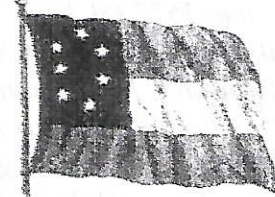
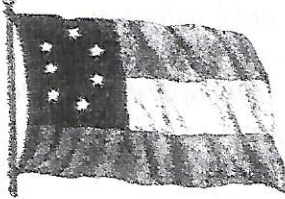


# The Delta General



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## WELCOME

We want to welcome our newest Members: Mr. Joshua Cole McCaskill and Mr. Jeffrey Hunter McCaskill on the record of their Great-great-great Grandfather Private Elijah Ferguson, Company H, 29th Regiment, Mississippi Volunteers. And Compatriot Edgar M. Hood III who comes to us from the Leesburg Guards SCV Camp, Leesburg, Georgia

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 311 Catchings, Indianola. This will be an exciting meeting. We will have as our Guest Speakers: Dr. Doug Adams of the History Department, Mississippi Delta Community College; Dr. John Thomas, Dean of Graduate Schools,

Delta State University and Dr. Bo Morgan, Chair of History Department, Delta State University. This would be a great time for each of you to come and bring your family to hear these outstanding speakers.

## JOURNEY TO MAGNOLIA

August 21st, the Marine Color Guard journeyed to Magnolia, Arkansas for the 6th Annual Memorial Ceremony for Major General John Porter McCown and his brother Colonel George Washington McCown; the Unknown Confederate Soldiers and all the Confederate Veterans buried there.

We fell in with Johnson's 15th Arkansas Color Guard, South Arkansas Brigade. Our own First Sergeant was given Command of the Unit. After posting the Colors and the Invocation, the Bird

*Brothers played Dixie and the Bonnie Blue Flag. Welcome was given by Compatriot Maurice Amason Commander of the General Thomas Dockery Camp 1577 (SCV), Commander Amason also serves as Color Sergeant of Johnson's 15th Arkansas Color Guard Unit South Arkansas Brigade.*

*Welcomes were also given by Miss Betty Faye Lewis, Columbia Memorial Chapter, UDC and Mrs. Pam Trammell, Albert Pike Chapter, UDC.*

*Speakers included Commander Everett Burr, Commander Arkansas Division, SCV ; Dr. Geraldine Johnson, President Arkansas Division of the UDC, and Myself.*

*We then dedicated a grave marker for Private Alford Killian, Company K, 1st Arkansas Cavalry who died in 1891.*

*The Ladies of the Confederacy placed a wreath at the Unknown Confederate Soldiers Monument followed by the Ceremony of the Rose, where each person present presented a rose in Honor and Memory of their Confederate Ancestor. Closing the Ceremonies was an Artillery and Rifle Salute by Johnson's 15th Arkansas Color Guard, South Arkansas Brigade, the Benediction and the playing of Taps.*

*This was a very impressive ceremony and the Marine Color Guard Unit extends thanks to Commander Amason for allowing us to participate.*

*The following letter was received from Commander Amason:*

*August 24, 1999*

*Dear Earl and the Confederate Marine Honor Guard,*

*Let me apologize for not properly thanking you fellows for the great job you did in the McCown Ceremony. You added so much extra Color and Dash to the Military part of the program. Please convey my appreciation to your troops for a job well done and to your Color Sgt., a special thanks for his able assistance with the firing drill.*

*Much luck to your Honor Guard and make all the ceremonies you can and profit from their ideas. It just takes a little time to become confident in your performance. Do not become discouraged. I thought that in the short time you have been formed, you have come a long way. Good luck in the future*

*Earl, if I can help you in any way please, let me know. I will let you know the plans for the 7th Annual Ceremony next year and I'll tell you now, we want you and your Honor Guard to join with us.*

*Yours in the Cause,*

*Maurice Amason  
Color Sgt.*

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### **TUPELO EVENT**

*Battle of Tupelo is October 2-3, 1999*

*Members of the Camp Color Guard Unit will be participating in the Tupelo Re-enactment and portraying our sister unit; Company K, 30th*

Mississippi Infantry. Any member of the Color Guard Unit that wishes to participate needs to contact 1st Sergeant Alan Palmer at the meeting on September 16th. Uniform will be sky-blues, gray or white soldier's shirt, shell jacket, slouch hats or gray kepi. We are dressing late war, so anything goes. If you are having trouble with uniform parts see Larry McClunney or Alan Palmer. Between us and other members, maybe we can fill the gaps of your uniform. Don't worry about weapons, there will surely be enough amongst us to share.

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**REBSTOCK**

Friday and Saturday, September 24 & 25  
at the Old Courthouse Museum, Vicksburg, MS

The presence of yourself and ladies is desired at the annual REBSTOCK, a festival of Civil War Music

Friday 6:00 PM  
Concert

The Old Hat String Band  
27th Mississippi Regimental String Band

Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
All Day Jamming  
Lawn of the Old Court House

Saturday Evening; 6:00 PM Concert  
The New Dixie Crackers  
Cathy Barton and Dave Para

Admission: \$5.00 Adults - \$2.00 under 12

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**COMMANDER'S NOTE**

My Fellow Compatriots:

The Summer is winding down and there is only a few months left in this year. We still have a lot to accomplish in such a short period of time. Our membership is growing at an unbelievable rate. The last count I had was 52 members and one new associate member. The word is getting out about our camp and people are starting to rally to the Cause. Mr. Earl's phone is ringing with concerned people about the State Flag issue and Mr. Paul Artman has come up with a wonderful idea for a television commercial for our camp. Things are really starting to happen and it is because of YOU the members who are getting the word out to people about the SCV, the Camp, and the concern we have over the

true issues and preserving our heritage. I know I speak for the officers when I say a job well done to **YOU THE MEMBERS** for it is your support that makes our job easier everyday when you lead the charge on the attacks on our heritage.

Now for some heritage violations that have been brought to my attention that should be of concern to all Southerners. The flag issue in South Carolina is starting to heat up as the NAACP boycott becomes more and more of a reality. Many black organizations have canceled their meeting in the State of South Carolina which has cost the state thus far tens of thousands of tourists dollars but, it seems that the issue has only strengthened the stance of many state officials to keep the flag. They feel that no outsider has the right to coerce them into making a decision on an issue that does not concern them. On January 8, 2000, there will be a rally to show support for the flag in Columbia, SC. The results of this rally will be watched very carefully by the SCV as the Georgia and Mississippi Divisions make plans to fight off the NAACP's attacks on those state flags.

If you have any connections with the Greenwood/Greenville television station WABG-TV please write them about their inaccurate research when they cover the state flag issue. They are calling out state flag and the Confederate Battle Flag the "Stars and Bars" which is incorrect. The "Stars and Bars" is the first Confederate National which looks similar to the Stars and Stripes. I feel that if they are going to call themselves professional journalists that they should get their research and facts straight before they give a story. Call or write: WABG-TV, 2001 Garrard Ave., Greenwood, MS 38930.

Telephone (662)453-4001

These people need to know the truth if they are going to report on history. If we don't take a stand on this who will be the voice of truth. Remember, "No Nation can long survive without pride in their traditions and history...."  
\_\_\_ Sir Winston Churchill.

As we prepare for this new "War of Northern Aggression" we must be willing to stand up and fight for the truth. We must push harder for our school systems to do away with "Yankee" biased history in our schools. I was talking to Katie Palmer a few weeks ago when she shared with me her personal stand in her school when a teacher tried to convince her that the war was a "civil war" and that it was fought over slavery. In response, Ms. Palmer gave her instructor a true lesson in Southern history and took the stand of States' Rights. I later found out that the teacher did not penalize her on a test for her courageous stand. This is for you Katie, a big "Rebel Yell," for standing up to Yankee biased education. If our young people are willing to take a stand, then we as adults must have the courage as well and not be timid to stand up for our beliefs. This is war people. A war that we must not loose or face the utter destruction of our heritage, monuments, symbols and culture.

Now I must close. I hope to see each and everyone at our September 16th meeting as we come together once again to enjoy each other's fellowship and learn more about our own heritage. Let's turn out in record numbers and be prepared to discuss some of these issues.

Confederately Yours,

Larry McCluney, Cmdr Camp 1625

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**PRESIDENT'S NOTE**

Ladies and Gentlemen of the South:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a job well done in making Cliff Valentine feel at home at the August meeting. Just to report, our chapter was represented at the Magnolia, Arkansas memorial on August 21 and was extended an invitation to come back next year as well. The men have asked us to play a role in the up coming re-enactment at Florewood Plantation (Greenwood, MS.) with the re-enactor's registration table and to set up and OCR table there as well. The date on this event has not been finalized but it has been narrowed down to the last of March or the first of April, 2000. This is an opportunity for us to

recruit in the local area and get the word out about our chapter.

Ms. Mabel Clark, former Mississippi Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, has informed me that the UDC State Convention will be held on October 7th, 8th, and 9th in Grenada, MS. As soon as I find out where they will have the convention I will let you know if you are interested in attending. It is only right that representatives of our organization attend since they were courteous enough to participate with our State OCR function at State Convention at Natchez. I have also been informed that a UDC Chapter is trying to be formed at Grenada. Anyone interested please contact Susan Williams at 662-226-6508 for further information.

Let us keep Oliver and Jeanette McCaskill in our prayers as Oliver continues his recovery from open heart surgery. Last report I got he was doing well but having a tough time regaining his strength.

Let us encourage the men at our next meeting to bring their wives so we can recruit new members. New members are the lifeblood of our chapter. If we are to grow and firmly establish ourselves we must strive for more membership. We also need more young people in our group. Remember age 10 and up qualify for membership (both male and female). You men who have sons or grandsons that don't qualify for SCV yet because of the age 12 requirement can encourage them to join the OCR until they reach 12 and join the SCV.

Now I want to congratulate Katie Palmer for her stand in preserving the truth about our Southern Heritage in her school. She had a tough decision to make in her history class to go along with the "Yankee" teachings about the war or to listen to her conscience and preserve the truth. Her instructor, because of the way Katie answered a question on a test, did not penalize her for her courageous stand. Let Katie be an example to all of us of our responsibilities as OCR members to monitor our school systems and to teach the truth to our children about our heritage. If we don't, who will?

Now I must close. I would like to ask the ladies to bring finger snacks to the meeting on September 16th as we welcome our guest speaker and the two professors that are invited for that night's program. Let's all try to be there and welcome our guests with Southern Hospitality.

God Save the Southland,

Annette McCluney, President OCR #9

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**NATIONAL SCV NEWS**

Following are the text of two resolutions which passed at the SCV, 1999 national convention concerning the NAACP's attacks on our heritage. Our thanks to Compatriot Eddy Cresap of Vicksburg for publishing them for those of us who did not attend the National Convention.

**RESOLUTION**

Be it know, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans is charged to uphold and defend the good name of the Confederate Soldier, who came from every ethnic, racial, religious and economic background present in the South, and in doing so also honors and defends the Symbols of their Sacrifice and Bravery.

Therefore be it resolved that the Sons of Confederate Veterans does rebuke and condemn the actions of the NAACP in regards to the Heroes, Flags, and Monuments of the Confederacy.

Be it also resolved, that the NAACP's campaign of misinformation against Confederate Remembrance is unworthy of a great Civil Rights organization as they claim to be.

Done this 31st Day of July, 1999  
in Mobile, Alabama

**RESOLUTION**

Whereas, The Confederate Battleflag is a symbol of Courage, Bravery, Honor, adherence to Constitutional Principal and Right of Self-Government; and

Whereas, The Confederate Battleflag has been consecrated with blood or our fallen heroes - the Confederate Soldier; and

Whereas, The Great and Sovereign State of South Carolina nobly flies the Confederate Battleflag above her Statehouse as a remembrance of the sacrifices of the Confederate Soldier during his struggle for Southern Independence; and

Whereas, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has called for a boycott of South Carolina because the honorable Confederate Battleflag flies above her Statehouse;

There, be it resolved on this 31st Day of July in the year of our Lord 1999 in convention assembled in Mobile, Alabama, the Sons of Confederate Veterans rejects the boycott and encourages all to respect the historic symbols of Southern Heritage such as the Confederate Battleflag.

Furthermore, the Sons of Confederate Veterans commends the Sovereign State of South Carolina for flying the Confederate Battleflag on her Statehouse and encourages all fair-minded Americans to visit South Carolina to enjoy the many attractions South Carolina has to offer.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans further encourages all members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to make a special effort to attend the year 2000 International Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to be held in Charleston, South Carolina.

Done this 31st Day of July, 1999  
in Mobile Alabama

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**FALL MUSTER**

The 13th Annual Fall Muster is scheduled for October 16 and 17. A unique and outstanding annual event, this is not only a great time for members and reenactors to gather,, it is a great means of publicity for Beauvoir and the SCV. If you have never attended, make plans to do so. It is an experience you will not regret.

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**MOSB SEMINAR**

The Mississippi Society is holding its annual workshop in Yazoo City on November 6. The seminar will be held at the Comfort Inn, Highway 49 E., Yazoo City. Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M. and the seminar begins at 9:00 A.M.

The title for this year;s program will be "Mississippi in the Confederate Navy." Speakers will be Eddy Cresap on the Yazoo River Submarine Squadron, Ward Calhoun on Charles W. Read, John Echols on Dabney Minor Scales, Chuck Bonds on Commander Isaac Newton Brown, Lamar Roberts on CSN General Earl Van Dorn, and the Confederate Naval Yard at Yazoo City. Everyone is invited to attend this seminar with no charge.