



# SOUTHERN BELLE NEWS

MS SOCIETY ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE

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MSOCR members in attendance - 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly state meeting in  
Brandon, MS

Editor: Charla Lewis, Mary Ann Forrest OCR Vice-President

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*"If it is a crime to love the South, its cause, and  
its President, then I am a criminal." ~ Bell Boyd*

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## Words from the State President

I hope everyone had a great Christmas. I can't wait to see what this new year will be bringing us. I know it's a little way off, but I need the Ladies from each chapter to be thinking about the State Meeting. When there is an OCR chapter present with the hosting SCV camp, they are usually the ones to host our meeting, and if they need anything from the state all they have to do is ask. When there is no OCR chapter, then the state does the planning. I

would like to take things back to the way they were long ago where each chapter donated something to goody bags and also brought 1 door prize. This was a great way for everyone to pitch in and help the hosting OCR. I would like to start doing this again. Like I said, please be thinking about this and let me know what you think as a chapter. Also, be on the lookout for further news about a NEW chapter coming this spring. God bless and stay warm.

Confederately yours,  
Melissa "Missy" Stillman

State Officers: Missy Stillman, President; Carla Harbin – Vice-President; Sandy Smith – Secretary/Treasurer

Mississippi Society Order of Confederate Rose  
Quarterly Meeting  
September 23, 2017  
Brandon, MS

Mary Ann Forrest Chapter 23 President- Brandi Gray welcomed all the visitors. There were 29 present representing Chapters 11, 17, 22 and 23. A representative from each group gave a brief synopsis of events since state meeting in June.

Brandi announced Speaker Shelby Harriel who gave a very informative and interesting slide show on Forbidden, Hidden and Forgotten: Women Soldiers of the Civil War.

Brandi Gray then presented Certificates of Appreciation to local members who have worked so diligently on local projects. She also presented a Coin of Appreciation to MSOCR Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Smith.

In the absence of MSOCR Melissa Stillman (who had to work), MSOCR Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Smith conducted the Business Meeting.

Sandy Smith passed out copies of minutes. A motion was made by Melanie Calvert Benton and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Young to accept minutes as read. All approved. Copies of Financial Report was also distributed. A motion was made by Brandi Gray and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robbie Lewis to accept financial report. All approved.

Sandy Smith asked for nominations for the awards committee chairman. Sherry Latham was nominated. Barbara Sullivan made a motion that nominations cease 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Calvert. The suggestion was made that the awards committee should be made up a representative from each chapter with Sherry as the Chairman. Each chapter should report the name of their representative to Sherry Latham.

There was a suggestion brought up that we should go over the by-laws and possibly set up a by-laws committee. It was tabled till the President was in attendance.

Brandi Gray asked who the webmaster of the MSOCR Facebook Page and Website is. Sandy Smith told her she thought it was Larry McCluney. She will contact President Melissa Stillman and Larry McCluney for permission to take over that task.

Charla Lewis, Editor of State Newsletter asked to pick a name for the State Newsletter. Names submitted for consideration were: OCR Quilt; Southern Rose; Southern Belle News; and Dixie Belle. Vote by secret ballot Southern Belle News won by an overwhelming majority. Charla reminded us that items for the next Newsletter needs to be in by December 9<sup>th</sup>.

The next quarterly meeting was set for Saturday February 24 with the Ladies of J.A. Orr of Pontotoc hosting. Meeting place to be announced later. **\*\*\* This date has since been changed. See below for new date! \*\*\***

Melanie Benton dismissed us with a prayer.

Door prizes and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

~ Submitted by: Sandy Smith



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Quarterly State Division Meeting hosted by the Ladies of the  
Col. J.A. Orr Camp  
Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 Noon  
Harvey's Restaurant (424 S. Gloster Street) – Tupelo, MS

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# Chapter High-lights

Itawamba County Chapter 8 – Fulton, MS  
No News Submitted

Ella Palmer Chapter 9 – Indianola, MS

Varina Howell Davis Chapter 11 – Brookhaven, MS  
No News Submitted

Margery B. Rogers Clark Chapter 17 – Calhoun City, MS  
<https://www.facebook.com/Order-of-Confederate-Rose-Calhoun-County-MS-107508355950359/>

Ladies of Beauvoir Chapter 20 – Biloxi, MS

Ladies of J.A. Orr Chapter 22 – Pontotoc, MS

Mary Ann Forrest Chapter 23 – Brandon, MS  
<https://www.facebook.com/maryannforrest23/>

Grey Roses Chapter 24 – Florence, MS  
No News Submitted

W.P. Rogers OCR Chapter 25 – Corinth, MS

## Ella Palmer Chapter 9

Ella Palmer has been busy getting ready for our Lee/ Jackson Banquet coming up January 13th. We are gathering raffle prizes and deciding what goodies each member will be bringing.

Each meeting we have a meal to feed everyone, and we try to have a raffle of some sort to help cover the cost of the meal.

Our ladies bought raffle tickets from the Calhoun Chapter for the purse Sandy Smith donated, and Jeanie Brumfield from our chapter won the raffle. Way to go Jeanie!

Missy Stillman  
Vice-President

## Margery B. Rogers Clark Chapter 17

We had 5 ladies to represent us at the Quarterly meeting in Brandon: Brenda Arthur, Sherry Latham, Betty Logan, Marcella Moore, and Sandy Smith. Sherry Latham was elected Chairman of the new awards committee.

We added 5 new members: Haley Nichols, Carmen Russell, Maeuna Arthur, Wanda Bryant, and Yvonne Shumpert.

Brenda Arthur, Sherry Latham, and Sandy Smith attended the charter of the Ladies of W.P. Rogers Chapter 25 Order of the Confederate Rose in Corinth.

Planning also began for our first annual Lee-Jackson Banquet scheduled for Jan 20<sup>th</sup> at the Bruce Museum in Bruce, Mississippi at 6:30 PM. All are invited.

The essays for our annual Margery B. Rogers Clark Memorial Scholarship and been picked up and

distributed. After everyone enjoyed our Christmas Meal we were entertained by Canaan's Way. Chances were sold for a Vera Bradley purse with proceeds going to the Scholarship fund. The purse was won by Jeanie Brumfield from the Ella Palmer Chapter in Indianola.

~ Sandy Smith



Officers: Betty Logan, President  
Sandy Smith, Secretary/Treasurer  
Linda Taylor & Jean Chandler, Event Coordinators

## Ladies of the Col. J.A. Orr Camp, Chapter # 22

Officers: Patty Young, President  
Betty Farris, Vice-President  
Brenda Barton, Secretary  
Linda Hines, Treasurer



These ladies helped make the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Christmas Party on December 14, 2017 a success. Lots of fun, fellowship, and good food.

Ladies of the Col. J.A. Orr Camp, L-R Carol Irving, Pam Mauldin, Barbara Sullivan, Linda Hines, Patty Young, Ladies of the Col. W.P. Rogers Camp, Corinth, Sharon Mardis, Mary Gwynn McDaniel, Mary Ann Forrest Chapter, Stephane Foley



Patty Young along with Harry Vinson carried 21 gift bags for the men and women residents at the Sunshine Inn, Myrtle, MS.

On October 29, 2017, the Ladies of the Col. J.A. Orr Camp helped raise money and attended the dedication of the new black chain-link fence in the Chesterville Cemetery where 69 Confederate Soldiers are buried in a mass grave.

L-R Linda Hines, Carol Irving, Betty Farris, Patty Young, Jane Winston, & Shirley Brown



The Ladies of the Col. J.A. Orr Camp will be hosting their annual Lee/Jackson Banquet on January 13, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Pontotoc Community Center.

~ Patty Young, President

Mary Ann Forrest Chapter # 23

This quarter has been a busy one for the Mary Ann Forrest OCR. We grew by 5 members (Susan Jones, Andrea Cupit, Cindy Frey, Sissy Bray, & April Skipworth) and 1 Rosebud, Carly Alsup.

This Christmas season, we set up a Christmas display in Crystal Springs in a drive thru park, rang the bells for the Salvation Army, and hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Christmas Party. We helped (along with Camp # 265) the VA with their Christmas Shoppe in Jackson and then at the VA Nursing Home a few days later. We have so much fun serving others around the area, and we have much participation from our ladies as well as our host Camp 265. We were even able to help the Lowry Rifles of Pearl with a few of their projects this quarter.

Around Thanksgiving we set up at a local grocery store in Florence and collected canned goods for the Loving Hands Food Pantry that sponsored by First Baptist Church of Florence. You wouldn't believe the kindness we received from patrons as well as the store allowing us to set up. There were baked goods sold as well, and the money raised was used to buy more food items that day to donate. We also collected school supplies for Vice-President Charla Lewis' school. Four backpacks were also donated by our youngest SCV cadet, Ryan Stanley, who is only 4 years old.

The most rewarding projects we found ourselves involved in were raising \$700.00 for Brandon Fire Department's Sparky the Fire Dog (Sparky is in need of a new uniform, so he can enter elementary schools to teach fire safety.), helping our host camp with the Turkey Shoot at Fall Muster and being able to attend the ladies tea, and joining the Society of the Black Rose.

Our events planner, Mrs. Robbie Lewis is a true gem! She spends countless hours making phone calls to get us involved in various community happenings and never fails to surprise us!

February will bring the Dixie National Parade into town, and we will also be presenting there to get our name out in the public eye. We are super excited! We do our best to show our communities the good work that OCR and SCV represent. It's our goal to show the public that there is a truly good thing happening in these two groups. That's a positive in my book.

Visit our website to learn more! [www.maryannforrestocr.com](http://www.maryannforrestocr.com)

Facebook: Order of Confederate Rose Mary Ann Forrest

~ Brandi Gray - President

Charla Lewis - Vice-President, Robin Pitts - Secretary,

Robbie Lewis,

Events Coordinator

VA Christmas Shoppe'  
December 2017



Sparky the Fire Dog \$700.00 Check Presentation



Loving Hands Food Pantry  
Florence, MS



Christmas Lights Display  
Ladies Tea at Fall Muster



## W.P. Rogers OCR Chapter 25

Officers: Jill Brazeal, President

Jerri Taylor, Vice-President

Mary Gwynn McDaniel - Secretary/Treasurer

William P. Rogers Chapter 25 (Camp #321) OCR Corinth, MS chartered October 17, 2017. We currently have 18 active members.

We have already been a part of some great events. We attended and assisted serving lunch at the SCVMC 1G Annual meeting in Louisville, MS. We assisted the SCVMC with the annual Toy Run for the Pinevale Children's Home. We have been active with the SCV in obtaining signatures for the Initiative 62 Flag Project and set up a booth at the Gun and Knife Show. We assisted the SCV in designing the Christmas float for the 3 parades in our area. Our latest event we participated in was the Laying of Wreaths at the National Cemetery in Corinth, MS. We have wonderful plans for our rapidly growing OCR in 2018.



On October 17<sup>th</sup>, our newest chapter was chartered. Welcome ladies!

Laying of Wreaths



Initiative 62

**Ladies of Beauvoir Chapter 20** had our usual presence at Fall Muster again this year. We added new member Shay Terry at Fall muster. Our fundraiser at Fall Muster was a rifle raffle to fund our new scholarship we adopted back in the summer. We gave away a Ruger American bolt action rifle to Susan Hathaway. Susan was here from Virginia where she is active in her local OCR chapter and also the Virginia Flaggers who are famous for flying the gigantic Confederate battle flag along the interstate in Virginia and meeting in different places to fly the flags. They are fighting to keep their monuments protected all over the state. We should be inspired by their efforts!

Our member Candy Smith visited Gettysburg in October and sent pictures of the Mississippi monument.

December started off busy for our chapter with co hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade meeting with our camp Sam Davis #596 on the 1st. The ladies provided food and support.

We also participated in decorating the graves at Beauvoir with Christmas wreaths with Crusaders for Veterans on Dec 2nd. Ruthie Wade brought greetings from the OCR for us. We'll be helping collect them on Jan 6 to be reused next year.

We were supposed to have a great Christmas mixer with our camp on Dec 12, but the flu and the "crud" had most of us sidelined.

Ruthie and her husband, Camp Commander Ron Wade, entertained the folks with period dress at Beauvoir's Confederate Christmas held on December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.



## Pictures from our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting - Brandon, MS



Guest Speaker, Ms. Shelby Harriel



Goodie Bags provided by MAF OCR

### Confederate Lady Spotlight

#### Phoebe Pember: Confederate Nurse

Phoebe Pember was born Phoebe Levy in 1823 in Charleston, South Carolina. Her family was a prominent Southern Jewish family. Her father was a successful merchant, while her mother performed as a very prominent actress.

When war broke out, Phoebe's family was strongly supportive of the Confederate cause. In fact, her sister, Eugenia Phillips (wife of Unionist Alabama Congressman Philip Phillips), was arrested twice as a Confederate sympathizer.

Soon after the war began, Phoebe's husband, Thomas Pember, became ill, and died of tuberculosis. First, Phoebe headed south to live on her parents plantation near Marietta, Georgia; but soon she became unhappy and decided she needed to take a more active role in support of the Confederacy.

In 1862, she received and accepted an invitation to serve as matron of a military hospital in Richmond, Virginia. Little did she know what she was in for.

In December 1862, Phoebe Pember assumed her new position as matron of Chimborazo Hospital on the western outskirts of Richmond. Chimborazo is said to have been the largest military hospital in the world during the 1860s, and she was the first woman to hold any position there.

Her duties were to oversee the preparation and administration of the surgeon's prescriptions of medication and special diets. She also personally read for, wrote for, cared for, and otherwise helped as many wounded men as possible. During the course of her service, it is believed that roughly 15,000 men came under Phoebe Pember's care at Chimborazo.

When the Confederates were driven from Richmond, and the ruined city occupied by Union troops, Phoebe Pember's duties did not come to an end...

...her duties only became more dangerous!

Soon after she took the position of matron, she found that the medicinal whiskey was largely being drunk up by the nurses and surgeons instead of being given to the soldiers. Therefore, she decided to lock the whiskey up in her quarters at the hospital to ensure that it was not used inappropriately.

This was, of course, a very unpopular decision, and led much of the hospital staff to seek retribution.

Phoebe did not give in, and finally everyone got used to the way that things were handled under the new matron. When Richmond was evacuated, all military authority was gone, including the hospital guards. In fact, even patients who had been severely bed-ridden seemed to suddenly disappear.

With the guards gone, some of Phoebe's old enemies came back for their whiskey...

As she was finishing up her duties the evening the city was abandoned, suddenly her door was kicked down, and in burst a group of rough men who had worked around the hospital, collectively known as "hospital rats." A new, thirty-gallon barrel of whiskey had been delivered only days before, and they intended to take it.

The leader, Mr. Wilson, had not realized how much power Phoebe Pember still held. The men who were following him were not willing to disobey a direct order from the matron of the hospital.

Undaunted, Mr. Wilson headed for the barrel himself, but Phoebe stepped in his way.

Wilson swore at her, and grabbing her arm, moved to throw her out of his way. Suddenly, he heard the distinctive sound of a pistol being cocked.

Despite threats to return, the men quickly fled the scene, and Phoebe Pember secured her domain by nailing a flour barrel lid across her damaged door. She then sat on her whiskey barrel, and slept, undisturbed, until dawn.

The Union troops soon occupied the city and began to use Chimborazo for their wounded as well. Phoebe stayed on tending to the remaining Confederate wounded for a while, but eventually she made her way back home to Marietta, Georgia.

After the war, she wrote her memoirs, traveled extensively, and eventually passed away in 1913, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Phoebe Pember served selflessly during the war, and had many interesting and exciting experiences. Without a doubt, she should be remembered in any discussion of great Civil War women.

~ Taken from: [www.americancivilwarstory.com](http://www.americancivilwarstory.com)

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## Cottage Pudding

Submitted by Mrs. Robbie Lewis, MAF OCR Events Coordinator

**Cottage Pudding** - One egg, one-half cup of sugar, one cup of milk, two cups of flour, scant one-half cup shortening, two teaspoonfuls baking powder, and pinch of salt. Pour in a square pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes.

**Sauce** - One and one-fourth cups of sugar, one tablespoonful of flour, two tablespoonfuls of vinegar, one-fourth cup of butter, and one cup of water. Flavor with nutmeg. Mix in saucepan. Cook over medium heat until thick. Pour over pudding.

Taken from [Potpourri of Yester Year](#) - This scrapbook was found in an old adobe house in New Mexico and was put together from clippings out of newspapers. The cures, remedies, and recipes found in this scrapbook were used in the late 1800s and early 1900s.



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