



LADIES OF THE MAF OCR LAY WREATH AT LOWRY RIFLES MEMORIAL SERVICE – APRIL 13, 2019

The Rebel Rose Mary Ann Forrest OCR Chapter #23

Brandon, MS

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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.



SCV Camp # 265 and Mary Ann Forrest OCR Candlelight Memorial Service



Mary Ann Forrest OCR hosted a Decoration Day Service at Drakes United Methodist Church – Circled around a tomb of an unknown soldier in prayer

Chapter Events – April 2019

- MAF April Meeting & Candlelight Memorial Service – Saturday, April 6th
- Confederate Memorial Service with Lowry Rifles – Saturday, April 13th – Brandon
- Confederate Memorial Service with the Lt. General John C. Pemberton SCV – Sunday, April 14th – Vicksburg
- Confederate Memorial Service with the 3rd Brigade – Saturday, April 20th – Magnolia
- Decoration Day Memorial Service – Saturday, April 20th – Drakes United Methodist Church – Flowood
- MS SCV State Memorial Service – Saturday, April 27th – Beauvoir – Biloxi



Words from the President:

Brandi Gray

April was super busy with Confederate Heritage Month! The ladies attended Memorial Services from Central to South Mississippi and laid wreaths to honor our ancestors. Our most special service was at Drakes Cemetery in Flowood, where we flagged several graves and left coins on the headstones. At Beauvoir's State Memorial Service we were able to donate \$1000 on behalf of the Mississippi Society OCR along with many other Chapters across the State to help eventually rebuild Varina's Garden to its historic splendor. It was quite an honor to be there and take part in such a memorable Service. And now we move our focus to the upcoming Trail of Honor and the Relic Show/Division Reunion. We will need all hands on deck to assist with these two very important events. Again, we'd like to thank our host Camp 265, Rankin Rough & Ready's for all they do to assist us. Can't wait to see you all at the May meeting!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Facebook: Order of Confederate Rose Mary Ann Forrest Chapter

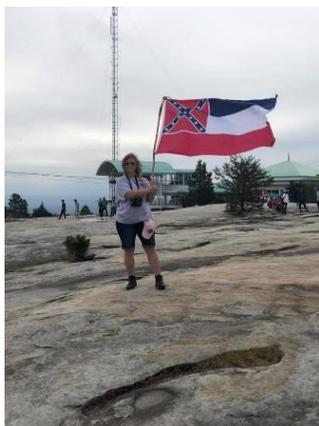
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ON THE HOME FRONT!



MAF OCR member, Susan J., visits Stone Mountain and attends the 18th Annual National Confederate Memorial Service

OFFICERS:

Brandi Gray – President

Charla Lewis – Vice-President

Robin Pitts – Secretary

New Roses

At our April meeting, we welcomed Mrs. Elva's granddaughter, Amree McNeil Herrmann as our newest Rosebud.



Brandon, MS Confederate Memorial Service with the Lowry Rifles of Rankin County

Black Roses participants (above left)

Susan, Brandi, Tara, and Jamie lay wreaths in honor of the CSA soldiers (above)

Jamie lays the wreath at the Candlelight Memorial Service hosted by the Rankin Rough and Ready's and the Mary Ann Forrest OCR.

From Brandon, to Vicksburg, to Magnolia, to Biloxi, and everywhere in between, April brought MANY Confederate Memorial Services. At each, we were able to wear our Black Rose Society dress and lay a wreath. What an honor it was to show our appreciation to the boys in gray.



Confederate Memorial Services continued:

Right: Vicksburg, MS

Brandi and Charla were both invited to bring words on behalf of the OCR.



State SCV Memorial Service
- Biloxi, MS

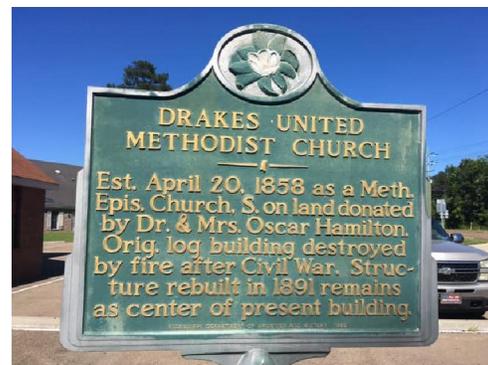
Susan and Charla lay the
OCR wreath at the Tomb of
the Unknown Soldier.



3rd Brigade Memorial Service - How special it was to flag the graves of the soldiers as their names were read.



The Mary Ann Forrest OCR hosted their 1st Decoration Day Memorial Service this year at Drakes United Methodist Church in Flowood. How memorable it was to decorate the graves of these honorable men with a battle flag, flowers, and a coin. What a blessing it was to gather around their tombs hand in hand and sing *Amazing Grace*. We hope to continue this service into the years to come. Thank you, Events Coordinator, Robbie Lewis, for organizing this event.



Confederate Lady

Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest

Nathan Bedford Forrest was not a man that Samuel Montgomery wanted his niece to marry. In the early 1840's when this young Tennessean appeared in Hernando, Mississippi to court Mary Ann Montgomery, her Uncle Sam tried to discourage him. Mary Ann's father had died and Samuel, a Presbyterian minister, was her closest male guardian, and no Christian would have wanted their loved one mixed up with Bedford Forrest. When asked for permission to marry his ward, the preacher responded, "Why, Bedford, I couldn't consent. You cuss and gamble and Mary Ann is a Christian girl." "I know it," replied Forrest, "and that's just why I want to marry her." A "Christian" Forrest was not, but a protective and chivalrous man, he could be. Mary Ann's guardian officiated at their September 1845 wedding.

Mary Ann and her mother were on their way home one day when they got their horse and wagon stuck in a creek. While two young men sat laughing at them on the creek bank, another young man rode up into the creek on his horse, dismounted, carried the ladies to safety, and then pushed their wagon out of the creek. He then walked over to the young "no goods" and told them to stop laughing and move on or he would give them both a thrashing. They fled, and the "good Samaritan" went back and introduced himself to the damsels in distress. His name was Nathan Bedford Forrest, and he desperately wanted to see Mary Ann again.

The next week, Forrest rode out to the Montgomery place and began his quest to win the hand of Mary Ann. He promised her family that they would never have to worry about her safety because he would take good care of her. Six weeks later they were married and living their life in Mississippi.

Confederate Heritage Month – The Mary Ann Forrest OCR way

April was a very busy month for the Mary Ann Forrest Order of Confederate Rose.

We are honored to have taken part in Confederate Memorial Services around the state, as well as host a candlelight memorial service at Camp 265's April meeting.

On April 6th, we hosted an in house candlelight memorial service honoring camp 265's members' ancestors.

On April 13th, we were proud to have been invited by the Lowery Rifles to lay a wreath at the Old Brandon Cemetery.

On April 14th, we were invited to lay a wreath, and Charla and Brandi were both invited to bring words on behalf of the OCR at the Lt. General Pemberton, Vicksburg Memorial Service.

Then on April 20th, we were invited to the 3rd Brigade Memorial Service where Brandi and Charla laid a wreath and decorated the graves of the soldiers while they were being honored with their names read aloud.

Then on April 27th, we were honored to lay a wreath at the State Memorial Service held at Beauvoir in Biloxi. Brandi spoke on behalf on the MS OCR and presented the Ladies of Beauvoir a \$1,000.00 donation to be used in Varina's garden. Susan J. and Charla were honored to represent the MS OCR and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Solider.

MAF OCR member, Mrs. Debby Warren and granddaughter, Makenah, represented us at the Marion Cemetery Memorial Service hosted by the Nathan Bedford Forrest SCV. (See picture below)

Thanks to all the ladies who braved the weather and made the drives to participate in these services.

~ Robbie & Charla Lewis



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

OCR MAF EVENTS

1. Wednesday, May 15th - Rock and Roll VA Hospital 2K - 3:00 P.M.ish - Bring men's socks and toiletries as your entrance fee.
2. May 18th - 19th - Trail of Honor with our host camp, #265 - Harley Davidson of Jackson - It's Turkey Shooting time!
3. June 8th - 9th (Saturday & Sunday) - SCV/OCR Reunion & Relic Show - Brandon, MS - **WE ARE HOSTING THIS EVENT!** - Don't forget about the ladies OCR tea on Saturday! Ladies, be prepared to bring a door prize if you're attending.

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 Pages Spotlight:

- Confederate 901

Send any pictures or news you would like to see printed to Charla Lewis for upcoming newsletters. The next printing will be in June. Deadline to submit is Monday, May 20, 2019.

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Happy Birthday MAF Members:

May

Lawanna Jones 5/16

Next Meeting:

**May 4th: Bass Pro in Pearl - 5:00 P.M. -
Bring a friend or two!**

Minutes

April 2019 Meeting

NO Meeting was conducted as President, Brandi Gray, was not in attendance due to prior commitments.

Ladies gathered around the table and discussed the upcoming memorial services.

- Deadline to submit news for June newsletter is May 20th.



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

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 _____

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



Please, be in prayer for MAF OCR member, Dianne Greenlee. The Lord knows her concerns. She gives them to Him, and He will give her peace of mind and understanding.