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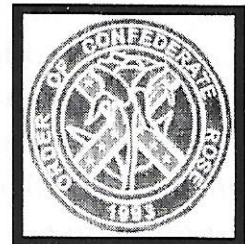
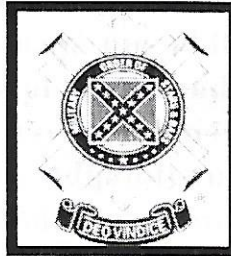
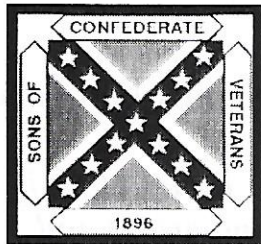
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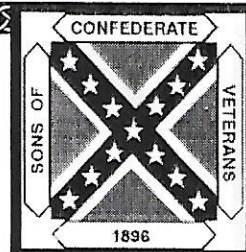
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“Remember, it is your DUTY to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations” — Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee

## Commander's Note: Earl McCown Jr.



Greetings;

Well, we survived Y2K, 2000 and are beginning 2001. This is a very exciting time that we are living in. We are faced with opposition on all sides. We must be strong and united in defending our Cause. I am proud of each of you and the stands that you have taken in defending the Flag.

Please remember the Lee/Jackson Banquet, be there and bring a friend. As you know, by now, Anthony Hervey will be our speaker. He is a dynamic speaker and if you haven't heard him before you have truly missed a treat.

Several of our members have been ill or have someone in their family that have been. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

*Final Notice: Membership dues must be paid by the Lee/Jackson Banquet. It is important that you retain your membership in the SCV. Each of us is important and needed in the battle that faces us.*

I thank each of you for helping to make this past year a success. Let's do it again this year.

Your Obedient Servant

Earl M. McCown Jr., Commander

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**Recap Of the December Meeting,  
Our Next Meeting will be Our Lee/Jackson Birthday  
Banquet on 20 January 2001**

If you missed the December meeting then you missed an interesting subject on Mississippi's Reconstruction Governors. Our business session included reading a letter to the Camp from Anthony Hervey who has accepted to be our guest speaker at the Lee/Jackson Banquet. Also, Commander McCown updated everyone on the State Flag issue and informed everyone that it would be one of the first items of business on the 2001 State Legislatures agenda in January. We also made final preparations for the Lee/Jackson Banquet as well. Invitations will be mailed out the 5th of January and we ask you to respond ASAP because seating is limited. We are expecting an even larger crowd than last year. Also, that night, there was an induction ceremony of new OCR members as well, Maranda Haik, Carol Davis, and

**Anthony Hervey is coming to speak on  
"Cowards in Dixie!!"**

**Remember to make your reservations for the Lee/Jackson Banquet!!! It will be at the Leland Town and Country Racquet Club. Social begins at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM.**

**What Governor Musgrove Has to Say About the Flag**

**Taken from the Mississippi State of State Address**

**January 4, 2001**

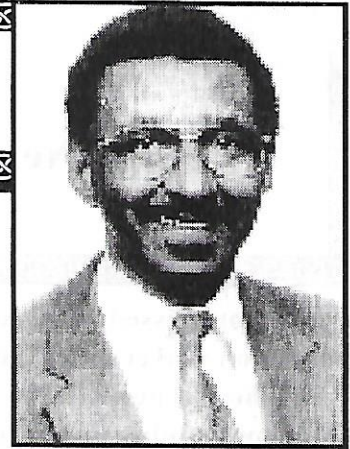
Lt. Governor Tuck. Mr. Speaker. Members of the Mississippi Legislature. Chief Justice Pittman and Justices of the Supreme Court. Elected Officials. Agency Directors. Distinguished Guests. My fellow Mississippians.

"On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000, the members of the Mississippi House of Representatives made history. The members of this House heard the voices of Mississippi's people and ratified their vote. One year later, we gather again to make history. One year later, we have yet another opportunity to listen to the voices of our people. Members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the State Senate, I implore you to hear our people again. Listen to them. Give them an opportunity to determine the destiny of Mississippi's state flag. The people of Mississippi are waiting. The world is watching. I urge you to put this issue on the ballot and let us move forward. We must not be distracted by the rhetoric on either side of this emotion-laden issue. Let our people decide, and let our attention return swiftly to those matters of our common interest, of our common concern, and of our common destiny."

**We must continue putting the heat on our Legislators!! They are succumbing to our pressure!! We must keep the "Skeer on them"!!**



## Black slavery is Alive by Walter E. Williams



Black slaves are still available -- just not in the United States. To make a purchase, you'd have to travel to the Sudan as Gerald Williams, Harvard University pre-med student, did in October 2000. Slavery in the Sudan is in part a result of a 15-year war by the Muslim North against the black Christian and animist South. Arab militias, armed by the Khartoum government, raid villages, mostly those of the Dinka tribe. They shoot the men and enslave the women and children. Women and children are kept as personal property or they're taken north and auctioned off.

In Sudanese slave markets, a woman or child can be purchased for \$90. An Anti-Slavery International investigator interviewed Abuk Thuc Akwar, a 13-year-old girl who, along with 24 other children, was captured by the militia, marched north and given to a farmer. The investigator reported, "Throughout the day she worked in his sorghum fields and at night in his bed. During the march, she was raped and called a black donkey." The girl managed to escape with the help of the master's jealous wife.

Williams visited the Sudan as part of an eight-person delegation sponsored by Christian Solidarity International. CSI, as well as the Boston-based American Anti-Slavery Group, have a stopgap mission of buying, at a cost of \$85 each, Christian African women and children whom Muslims capture and enslave. AASG's purchase emancipates them.

Williams' tales of Muslim atrocities are horrific. Six-year-old Mawien Ahir Bol failed to clean a goat pen to his master's satisfaction. The penalty: His index finger was cut off. Yak Kenyang Adieu's punishment for being too sick to tend to his master's goats was the loss of all fingers on his right hand. Williams' trip freed, through purchase, these two boys and 20 other slaves. Should you be interested in learning more about slavery, visit the [American Anti-Slavery Group's website.](http://www.anti-slavery.com/)

Chattel slavery also exists in the former French colony of Mauritania, where it was officially outlawed in 1980. The U.S. State Department estimated that as of 1994 there were 90,000 blacks living as property of Berbers. The Berbers use their slaves for labor, sex and breeding. They're also exchanged for camels, trucks, guns or money. Slave offspring become the property of the master. According to a 1990 Human Rights Watch report, routine Mauritanian slave punishments include beatings, denial of food and prolonged exposure to the sun, with hands and feet tied together. Serious infringement of the master's rule can mean prolonged horrible tortures such as the "insect treatment" -- where the slave is bound head and foot, and insects placed in his ears and other body orifices -- and "burning coals," where the slave is bound and buried with hot coals placed on parts of his body.

American Anti-Slavery Group says, "Most distressing is the silence of the American media whose reports counted for so much in the battle to end apartheid in South Africa." Only recently, and thankfully so, have mainstream black organizations such as the Congressional Black Caucus and the NAACP taken a stand against chattel slavery in Mauritania and Sudan. At one time Minister Louis Farrakhan simply denied that his brother Muslims could perpetrate such an injustice, but now he's quietly accepted the evidence. Jesse Jackson remains silent.

Slavery is not the only African injustice that goes practically ignored. There's the frequent outbreaks of genocide in Rwanda, Burundi, Liberia and the Congo. In fact, it's fairly safe to say that most of today's most flagrant human rights abuses occur in Africa. But unfortunately they get little attention -- maybe it's because Africans instead of Europeans are the perpetrators; Europeans are held accountable to civilized standards of behavior, while Africans aren't.





**President's Note: Annette McCluney**

Ladies of the South,

First of all, Happy New Year. Now that the holiday season is over, we can turn our attention to a new year and preparing for the Lee/Jackson Banquet. As you know, Anthony Hervey will be our guest speaker. As soon as you get your invitations, please make the effort to respond to them ASAP for we are expecting one of the largest crowds for the banquet yet. If you can make your self available to help decorate please contact Betty Furr at 662-686-7867. She needs any help that people close by can lend her. Until then,

God Save Our Southland,

**Ancestor Memorials and Adds for the Fort Pemberton Reenactment Program**

As you know, the Camp voted to sponsor and support the Reenactment of the Siege of Fort Pemberton. Ancestral memorials are being sold by the Camp Reenactors at the rate of \$5.00 an ancestor . We have had a good response to this and decided to extend the deadline to memorialize your ancestor to the 20th of January. Information should include the ancestors name, rank, unit, and any other particulars that are important about him. Also pages are being sold as well at the following rates:

- \$50.00 — for a whole page
- \$25.00 — for a half page
- \$15.00 — for a quarter page

If you are interested, please see Larry McCluney, Scott Blaylock, or Alan Palmer for further information. It is fascinating to have found out that several of our Camp members actually had ancestors that were at Fort Pemberton so don't miss the opportunity to honor your ancestors in such a way. Please get all ancestral memorials turned in by no later than December 31, 2000. You can make checks out to the Civil War Maritime Education Foundation and mail all information to:

Larry McCluney  
P.O. Box 63  
Webb, Ms 38966

**Members to be Kept in Our Prayers**

- Oliver McCaskill is in the Hospital with Pneumonia
- Michelle Spell's Grandmother is in the Hospital
- Stan Spell's Father is in the Hospital
- Brian McCraven's Grandmother is in the Hospital



**Happy Birthday**  
**General Robert E. Lee**  
(January 19)  
**And**  
**General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson**  
(January 21)



*Happy Birthday to two  
Southern Icons*



## Voters may act on flag in April Miss. lawmakers favoring fast track

By Reed Branson  
The Commercial Appeal  
Jackson, Miss., Bureau

JACKSON, Miss. - Mississippi voters could decide as early as April whether to retire this state's controversial flag. As the 2001 regular session of the Mississippi Legislature convened in Jackson on Tuesday at noon, leaders were working behind the scenes to speed a bill calling for a referendum, perhaps on April 17, to give voters the choice of the old flag or a new design without the Confederate battle flag.

Legislators could begin dealing with the issue by week's end. "I have to have some discussions, but the sooner the better," said House Speaker Tim Ford (D-Baldwyn) when asked Tuesday when legislators would take up the legislation.

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove was expected to declare his preference in his state-of-the-state address Thursday. Most here are predicting his support for a new design, and an overwhelming majority of legislators arriving here Tuesday appeared convinced that calling for a quick, public referendum was the best way to deal with the matter.

Since 1894, Mississippi's flag has contained in the upper left corner the Confederate battle flag, a symbol viewed by some as a symbol of the state's history of slavery and racial segregation. Others, though, argue the emblem represents a proud heritage of soldiers who defended their homeland.

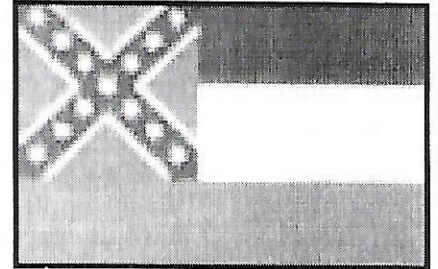
The state Supreme Court last year ruled that while the flag flies by custom, the law designating it as the official state flag was long ago repealed, perhaps inadvertently. Musgrove and legislative leaders appointed a commission to study the issue, and in December the panel recommended an alternative design and the referendum. "This issue will be coming up at the end of this week or the first of next week," said state Rep. Steve Holland (D-Tupelo), a ranking member of the House who also served on the flag commission. "I may have my head in the sand, but I think it will sail through (the Legislature) like a winter storm."

One of the few sticking points may be funding the cost of a special election, estimated to be \$2 million or more. Proponents of a quick vote, though, argue that the public relations damage to the state's image that could be inflicted by a more protracted battle would be more costly.

"Every time you have Jesse Jackson coming in, it will help the flag of 1894. Every time you have the Klan coming in, it will help the redesigned flag," said Holland, anticipating the public debate. "Those are examples of the reasons the Legislature will call (the referendum) soon." A draft of one bill viewed by The Commercial Appeal would also ensure that group spending to influence the outcome of a public referendum would be reported to the Secretary of State's Office.

One lawmaker, Sen. Mike Chaney (R-Vicksburg), who also served on the flag commission, said he would likely offer an amendment to alter the design recommended by the commission to give the alternative flag red bars instead of blue.

Supporters of the state's current flag on Tuesday used hand carts to deliver what they said were 200,000 signatures of citizens who want the Legislature to either formally adopt the current flag or to hold a public referendum at the next statewide general election.





## Having Some Fun On New Year's Eve 1862 With General Forrest

Late December, 1862: Gen. N. B. Forrest and his 1500-man brigade of Confederate cavalry had spent Christmas in west Tennessee tearing up Union railroads, and doing a little celebrating on captured Yankee foodstuffs. U.S General Grant was withdrawing his 35,000-man army to the Memphis-LaGrange line from northern Mississippi, his attempted thrust towards Vicksburg abandoned after Forrest cut him off from supplies. At one point on the Mobile & Ohio RR north of Jackson, TN, the Confederates had completely obliterated over 4 miles of track, turning the rails into piles of pretzels. By December 28, Forrest had turned east, heading for the Tennessee River and the safety of middle Tenn. Grant, however, was incensed at the raid, and ordered Union garrisons to converge on the Rebels and trap and destroy Forrest.

Area commander Union General Sullivan thought he had Forrest in a box. Gen Granville Dodge was headed north from Corinth w/ 2000 men. Col Lowe started south from Ft. Henry with several regiments. Col Lawler, with one 1800-man brigade was advancing from the west from Jackson, TN. Colonel John Fuller's brigade moved s.e. from Huntingdon. Col. Cyrus Dunham's brigade was already to the east, ordered towards Lexington between Forrest and the river.

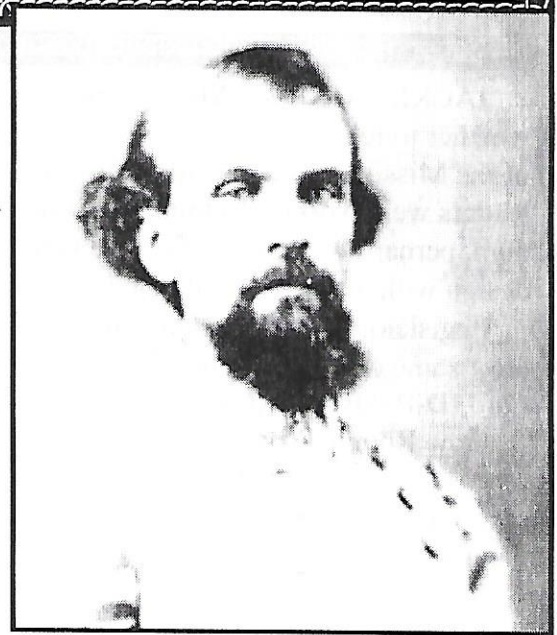
These roads converged at Parker's Crossroads. (For you visitors, the battlefield site is on I-40 at exit 108, midway between Memphis & Nashville) Each of these Federal units were equal or larger than the force that Forrest had. The Confederates had scouts out and knew where the Federals were. On Dec. 31st, Forrest leisurely approached Dunham's force at Parkers, knowing that his scouts would warn him if any of the other brigades caught up with them.

Forrest attacked Dunham first with artillery to save manpower, and sniping at his flanks with cavalry, forced the Federals back across the crossroads and to the southeast. "Casualties among the Union soldiers who had taken shelter behind a snake fence of rails were especially heavy, when accurate shelling converted its rails into missiles."

With artillery enfilading both flanks of Dunham's line, Forrest sent Russell's regiment around the Union right & rear, and Starnes' 4th Tenn Cav. to strike the other flank. The Confederates soon captured Dunham's 3 cannon & 300 of his men, and white flags appeared in Federal line. All 18 supply wagons had been taken by the Confederates. They had cut his force in half and had them surrounded. Surrender was imminent.

At this point, Forrest suffered his one and only surprise of the war. To the East his scouts had mistakenly guarded only one of the 2 roads from Huntingdon, and Fuller's Brigade had slipped past. They came in line of battle upon Forrest's rear and sent a volley into the Confederate horse-holders, killing, wounding or scattering 300 of their horses, and stranding these men on foot. A staff officer galloped to Forrest exclaiming, "General, the Federals are in our rear! We're surrounded. What shall we do?"

Without hesitating, Forrest replied, "we'll charge them both ways". He ordered Starnes and Russell to pin down Dunham and move east out of the trap. Half of Dibrell's regiment attacked Dunham in front and the other half turned to the threat in the rear. Gathering his Escort Company (90 men, his very best soldiers, 16 of whom were black troopers), some artillerymen, & Dibrell's men, Forrest led the charge into Fuller's Ohio brigade. This sudden brazen frontal attack by only 175 Confederates stunned the Ohioans and forced them





into a defensive shell from which they never advanced. The Confederates then limbered up their guns and rapidly moved east out of danger. Forrest had won. Fuller had been stopped; Dunham had been thoroughly defeated; and the Southerners had successfully eluded the trap and concluded the expedition to the East.

On New Year's Day, 1863, Forrest's cavalry crossed the Tennessee to safety. Fifteen days earlier they had gone into West Tennessee half-armed, ill-equipped, new and green in their organization. They came out armed & equipped with the best the Federal stock afforded, and with surplus equipment, a keen, veteran unit. They had killed or captured more men than they had; had taken or disabled ten guns; had carried off or destroyed stores & ammunition valued in the millions of dollars; had kept more than ten times their own number frantically busy for a fortnight and, by destroying Grant's line of supply, had helped to compel the abandonment of his campaign against Vicksburg, saving that fortress to the Confederacy for yet another six months.

Bedford Forrest received official congratulations from the Confederate Congress and praise in official reports from General Bragg. The legend of Forrest continues to grow, and equally in the north, the name of Forrest strikes ever greater fear.

**Editor's Note:** *I thought this would be a great story (but true!!) to get your New Year's started right, Forrest style. Let us learn from General Forrest, when in all doubt and surrounded by our enemies, that is the time to strike back in all directions!!!*

*Happy New Year !!!*

### Co. C, CSMC Drill at Florewood River Plantation

The Company had their winter drill on January 5-7 to prepare for the coming Reenacting season at Florewood River Plantation. We had an outstanding weekend of drill (and some of us are paying for it with sore muscles now). Our newest recruit, Patrick Sample, really surprised us all by demonstrating his knowledge of the manual of arms. For those of you who does not know this newest member of our unit, he is 12 years old and a member of our SCV Camp. This is the future of the SCV people and this one looks to be a hard core CONFEDERATE. We need more members like this one who will be dedicated to the Cause.

The Company would also like to thank Maranda, Carol, and Katie for their support and the good stew that all three cooked. If not for the ladies we could not be a successful Company. We owe you big time ladies.

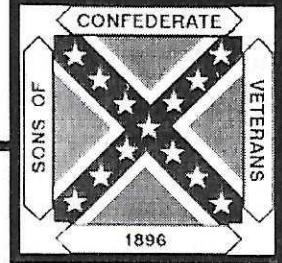
Even though we did not get to finish our drill weekend (Sunday it rained), fun and fellowship was had by all. Just for your information, First Sgt. Earl McCown can be a hard nose drill instructor, especially about making sure that all recruits are up before the crack of dawn. I would have hated to have really been under his command when he was in the navy. We all learned something that weekend and are looking forward to future drills.

Some of the men in our Company were surely missed and we will be thinking of you till we can reform once again as a whole Company.





# Welcome New Members



**Charles William Bell**  
**Ancestor: Great Grandfather**  
**Private Isaac "Pap" Warren Bell**  
**Company A, 3rd Battalion (45th) MS Infantry**

**Everette Wallace Hamilton**  
**Ancestor: Great Great Uncle**  
**1st Lieut. Peter Quinn**  
**Company C, 35th MS Infantry Regiment**

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_