

Southern Belle News

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The Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose was established in 1993 for the sole purpose of assisting the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans with their Historical, Educational, Benevolent, and Social functions. Special emphasis is placed on the preservation of the Confederate symbols. As there are few rules and restrictions to stifle the creativity of its members, the Order of Confederate Rose chapters are free to focus on the activities that are important to its members and the local SCV camps, along with supporting the State society.

"If not us, then who? If not now, then when?" – John Lewis



Ladies!!!

Welcome back to your OCR Newsletter! It has been a very long time, I've missed you!

I can't wait for you to see this, we have been so busy, despite of Covid and craziness. Take it easy on me these first couple issues, while I learn what I can do and how best to get different information out! I am excited to get to know each of you and see what y'all have been doing as chapters!

Let me know if I can help you in any way, shape or form.

~ Shea Redmond, Editor

Quarterly Meeting : September 11 - Lake Tiak-O'khata - 10am

From The President's Desk:

It was a complete honor to attend National Reunion in Metairie, La. this year. We had 11 to 13 women to attend the OCR reunion. We met lots of ladies from many different states. Friday morning started with the president's meeting. I attended and got to meet presidents from the other states. At this meeting, our patches were brought up and I was appointed head of the patch committee that will be formed. During this meeting we also discussed future plans to make the organization better. Mississippi turned in our two mascots and our scrapbook so they could be judged. Later that day, I decided to go into New Orleans and do a little sightseeing. I return to the Jefferson Davis Monument spot where Jefferson Davis Monument was removed just to be in complete shock I could not believe what my eyes were seeing!!! What they have replaced Jefferson Davis was a complete disgrace. We left there and then went to the tomb of General Beauregard and this is where we found peace. His grave was so beautiful. We paid our respects and left. Day two of the reunion started with the OCR National meeting. I was asked to do the remembrance ceremony where we read off the passing members names and remembered who they were. I was also informed that this will be my job from now on so I intend to make it better next year. We were awarded two mascot Awards and a scrapbook award, which was a complete honor. Our State mascot winner, Susan Jones' Miss Rose the bear won 3rd. Our Chapter Mascot winner, Shea Redmond's Lieutenant Dan the snake won 3rd as well. The scrapbook award goes to Robbie Louis and the Mary Ann Forrest #23. It has been a complete honor to represent Mississippi this year, I am very proud of our state and each one of our chapters that make up our state. Mississippi always goes above and beyond our call of duty and I could not be any more proud than what I am now I truly want to say thank you to each and every single rose and Rosebud that we have!

- Joy Redwine

State Officers: Joy Redwine, President -- Laura Moore, Vice President -- Charla Lewis, Secretary/ Treasurer

Chapter News!

Itawamba County #8 – Fulton, Ms.

No Report Submitted

Ella Palmer #9 – Indianola, Ms.

No Report Submitted

Varina Howell Davis #11 – Brookhaven, Ms.

On the weekend of May 15th, the Mississippi SCV 3rd Brigade had a headstone dedication for Captain James A. Hoskins, the commander of the Brookhaven Light Artillery. The Hoskins Family was in attendance, and they announced that they will be donating James' heirlooms to the Grand Gulf Military Park Museum. After the service, the Varina Howell Davis OCR chapter hosted a wonderful reception for the participants and family.

Read more here:

<https://www.magnoliastatelive.com/2021/05/19/mississippi-civil-war-captain-honored-with-headstone/>



Margery B. Rogers Clark #17 – Calhoun City, Ms.

The Margery B. Rogers #17 OCR and their Calhoun Avengers #1969 SCV camp were honored to have Mr. Rich Garcia come visit in May to present his Tejano Confederate program. From the pictures, it looks like the meeting was well attended, including our OCR president, Joy Redwine.

On June 26th, there was a memorial scheduled for Private Solomon Murphree. If anyone has pictures, I would love to share!

Please keep Ms. Betty Logan in your prayers, as she is dealing with some health issues.



Ladies of Beauvoir #20 – Biloxi, Ms.

We are always busy at Beauvoir! Between our Monthly meetings (every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Beauvoir) and all the extra events at Beauvoir and the surrounding area, there is barely a weekend that goes by that someone in our group isn't out doing something. In May, Beauvoir hosted a wedding for some dear friends of our group, Mark and Dixie Halvorsen. The Wedding party dressed Period, Kitsaa gave the bride away, and then there was cake and dancing!

About a week later, Ruthie was finally able to present her son, Bryce his Cross of Military Service Award Medal. She's been hanging on to it for about 3 years. With Bryce doing his super-secret military stuff and then Covid, the ceremony was a long time coming and wonderful for all of the Family! Congratulations Wade family! And thank you all for your service!

June brought us the Garcia's from Tennessee, Rich and Tamathy came and presented during our Jefferson Davis' Birthday celebration. Our Sam Davis and Shieldsboro Rifles SCV camps partnered together to sell hot dogs the day of the event! Even though the day was raining and gross, we had a wonderful time learning about Mr. Garcia's Tejano ancestors.

We can't forget about State Reunion! Ruthie, Shea, and Kitsaa were able to attend. We had a nice breakfast pastry and tea, while playing the dreadful Ugly hat fundraiser! Ladies of Beauvoir walked away from the State Reunion with the Kate Cummings Award (Volunteer work), the Carrie Winder McGavock Award (Cemetery Work), 2nd place in the Mascot competition. We were also presented \$200 from the Ugly Hat for Varina's Garden. Thank you, ladies! Joy presented Kitsaa with a special pin for all the work that she does for Beauvoir, OCR and the SCV. Shea participated in the CSS Arkansas' memorial as a black rose. Kitsaa and Ruthie also attended.

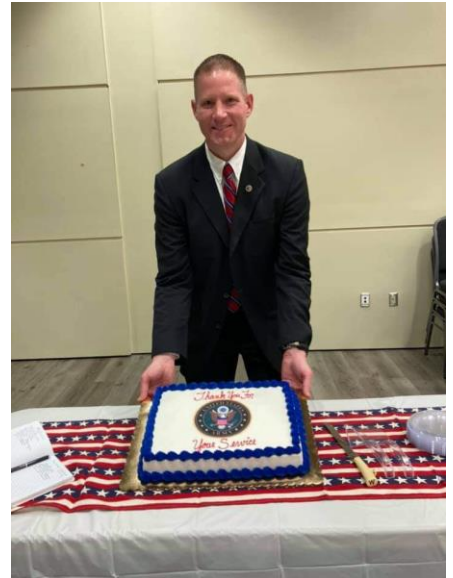
Since Hurricane Zeta, you all may have seen where Beauvoir was raising money for our fence. That poor fence! Between Windstorms, Category 3 Hurricanes, Trees, Drunk drivers of Biloxi, Material shortages, and Contractors that disappear; it seems we will never get the fence finished! The 5th Brigade came together and scheduled a work day. We had everything just needed to redo some shoddy work and paint pickets, and nail them up! The 5th Brigade came together and blew it out of the water! They were able to take down, paint and put up about 7 sections of fence! Harry and the guys were thankful they were able to concentrate on the grass for that weekend! Thank you for all the OCR and SCV has done for the fence project! We will be done one day soon!

July was super busy with our monthly meeting, T-shirt sales, Forrest 200th birthday celebrations, Monument dedications in Alabama, a bonus fundraiser for the Jackson County Humane Society, and National Reunion. At national, we won 3rd place for our Mascot, Lt. Dan! Be sure to look for him in the gift shop the next time you visit Beauvoir.

We are gearing up for Run for Roses, our annual fundraiser in honor of Mr Chuck Bond. We are challenging each OCR chapter to Sponsor a Fairy garden door that will be auction off. (flyer and information will be at the bottom of the newsletter)

Fall Muster is just around the corner as well, we hope to see you all, celebrating our 35th year!





Ladies of J. A. Orr #22 – Pontotoc, Ms.

Congratulations go out to Mr. Mike Kidd, award recipient of the Charles Smith Award, for all of his help with our OCR chapter!

The Ladies of J.A. Orr were awarded the Carrie Winder McGavock Award (Cemetery preservation).

Mary Ann Forrest #23 - Brandon

In May, Charla spoke at multiple camps about her Grandfather's legacy. They were able to participate in the Capt Hoskins's Headstone Dedication. Brandi, Charla and Chandra participated in the VA2K walk and roll, completed the walk and donated toiletries.

During their June meeting, we welcomed Tricia Williamson to the OCR family and a new Member, we celebrated Chandra's birthday with cake and Tim awarded Ms. Linda with the Commander's Award for all she has done for the OCR and the Rough and Readies' SCV camp. During the meeting, the OCR pledged a donation to help with the Vandalism at Soldier's Rest.

At the State Reunion, MAF received their appreciation letter from Beauvoir for the Cemetery restoration day, The Belle Boyd Award (helping the associated SCV with projects), The Kate Cummings Award (Volunteer work), Lottie and Ginny Moon Award (Newsletter), Scrapbook award, Confederate Rose of the Year (Charla), Chapter of the Year Award, Mascot Award, Black Rose of the Year (Ashley Harris)! Way to go Ladies!

During the Arkansas Memorial, many Black Roses participated and Brandi gave greetings from the State Society. Huge shout-out to Bryan Skipworth for all his hard work!

Since the Annual Relic Show was the same weekend as the State Reunion, many ladies had to make hard decisions about where to go; some of the MAF ladies pulled double duty and drove back and forth between the relic show and reunion! With help from the OCR and many camps of the SCV, The Rough and Readies were able to donate a check to the Wounded Warriors project for \$2000!

Between State and National reunions, Charla was able to present at another camp and the MAF ladies provided lunch and snacks to the reenactors that participated in the Call to Arms at the Vicksburg Old Courthouse.

At the National Reunion, MAF had a wonderful showing – 5 ladies! Joy gave our State report, Susan placed in the State level of the Mascots, and Mrs. Robbie's Scrapbook placed 2nd in the Chapter category. Joy also was asked to do the memorial service.



Grey Roses #24 – Florence, Ms.

June was a busy month gearing up for the Mississippi State Convention in Vicksburg, MS. We had the largest number of members in attendance, 9 with 2 rosebuds. Our camp won the Rose O'Neal Greenhow Award for most new members for the second consecutive year! Two of our members won the OCR Heritage Award: Susie Bond White and Cindy Bond and one of our Rosebuds: Brooklynn Nicholson was given a State Appreciation Award for her service to the OCR. We started our camp with five members and stand strong with 25 now!! We could not be more proud of our ladies and their dedication to serving our camp brothers of the Rankin Greys Camp 2278, our Confederate Ancestors and Community Service.

We go into July working towards our next Community Project benefit for the Mississippi Wounded Warriors. Our camp is excited to be hosting a car/truck/motorcycle show in Florence, MS. Our goal is to raise money for our Wounded Veterans that are so deeply deserving. We need all the support we can muster and appreciate our sponsors' efforts to make it a success.

I speak for all my sisters in saying Deo Vindice! Brenda Bryant, VP



William P. Rogers #25 – Corinth, Ms.

The Ladies of the Col. W.P. Rogers chapter were awarded the Belle Boyd Award (helping with SCV projects) at the State Reunion in Vicksburg.

Martha Rankin #26 – Columbia, Ms.

No Report Submitted

Amanda Ann Hughey #27 – Southaven, Ms

No Report Submitted

Ladies of Tippah Tigers #28 – Pontotoc, Ms.

No Report Submitted

Fannie Grandbury #29 – Crystal Springs, Ms

No Report Submitted

State Reunion – Vicksburg 2021



National Reunion – Metairie 2021



Upcoming Events!

August 28 – Magnolia Run – Florence, Ms.

September 4 – 2nd Annual Run for Roses – Beauvoir – See Flyer Below

September 11 – OCR Quartly Meeting – Lake Tiak-O'khata – Louisville, MS.

September 11 – Fairy Ball - Beauvoir

September 18 – General and Mrs. Forrest Re-Interment – SCV Headquarters, Columbia, Tn.
(everyone has to register to attend – Please reach out if you are unsure how)

September 18 – Richie Jones Memorial Ride – Brandon, Ms.

October 16-17 – Fall Muster - Beauvoir



All Proceeds will be used for Varina's Historical Garden
\$30.00 per bike
(includes bike, rider, passenger)
(includes meal)
September 4, 2021
8am-4pm
Meal at 1pm
Trophy Presentation 3pm

Door prizes..50/50..games...raffle..special stop for a free
card...additional cards for \$1.00. Enjoy a beautiful ride through
the back roads of Mississippi.

