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MS SOCIETY ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE

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The Mississippi Society Order of 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 Confederate symbols. As there are few rules and restrictions to stifle the creativity of its members, Mississippi Society chapters are free to focus on the activities important to its members and local SCV Camps along with supporting their efforts on the state and national levels.



MS OCR members in attendance – Quarterly Meeting – Corinth, MS

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

“My good old fellow, I’ll teach you what we Southern women are good for before I am done with you.”

~ Loreta Janeta Velazquez

Words from the State President:

Ladies,

First of all, I'd like to tell each and every one of you how proud I am of the work you have all been doing over the last 3 months. The outreach has been above and beyond anything I could've imagined. We were excited to charter the newest

OCR group, Amanda Ann Hughey Chapter 27 out of Southaven, MS last month. These ladies are on fire for the cause! Our quarterly meeting held in Corinth, hosted by the William P. Rogers OCR, was out of this world! I'm so glad that we had a large attendance because these ladies were awesome hosts. Our next meeting will be hosted by Margery B. Rogers Clark Chapter 17 in Bruce, MS with date in March TBA. Please make plans to attend this meeting. Keep up the great work!

~Brandi Gray

State Officers: Brandi Gray, President; Sherry Latham, Vice-President; Sandy Smith, Secretary/Treasurer

Webpage: <https://msocr.weebly.com/>

Facebook: Mississippi Society Order of Confederate Rose

Mississippi Society Order of Confederate Rose
Quarterly Meeting
September 29, 2018

Jill Brazeal, President-Ladies of W.P. Rogers Chapter #25 welcomed all members.

Patty Young, President-Ladies of Col. J.A Orr gave the invocation.

Jill Brazeal introduced Speaker Dr. Larry Mangus.

Brandi Gray, MSOCR President gave her Opening remarks and thanked everyone for coming.

Melissa Stillman, President - Pro-Tempora led the pledges.

Sandy Smith, MSOCR Secretary/Treasurer gave a brief synopsis of minutes since they were 4 pages long and passed out copies of both minutes and financial report. A motion was made by Tara Bradley to accept and 2nd by Sandra Stillman.

Sherry Latham, Vice President MSOCR asked for a roll call of all chapters. There were 35 members present, representing chapters 9, 17, 22, 23, 25 and 27. A representative from each group gave a brief synopsis of what their chapter had done since the state meeting in June.

Old business:

Patty Young recommended that the by-laws needed to be amended immediately for any changes. Article XII: Amendments: These bylaws may be amended, repealed, altered, in whole or part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the State Society. **All Changes voted on in any meeting are to be added to or changed in the bylaws immediately.** A motion was made by Tara Bradley to accept this recommendation. 2nd by Regina Brown.

Opinions were expressed on the disbursement of the scholarship. Sandra Stillman offered to return the money from her pocket. Regina Brown made the motion to accept, 2nd by Jill Brazeal and motion passed.

New Business:

President Brandi Gray stated that we were not registered by the IRS or the Secretary of State and that she is working on getting us legal. Will give more information at the next quarterly meeting. (no vote at this time until info is gathered, cost, status, etc.)

Brenda Arthur, President Margery B. Rogers Clark Chapter #17 made a motion that any major decision to be put in by-laws immediately. 2nd by Patty Young and motion passed.

Brandi Gray presented 3 logos that are currently being used for the Society. Everyone agreed that we should keep the design that Sandy and her husband designed but add a MS Flag to the design. Will vote on at next quarterly meeting once design is updated.

Doors prizes were enjoyed by all.

Next Quarterly meeting will be hosted by the Margery B Rogers Clark Chapter #17 in March. (Date TBA)

Respectfully submitted by MSOCR Secretary/Treasurer, Sandy Smith

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Chapter High-lights

Itawamba County Chapter 8 – Fulton, MS
No News Submitted

Ella Palmer Chapter 9 – Indianola, MS
No News Submitted
<https://www.facebook.com/Ella-Palmer-Chapter-Order-of-the-Confederate-Rose-203407883032712/>

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
<https://www.facebook.com/Order-of-Confederate-Rose-Ladies-of-Col-J-A-Orr-Chapter-22-1057713014315501/>

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

Grey Roses Chapter 24 – Florence, MS
<https://www.facebook.com/greyrosesocr/>

William P. Rogers OCR Chapter 25 – Corinth, MS
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/272851049900877/>

Martha Rankin OCR Chapter 26 – Columbia, MS
<https://www.facebook.com/OCR-Chapter-26-Martha-Rankin-170508837072217/>
No News Submitted

Amanda Ann Hughey Chapter 27 – Southaven, MS
<https://www.facebook.com/OCRchapter27/>

Margery B. Rogers Clark Chapter # 17

On October 1, 2018, Betty Jean Logan and Brenda Arthur joined 76th Commander in Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. at Batesville's SCV meeting.

Lt. Moses Swanson and all vets buried in the Collums Cemetery in Bruce, MS were honored by the Black Rose Society on Sept. 22, 2018. Relatives of Mr. Swanson came from as far away as OK and TX.

Ms. Dawson (Lincoln's Confederate sister-in-law) is buried in Live Oak Cemetery in Selma, Al. Brenda Arthur visited on July 13th, then on the 14th went to celebrate Nathan Bedford Forrest's birthday at Fort Dixie. Fort Dixie is a private owned home of Butch and Pat Godwin (one of the founders of the OCR). They put on a party each year to honor Nathan's birthday.

The Margery B. Rogers Clark Chap. 17 are getting ready to feed the poll workers again.

~ Brenda Arthur, President

Officers: Brenda Arthur, President
Betty Logan, Vice-President
Sandy Smith, Secretary/Treasurer
Sherry Lathan, Historian
Linda Taylor & Jean Chandler, Event Coordinators



Ladies of Beauvoir Chapter # 20

OCR Ladies of Beauvoir # 20 worked in Varina Howell Davis' garden to prepare it for the guests during Fall Muster.

~Carla Harbin, President



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

Officers: Patty Young, President

Betty Farris, Vice-President

Brenda Barton, Secretary

Linda Hines, Treasurer



The Ladies of the Col. J.A. Orr, Chapter 22 have continued to help with their project at the Chesterville Cemetery. Carol Irving helped get a plaque for the new flag pole that was donated by the Thomas family in Memory of Keith Thomas.

The men leveled up the monument where it had settled and was unlevelled.

The Ladies furnish door prizes each month to help raise money for the OCR Ladies and the men of the camp.

The ladies are helping to raise money to clean up an abandoned Confederate Cemetery in Okolona, Ms. we will be placing a black chain link fence around it and continue its upkeep.

We had 5 ladies attend the quarterly meeting in Corinth, Ms. Nan Abbott, Sandra Barton, Shirley Brown, Linda Hines, and Patty Young.

We will be hosting the 2nd Brigade Christmas Party in December and have a Lee/Jackson Banquet planned for January 12, 2019.

~ Patty Young, President

Mary Ann Forrest Chapter # 23

The MAFOCR Chapter 23 has been super busy this quarter! We started in July with President Brandi Gray and Vice President Charla Lewis taking a trip to the 155th Gettysburg Re-enactment where they dressed out and visited tons of historical sites including the Mississippi Monument. It was a great time and a lot of fun. Next in July, Brandi Gray and Susan Jones attended National Convention in Franklin, TN. It was so wonderful to see ladies from other States and to enjoy the very informative meetings. Also, on July 13th, we provided breakfast for the Florence Public Department and then delivered school supplies to the Salvation Army on July 16th.

In August, we had Chapter Member Debby Warren representing at a benefit ride for SCV member Bobby Joe Denton. He was injured in an accident, and so we were proud of her for helping out to raise money for his medical expenses. We also had Chapter Member Susan Jones pass out beautiful handmade ribbons to Brandi and Charla for their participation at Gettysburg as well as for the Magnolia Rifles for their participation. We are super lucky to have many talented ladies in our group.

September brought a fun trip to McClain Lodge in Brandon for the ladies to enjoy something fun after their

hard work. We want to thank Charla Lewis for arranging the day.

We also had the opportunity to attend the Quarterly OCR State Meeting in September hosted by the Ladies of Col. WP Rogers OCR Chapter 25 in Corinth, MS. Attended by Brandi Gray, Stephanie Foley, Robin Pitts, Tara Bradley, Susan Jones, and Jamie Hamblin. It was a great time of good fellowship, and the ladies did an awesome job hosting. The MAF OCR Black Roses were also called upon to participate in a Dedication and Memorial Service on Saturday, September 22nd at Collums Cemetery in Bruce, MS. Our ladies gladly served and helped honor 1st. Lt. Moses Swanson who's grave had been lost up to the point. Charla, Brandi, and Jamie read the names of deceased service members from previous wars, and Jamie and Brandi sang Amazing Grace at the end of the ceremony. It was an honor to meet his family. Attendees were Brandi Gray, Charla Lewis, Robbie Lewis, and Jamie Hamblin.

We are planning the rest of the year out with more events and community service projects, and I can't wait to see what great opportunities will open up for us!

~ Brandi Gray - President

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

Robbie Lewis,

Events Coordinator



Grey Roses OCR Chapter # 24

The Grey Roses collected school supplies to be donated to Florence Middle School. Pictured are Tara Symon, Makinzi Williams, Kelly Griffin, and Heather Dafferner.

Congratulations to Heather Dafferner on her recent promotion to Vice President!!



~ Kelly Griffin, President

William P. Rogers OCR Chapter # 25

Officers: Jill Brazeal, President;

Jerri Taylor, Vice-President;

Mary Gwynn McDaniel - Secretary/Treasurer



Ladies of William P. Rogers OCR attended the 2nd Brigade Picnic at Tippah Lake on September 22nd.

W.P. Rogers hosted the September quarterly meeting. Pictured is the speaker, Dr. Larry Mangus, and the attendees.





6th Missouri infantry
living history at battery
Robinette on October
7th

Lambs Chapel clean-
up day October 6th



Amanda Ann Hughey, Chapter # 27

We are beyond excited to be part of this organization. We were chartered in on September 11, 2018 with 10 members. We just finished up our first fundraiser; it was a success. We also have several fundraisers and community services planned for the very near future. Some of us have attended several events: September 25, Angela Little, member, Christine Rhoda, Vice President, Allison Hensley, President and Donnie Hensley, PRI Samuel A Hughey SCV Camp #1452 attended Chris McDaniel campaign. September 29, Joy Redwine, Event Coordinator, Cassidy Hensley, member and Allison Hensley, President attended the Quarterly State Meeting in Corinth. October 6, Cassidy Hensley, member, Allison Hensley and Donnie Hensley attended the 156h Battle of Corinth. We joined our sisters, Corinth OCR ladies and SCV brothers. On October 9, we were patched in by our brother Stanley Rhoda, Private Samuel A. Hughey SCV Camp #1452.



Pictures from the quarterly meeting
in Corinth, MS - September 29th



Check
out our
MS
Society
OCR
Facebook
page for
more
pictures!

Confederate Lady Spotlight

Loreta Janeta Velazquez

After her husband died of an accidental gunshot wound in the Confederate army, Loreta Janeta Velazquez, a New Orleans woman born in Cuba, longed to be “a second Joan of Arc.”

She flattened her chest with wire shields and braces, put on a soldier’s uniform and assumed the name Harry T. Buford. She then went to Arkansas to raise a battalion of troops, the “Arkansas Grays,” which she equipped at her own expense. Loreta became lieutenant of the unit, commanding it at the First Battle of Bull Run, Virginia. When she grew tired of the command, she went west to fight in Kentucky and Tennessee, where she was wounded twice. Living in camp, she learned that men’s conversations were “revolting and utterly vile” and their references to women “thoroughly despicable.”

Still restless and dreaming of glory, Velazquez traveled to Richmond in 1862, where Confederates arrested her for being a woman in disguise, suspected for spying for the Union. But Loreta convinced a Rebel officer that her heart lay with the South, and she was enlisted as a Confederate secret agent, frequently operating in Canada as well as in Washington, D.C. In a book she wrote after the war, Loreta claimed to have duped several officers, including President Lincoln, and to have broken the hearts of smitten women in nearly every Confederate state.

~ Taken from: Civil War Heroines by Jill Canon

Southern Clime Lemon Sauce

Submitted by Ms. Susan Jones, Member of the Mary Ann Forrest OCR Chapter # 23

1/3 c. sugar
2 tbsp. cornstarch
1/8 tsp. salt
1 c. water

Combine: Cook until smooth and thickened. Add, and heat:

2 tbsp. lemon peel, finely-chopped (optional)
1/3 c. fresh lemon juice
1 tbsp. butter or margarine (optional)

Yield: about 1 1/2 cups

Thanksgiving and the Civil War

By Jodi Frederiksen

American Civil War Museum Collections Manager

By November 1861, the American Civil War was in full swing. Eleven states seceded from the Union, Federal troops had been called up, and the two armies had engaged in battles including Manassas and Wilson’s Creek. Though perhaps some of the initial excitement of war remained, a break came for Confederate soldiers in mid-November, 1861. Confederate President Jefferson Davis declared a “[day of fasting, humiliation and prayer](#)” to take place on November 15, 1861. While this proclamation was very similar to others that Davis issued which specifically called for a day of “thanksgiving,” that word does not appear in this message.

From the headquarters of the Valley District, Major General Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson ordered drills to be suspended for the day (see orders below). A day of fasting is completely opposite from the way most of us celebrate Thanksgiving today. Although there was no turkey, green bean casserole or pumpkin pie, we can presume that this brief respite was as welcomed by those soldiers who had spent months away from home as our modern holiday is to us.

Two years later, in 1863, U.S. President Abraham Lincoln began a tradition that Americans know well today, declaring that a national day of “Thanksgiving and Praise” would be observed on the last Thursday of November (see this proclamation below as well). While it wasn’t made an official national holiday until 1941, the day of Thanksgiving clearly has roots throughout American history.

Taken from:

<https://acwm.org/blog/thanksgiving-civil-war>

Civil War Critters

Taken from: Civil War Curiosities by Webb Garrison

Diaries and letters reveal that men in blue as well as men in gray spent time with pets to break the monotony of camp life. Many mongrel dogs were fed scraps, and several units adopted squirrels. One of them, owned by a drummer, is said to have learned to dance to the beat of its master's instruments. Officers of a Minnesota outfit bradded to comrades that their mascot was a bear cub who "smelt powder in a dozen engagements before being sent home in good condition."

Horses Kept the War Alive

Taken from: Civil War Curiosities by Webb Garrison

Confederate officers and mounted troopers were required to provide their own animals, for which they were reimbursed at the rate of forty cents per day. Its owner had to find a new one when a horse was killed, worn out, or lost; if that proved impossible, he was transferred to infantry service.

Thoughts and Prayers



Mr. Joe Cox – Father of Brandi Gray, President of the MS Society OCR and President of the Mary Ann Forrest Chapter. If you've ever met Mr. Cox, you know going to work every day is very important to him. Currently, he has been losing his balance and falling. We pray his doctors can find what is causing this, and he can continue working.

Mr. Terry Arthur – Husband of Brenda Arthur, President of the Margery B. Rogers Clark Chapter. Mr. Arthur is having a stint put in his neck. We ask for steady hands of the doctor and prayers for his quick recovery.

Submit news for newsletter to Charla Lewis, Editor
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Next printing will be at the end of December as we publish quarterly. Deadline to submit news will be Sunday, December 29th. I will e-mail the completed newsletter to Presidents in January 2019.

The editor welcomes articles and pictures; however, please note, articles or pictures received after the deadline date will not be published. Any articles and pictures received after the deadline will be held and published in the next newsletter.

The editor reserves the right to accept or reject within reason any article submitted and to edit submitted articles for length, clarity, or in any way deemed appropriate and necessary. Please note, the editor also publishes what is emailed to her. It may not reflect her thoughts.

Mississippi OCR Chapter Meetings

Itawamba County Chapter 8 – Fulton, MS
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Ella Palmer Chapter 9 – Indianola, MS
1st Saturday of each month – Fellowship Hall at 1st Presbyterian Church – 311 Catchings Street –
Indianola – 6:00 P.M.

Varina Howell Davis Chapter 11 – Brookhaven, MS
1st Monday of each month – Old Depot in Brookhaven – 5:00 P.M.

Margery B. Rogers Clark Chapter 17 – Calhoun City, MS
3rd Saturday of each month – Lighthouse Baptist Church – Hwy 32 East – 2:00 P.M.

Ladies of Beauvoir Chapter 20 – Biloxi, MS
2nd Tuesday of each month – Beauvoir – 6:30 P.M.

Ladies of J.A. Orr Chapter 22 – Pontotoc, MS
2nd Thursday of each month – Sidney's Grill Pontotoc – Hwy. 15 – 6:00 P.M.

Mary Ann Forrest Chapter 23 – Brandon, MS
1st Saturday of each month – Uncle Buck's Grill at Bass Pro – Pearl – 5:00 P.M.

Grey Roses Chapter 24 – Florence, MS
2nd Tuesday of each month – Los Cazadores – Florence – 6:30 P.M.

William P. Rogers OCR Chapter 25 – Corinth, MS
3rd Monday of each month – American Legion – S. Tate Street Corinth – 6:00 P.M.

Martha Rankin OCR Chapter 26 – Columbia, MS
1st Thursday of each month – Columbia Library Auditorium – 7:00 P.M.

Amanda Ann Hughey Chapter 27– Southaven, MS
2nd Tuesday of each month – Southaven Library – 8554 Northwest Drive – 6:00 P.M.



MS OCR Quarterly Meeting
March 2019

Hosted by the Margery B. Rogers Clark Chapter 17 – Bruce, MS
Come enjoy the meeting! Make plans to attend!



If you would like to join the Society of the Black
Rose, contact Brandi Gray at
maryannforrestocr@yahoo.com. She is now
Mississippi's Keeper of the Rite.
