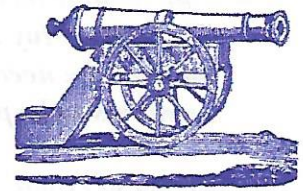
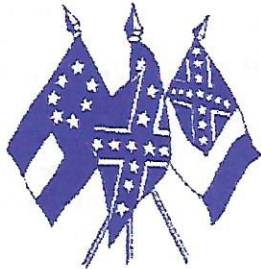
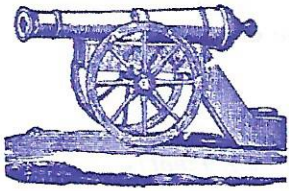


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This issue of the Delta General is sponsored by 1st Lt. Cdr Randle Furr Sr., in Memory and Honor of his Grandfathers:

*3rd Lt. J. B. Middleton
and
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Both served in the Confederate States Army

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BOARD

Effective April 6th, 1998, Maitland O. Westbrook, III, joined the staff of the Sons Of Confederate Veterans as our Executive Director. A native of Virginia, Westbrook has been recently living in California where he was Commander of the Armistead-Gano Camp 1742 in Redlands. Westbrook was hired on March 14 by the General Executive Council after an exhaustive effort by the Search Committee chaired by Patrick J. Hardy, M.D.

Director Westbrook holds a Master of Business Administration and is retired from the United States Air Force. He states that his primary goals are to provide more efficient support to the Camps, improve the utility of Elm Springs and place Headquarters on a paying basis, and expand services provided by International Headquarters.

STALWART BRIGADE FORMED

The Stalwart Brigade program is patterned after a successful Georgia Division undertaking. It is designed to increase visibility, membership and influence of the SCV. Funding for this program is from the contributions of compatriots who donate \$200.00 or more per year to the Sons of Confederate Veterans to assist in our organizational growth. Seventy percent of the funds donated are used for magazine, billboard, cable television and radio advertising, and the remaining thirty percent is deposited in the Major General William D. McCain Endowment Fund for the maintenance and preservation of our Elm Springs facilities. Contributions are tax-deductible and members receive a handsome gold lapel pin identifying them as a member of the Stalwart Brigade.

MEETING DATE

Our regular meeting will be 7:00 p. m. Thursday, May 21, 1998. Please try to attend. We need as many of our members to be present as possible.

THOMAS PRESENTS PROGRAM

Mr. Dave Thomas presented a program "History of Nitta Yuma" at the March meeting of the Belvidere Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Thomas' interest in family and local history began in his childhood on the family farm in Ohio, owned by his family since 1830.

Mr. Thomas is scheduled to be our guest speaker in June.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

*By Earl M. McCown Jr.
Beauvoir - May 25, 1998.*

Confederate Memorial Day was celebrated at Beauvoir. A large number of guests were present and the weather was beautiful. Mr. Peter Orlebeke was the key note speaker. Fifty-four floral tributes (wreaths) were placed at the tomb of the Confederate Unknown Soldier.

COMMANDER'S NOTE

My Fellow Compatriots:

Well another Confederate Memorial Day has come and gone. For those of you who missed the event at Greenville, you missed a great day. About 40 people from the area attended and everyone commented on how nice the ceremony was. We also got media attention from WXVT-15 and from local newspapers. Compatriot Paul Artman Sr., read a proclamation from the Greenville Mayor's office declaring April 26 as Confederate Memorial Day. We also had the pleasure of several re-enactors in the area to attend and form a color guard unit. Afterwards a wreath was laid at the monument by Quartermaster/Color Sergeant Oliver McCaskill and Mrs Mary Francis Flood, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Then everyone participated

in decorating the Confederate graves with Third National Confederate Flags. Many of the area residents hoped that our camp will make this an annual affair at the Greenville Cemetery. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make the event such a success.

Now we must turn our attention to future activities and continue this enthusiasm that is growing in our camp. Membership is on the rise and the goal of an OCR Chapter is becoming more of a reality than a dream. We need one more member before we can apply for the OCR Charter. If anyone is interested, please contact Annette McClunney.

Please keep in mind that the Mississippi Division Convention is almost upon us which will be held on June 5-7 in Biloxi, MS. It would be grand to see several members attend with Adjutant Earl McCown and myself. We need to show the rest of the Division that Camp 1625 is alive and kicking. It is also an honor for our Adjutant to be on the Credentials Committee and to represent our camp. Check your latest Jeff Davis Division Newsletter for more details.

After the memorial service in Greenville, many approached us with the suggestion of forming a color guard unit for our camp on a more permanent basis. I think this is a wonderful idea. This unit could be used for memorial services, parades, and special events in the area. These units are growing in number more and more and think of the public attention that could attract to our camp. Think about it and give me your opinion at the next meeting and if you are interested in participating in its formation, let me know as well. We need at least five members to start.

*I hope to see everyone at our next meeting on May 21. Lets turn out in record numbers and continue this positive atmosphere that is growing in our camp. **Bring a friend...** It would be nice if more of us brought our wives and make them feel a part of our group. Remember if you have any ideas, please let me or the other officers know. We cannot function without your support.*

Respectfully Yours

Larry McCheney, Commander

God Save The South

MEMORIAL SERVICE MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

By: Larry McCluney

On Saturday, May 2nd, I had the pleasure of attending the 150th Anniversary of Midway Baptist Church in Vardaman, Mississippi. The event was highlighted by a Confederate grave dedication for Pvt. Tobe Inmon, 13th Mississippi Infantry, Barksdale Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. Inmon had 16 Children, which from Church Records attributed to 1,000 descendants from Tobe Inmon.. Several SCV Camps attended the ceremony which was led by Bland Campbell, State Division Adjutant Emeritus, of the Brigadier General Barksdale Camp in Columbus, Mississippi.

The celebration began at 11:30 a.m. with a 19th Century Wagon Train from Vardaman to the Church. At 12:30, my re-enactor's Unit, 1st Mississippi Light Artillery, had a firing demonstration. Afterwards the day was highlighted with music from the United Daughters of the Confederacy Chorus, The Natchez Trace Dulcimer Band, and various music groups. The National Guard did a presentation of "Flags over Mississippi", and then there was a period dress and beard contest. The Church then held a barbeque supper for everyone.

At 5:00 p.m., festivities ended with the grave dedication which was highlighted by a 21 gun salute from various re-enactor units and a wine ceremony on the gravesite. The ceremony ended with Tattoo and a Scottish Highlander from the Calhoun Clan playing various songs on his bagpipes.

COLOR GUARD UNIT

A special thanks to the Color Guard Unit that participated in our Confederate Memorial Service at Greenville. The Unit was composed of the following members:

LT. Scott Blaylock, Commanding
Pvt. Allen Palmer
Pvt. Larry McCluney
Pvt. Andrew McCaskill

A hearty Well Done to each of them.

JEFFERSON DAVIS PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The formal Dedication of the Jefferson Davis Presidential Memorial Library will be held on May 30th at Beauvoir. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I encourage as many members as possible to attend. There will be thousands of people in attendance and you will enjoy a great opportunity to celebrate our Southern Heritage.

FOUND BY FRIEND IN MORGUE DeQueen Bee (Arkansas) 30 Nov. 1928.

Alfred Cobb Ferguson served as Private in Company A, McNeils Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army, during the Civil War. He recalls an experience in the war; "I had a severe attack of measles, and he (Columbus Appleton, now deceased) would come to the hospital to see me. He came one day and the nurse told him I had just died and was in the dead-room. He went in to look at me, and discovered, I was not dead. He got the nurse to help him and they carried me back into the hospital where I was given good care and got O.K. But for my friend's interest, I feel like I would have been buried alive"

Alfred Cobb Ferguson married into the McCown Family and is another ancestor of Earl McCown Jr.

BLACK SOLDIERS IN CONFEDERATE RANKS

The following are exerpts taken from a recent article in the Clarion Ledger.

Not all who fought in gray were white. African Americans who fought for the Confederacy are an often overlooked part of Civil War History.

Until the movie "Glory" came out, no one knew that many blacks fought in the Union Army. Now the blacks who fought on the Southern side are being discovered. Black soldiers wearing Confederate gray may seem crazy. Why would you fight to keep yourself in slavery? Freedom wasn't an issue for many black Confederate

Soldiers who were either free or had been promised their freedom.

The U.S. Census in 1860 reported 500,000 free black people living in the South, so it was a case of fighting for your homeland.

An example of blacks fighting for the Confederacy can be found in the 55 member 34th Texas Regiment, where there were 10 black soldiers and 4 Hispanics.

DIVISION RAFFLE

*Imagine yourself or someone you know owning a **YAMAHA BIG BEAR 2 WHEEL DRIVE 4-WHEELER AND TRAILER**. As many hunters, etc., as we have in the South, most anyone either can use this personally or knows someone who can. Well, you have the chance to help someone own one and help yourself, Camp, Division and Beauvoir, also.*

The Mississippi Division is raffling off these two items October 18, 1998 during Fall Muster at Beauvoir. Tickets are only \$5.00 each and the winner does not have to be present to win. They will disburse proceeds of the ticket sales as follows: 10% to the camp based on the number of tickets the camp sells; 20% to the Mississippi Division (up to a maximum of \$15,000.00); 70% to the Beauvoir Endowment Fund plus any amounts over the \$15,000.00 for the Division. The Endowment Fund is designed for the operation and maintenance of Beauvoir and the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library. A special incentive is that the Division member who sells the most tickets will receive a free Division Life Membership.

Success depends on each member of our camp and Division, no matter where he lives. If each member of each camp will sell a minimum of 20 tickets we will be able to provide financial security for our camp, Division and Beauvoir. There is not any reason a member of our camp could not be the recipient of the Division Life Membership.

That is if we get out there and sell, sell, sell.

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A FANTASTIC SITE

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You drive by at night, look up and see the lights shining through the many panes of glass. A glow seems to saturate everything as if it is representing thousands of Confederate Soldiers.

Daylight brings an entirely different scene. You drive up, park and stand to look up at this magnificent sight. As you approach you can see the name of the building etched into black Rhodesian marble on a wall stretching across the front. Follow the pathway between the walls and walk toward the building, the entire time letting your eyes move from side to side as you take in this extraordinary view. Stop for a moment and stare at the larger than life statue of President Jefferson Davis standing tall behind glass for all to see. On the front of the building above him is the Great Seal of the Confederacy. More is to be seen as you walk up to and into this magnificent edifice but words fail in their description.

*As you may have already guessed, we write of the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library at Beauvoir. There is no more beautiful site in the state of Mississippi, and is truly a great monument to both the President and all those who served in the four long years of the War. To truly appreciate it you must see it first hand. **All are invited to attend the Grand Opening May 30 at 10:00 A.M. REMEMBER THIS BEAUTIFUL BUILDING BELONGS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI DIVISION.** As such, it is our responsibility to care for it financially.*

You can continue to help by donations to Beauvoir through the Endowment Fund or the Friends of the Library.

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CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY AT THE
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