reconstruction, Holt was accused and acquitted for the alleged murder of Captain James King by a military tribunal in Vicksburg. Holt left the state on advice given by William A. Percy of Greenville going to Texas working as a cowboy on the ranch of his former commander, Sullivan Ross, future Governor of Texas. Upon the murder of his former master, Holt returned to Greenville for his funeral and remained in Greenville for the rest of his life. Holt became nationally known in 1903 as the guide for the Teddy Roosevelt Bear Hunt of that year. This hunt gave rise to the "Teddy Bear" when Teddy refused to shoot a bear captured by Holt and tied to a tree. Holt lived to the age of about 90, passing from this life on August 1, 1936. Holt was buried on August 3 in Live Oak Cemetery which is located on the old Plumridge Plantation where Holt grew-up and hunted black bear.

With the national flags of the Confederacy flying, Benj. G. Humphreys Camp Commander Earl McCown opened the ceremony with the introduction of Dr. John Brooks of Greenville, who read an original poem about Holt Collier entitled "Holt Collier's Ghost". After the reading, the Colors were presented by members of Company D, CS Marines commanded by 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Larry McCluney of Greenwood. The Honor Guard, comprised of members from at least 8 re-enactment groups from three states was marched in under the command of Lt. Col. Alan Palmer, Jeff Davis Indpt Battalion. Holy Scripture reading and Prayer were offered by the Rev. Joseph Wright of New White Stone M. B. Church and Rev. Richard William of Zion M. B. Church, respectfully.

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The Pledge of Allegiance and salutes to the Mississippi State Flag and Flag of the Confederacy was led by Camp Color Sergeant Thomas Haik, Jr.

We were fortunate to have family members of Holt Collier present for the Dedication. The family members present were Mrs. Ann Marie Parker, Great Niece; her son John Parker and Grandson Brandon John Parker. Two other Great Nieces arriving late were, Mrs. Nola Leggett and Mrs. Corine Wilson. Greenville Mayor Heather McTeer-Hudson represented the City of Greenville and Juliet Thomas represented U. S. Representative Bennie Thompson. The MS Division was represented by Ron Stowers, Chief of Staff; Ed Sheely, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander and Larry McCluney, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Commander. The MS Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy was represented by President Gloria Adcock, Past President Mabel Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Lou Paris, and Historian Nancy Powell. Special recognition was given to Richard and Beverly Cross from Baxter, Iowa. Mrs. Cross is

a distant relative of President Teddy Roosevelt and Capt. James King. She is also the President of the Jasper County Museum in Iowa.

Minor Buchanan, author of the book "Holt Collier, His Life, His Roosevelt Hunts, and The Origin of the Teddy Bear" was the keynote speaker. Minor made note that this was a unique occasion where Black and White citizens came together to recognize Mississippi's only official Confederate Soldier of African descent under the auspices of the Sons of

Confederate Veterans to place a Confederate Marker on his grave site that had gone unmarked for almost 68 years. Minor added, "This is recognition of the life and legacy of Holt Collier." Following Minor's talk, the Rev. Albert Calvin, former minister of Mt. Horeb M. B. Church officially blessed and dedicated the marker for Holt Collier and added, "May he continue to rest in peace." Soloist Nancy Bryson sang "Amazing Grace" while CS Marines Thomas Haik and Andrew McCaskill folded the "Stainless Banner" that covered the marker for presentation to the family. The Flag was reverently passed to 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt McCluney, then to Lt. Col Alan Palmer who presented the Flag to Mrs. Parker who graciously accepted it and cradled it in her lap as the final lines of the hymn were sung. Following the presentation of the Flag, the Honor Guard fired three volleys in honor of Holt. In the distance, lone trumpeter Brent Hiter played taps. The closing prayer was offered up by Camp Chaplain Lofton Davidson.

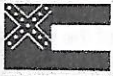


A reception was held at the Mississippi Welcome Center on Highway 82W just south of Greenville.

Of the occasion, Mrs. Parker was quoted by David Lush, "I think this is a great honor to dedicate and place this marker to him. I certainly appreciate this, and especially this (as she held the Flag close to her heart). I know he would be proud of this day and to be remembered and honored like this. He was a remarkable man."

This is a fitting statement for a remarkable day and the ending of Black History Month.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan A. McCaskill, Adj.  
Benjamin G. Humphreys # 1625  
Sons of Confederate Veterans



## Mississippi Division SCV News



### Monument Bill Passes the Senate

Dear Monument Bill Supporters,

1. Bill has passed the full Senate.
2. Bill has passed the House Public Property Committee.
3. Bill is now before the full House.
4. WHAT TO DO NOW

\* Please contact the Representative(s) from your area of the State and politely ask for his/her support for HB 867, the Veteran's Monument Bill. ( or SB 2078 in the House)

\* Use telephone, e-mail, FAX, snail mail, etc.

\* We can almost guarantee the passage of the Bill in the House and carry the Bill to Governor Barbour's desk for signature and success IF YOU ACT NOW.

\* If you and as many others, as possible, make this last effort success will be ours.

5. Contact Information for your Representative (s) is available at the following web site.

[http://www.ms.gov/site\\_index.jsp](http://www.ms.gov/site_index.jsp)

CLICK STATE INDEX, CLICK STATE LEGISLATURE, CLICK MISSISSIPPI STATE LEGISLATURE HOME PAGE, CLICK HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CLICK MEMBERS

Thank you for bringing the Bill to this point. Just a little more effort NOW will lead to total victory.

Sincerely,

Bill East

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### Update on the Murals at Vicksburg

Good news, everything is not hopeless in the Southland! My hometown of Vicksburg, Ms. has a ongoing mural project on our seawall here at City Front. The murals are 12 ft. high X 20 ft. long, they will depict the history of Vicksburg, we will have over 25 murals on the wall when we finish.

Last Wednesday we received enough money to pay for a mural the Warren County Historical Society is sponsoring, a mural honoring our President Jefferson Davis and his wife Varina. They will be shown in front of Briarfield pruning the rose bushes at the time the courier arrives to give him the message he has been elected President of the Confederacy, in my opinion one of the most defining moments in the history of the Country and maybe even the world.

The artist Robert Dafford will start preparing the drawing the 1st of March, should be through in 5-6 weeks weather depending etc. Unveiling will be June 3rd, 2004, mark your calendar, reception will follow at the Old Court House Museum. Everone has been very receptive to this mural, my wife Mary was Chairwoman of the fund raising committee, her group

raised over \$15,000 for this painting in just 100 days, I was very pleased.

We are now looking at raising the money for a mural that will be right beside the Davis' that would depict the Seige of Vicksburg. No final plans yet. Go to our website, [riverfrontmurals.com](http://riverfrontmurals.com), can be reached from the City Web Page also.

Ya'll come to see us,  
Wayne McMaster  
Past Commander,  
Ms. Div. S.C.V.

### State Convention 2004; Hattiesburg

Please spread the following information among your membership so that they may join us at the Annual Convention. These are the basic. More detailed information will be included in the next Jeff Davis Legion. If you have any questions prior to that, contact **Don Parker at [dixie\\_ms@bellsouth.net](mailto:dixie_ms@bellsouth.net)**.

**Date: June 4-5, 2004**

Hattiesburg Inn on the Hill: Rooms: \$55.00/single or double  
Reservations must be made by May 7, 2004 to assure this rate,  
Call 1/888/263-9977 and tell you are with the SCV for this rate';

Membership Registration: \$15.00 per member;

Banquet Reservations: \$20.00 per person

Reservations must be postmarked by May 12 to guarantee dinner reservations

## Beauvoir Lecture Series 2004

### Dr. Lynda Crist and "The Papers of Jefferson Davis"

Biloxi, MS - Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library with the financial support of the National Endowment for the Humanities through the Mississippi Humanities Council, announce the first speaker in its new 2004 Lecture Series. Dr. Lynda Crist will speak on the latest volume of "The Papers of Jefferson Davis". This lecture will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library Theatre at Beauvoir.

Dr. Crist currently serves as the editor of "The Papers of Jefferson Davis volumes 1-11", a project of William Marsh Rice University in Houston, Texas, and the Jefferson Davis Association. This project is based on contributions from seventy different sources both public and private, including Beauvoir. As an alumna of Rice University she has assisted in the publication of these papers, from her time as a graduate student to the present day. She holds a B.A. and M.A. from Rice and a PhD in history from the University of Tennessee. Throughout her career she has published articles, enlightening readers to the many different aspects of Jefferson Davis.

"The Papers of Jefferson Davis, Volume 11" looks at the time period of September 1864 to May 1865. These last nine months of the War Between the States, shown in correspondence by Jefferson Davis, illustrate that the nation that Davis was striving to uphold was collapsing around him. The last months of the war have been the subject of much discussion and debate and this volume, sheds light on the feelings, ideas and relationships of Davis during this very turbulent time in his life.

Join us as we hold a light up to the man who was tasked to create a nation; and in those last months raised Robert E. Lee to General in Chief, gave Joseph E. Johnston final command, brought African-Americans into the military ranks, and opened peace negotiations at the highest level. This enlightening lecture will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the Presidential Library Theatre at Beauvoir.

Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library is a national historic landmark property of the Mississippi Division, United Sons of Confederate Veterans. It is located on U.S. Highway 90, between stoplights 31 and 32, in Biloxi, Mississippi. For more information, contact the Tours and Programs office at 228-388-9074.

## Billy Ray Hankins Division Workshop

### April 10, 2004

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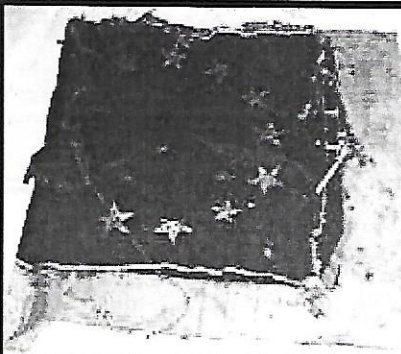
After this meeting Commander French will hold an Executive Council meeting.

## Wonderful flag news!

The surviving canton (star-bearing corner) of the flag of the Plenitude Invincibles (Co. I, 23rd MS Infantry) will definitely be returned to the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson in the near future! Hon. Greg Biggs, who has worked tirelessly for some two years to make this a reality, just informed me that the Ohio Historical Society has agreed to return the flag remnant to MS!

I was honored to be able to verify one regimental source that mentioned the flag, but it was Greg's hard work and political savvy over two years that have resulted in this happy Heritage outcome!

I will forward additional info on the flag remnant's return as it becomes available, so that interested descendants/flag enthusiasts can be present for the flag remnant's return to the Magnolia State!



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**National News**

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The following post is from Don McLain, Virginia Division, Camp # 1764  
Cold Harbor Guards in Mechanicsville Virginia.

**Confederate Heritage Month Parade  
Richmond, Virginia**

**Sunday, April 4, 2004 Starting at 2:00 PM**

CALLING ALL Confederate Re-enactors, their family, and members from  
The Sons of the Confederate Veterans, United Daughters of the Confederacy,  
Children of the Confederacy, Order of the Confederate Rose, Confederate  
Mechanized Cavalry, and the HPA. March down famed Monument Avenue,  
passing by the statues of Generals Robert E. Lee, Thomas "Stonewall" Jack-  
son, J.E.B. Stuart, and President Jefferson Davis. The parade will end in Holly-  
wood Cemetery with a ceremony in the Confederate section where 18,000 Con-  
federate soldiers rest. There will be a military gun and artillery salute by the re-  
enactors at the closing of the ceremony. For more info please visit  
[www.vascv.org](http://www.vascv.org) or email [mclainfamily@comcast.net](mailto:mclainfamily@comcast.net)

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**"The Sacrifices of the past will never die unless we  
who are alive permit them to die." — Unknown**

