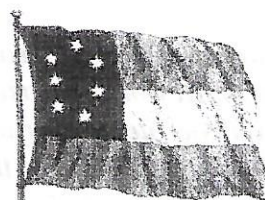
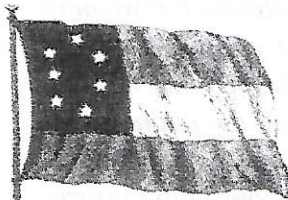


The Delta General



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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our newest members, Chris McNeer who transferred in from Headquarters Camp. Ralph Burgin Lindsey and Ralph Burgin Lindsey Jr.

PRISONERS OF WAR

I now have the records of all Confederate Soldiers and Southern Civilians who died in Northern Prison Camps. If you have need of such information on your ancestors, please let me know and I will research this for you. There is no cost for this research.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

Commander McCluney, Mrs McCluney and I had the honor of participating in the Confederate Memorial Service at Beauvoir on April 24th. Larry and I were posted at the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier. Our camp wreath

was not saved from last year so we did not have a wreath to present. It was still an impressive ceremony. It would be nice if more of our members could be present next year. I feel that this is a part of our duty, to remember and honor those veterans who gave so much for us and the Southern Cause.

Sunday, April 25th was a very special day. We held a Memorial Service at the Greenville Cemetery. Over fifty were in attendance. The Color Guard Unit presented the Colors and a stirring talk was given by Mr. Frank Aderholdt. Among those present were members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Confederate Battle Flags were placed on over eighty graves. Flags were also placed on graves of Confederate Veterans at the Old Cleveland Cemetery, the New Cleveland Cemetery, Greenwood Cemetery and the cemetery at Itta Bena.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

My Fellow Compatriots:

I would like to congratulate everyone for the hard work in making this years Confederate Memorial Day service such a success. If not for the efforts of you, the members, such events would not be possible. I feel that this event went beyond expectations, with coverage from both television stations on the Sunday night news and on Channel 6 (ABC) we had coverage all day long on their news reminding everyone in the viewing area that Monday was officially Confederate Memorial Day, a State Holiday I might add.

I would also like to thank the members of the Color Guard Unit for braving the heat, and I might add they looked sharp. Thanks to the ladies of the OCR for the snacks and the punch. Boy, did that hit the spot on a hot Sunday afternoon. The men are realizing that the ladies are a very essential part of our camp and we just don't know how we made it thus far without you. Our hats off to the ladies and a great big "REBEL YELL" for your support.

For those who missed the event, you were surely missed. We had close to 60 people including representatives of the UDC and DAR attending. We also picked up two new members bringing our total membership to 48. We also have a candidate for a camp Chaplain which we have been without for a long time. So, as one can see, we are just busting out with growth spurts and the community is becoming more and more

aware of our camp through these events and the hard work of you the members. Now we must focus our attention on future opportunities of prosperity for our camp. There is a time and place to dwell upon the past glories but we must not loose sight of our goals. Like a general leading his troops into battle we must not loose sight of the main objective and that is continuing growth, public attention and continuing efforts of our camp to preserve our heritage.

I hope every one has not forgotten about convention. I know some of you have not sent in your fees and registered to attend. I hope that we have a large delegation that will attend and let the Division know that we on the Delta are on fire and is a force to be reckoned with in our efforts to preserve our heritage.

Now I must close. I hope to see each and everyone at our May 20th meeting. Lets turn out in record numbers for our guest speaker. Until then may God Bless you and the South.

Respectfully,

Larry McCluney, Commander

OCR PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Ladies and Gentlemen of the South:

I would like to thank everyone for your efforts in making Confederate Memorial Day such a success. Katie did a wonderful job with the poem, the wreath was gorgeous Ann, and the refreshments were the perfect touch to end the event Betty and Jeanette. Once again we helped further the Cause to preserve our heritage and supported the men in the Cause as well.

We may have also picked up a few potential OCR members and I will be working on them as well. So the event helped our efforts to grow which has been slow but not because we haven't tried, so let us not lose sight of that goal.

I hope that everyone has sent in their fees for the convention luncheon that are planning to attend the Division Convention. Larry and I will be attending the Convention and I hope we will have a large following for our SCV Camp and OCR Chapter. It would be nice, since this will be our first Convention as an organized Chapter of the OCR. I just want the Division to know about us and the hard work that we are doing to promote and preserve our heritage.

Let us remember, the men of the Confederate Armed Forces could not have waged and endured the hardships of war if not for the support and efforts of the women on the homefront. Our men cannot be successful in their endeavors without our support as well. I hope to see each and everyone at the May 20th meeting so we can renew our fellowship once again. Until then God Bless you and the South.

Keep it Flying,

Annette McCluney,

OCR President

CAMP MEETING

Our next regular meeting will be May 20th at the First Presbyterian Church, 311 Catchings, Indianola, MS. The meeting starts about 7:00 PM. Our speaker will be Mr. Doug Adams.

We will also be discussing the Division Convention in Natchez. This is an election year for Division Officers, so it is important that we all attend.

NEWSLETTER

I enjoy putting the Newsletter together, but it would be a much easier task if each of you would contribute articles for publication. After all, this is your Newsletter and your articles would be a great help.

MOS&B CHAPTER

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars is an organization for SCV members whose ancestors were Confederate Officer or held Southern Political Offices. It seems that we now have enough qualified members in our camp to form our own MOS&B Chapter. We only need seven members to form a chapter. This has been a goal of the camp for quite awhile. I have MOS&B Membership Application Forms for those eligible members. Please contact me if you are interested in forming such a chapter.

FACTS AND TRIVIA

Of the 425 Confederate general officers, seventy-seven (18 percent) were killed or died from their wounds.

Records suggest that among Confederates the Twenty-sixth North Carolina suffered the most casualties, with 708 out of 880, at Gettysburg alone.

In the three-day carnage at Gettysburg, the combined casualty total of dead,

THE SAGA OF ELLA PALMER **(Last Episode)**

When we last saw Mrs. Palmer she was serving in a hospital at Mobile, Alabama.

Now our story continues: One morning just before day every one was aroused by firing at sea. All was excitement, for every one thought the fleet was surely coming and there would be an awful battle. When the day began to break, Dr. Ashe, of Mobile, the surgeon in charge, ran up to the observatory on the top of the hospital, and with the aid of the large telescope he saw a large ship coming up to the fleet. She was flying the Spanish colors. Every ship of the fleet was saluting. She ran in between two of the largest vessels and pulled down the Spanish flag and ran up the stars and bars, and immediately fired a broadside into each of these vessels and started for the fort and bay. It was the Alabama, and probably the first time she had run the blockade. The fleet did not know her, and their consternation must have been great. They were entirely unprepared, and could only give chase and shoot at her as best they could. The Alabama, being very long and fast and of light draught, easily ran over the bar to safety. The fleet, not being ready for battle, did not come in that day. The Alabama was laden with everything the Southerners needed, and she looked very pretty lying out in the bay under the guns of the fort. Not a shot was fired by the fort; but the ramparts were filled with men at the guns watching the fleet, while the hospital was surrounded with ambulances and wagons ready to take the sick into the fort in case of a battle.

When Mrs. Palmer left Fort Morgan, she was succeeded by a Mrs. Draper, of Mobile, who with her young child, Eddie, a boy a little over six years old, was obliged to stay in the fort during the terrific cannonading by Farragut's fleet, which soon came.

It is doubtful if Fort Morgan could have been taken if Fort Gaines, four miles away on the opposite side of the bay, had not surrendered, which it did a week before. Whether such surrender was brought about by cowardice or

treason was long a matter of debate, as there was no real resistance by those in charge.

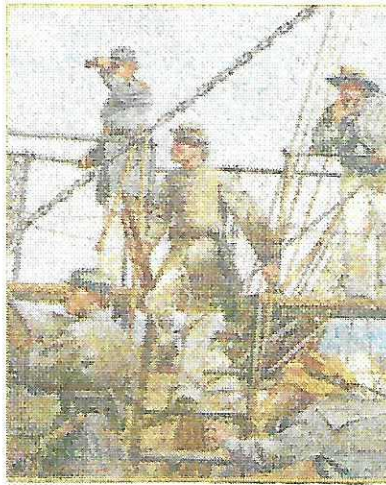
Mrs Draper surrendered with the others at Fort Morgan and was taken as a prisoner to New Orleans, where she and her little son were put in jail by order of General Butler until she was exchanged with other prisoners of war. Six months after she had succeeded Mrs. Palmer at Fort Morgan the two again met at Mobile, and at this meeting Mrs. Draper gave a vivid description of her terrible experiences in Fort Morgan during the siege.

From Fort Morgan Mrs. Palmer was ordered to Macon, Miss., to open a hospital there, a second hospital being needed. This new one was located in a hotel building near the center of town in vacant store buildings near the hotel.



Mrs. Ella Palmer
1829 - November 7, 1909

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