

# The Delta General



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## LAST ROLL CALL

*Compatriot Dale Flemings, former SCV Division Commander.*

*Mr. Walter William Faggert, Father of Compatriot Earl Faggert. Please remember the families of these in your Prayers.*

*Also remember Compatriot Bob Peavy, 4th Brigade Commander in your prayers, he is in Anderson Hospital, Meridian recovering from Bi-pass Surgery.*

## NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

The SCV National Convention voted to increase the recording fee for *new* members from \$2 to \$5 effective immediately. The increase will help offset the cost of the free membership certificate sent to all new members.

The delegates also approved a \$2 dues increase for all members. National SCV dues are now \$20. The new rate is in effect now.

The Constitution was amended to require all camps to remit dues to International Headquarters by February 1st, each year. Under the newly adopted language, members whose dues have not been paid by this date will be suspended. In order to become current, the member will have to pay his annual dues plus a \$5 reinstatement fee.

*This will mean that all membership dues in our camp will have to be paid to our camp by January 15th in order that they can be processed and remitted to Headquarters by the required date.*

For those of you on the Internet, the Stars and Bars Gift Shop at Beauvoir is on-line for your convenience. You may view the shop at: <http://www.beauvoir.org/giftshop.html>

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

*Our September Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. September 18th at 1st Presbyterian Church, 311 Catchings, Indianola, MS. The Guest Speaker will be Mrs Princella Nowell, Greenville Historical Society and her topic will be the "Role of the Delta in the War between the States." Please make every effort to attend this meeting.*

## DEDICATION CEREMONY

*Old City Cemetery*

*Magnolia, Ark. August 24, 1997*

*By: Earl Mc Cown Jr.*

*It is a beautiful Southern Sunday afternoon in Magnolia, Arkansas. Some one hundred and fifty or more people are gathered together to Dedicate a Monument to the Unknown Confederate Soldiers interred there, to honor Major General John Porter Mc Cown on the anniversary of his birthday and to remember Colonel George Washington Mc Cown who are also interred there.*

*This Monument was made possible by the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy from Columbia County.*

*In the crowd can be seen many of the ladies in their ante-bellum dresses and many reenactors (from Louisiana, Magnolia and other cities in Arkansas), in their Confederate Uniforms. From the north end of the cemetery can be heard military orders and commands being given, the Color/Honor Guard is being formed. Listen closely, yes there it is, the sound of a field drummer, beating out the cadence for the troops. Now appears the Color/Honor Guard marching forward with the Confederate Flags, in all their splendor led by the Stars and Stripes.*

*The Colors are posted in a semi-circle near the new monument that is just to the west of the Graves of the Unknowns Soldiers and just to the south of General Mc Cown's grave. The monument is draped with a large Confederate Flag.*

*After brief introductions, Captain Williams led a prayer and there were brief remarks by Compatriot Everett Burr (State Commander of SCV) and Ms. Betty Lewis, (President of the UDC).*

*Now, I hear the unmistakable mournful sound of a lone Highland Piper (Sgt Pat Mc Reynolds) as he begins to play "Dixie". When the piper was finished, there was a resounding "Rebel Yell" from the crowd.*

*This writer had the distinct honor and privilege of speaking to this large and loyal group of*

*Southerners. My topic was the "Life and Times of General Mc Cown and Colonel Mc Cown". The speech, though brief, seemed to be well accepted by the group. Afterward the Color/Honor Guard was positioned near the new monument, as the Piper began to play "Amazing Grace", the Confederate Flag was removed and the Monument unveiled. A large wreath was then placed nearby.*

*Then the Salute began with the firing of two pieces of artillery and a squad of muskets. As the drummer beats cadence, ceases and No. 1 gun fires, the drummer beats again, ceases and No. 2 gun fires, the drummer beats again, ceases and the squad of muskets fires. This continues until both guns have fired four shots each and the muskets have fired three volleys.*

*After the salute, this writer was marched 'front and center', where the Colors (Stars and Bars) was retrieved from the flag pole, folded and presented to me, by Commander Maurice Amason. I was truly surprised, and will cherish this Flag and the moment, forever.*

*Then came the closing prayer by Captain Williams, the Color Guard forms, retrieves all Colors, marches off the field as the mournful sound of a lone bugler plays "Taps". Following this came a thunderous Cheer (Rebel Yell) from just about everyone present.*

*I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Commander Maurice Amason, (General Thomas P. Dockery Camp 1577); The members of Johnson's 15th Arkansas Memorial Color Guard of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and to Ms. Betty Faye Lewis, President, Columbia Memorial Chapter No. 1374, United Daughters of the Confederacy for inviting me to speak and for allowing me to participate in this momentous occasion and I congratulate them all for a 'Job Well Done'.*

*I would also like to commend Compatriot Charles Walthall for his devotion and efforts in maintaining the Confederate Graves at the Magnolia Cemetery.*



### **MISSISSIPPI SHILOH MONUMENT**

Funds are being raised to erect a monument at Shiloh Battlefield for the Mississippi Units that were engaged in battle there.

The Monument will be a Bronze statue atop a Granite pedestal depicting the Flag Bearer and two of the Color Guard of the 6th Mississippi Infantry Regiment, known as the "Bloody Sixth" after losing most of their men in the first thirty minutes of the Battle of Shiloh., .

Please make checks or Money Orders payable to: Mississippi Shiloh Memorial Fund.

Send them to:

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**If you are NOT getting your Confederate Veteran Magazine, PLEASE LET THE ADJUTANT KNOW !!! This is a minor problem and can be easily corrected, I just need to know about it.**

### **UP-COMING ELECTIONS**

We will elect Officers at our December Camp Meeting. Officers will be nominated in November. Please give this serious thought and not make it a 'rubber stamp' deal. This is important to our Camp. If you would like to serve in one of the positions or would like to nominate someone, please say so at the time of nominations.

**We will be electing the following:**

**Commander**

**1st Lieutenant Commander**

**2nd Lieutenant Commander**

**Adjutant**

**Treasurer**

**Color Sergeant/Quartermaster**

**Remember Nominate in November Elect in December.**

### **BEAUVOIR NEEDS HELP!!!**

It has been brought to our attention by Rev. Paul Reese, Commander of E.C. Walthall Camp 211, Grenada, that Beauvoir is in desperate need of a Refrigerator. He has suggested that 1st Brigade Camps donate \$200.00 per camp to purchase this.

This is only a suggested amount, camps may donate more or less than this amount. Think on this and we will discuss it further at our September meeting.

### **WANTED**

SCV members in "good standing", whose ancestor served as a Confederate Officer or in a Confederate Political Office. **The Military Order of the Stars and Bars** is actively seeking new members. If you meet the above criteria and are interested, please contact Adjutant Earl Mc Cown for an MOS&B Membership Application and/or information.

### **THANKS**

Thank you for the many favorable comments on our first issue of the 'new' Delta General. We need your input and your financial support. You can sponsor an issue of the "General" for about \$15.00. We will devote a large portion of that issue to your ancestor and/or his unit. Without your assistance the newsletter will fade away again, and we really need it. First Brigade Commander Allen Latimer told me one night last week, that "The Camp Newsletter was, in his opinion, the 'Life Blood' of the Camp".

### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

September 15, 1815 Brigadier General St. John Richardson Liddell was born at "Elmsley Plantation" in Woodville, Mississippi.

September 17, 1820 Major General Earl Van Dorn was born at Port Gibson, Mississippi.

September 20, 1809 Major General Sterling 'Old Pap' was born at Prince Edward County, Virginia

September 22, 1833 Lieutenant General Stephen Dill Lee was born at Charleston, South Carolina.