

Confederate Rose Notes

2023



Issue 1



Newly Elected Officers

Annette Lindsey, President; Susie Fulwood, Vice President;
Gail Jessee, Secretary; Kym Stevens, Treasurer;
Joyce DeVane Mallory, Chaplain; and
Talissa Wilson, Historian



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Message from President Annette Lindsey



Roses and Thorns,

I want to say Thank you for your love and support. I am so excited to be working with each of you again for the next two years. I have been busy getting membership certificates out and working with chapter presidents to update our membership list. Susie Fulwood is ready to start working on new member applications.

I am also working with Mr. Bob Foley to get our website up and running. I really appreciate his patience with working with me. I hope to have this up and running within the next few weeks.

On the 19th, I will be heading to Hot Springs, AR to represent the Florida Society at the National Confederation meeting. I have all the scrapbooks ready to and in my suitcase. I am so excited to be going and representing all of you. All of you have been so busy this past year.

I have received several invitations from chapters or SCV Camps that have some many wonderful things going on. We will have a calendar up an running very soon. Mary McPherson will be keeping us up to date on things happening around Florida so please let her and myself know if you have something to add to the calendar.

Please let me know if you have any events or meetings that you would like for me to attend. I love traveling around and seeing old friends and making new friends.

Annette Lindsey
President



May 27, I had the privilege to place a wreath at the CSS Chattahoochee Monument.

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Florida Society Officers Report

Florida Society Vice President

Roses and Thorns,

Thank you for electing me as your Vice President. I am looking forward to working with each of you this coming year.

Please send all applications and membership dues to me and I will work with the President to get your membership certificate.

If you have any questions dealing with the Membership forms, please feel free to contact me anytime.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Mary Ann Harvey Black Chapter 5
Life Time Thorn Kelly Crocker

Emeline Piggot Chapter 24
Rose Abigail Haynes
Thorn Tim Pennington

Thanks for your help working to protect our heritage.

A decorative scroll with a light blue background and a gold border. The scroll is adorned with yellow and purple flowers and green leaves. The title "Secretary Scribbling" is written in a cursive font at the top. The text on the scroll is as follows:

Secretary Scribbling

Dear Roses:

Each chapter has an interesting history that should be in print for other to read and and be inspired by.

So, please consider sending me your chapter's history, so it can be compiled into a booklet to share.

Here is what I will need:

- Chapter name and number
- When chartered with how many members.
- Why the name for chapter was chosen; was it to honor a person, location or a compilation.
- Name of 1st president, if known
- Do you have photo of the person or place
- Brief write up with pertinent info about the chapter and its activities.

Gail Jessee
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Florida Society Treasurer

Thank you for placing me in such an important position. I look forward to working with the new Executive Board.

I will do my utmost to follow faithfully in the footsteps of those before me and of Christopher Memminger as well. He was as one of only 3 men who served as Treasurer for the Confederate States of America.

Here is a little history of money during the war:

Mr. Memminger was the first Secretary of the Treasury for our beloved south. When Jefferson Davis formed his first cabinet, Memminger was appointed Secretary of the Treasury on February 21, 1861. It was a difficult task in view of the Confederacy's financial challenges. He served until July 1864 facing extreme difficulties trying to keep the Confederacy afloat. His face was placed upon the 5-dollar bill.

Confederate Treasury Notes were hand signed by various clerks, with exception of the 50 cent issues that had the printed signatures of Robert Tyler and Edward C. Elmore. The first six notes issued were hand signed by the Register and Treasurer themselves. While hand signatures were considered an anti-counterfeiting tool, the sheer number of bills being produced could not reasonably be signed individually by two men each. Women were often hired as clerks to sign "for Register" and "for Treasurer". Up to 200 clerks were eventually hired for each.





Greetings

Congratulations to all the new State Officers of the Florida Society, looking forward to a great season.

Welcome new members of the Florida Society, good job Chapters for Life/Regular Membership Roses & Thorns.

Your Chapters members can also be Florida Division Aide-De-Camp (Guardians of a Headstone), Black Rose Society.

Reminder I'm gathering information for next years scrapbook, if you have files, photos, news articles you want to preserve send them to me by email or P.O. Box12656 Fort Pierce, Fl 34979. My position is your backup system to help keep your chapter history, incase of damaged equipment, viruses, change of officers to insure up to date files.

Any questions feel free to contact me

Talissa Wilson, Florida State Historian

Greetings from your State Chaplain: Joyce DeVane Mallory

May God's blessings fall upon each and every one of you!

Please let me know of any member that needs to be remembered in prayer or could use a card of encouragement.

I am in prayer for our country and our leaders. God said we should pray for our leaders.

He did not say "only if you like them". I encourage y'all to pray for each other and for me. Prayer will encourage and support us in these uncertain times. Please feel free to reach out to me if you are in need of prayer, or just an ear to listen. I endeavor to serve the Order of Confederate Roses as Chaplain to the best of my abilities.

Remember, God's love is eternal!

You may reach me at my email: Joyous1861@gmail.com.



Remember, we have a Facebook account! If you are a
OCR member, please look for
Order of Confederate Rose Florida Society

Chapter News

Phoebe Pember Yates Chapter 1 Joanne Hatfield

Since the last Annual Florida Division Reunion –Trenton. FL:

- Attended the July 2022 - National OCR - SCV Reunion in Centerville, GA
- Continue to actively defend the Southern defense against the changing of confederate names of streets in the City of Hollywood
- Participated in numerous street clean ups and the repair of street signs
- Attended the Masonry and the Civil War Play in Ft. Lauderdale
- Donations for Toys for Tots which was a great success
- Participated in Confederate Christmas Dinner
- Participated in Lee Jackson Dinner at Davies's Woman's Club in Davie, FL
- Attended the re-enactment in Olustee, FL Feb 18 and 19 2023
- Attended the Narcoossee Mill re-enactment Mar 25 and 26 20223
- Participated in Miami River Days April 1, 2023
- Reunion June 2023 in Trenton FL
- We had really extensive damage to Miami Cemetery Monument and gravesites. We are assisting the UDC and the SCV Camp 471 and SCV Camp 1395 in making repairs. We are asking for donations to help with the costs for doing the repairs. We clean and visit and place a wreath at the Monument every month.
- I had to track down the UDC #796 president and vice president and other members so that they can attend our functions like they did before and also get their assistance with the Miami Cemetery Monument and gravesites, since they are the owners.
- Participated in the Tri-County Motorcade on Confederate Memorial Day on April 22, 2023. The "Southern Contingent" covers three counties marking graves of 171 Confederate Veterans and conducting memorial services at each one. We meet the "Northern Contingent" coming from Melbourne in West Palm Beach for a combined service before going to a fellowship dinner at Cracker Barrel.
- We support both SCV Camp 471 and SCV Camp 1395.
- Assisting in presenting Hunley Awards to JROTC Students in Miami Dade County and 1 in Lake County
- We assist the SCV with their gun and knife drawings as fund raisers.

Upcoming-

- National OCR-SCV Reunion, Hot Springs, AK this year
- Candy Cane Parade – Hollywood December
- St. Patrick's Day Parade – Hollywood March



Mary Ann Harvey Black Chapter 5

Lisa Bess,
President

Reactivated the Chapter May of 2022 with 18 members, have added two more during the year. We will be renewing our Chapter with 19 members.

Here is a list of things that we assisted Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 with:

- Veterans Village Cookout in June of 2022
- Thomas J. Bruton Headstone dedication December 2022 in Bainbridge, GA
- Lee Jackson Dinner in January of 2023
- Natural Bridge event by manning the Camp Store
- Soldiers Cemetery Memorial Service April 22, 2023
- UDC Remembrance Service at Old City Cemetery April 23, 2023



Ellen Clark McNeill Chapter 7
Gail R. Jessee,
President

2022

June members:

- Attended State Reunion in Trenton, Florida.
- Visited Union Memorial in Wisconsin.
- Visited Ft Donaldson, Battle of Franklin, Carter House & Texas Monument in Tennessee.
- Chapter President gave talk on Varina Davis, 1st Lady of the South, to UDC chapter in Tampa.

July members:

- Placed Independence Day wreath at Lakeland's Confederate monument in Veterans Park.
- Attended 3 WBTS events in Kingsport, Knoxville & Crossville, Tennessee.
- Chapter President was the guest speaker at the National OCR Reunion in Cartersville, Georgia.

November members:

- Placed Veterans Day Wreath at Lakeland's Confederate Monument in Veterans Park.
- Participated in the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg, PA.

December members:

- Placed Christmas wreaths at Lakeland's Confederate monument & local cemeteries where Confederate veterans are buried

2023

January members:

- Chapter President was guest speaker at Otter Springs Ladies Tea
- Attended WBTS event in Charleston, SC & Columbus, GA

February

- Attended Ladies Tea at the Battle of Olustee, Lake City, FL
- Attended Stephen D Lee Institute Conference on *'Cancel Culture Syndrome'* in Tampa

March

- Attended Ladies Tea at the Battle of Natural Bridge, Tallahassee
- Attended Commemorative Tribute to WWII Medal of Honor recipient - James Mills

April

- Participated in Appomattox CH Surrender in Virginia
- Visited Stonewall Jackson's home, Lexington, VA

Laura Ratcliffe Chapter 19

Talissa Wilson
President



State Reunion Jun. 3-4, Trenton, FL.

Fourth of July Parade, Sebastian, FL - Assisted by Chapter 22.

Downtown Fort Pierce Fireworks.

Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp, Jun. 26—Susan Williams and grandson Robert attended in NC.

National Reunion July, Cartersville, GA—Susan Williams, Lise Hagan, Linda Edge Hudson attended.

Chapter Scrapbook won Third Place.

Created Black Rose Tartan Cockcades with Creative Cockcades Jul. 5.

Podcast live with Look Around Florida—About the OCR with host Sean McFall, Aug. 30.

Occupation of Palatka, Union Navy, Sept. 23-25.

Downtown Fort Pierce Ghost Walk, Oct. 27.

Friends and Family BBQ, Nov. 26, Arcadia, FL.

Battle of Loxahatchee, Jan. 27-28, Loxahatchee, FL.

Fort Pierce Pirate Fest, Feb. 11-12.

Battle of Okeechobee, Feb. 24-26.

29th Annual Battle of Narcoossee Mill, Mar. 24-26, St. Cloud, FL

Ladies Tea, School of Sailor, Saturday Ball.

Miami River Days.

Confederate Memorial Motorcade, Okeechobee—Assisted by Chapter 22, Apr. 8.

Confederate Memorial Motorcade East Coast—Assisted by Chapter 22 & 1, Apr. 22.

2023 Law Enforcement Memorial Service, May 9.

Monthly Meetings 2nd Thursday @ Golden Corral FP 6pm

Other Events Chapter 19 Participated In:

Christmas in July, Jul. 23 PSL, FL.

Holiday Shopping, Nov 19-20, West Palm Beach, FL.

Keith's Annual Christmas Gift Donation, Mrs. Claus, Stuart, FL.

Colonial Night Watch, Dec. 3&4, St. Augustine.

Dunn's Kids' Foundation Hayride, Dec. 17.

Downtown Fort Pierce History Fest, Jan. 14, 2023.

260th Anniversary of the Last Naval battle of the Revolutionary War, Merritt Island, Mar. 18.

Assisted Private Christian School Drama Class with Filming with assistance of rifles and cannon firing.

CSS HL Hunley Award Ceremony, Boca Raton High School JROTC Cadet Christian Whiting, assisted by Chapter 1, Mar. 30.

Ogden Confederate Memorial Day Apr. 29.

McKee Botanical Gardens, Vero Beach

Pirate and Fairy, May 6, 13, 20, 27.

Vero Beach Seafood & Pirate Fest, May 13 & 14.

Memorial Day Remembrance, Wellington, FL May 29.



Mary & Mollie Bell Chapter 20

**Cathy King,
President**

Our chapter has been busy. We finally completed our book of Heroes and it has had a great response. We have been working hard on this project for a long time and I am so proud of our chapter, they put their heart and soul into this book.

For anyone that is not familiar with our chapter. We are out of Tampa and we work with the Jubal Early Camp 556. The Early Camp displays the Florida Confederate Memorial Wall at different events. It is a traveling display of 10 panels that consist of the names of 4,265 Florida Confederate soldiers who lost their life during or immediately after the war. It is a beautiful display and a great tribute to those we lost. We got the idea to go a step further and show that these are not just names on a wall, but they were Husbands, Fathers, Brothers, Sweethearts, friends. We wanted people to have a better understanding of what these men went through and what their families went through. I know that I have cried reading some of their stories. There are some heartbreaking stories. The letters they wrote home give you a glimpse into their everyday life, their thoughts, who they wrote to, what type of life they left behind.

We are starting to work on the next book. This one we are asking for anyone who has an ancestor on the wall, to please send us their stories, pictures, or whatever you have that you would like to share. You can email us at: maryandmolliebellocr@gmail.com . We would love to add these to our next book.

Our main focus now is the upcoming Florida Confederate Heroes Headstone Dedication and Memorial Service. It is being organized by the Jubal Early Camp and our chapter. It will be Saturday, October 14, Homeland Cemetery. We don't have a time yet, but will probably be around 10 to 10:30. This will be discussed at our meeting in July at the cemetery. We will have a Black Rose Ceremony, so any ladies who belong to the Black Rose Society are welcome to join us. We will be in full period mourning. Email us and let us know if you are interested in participating, or if you have any questions. We would like to have an idea of how many ladies we will have, it will make it easier for us to organize the ceremony. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

Emiline Piggot Chapter 24

**Cindy Pennington,
President**

On April 29, 2023 our OCR chapter joined SCV Camp 2181 in hosting a Confederate Memorial Service. It was a lovely service with many SCV Camps and OCR Chapters represented.

Chapter 24 was represented at the Florida Division Reunion on June 3rd. Cindy Pennington, President, Angela Frith, Vice President and Mickie Naumnn attended. We learned a lot and got to know many other OCR members.

After the reunion, the OCR Chapter went with SCV Camp 2181 and the Boggus Camp to several cemeteries to flag the graves of our Confederate Veterans.

No upcoming events to mention at this time.

Save The Date

Florida Confederate Heroes Headstone Dedication and Memorial Service

Saturday, October 14, 2023
Homeland Cemetery
In the 1000-1100 Block of C.R. 640
Homeland, Florida



Sponsors:
Gen. Jubal A. Early SCV Camp #556
And
Mary and Mollie Bell OCR Chapter 20

Program will start at 10:00am.

For those traveling, there are two hotels close by Holiday Inn Express and Hampton Inn. Both are in Bartow which is about 7 miles from cemetery.



Florida Society
of the
Order of the Black Rose
Carol Grimmer, Keeper of the Right

History of the Order of Black Rose

At the NCOCR convention in Charlotte, the “Society of the Black Rose” was approved by the members as part of the state organization.

The goals were to organize a statewide network to help with the memorial services, to enlighten the men and ladies to proper persona, to offer services or assist with services locally and statewide, and services in other states by invitation. The structure was setup to have a “Keeper of the Rite” who would serve as a contact person and keeper of the services that can be adopted to help the SCV or anyone honoring a Confederate veteran or a Confederate Memorial in their region. She would have a list of members and their phone numbers. She would make calls when widows were needed.

The Black Rose was named in honor of the greatest widow in the Confederacy who risked her personal safety for the Confederate Cause and lost her life trying to help The Cause, Rose O’Neal Greenhow.

- Requirements for Membership in the Society of the Black Rose.
- Black Rose members must be a member of the OCR.
- Members must have a complete period mourning outfit (Period appropriate partial mourning is also acceptable).

If this is something that you are interested in, please call or text Carol Grimmer at (727) 253-6283.

Deadline for next issue:

September 1st

WHAT IS THE OCR?

What is the OCR? What exactly do you do? What is your purpose? Questions I am often asked. I have been giving it some serious thought as to how to best answer these inquiries.

First, the Order of Confederate Rose is a support group for the Sons of Confederate Veterans, helping with their social & benevolent functions. But we are so much more than that, - we have our own agenda as well. Chapters of the OCR raise funds to purchase flags for the Flags across Florida project. To date we have supplied flags for White Springs and the Confederate Park Flag site in Tampa. We have placed a memorial plaque for Rose O'Neal Greenhow and a granite bench at Confederate Park as well. We strive to protect our monuments, southern culture and heritage. We march in parades, provide living history, we teach about our heritage, but most importantly we are visible in our communities in a positive light.

In the past several years we have provided school supplies to small rural schools. Helping teachers educate our youth. We have donated clothing to women's shelters across the state. Toys for Tots, food drives & roadside cleanups are just a few of the civic activities of the OCR. We support a scholarship for the Sam Davis Youth Camp. We believe that our youth are our tomorrow.

The next time someone asks: What is the Order of Confederate Rose? Please tell them we are all these things and more.



Please email your Chapter news, photos and upcoming events to me so that I may add them to the next newsletter. This is a great way to show what your Chapter has been doing!

Thanks!!

Annette—cwpyrogirl@yahoo.com

Confederate Rose

She stands in silent beauty
A southern rose sublime
Her countenance glows sweetly
With rays of morning's shine

Her pain is wholly hidden
Her southern pride intact
She blushes at the memory
Of heroic sons who've past

When evening shadows lengthen
And colors deepen red
She thinks of glory ended
As she lays down her head

The cavaliers of hist'ry
Can measure time gone by
As colors deepen sweetly
And each day's time doth fly

So, when you see her growing
In lanes and meadows clear
The South is still remembered
While Confederate Rose is here

Sandra Driggers 2023

Legend has it that a fatally wounded Confederate soldier fell beside a Cotton Rose plant. Sadly, it took him two days to die and as he bled the flowers of the Cotton Rose turned from white to red. When the soldier died the flowers did also. From that time on the flowers of the Cotton Rose open white then turn to pink and magenta over the course of two days before dying and the Cotton Rose is now the Confederate Rose.

