



*The Rebel Rose  
Mary Ann Forrest  
OCR Chapter #23  
Brandon, MS  
November 2019*

FALL MUSTER AT BEAUVOIR – NOVEMBER 19-20, 2019

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# Order of Confederate Rose

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## What We Do

We support all endeavors sponsored by the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Each chapter is free to focus on activities important to its own sponsoring SCV Camp as well as supporting SCV state and national efforts. The OCR will support all endeavors sponsored by the SCV, including but not limited to, the preservation of ALL Confederate symbols. That support, as well as ideas and talents will determine the direction each OCR Chapter will take.

## Purpose

We assist the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and the local camps in historical, educational, benevolent, and social functions, especially the preservation of

Confederate symbols. It is a way for you to support our Confederate heritage, which is now under attack. We formed in 1993 to aid and further the cause of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and to support all endeavors sponsored by the SCV.

## Membership

The Order of Confederate Rose is open to all ladies, twelve years of age or older, regardless of ancestry. It is non-racial, non-political, and non-sectarian. The Order of Confederate Rose will not compete with the United Daughters of the Confederacy, or with any other genealogical organization. We invite members from other genealogical organizations to join with us.



*Ladies Tea at Fall Muster*



*Col. Jeffery Forrest Monument  
Dedication - Okolona, MS  
MS State OCR Mascot, J.C. Jones,  
travels to the dedication.*



# Chapter Events

## October 2019

### Words from the President:

#### Brandi Gray

“I wish that every day was Saturday and every month was October.”

– Charmaine J. Forde

October brought three main events for us. We had first an opportunity to donate more food items to the VA Freedom Foods Pantry (pictures in last month’s newsletter) as well as Fall Muster, and a headstone/fence dedication in Okolona, MS. The VA Food Pantry was a project this month of the MS Society, and we brought several bags of donated items from our Quarterly Meeting held in September, as well as cash donations. We barely put a dent in the supply and demand of the VA but we were able to provide greatly needed sustenance to several veterans.

The next event was Beauvoir’s Annual Fall Muster where the ladies enjoyed an early afternoon tea, and a very informative talk on what ladies wore in Pre and Past Civil War Days. After the tea we were invited to help unveil the newest addition to Beauvoir, a headstone memorial to President Jefferson Davis’s dog Traveler who is buried on the grounds. Chapter Member Kay McWilliams read a beautiful memorial poem to the beloved pet, and a wreath was placed on the headstone by Chapter Member Joy Redwine. VP Charla Lewis and Chapter Member Susan Jones unveiled the beautiful Memorial and stood in honor as a gun salute was given.

Our next event was the dedication to Col. Jeffery Forrest at the site where he fell in the Battle of Okolona. This was a remembrance day for Col. Forrest as well as the Confederate Soldiers buried on the grounds in unmarked graves. A new fence was also dedicated surrounding the marker.

As you can see we have had a very busy but gratifying month. Stay tuned for happenings in November! We will possibly be providing lunch for the National Guard Armory for Thanksgiving as well as dressing out to ring the bells for the Salvation Army.

- **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
– **Monthly Meeting**
- **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** – **Fall Muster at Beauvoir**
- **Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**  
– **Col. Jeffery Forrest Monument Dedication**



Miss Rose makes a visit to Beauvoir during Fall Muster.

See you all at the next meeting.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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#### OFFICERS:

Brandi Gray – President

Charla Lewis – Vice-President

Robin Pitts – Secretary

Robbie Lewis – Events Coordinator

*This month, we welcomed 4 new members: Christi Campsey, Joy Redwine (transfer), Cindy Elmore (transfer), and Elizabeth Ashley Harris. Welcome ladies. See you at the next meeting! If you haven't received your certificate and pin, we will present them to you at the next meeting.*

FALL MUSTER 2019  
LADIES TEA



Traveler's Stone Dedication – Susan Jones, Charla Lewis, and Joy Redwine were honored to be able to unveil the new stone to Jefferson Davis' beloved dog. Mrs. Kay also took part in ceremony by reading a memorial poem about Traveler.

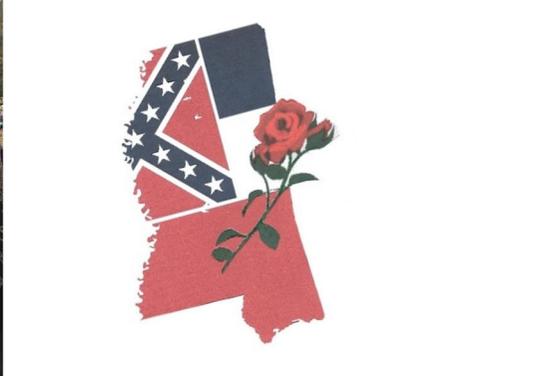


**The Mary Ann Forrest OCR also helped with their host camp's, Camp # 265's Turkey Shoot, and Charla Lewis even helped out with a CSS Arkansas Living History.**





MAF OCR wishes to thank the J.A. Orr SCV Camp for allowing them to take part in the Col. Jeffery Forrest Monument Dedication. We have been looking forward to this event and loved being able to pay our respects by placing flowers on the grave.



## Civil War Lady Emma Balfour Vicksburg, MS

Born in Virginia in 1818, Emma Harrison moved to Mississippi with her first husband, remaining here after his death in 1844. Three years later she married Dr. William Balfour of Vicksburg and became a member of the city's social elite. On Christmas Eve, 1862, the Balfours hosted a gala Christmas ball celebrating the defeat of Grant's forces in north Mississippi. The ball, however, was rudely interrupted when a wet, mud-covered courier named Phillip Fall barged in among the dancers and notified the Confederate commander of the imminent arrival of the Union Expeditionary Force led by William T. Sherman. The commander declared, *"This ball is at an end; the enemy are coming down the river, all non-combatants must leave the city."*

Fortunately for the citizens of Vicksburg, Sherman's force was defeated along the banks of Chickasaw Bayou. But the spring of 1863 brought a larger, more deadly enemy force led by Grant, who marched against Vicksburg and laid siege to the city. Mrs. Balfour and hundreds of others were trapped and forced to live underground in caves to escape the constant bombardment of Union land-based and river gunboat cannon and heavy mortars. Maintaining a diary of daily life in Vicksburg, and detailing with great emotion the horrors of cave life and the sufferings of the civilian population of the city, she survived the siege and Union occupation to resume a normal life in Vicksburg. Dr. Balfour died in 1877 and Emma followed him nine years later. They are buried in Vicksburg Cedar Hill Cemetery, but her diary remains to chronicle the experiences of the brave citizens of Vicksburg and their terrifying quest for survival when war engulfed their homes.

~Taken from:

[https://www.nps.gov/vick/learn/historyculture/emma-balfour.htm?fbclid=IwAR3Yqo23bMpUGLx\\_OsWdUbc\\_OkAnwgnRsMDEk836wzmiVG\\_TiUnrVCyGzLI](https://www.nps.gov/vick/learn/historyculture/emma-balfour.htm?fbclid=IwAR3Yqo23bMpUGLx_OsWdUbc_OkAnwgnRsMDEk836wzmiVG_TiUnrVCyGzLI)



The teddy bears & stuffed animals were delivered to the Southwest Rankin Fire Department Clear Branch location on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The SWRFD states, it is so helpful to have a comfort animal in emergency situations. These will be stocked on the trucks for the responders to use on calls in the community.



Thank you Christine, Robbie, and Charla for helping with this LAST MINUTE request of Halloween candy for the VA Hospital Halloween Party. They ask and we fulfill.

# Mary Ann Forrest OCR EVENTS with Camp # 265 & Surrounding Camps

## Mary Ann Forrest OCR

1. *Camp Moore Reenactment - November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>*
2. *Salvation Army Bell Ringing - Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> - Bass Pro*
3. *Check email/Facebook for details with National Guard Armory lunch*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

SCV Member's Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

OCR Member's Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in (Check all that apply)?

1] Starting a new Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

2] Joining an existing Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

3] Joining as an at-large member \_\_\_\_\_

4] General information \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Application and \$20.00 dues to:  
 Sandy Smith, MSOCR Secretary/Treasurer . . . P.O. Box 112 . . . Bruce, MS 38915  
 Or call (H) 662-983-3214 or (C) 662-414-1092. Or E-mail to [sas212@brucelephone.com](mailto:sas212@brucelephone.com)

**To join an existing OCR Chapter** of an SCV Camp, see the list inside or contact the Society to see if new chapters have formed since this brochure was printed.

**To establish a new Chapter of the OCR**, you must have a least seven (7) members. Your group will need to decide on a chapter name, and fill out the Charter application. You will need a letter of recommendation from the affiliate SCV camp. Please check with the Society about the dues. These items should be sent to the MS Society of Order of Confederate Rose, and they will issue the charter. A sample packet of these forms, a list of the steps to take, and fuller information on the OCR can be obtained by contacting the MS Society or visiting us online.

Mississippi Society OCR  
<http://msocr.weebly.com/>

**If there is not an OCR chapter in your town**, you may join the Mississippi Society OCR as a Member-at-Large. Contact us for more details.



### An Invitation to Join the Mississippi Society Order of Confederate Rose

#### What is the OCR?

The Order of the Confederate Rose is an independent support group to the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (MDSCV) and the local camps thereof, governed by its own bylaws and standing rules. The organization is nonprofit, nonracial, nonpolitical and nonsectarian. Our annual meeting, open to all members, is held during the annual convention of the MDSCV. We encourage all to attend.

#### Who may join the OCR?

In MS, age requirements are 12 years or older ladies. At-large membership is open to anyone 12 years or older. OCR will not compete with the UDC or any other genealogical organization. You do not need a relative in the SCV, nor an ancestor in the CSA. All you need is a desire to support our Confederate Heritage. We invite members of other genealogical societies to join as well.

#### What will the OCR do?

Our goal is to aid and further the cause of the SCV and to support endeavors sponsored by the SCV when they request our assistance. Each state is free to focus on projects or problems important to its own area as well as to support efforts of national scope. The OCR will aid the SCV by providing additional communications, promoting educational programs and organizing social functions.

#### How did the OCR get its name?

Mrs. Rose O'Neal Greenhow was a 40 year old widow, a mother of four and a passionate secessionist when the War Between the States broke out. She ran an elaborate spy ring, for the Confederacy, from her home on 16th Street in Washington, D.C.

Following her arrest for spying by the U.S. War Department, Mrs. Greenhow was confined in her home and then in Old Capital Prison in Washington with her eight year old daughter for five months.

After being paroled and agreeing to never return to Washington, Mrs. Greenhow was greeted by cheering crowds in Virginia. She soon went to England to raise funds for the Confederacy.

In 1864, after a year abroad, Mrs. Greenhow boarded a British blockade-runner, the Condor, to take her home. just prior to arriving at her destination, the vessel ran aground at the mouth of

the Cape Fear River near Wilmington, NC. To avoid the pursuing Union gunboat, Mrs. Greenhow attempted to flee in a rowboat. When the small boat capsized, Mrs. Greenhow was dragged under the water due to the weight of the gold, royalties from her book, sewn into her dress.

In October 1864, Rose O'Neal Greenhow was buried with full military honors in Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington, NC. Her coffin was wrapped in the Confederate flag and carried by Confederate troops.



**Next Meeting:**  
**November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6:00 P.M. -**  
**Fernando's Hwy 471 - Brandon**  
**NEW LOCATION!!**

**Civil War Facebook Page/Group Spotlight:**

- *Sergeant J. C. Jones*
- *Soldiers Rest Confederate Cemetery Vicksburg Ms*
- *Camp Moore Re-enactment*

*Happy Birthday MAF  
Members:*

*November:*

*Kayla Craft 11/4  
Beth Mitchell 11/7  
Melanie Benton 11/11  
Kay McWilliams 11/17  
Christine Heathman-Hart 11/18  
Missie Ramsey 11/26  
Cathy Wooten 11/27  
Gracie Craft 11/27*

*We are always in need of items  
for goodie-bags to distribute at  
our Recruitment Tents. Please,  
let Brandi or Charla know if  
you'd like to help!*

**Civil War Quote:  
Miss Light Artillery  
Captain Company G**

Capt. James J. Cowan (1st Miss Light Artillery) writes to his sister Irene Cowan (living in Eufaula Ala. Apr. 11 1864) that "Tarlt [Tarleton, his cousin] went out foraging yesterday and found some good old motherly lady who filled his bucket with butter, bread, wafulls, fried ham, sausage and apple pies and at another place, he got two canteens of buttermilk. We had enough to last him, Granville, and myself for three meals. You may be sure we feasted while it lasted..."

**Send any pictures or news you  
would like to see printed in  
upcoming newsletters to  
Charla Lewis. The next printing  
will be in December. Deadline  
to submit is Monday,  
November 18, 2019.**

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*Please keep MAF OCR Member, Mrs. Maureen Chatham in your  
prayers. She is recovering from ankle surgery.*