



LADIES OF THE MAF OCR AT ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT WITH OUR HOST CAMP, # 265

The Rebel Rose Mary Ann Forrest OCR Chapter #23

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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.



What an awesome opportunity we had participating in the 9th Annual V&A ZK to help raise awareness for homeless veterans.



Our annual Civil War Relic Show is upon us. Our SCV guys need our help. Please, make plans to attend June 7th - 9th.

Chapter Events - May 2019

- MAF May Meeting – Saturday, May 4th
- 3rd Brigade Picnic – Saturday, May 11th
- VA2k – Raising awareness for homeless veterans – Wednesday, May 15th
- Crystal Springs Southern Rights meeting – Thursday, May 16th
- Trail of Honor with our host camp, Rankin Rough & Ready's – Saturday, May 18th



Words from the President:

Brandi Gray

School is officially out for the summer, and we had a fantastic month. Our first order of business was the 3rd Brigade Picnic where we presented what all the OCR has been doing over the last year. It was a great time of food and fellowship. Several of our ladies then participated in the Ninth Annual VA2K to benefit our homeless veterans. Entry fee was toiletries and other items that will be sent home with veterans who can't afford these simple items, and we had a great time! The next event was Trail of Honor where our ladies supported Camp 265 with the Turkey Shoot and also provided fun crafts for the children like making rag dolls as well as working the registration table for the shooters. I'm very proud of the ladies and their efforts. I'm also proud to announce that our very own events coordinator Robbie Lewis and her husband Charles Lewis were invited to a VA Luncheon honoring the many volunteers for their dedication and commitment to making a difference in our veteran's lives. They each received an award, and we are so proud to have them as part of our Chapter and host Camp. Now we are gearing up for the upcoming Reunion and Relic Show, and the ladies are working overtime to ensure it's the best one yet. We hope to see you all there, and we pray God blesses our efforts.

ON THE HOME FRONT!



On April 2nd, MAF OCR member, Susan J., helped clean Polkville/Puckett Confederate Stones. They cleaned 17 stones in 8 cemeteries.



Charla, VP, along with her mother flagged her great-great grandfather's grave in Vernon, LA. His family chose for him to have a Mason tomb, but he served in Co. E of the 8th Regiment, Louisiana Cavalry.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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This month, we officially welcomed Mrs. Cathy Wooten as a member and Amree Herrmann as a Rosebud.



The MAF OCR ladies joined the 3rd Brigade SCV men at their annual picnic. Thank you for allowing us to enjoy the food, fellowship, and fun.

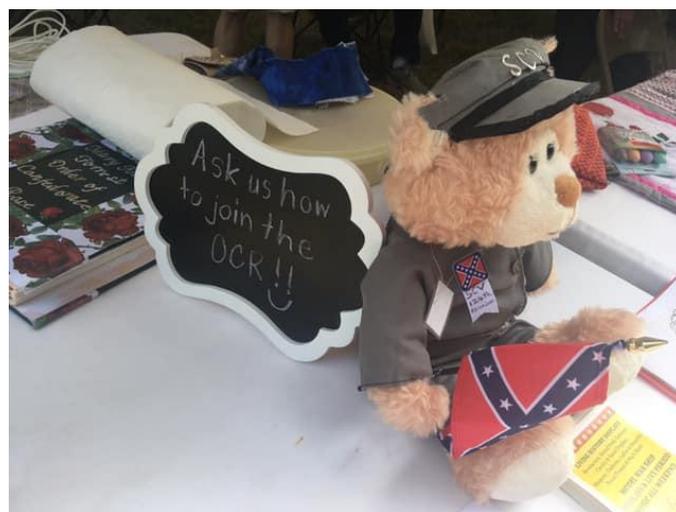


Jamie, Christine, Brandi, Charla, and Brayden of Camp # 265 participated in the 9th Annual OARK to draw awareness to homeless veterans. Our entrance fee was toiletries that will sadly be given to veterans that can't afford them.



Did You Know: After President Abraham Lincoln died on April 15, 1865, his leather wallet was found to contain a \$5 Confederate bill, imprinted with the image of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Lincoln may have gotten the bill when he visited Petersburg and Richmond earlier in the month.

Trail of Honor - MAF ladies helping support their host camp, Rankin Rough & Ready's. Lots of targets were hit and money raised for a great cause. We wonder who the best shooter of the weekend was. Come to an upcoming meeting to find out.



Robbie helps two little girls make period correct rag dolls, Charla and Jamie watch the opening ceremony, Amree passes out Relic Show flyers, Robin helps out at the Turkey shooting tables, and MAF OCR ladies enjoy each other's friendship.



Civil War Lady
Amy Clark

One of the most famous Confederate female soldiers, who served in both cavalry and infantry, was **Mrs. Amy Clark**. At the age of 30, she enlisted as a private in a cavalry regiment with her husband Walter, so she wouldn't be separated from him. Also known as Anna, she used the name **Pvt. Richard Anderson** and fought with Walter until his death at the Battle of Shiloh on April 6, 1862.

A newspaper story from Mississippian on December 30, 1862 reported:

"Among the strange, heroic and self-sacrificing acts of woman in this struggle for our independence, we have heard of none which exceeds the bravery displayed and hardships endured by the subject of this notice, Mrs. Amy Clarke.

Mrs. Clarke volunteered with her husband as a private, fought through the battles of Shiloh, where Mr. Clarke was killed -- she performing the rites of burial with her own hands. She then continued with Bragg's army in Kentucky, fighting in the ranks as a common soldier, until she was twice wounded -- once in the ankle and then in the breast, when she fell prisoner into the hands of the Yankees. Her sex was discovered by the Federals and she was regularly paroled as a prisoner of war, but they did not permit her to return until she had donned female apparel. Mrs. C was in our city on Sunday last, en route for Bragg's command."

She may have re-enlisted after her release from prison because the following August she was seen wearing lieutenant's bars at Turner's Station, Tennessee, and was recognized as the heroic Amy Clarke, causing a sensation among the soldiers. A Texas cavalry soldier who saw her, wrote a letter home to his father saying:

"One of the soldiers directed my attention to a youth apparently about seventeen years of age well dressed with a lieutenant's badge on his collar. I remarked that I saw nothing strange. He then told me that the young man was not a man but a female."

~Taken from:

<http://civilwarsoldierwomen.blogspot.com/2011/01/amy-clarke.html>

Ladies don't forget you are needed...

1. Our annual MS OCR Reunion is this month – We hope to see you in Brandon on Saturday, June 8th. You don't want to miss the ladies tea. Remember to bring a door prize, if possible. We are the host chapter; it's going to be an EPIC weekend.
2. Our host camp's annual relic show is also this month – We play a huge role in the success of this event. – June 8th and 9th at Brandon City Hall.

Name: _____
 Address/City/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ DOB: _____
 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 _____

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.

Mail Application and \$20.00 dues to:
 Sandy Smith, MSOCR Secretary/Treasurer... P.O. Box 112... Bruce, MS 38915
 Or call (H) 662-983-3216 or (C) 662-414-1092 Or E-mail to sas212@brietelephone.com



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.



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

OCR MAF EVENTS

1. June 8th - 9th (Saturday & Sunday) - SCU/OCR Reunion and our Annual Relic Show with our host camp, # 265 - Brandon, MS - Don't forget about the ladies OCR tea on Saturday! Ladies, be prepared to bring a door prize if you're attending. See you at Brandon City Hall!
2. June 15th - 16th - Vicksburg Call to Arms - Vicksburg Military Park - 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. - MAF OCR ladies are invited to dress out in day/camp dresses. Contact Charles Tucker with any questions.
3. June 22nd - Confederate Marker Dedication Honoring Corp. Thomas O. McDonald - McDonald Cemetery, Good Hope, MS - 11:00 A.M. - Contact MAF OCR Member, Susan Jones with any questions.
4. July 12th Weekend - Mobile, AL - National OCR Reunion - Contact Brandi Gray with any questions.
5. July 20th - MAF OCR and SCU # 265 Outing - Spinners Bowling Alley in Florence - 5:30 P.M. - Contact Chris Merck with any questions.

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 Facebook Page Spotlight:

- The Civilian Civil War Closet

Civil War Quote:

“There is nothing on this earth as grand and inspiring, raising the soul of the Confederate soldier to those heavenly heights as the life-stirring strains of ‘Dixie’ and that soul-bursting rebel yell.”

- William Josiah McMurray
Private, 20th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry
Confederate States Army

Happy Birthday MAF Members:

June

Lisa Hinson	6/10
Carly Alsup	6/12
Mary Merck	6/27



MAF OCR and Camp # 265 were honored at the VA Volunteer Luncheon. Mrs. Robbie and Mr. Charles accepted the awards on behalf of the honors we have helped with the Annual Christmas Shoppes, VA2K Walk, Food Pantry Drives, etc.

Minutes May 2019 Meeting Recorded by: Charla Lewis, VP

- President Brandi Gray called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.
- No official minutes to adopt as we didn't have an April meeting
- New Rosebud Member, Amree Herrmann – Presented certificate during Camp # 265 meeting
- Brandi reported out on past and upcoming events.
 - May 5th – Bogue Chitto Flag Dedication – 2:00 P.M.
 - May 11th – 3rd Brigade Picnic, Chataqua Park in Crystal Springs – 10 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
 - May 15th – Ninth Annual VA2K – bring socks, toiletries, etc. as entry – 2:30 P.M. – Thank you Jeremy Bowling, Camp # 265 member, and MAF OCR member, Susan Lampkin for your donations.
 - May 18th – Living History, Old Courthouse Museum, Vicksburg, 9:00 A.M.
 - May 18th – 19th – Trail of Honor Turkey Shoot with our host camp
 - June 7th – 9th – Relic Show/Reunion – We need ALL available help! – Brandon City Hall
 - July 10th – 13th – National Reunion/Convention – Mobile, AL – OCR meeting Saturday morning – See Brandi for a registration form.
- Special thank you to everyone who participated in Confederate Heritage Month
- At the state Memorial Service at Beauvoir, the MS Society OCR donated \$1,000.00 to Varina's Garden. The MS Society also donated \$100.00 each to the Stockdale Rangers and Corinth Mega Flag Projects.
- MAF OCR, Melanie Benton discussed upcoming movie auditions for her husband's books. She would love for some of our ladies to participate.
- Deadline to submit news for June newsletter is Monday, May 20th.
- Adjourned meeting at 5:35 P.M.

**Do you have your t-shirt?
Don't forget to order one.
\$20.00**



Next Meeting:

**June 1st: Bass Pro in Pearl – 5:00 P.M. –
Bring a friend or two!**

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

Praises, MAF OCR Member, Dianne Greenlee has received good reports since her surgery.

Send any pictures or news you would like to see printed to Charla Lewis for upcoming newsletters. The next printing will be in July. Deadline to submit is Monday, June 24, 2019.

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