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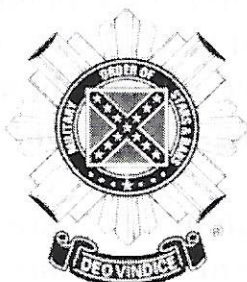
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“Remember, it is your DUTY to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations” — Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee

Commander's Note: Earl McCown Jr.



Compatriots;

These are trying times that we live in today. There is opposition to our Heritage and Symbols all around us. We must be strong and united in order to survive. Several of us attended the Flag Commission meeting at Moorehead and saw things that are truly frightening. There were people screaming and badgering and treating each other with little or no respect. Feelings are running high on both sides. We must be Ladies and Gentlemen about all of this. We must be civil and respectful and this is very hard to do. Hostility is not the answer!! Our ancestors would not have been pleased with the conduct that we witnessed at this meeting. Please continue with the petitions and money raising efforts.

We have been experiencing growth in our camp and we will be losing some members due to their moving away. We must encourage our members to come to the meetings and become involved in our efforts to save our Heritage. Contact members that have not been attending and let them know that we miss them and need their participation.

We should congratulate the Brigadier General Charles Clark Camp on their chartering in Cleveland. We do wish them the very best in their endeavors. I hope to see all of you at our meeting this month.

Your Obedient Servant
Earl M. McCown Jr., Commander

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Recap Of the October Meeting, Jeff Gaimbrone is Coming on November 16

Once again, Lt. Commander Alan Palmer amazed us with trivia. Brian McCraven and Frank Aderholdt were the winners that night. During the business session, plans were started for the Lee/Jackson Banquet, we discussed our position and the role our Camp will play in the heated State Flag Debate, and we pledged our support once again to work on the petition drive to save the flag. Remember to mail your filled petitions to Frank Aderholdt by the end of November.

Support from the Camp was committed for the March 2001 Reenactment of Fort Pemberton in Greenwood. Alan Palmer and Captain of the Camp Color-Guard Unit, Scott Blaylock, requested the Camp's support and sponsorship for this event. The event has been a great recruiting opportunity for us and it is always a great opportunity to show the public what we stand for and preserving our Heritage. The Camp voted and pledged its support. The meeting once again saw large numbers of members attending. It was really amazing to see the difficulty in finding a parking space. Such a sight is starting to become a regular thing. If you have missed our meeting lately, you really need to renew your fellowship and find out what you have been missing. Our November meeting will be held on November 16. It will feature Jeff Giambrone who will give us a pictorial history of Vicksburg during the war. Lets turn out in record numbers again and renew fellowships with one another. Our November meeting will be on **November 16**.

Living History At Florewood: Fun Had By All

On October 27-29, the re-enactors of our Camp had the opportunity to help Florewood River Plantation State Park in their Fall Harvest Festival and enjoy themselves in a Living History. Portraying the 30th Mississippi Infantry, Company K, they would the re-enactors stayed in the Plantation cabins that weekend camping out and getting back to a simpler time. Much fun was had by all enjoying each other's fellowship and education the public about our Southern History.

That Saturday night, the group surprised Susan Williams and Capt. Scott Blaylock with a birthday cake. The group was entertained with music by Alan Palmer and even a night tactical was done. It was here that several of the women folk put on uniforms to fight at night with the men. That night several of the men found out what kind of a shot Carol Davis was as she got down and dirty with the best. Many of the women had the opportunity to make candles for the plantation as well to prepare for the candle light Christmas tour.

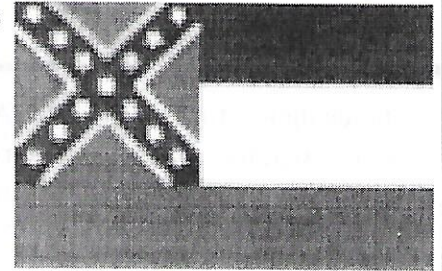
The highlight of the weekend was a ghost march around the plantation at mid-night to honor the fallen of Fort Pemberton. The march was very emotional for a few of the members as we marched by silent commands to send a message to our fallen comrades that we honor their deeds. It was very sad for many that Sunday to leave the Plantation after such fun and comradery. Such events are far and few between when we can experience life of a simpler time and live in such facilities as they did.

If you have never been to Florewood please take the time and go by, the park needs our support during this time of political correctness. Take the opportunity to join our re-enactors one weekend and take a step back in time to a more simpler time in our history. You will appreciate the slower pace from time to time and forget the rigors of the modern world.

State flag redesign hearings elicit anger, ugliness

By Reed Branson DeSoto Appeal

MOORHEAD - Three decades after the Civil Rights movement exposed this state's racial divisions, echoes of anger and ugliness are resurfacing as Mississippi ponders redesigning its state flag. At a public hearing in this Delta town Thursday night, advocates for redesign withstood heckles, insults and taunts by a members of a rowdy crowd who fervently believe such action is an affront to their heritage. The dispute has arisen because the Confederate battle flag, which has symbolic meanings for both sides, takes up the left corner of the state flag.



Gov. William Winter, who is chairing a gubernatorial advisory commission on the future of the flag pleaded for both sides to treat one another with respect and civility. But despite those pleas, Thursday's hearing dissolved at times into a bitter shouting match. "Mr Winter, you are despicable ... you are sorry and gutless," said Jim Giles, a flag supporter from Jackson who has long made preserving the state's flag his mission. "You are worthy of being tarred and feathered." Winter replied, "Mr Giles, I have been heckled by better men than you."

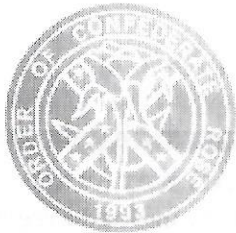
The flag issue came to the forefront after the state Supreme Court ruled earlier this year that the law authorizing the state's flag was inadvertently repealed at the turn of the century. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove appointed a 17-person advisory commission to make a recommendation to the Legislature on whether to retain or redesign the flag. Two more public hearings remain, but the tone is growing increasingly bitter. While prior hearings in Tupelo and Meridian brought out fervent emotions and opinions, Thursday's hearing at Mississippi Delta Community College was a scene that would make an image consultant for this state cringe. Flag supporters repeated themes ranging from states' rights to ancestral heritage and strongly denounced any suggestion that the Civil War was about slavery.

John Thomas Cripps, of Lumberton, called the advisory commission "traitors." Frank Aderholt of Greenville argued that the fact the flag had stood over both good and bad times was all the more reason to keep it. He cited its origins in the St. Andrew's Cross and stressed his belief that a symbol was what people made it. "Hate resides in the heart, not in the institution," he said.

But the hearing's format, in which one pro-flag and then one anti-flag speaker was recognized, gave rise to interruptions and heckling when anti-flag speakers took the podium. "Where you from, boy?" one heckler shouted after Brian MacKenzie of Greenwood, who is white, read from the state's Civil War article of secession that stated the state "was thoroughly identified with slavery. A blow at slavery is a blow at commerce..." And as Sen. David Jordan (D-Greenwood), who is black, was delivering a fiery speech stressing that blacks were Mississippians, too, someone shouted something about a "watermelon" and many in the audience broke out in laughter and hoots.

"This is what I've just been talking about," said Winter. "I expect this audience to reflect the civility of the people of the state of Mississippi. I'm going to ask you (to be civil) and be disappointed if you do not respond." Vince Gibbs of Jackson, who is black, said his grandparents and ancestors weren't at the table when the flag was designed, and he argued stridently that it was time to find a flag to represent all of the state's citizens. "We've been under the stars and bars too long," said Gibbs. "The state of Mississippi includes black folks as well as white folks."

Carolyn Robertson of Bruce, who spoke for changing the flag just as the heckling was getting started, asked every man in the audience of about 300 to raise their hands if they considered themselves gentlemen. Most did, though one shouted "not tonight." "Thank goodness I'm in a room full of gentlemen," said Robertson. "Changing the flag won't eliminate racism in Mississippi ... but it will send a clear signal we want to erase the stain of racism."



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Ladies of the South,

Please take the time to welcome our newest member Carol Davis. There will be new certificates given out at our meeting on November 16 that have not received theirs yet so lets turn out in full strength that night. Also, the men have a guest speaker planned for that night we should plan to bring refreshments to welcome our guest. The speaker is Jeff Gaimbrone from Vicksburg who will present a pictorial history of Vicksburg during the War.

If you get the chance, ask Carol what it was like participating with the men in a night tactical and on their Ghost march at Floewood Rover Plantation during their Living History. I would like to congratulate the six ladies who turned out for the flag meeting at Moorehead. This was a great representation for our group. I hope to see each and everyone of you at our meeting and lets turn out in record numbers once again to support our men and our Cause.

God Bless our Southland,
Annette McCluney, President

Adjutant's Report: Dan McCaskill

All current member's dues for the 2000-2001 year **must be received at IHQ no later than February 1, 2001**. This means the Camp Adjutant must send your dues to IHQ **no later than January 24, 2001** to maintain your current status in the SCV. It is very important that dues are paid in a timely manner because IHQ and The Heritage Defense Fund get the majority of their operating funds from the dues. Any member's dues **not received** by February 1, 2001, will be suspended and their subscription to the "Confederate Veteran" discontinued, (missed issues will have to be purchased once the member is reinstated). All suspended members will have to pay a reinstatement fee of \$5.00 plus the regular dues of \$20.00 to IHQ in order to be reinstated in the SCV and receive the "Confederate Veteran".

If the MS Division SCV has not received a member's dues by May 1, 2001, that member will be suspended from the MS Division SCV and will have to pay a reinstatement fee of \$1.75 plus annual dues of \$7.00 to the Division in order to be reinstated in the Division.

Any member that joined the Camp prior to August 1, 2000 must renew his membership in the SCV. As of November 1, 2000 thirty-one(31) members have renewed their membership for the 200-2001 year. This leaves twenty-three(23) unpaid members. The Camp has already lost five(5) members through transfers, moving, and death. We **do not** need to loose more. Please help fight to save our Confederate Heritage by renewing your membership today and by recruiting a new member.

Please make your checks payable to "SCV" and mail to either Larry A. McCluney; P.O. Box 63; Webb, MS 38966 or Dan A. McCaskill; 205 Cypress Street; Leland, MS 38756.

Deo Vindice,
Dan A. McCaskill, Adjutant

Jackson Flag Rally to be Held on November 11

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, 11 November. We are having a FLAG RALLY on the front steps of the NEW CAPITOL BUILDING in downtown Jackson, Mississippi. Speakers include Free Mississippi Chairman, John Thomas Cripps and Donnie Kennedy, co-author of "The South Was Right!" We are also trying to nail down some entertainment for the event. Assembly time is at 9:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 10:00 sharp. Please bring your Mississippi State Flags and let's send a message to the State Legislature that "Enough is Enough - leave our Flag Alone!" Those wishing to volunteer help for setup and security - please e-mail back ASAP. Volunteer help should plan to arrive at 8:00 a.m. For further details call the Free Mississippi office at 601-528-9219 or 528-9681.

For A Free Mississippi,
Your obt. srv.
John Thomas Cripps

State flag backers stumping for signatures

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSON - The fight over Mississippi's flag shifts to convenience stores, county fairs and gun shows as supporters seek enough signatures to have a statewide vote on the banner's Confederate emblem. In a ruling Monday, a judge said voters in 2002 can decide the status of the 106-year-old flag, as long as supporters can collect signatures from 90,000 registered voters over the next year. "We're going to get them," Wayne McMaster, a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, said Tuesday. "We're going to have a vote on this thing. Goodness, isn't that our right in this country?" Many blacks and others have complained that the current flag design, with the Rebel battle flag in one corner, is a reminder of slavery and should be changed. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove has formed a commission to hold public hearings and solicit views on the issue.

"I think the Rebel flag is a symbol of racism," said Donald Tucker Sr. of Tupelo at the first public meeting last week. Southern heritage groups maintain the majority of Mississippians feel differently and have mobilized to force a vote on the matter. If placed on the ballot, the so-called Measure 21 will ask voters: "Should the flag adopted in 1894 and used continuously in this State since then, be the Official State Flag?" Earlier this year, the state Supreme Court said the flag had no official standing in the law. Political experts said that if a referendum were called today, the flag would remain. "I think it would be pretty close," said Marty Wiseman of the Stennis Institute at Mississippi State University. "In matters like this with emotion, the side with the most passion is going to have people turn out. That could be those wanting to maintain a tight hold on tradition."

Flag opponents said the ruling by Hinds County Circuit Judge Swan Yerger was "unfortunate." Attorney David Clark of Jackson said the initiative is flawed and he has filed a challenge. The man who drafted the initiative, Tunica attorney Greg Stewart, said the next step toward getting it on the ballot is to fill petitions with signatures of voters in the state's five congressional districts. Mississippi Heritage political action committee members had begun gathering signatures at gas stations and at this month's State Fair in Jackson. In four days at the fair, flag supporters said they got 16,000 signatures. But the names on those petitions won't count because they came before the ruling and supporters must get new ones, said Mike Lanford, deputy state attorney general. Stewart said there is a possibility the measure could be defeated and a new flag design could be chosen for the state. Or, he said, the Legislature could decide to put the question to voters without requiring the initiative process. "This is dragging on," Stewart said. "It would probably be a good idea to get it over with and move on to more important things."

A Message to the Sons of Confederate Veterans By J.J. Johnson - Posted: 10.11.00

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This a.m., we have received word that a Meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was stormed and interrupted by individuals who are reportedly determined to stop their meetings. We now received confirmation on this as of 13:00 PT 10.11.00. However, in following the recent pattern of behavior from those opposed to Southern Heritage, we have no reason to doubt this pattern may continue. The Complete Report Below:

It is for this reason we call on the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) National Headquarters to maintain and open line of communication with the Headquarters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) and for the SCV local commanders to contact their local UDC affiliate to offer aid and comfort, including "Sergeant-at-Arms" duty for meetings if necessary. This is a tall request, and we recognized that the Sierra Times has NO dictate policy within the Ranks of the SCV, but with the desperation now being felt by the other side, we fear more drastic measure maybe taken against us.

Southern Gentlemen, these Southern Ladies need your support
J.J. Johnson Sierra Times.com



There was a confrontation with some black citizens in the lobby of the Ramada Inn North in Tallahassee, FL on Friday evening Oct 6, 2000. Bill Beckham Reports that the Florida UDC Madam President Sue Cowger confronted the demonstrators and even won over two of the black protestors over to her view. The demonstration was over a floral arrangement in the lobby of the hotel with cotton balls and stems incorporated into the arrangement.

One black employee of the Ramada Inn saw the arrangement and called the local black radio station and the disk jockey showed up with about a dozen or so people with channel 27 and caused quite a noise during the Presidents dinner. Rest assured that the demonstrators did not come out victorious. President Cowger held her own and carried the evening. The Ramada Inn management called the local police and requested that the demonstrators be removed from the premises as they were disturbing their PAYING guests. The police responded and sent the demonstrators away. We are in support of this locally owned Ramada Inn.

The young lady who called the radio station, Beckman was told quit her job and I understand she is going to quit wearing anything made of cotton, and it has been reported that she was last seen leaving the hotel wearing nothing but her birthday suit.

Help the Shiloh Log Church Project

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Battle of Shiloh Camp #1454 Has been given permission and the privilege of rebuilding an authentic replica of the Shiloh Church as it stood before the battle of Shiloh in April 1862. A special fund called the Shiloh Log Church Fund has been set up to receive contributions. We urge you to become a part of this historic work. With your help, history will come alive at Shiloh.

Please send your contributions to:

**Shiloh Log Church Project
Sons of Confederate Veterans
P.O. Box 95
Shiloh, TN 38376**

Letter to a Confederate Great- Great-Grandfather

John Griffin

July 1st 2004

Dear Great Great Grandfather,

I am writing to beg your forgiveness. I have done a terrible thing. I had no intention of letting these matters get out of hand, but they did. I pray that you will forgive me and ask the Lord for guidance in these troubling times. See, back only 4 or 5 years ago there was still support for things Confederate and for the fond memory of men like you. There were organizations that were in place to defend your good name and to remember the deeds you had done, and to honor the sacrifices you made; but I, like others, failed to support them and now it is too late. Now the Battle Flag is outlawed in public. You can not find one in school or town. There are no Southern Crosses flying on any flag poles anymore. I can remember a few years ago, they were flying on city, county and state government buildings. Very few even dare to keep them at home for fear of losing their job or being arrested. We now have state approved flag which is more "universal". All flags for states who were once proud of their Confederate Heritage have been changed. They have renamed all the streets counties, buildings, and schools, that once honored the brave men of the CSA with names of contemporary "leaders". The monuments that once graced the courthouse lawns and parks have been taken to the museum. In fact there is only a small section of the museum now dedicated to the Confederate sacrifice. It is not a positive exhibit. Your men in gray are labeled as a criminals and traitors.

There are no more references to Confederate veterans in the local cemetery. The stones have been modified to erase any commentary of that war service. As I mentioned before, because of the ban on the Southern Cross we can no longer place the dear flag on your final resting place. The school kids can't play Dixie in the band any more. The school board says it is racist. I guess we have to live with it because they don't know the words anyway. We are having a tougher time even finding things about the war unless they are published in the North. Our county library had to removed all the Southern History and Southern Culture books because they are judged as harmful to children. The textbooks that are in the schools pretty much defame you and all the veterans for being hateful, nasty rebels. I am sorry for letting things get the way they are.

The politically correct revisionist are a carry over from the carpet-baggers and scalawags of your time. They have most of the country now believing the lies of the North. I could have done more, but I really didn't think my inaction would allow this to happen. See grandfather, I could have flown the flag at home. I could have gotten more involved in the heritage organizations. I could have marched in parades worked as a volunteer in schools, contributed a few hours and a few dollars when an SCV/CSA related project was promoted, but I didn't. I should have checked on the kids text books every year and offered corrections to the errors. I should have stood up against the lies. I could have written letters, or spoken to politicians. I should have gotten my family, friends and neighbors involved. Every time some group called the Confederates racists, or traitors, I should have stood up and done something. I did not and I failed you. I was too busy. I did not think my participation really was important. I did not like some of the men who were leading us. I know now that I was wrong. It is all gone because of my sloth, apathy, incooperativeness and unwillingness to give a little time or money for the cause. I should have thought about all your sacrifice and the sacrifice of thousand of other Confederate Veterans. I lost focus of what ya'll gave for the cause. Instead of thinking selfishly, only of myself. Had I done something four years ago before things really got bad there would still be honor for you and myself. Now there is nothing left of the Confederacy or your good name. I fumbled that away and not only for you and I, but for the generations to come. I hope that when I leave this earth and we see each other face to face, you will have some pity on me and forgive me for the awful job I did as a Son of a Confederate Veteran

General Order No. I November 4, 2000 To all Camps and Compatriots:

We are at the critical time in our struggle to maintain the State Flag of Mississippi. It appears that the struggle will be won or lost in the next few months. We have every hope of victory and we know, whatever happens, the great majority of Mississippians share our wish to maintain the flag which has flown proudly for 106 years. With victory in our reach, we must mobilize and work together to bring our greatest effort to bear on the Legislative front where the decision will be made. Our position is simple. Keep the 1894 Flag as the Official State Flag of Mississippi and the people must be given the chance to vote on any change. Therefore, as Division Commander, in consultation with the Division Executive Council, issue the following orders, to remain effective until January 31, 2001:

1. Each camp and member shall work vigorously toward a decision by the Legislature and People to keep the current State Flag by:
 - a. collecting signatures on our Petition,
 - b. distributing postcards for people to send to their legislators,
 - c. personal contact with legislators,
 - d. displaying the flag throughout the State on homes and vehicles, and e. helping raise money for the Division Heritage Defense Fund which supports all these efforts &
2. A moratorium is established on all fund-raising projects of Camps which in any way dilute or compete with raising money for the Division Heritage Defense Fund until January 31, 2001.
3. Flags and bumper stickers or other items offered by the Division as official emblems of this campaign shall be sold at the price specified, with nothing added on for Camps or individuals, and all proceeds shall go to the Division Heritage Defense Fund
4. The Division has arrangements to procure a 3 x 5 Mississippi State Flag at a special rate and we now establish it as an official flag of this campaign. In addition to any other Mississippi flags members may fly, each member should support this campaign and purchase one of these 3 x 5 flags through the Division and fly it on his house, porch, or some other appropriate place until victory is won to let Legislators know how we stand. The flags are available for \$10 +\$2 postage each (total \$12). The substantial proceeds all go to the Division Heritage Defense Fund and are crucial to funding our campaign.
5. All funds collected by Camps or individuals shall be submitted to the Adjutant no less than on a weekly basis. At this critical time, it is imperative that we know how much money we have for the fight.
6. Each Camp should purchase a \$50 Camp Page in the 2000 Division Yearbook. A special mailing will be presented to each Senator and Representative at the beginning of the 2001 session and the Yearbook needs to reflect a strong and united statewide membership.

Compatriots: The great efforts many of you are making are paying off. Let us be steadfast and show the world that Mississippians will not be intimidated into dishonor. We will not take down our Flag!

Billy Ray Hankins, Division Commander





Welcome New Members



Carol Davis

Mother of Camp member Trey Davis is the newest addition to the Ella Palmer Chapter, OCR.

Patrick N. Sample

**Patrick is the grandson of James Edwards, also a member of our Camp. Patrick is a descendant of James Sharpe Edwards
— Pvt. Co. A, 38th Mississippi Mounted Infantry**

Mississippi Flag Order Form

As the struggle moves toward the Legislature in January of 2001, the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, now offers a 3 X 5 Mississippi Flag at a price of \$10 + \$2 postage and handling for a total of \$12. Order one or more of these flags to hang on your porch, business, or other appropriate place to inspire your neighbors and let your Senator and Representative know how you feel. If you can, order them for your children and friends. By the time the Legislature convenes in January, the state should be covered with these flags. Equally importantly, all proceeds from the sale of these flags will go to the Heritage Defense Fund to help fund the "Save Our Flag Campaign." We can win this fight but we need your help. When you buy one of these flags, the funds raised are sufficient to have 350 postcards printed or 53 bumper stickers produced or some of the many other things necessary for this effort. Be a partner in victory and order your campaign flag today.

Please send me:

3X5 Mississippi Flags (\$10 each) _____

Keep Our Flag bumper stickers (# of Stickers at \$1 each) _____

Mail with check or Money Order to:

Save Our Flag P. O. Box 1186 Taylorsville, MS 39168

SHIP TO:

Name-

Address-

Add \$2 shipping and handling plus above TOTAL _____