



South Carolina OCR Chapters' Annual Reports March 15, 2008 - Lexington, SC



Varina Howell Davis Chapter #1

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The Varina Howell Davis Chapter is continuing to be a very active chapter. We are retaining our membership as well as adding members.

We continue to support the Museum and Library of Confederate History in Greenville. Our ladies serve as the cleaning agents as well as tour guides. Various members serve at the Museum on the days it is open which now is Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This year we worked with the Fairview Living History and Reenactment in Fountain Inn at the historic Fairview Presbyterian Church. Our members participated in various Memorial Day Services starting with Fairview in April. We also attended Confederate Memorial Day in Columbia. Our sponsoring SCV camp observed Confederate Memorial Day with a ceremony on May 20 at Springwood Cemetery in Greenville. The ladies of the OCR decorated the 81 graves that have been marked as Confederate dead with roses. We also represented the OCR in the service.

Our chapter also worked with the Sam Davis Youth Camp this past year. We were represented at festivals, gun shows, and heritage days in the Upcountry. We had the pleasure of working with the Robert Tombes House in December with the presentation of "Scrooge".

In October, we furnished the food for the Guardian Watch at Springwood Cemetery during Halloween. The Museum hosted "Christmas in Dixie" during the month of December. Our ladies worked with the decorating and hosting each week-end. We have a refurbished 1852 piano that was featured with performances of period music. This event will become an annual event.

Our cookbook was a great success. We bought a hot water heater for the museum. Our next project will be the making of another quilt.

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As we go into another year as the at-large chapter we currently have 27 members, 2 thorns and 4 rosebuds from seven different states and the Netherlands. I have helped some of the at-large members transfer to a chapter of choice. We also have a couple of members to transfer to us. This pass year we have had members attend several different events around the states supporting our Heritage. As everyone should know by now that a majority of our members are motorcycle riders and we have attended several events around the state of South Carolina. One of our annual events every year is the Heritage ride in Charleston. This year some of us braved the heat and rode to Florence to support a ride to help rebuild the Red Doe Plantation. We also rode to the Oakley house in Edgefield, the Battle field at Rivers Bridge State Park and visited the monument and church in Barnwell. I as President of the at-large chapter had the pleasure of presenting the check to the 2007 Sam Davis Youth camp essay winner for the OCR along with the Palmetto Partisans who donated the monies for one youth to attend. At last years convention Friday night social myself along with Mike Walls (Palmetto Partisans member) presented a SCOCR banner to Andrea Wolfe (President SCOCR) and Mosie Marlar (Past SCOCR President) from the Palmetto Partisans. The Palmetto Partisans are a group of SCV members from various camps around SC who ride for the cause. I also had the pleasure of doing a chartering for our newest chapter the Rebel Rose chapter 18 in West Minister, SC. As most of you know I am also the SCOCR State Treasurer so my plate has pretty much been filled all year long. I would like to Thank all who wished me well on some health issues I have been dealing with. Some days were rough for me but I still tried to give all for our heritage. This year I hope that we continue to grow in the State of South Carolina

and look forward to another year as the President of the Palmetto Chapter 2 for the 08-09. As I have been quoted, "LET US REMEMBER WE ARE SISTERS FIGHTING FOR THE SAME CAUSE AND WE ARE GROWING EVERYDAY".

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In March 2007, several of us volunteered at the Hunley Lab. Several also helped with the OCR/SCV Convention in Mt. Pleasant with making the refreshments for the Friday night Reception and the muffins for Saturday's breakfast. Several of us helped put out the Friday's refreshments and helped serve. Provided the 25 table flower arrangements for the SCV Convention and for the special party at the Hunley Lab that night.

In April several volunteered at the Hunley Lab, and several of us attended the Iron Cross Services for Charlie Hiers' and Bill Willis' ancestors.

In May, several of us volunteered at the Hunley Lab and set up and coordinated the Reading of the Roll of the Dead in Columbia, and read the last 10 names on Saturday morning. Participated in the Charleston CHT Memorial Service and placing of the flags on Soldier's Ground for Confederate Memorial Day in Magnolia Cemetery. Attended UDC4's Confederate Memorial Day Service in Soldier's Ground at Magnolia Cemetery. Attended the CHT Memorial Service at the Huguenot Church. Made the wreath for the CHT service at Magnolia Cemetery and provided refreshments after the service to the public.

In June, several of us volunteered at the Hunley Lab. Made the wreath for the service at Fort Lamar for the Battle of Secessionville and attend the service and provided the refreshments for the public who attended. Several of us marched in the Carolina Day Parade commemorating the Revolutionary War in period clothing.

In July, several of us volunteered at the Hunley Lab. Several of us were filmed in period clothing, for the educational film, The American Iliad, to be shown in schools.

In August, several of us volunteered at the Hunley Lab. Donated a check to the Confederate Home on Broad Street for the renovation project of the Courtroom. Were filmed for a NBC TV show in period clothing, about the WBTS at Boone Hall which was aired in November.

In September, several of us volunteered at the Hunley Lab.

In October, several of us were in a skit about the ladies of Charleston buy a gunboat 1862 for Ghost Walk, also written by 2 of us. Several of us served as guides for Ghost Walk in Magnolia Cemetery. Several of us volunteered at the Hunley Lab. Made another donation to the Confederate Home for the renovations.

In November, several of us volunteered at the Hunley Lab. Several of us helped with the Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall.

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In January 2008, several of us volunteered at the Hunley Lab. Provided the table arrangements for the Lee-Jackson Banquet.

In February, several of us volunteered at the Hunley Lab. Served at family representatives for the Hunley/Housatonic Memorial Service on Feb. 17. Made the two wreaths for the memorial service and then thrown into the ocean for the two ships.

Salt Ketchers Chapter #6

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The Salt Ketchers Chapter focuses on the preservation of the battle ground, original earthen works, gravesites and numerous points of interest on this very historical plantation. They sponsor the annual Battle for Broxton Bridge Re-enactment the first week-end in March. As you know the Broxton Bridge Re-enactment is co-sponsored with some of the units out of Ga. and some of those guys had expressed an interest in joining us

officially. If didn't get out to see the re-enactment, you missed a grand show--we probably had an estimate of 400 or more re-enactors out there and they really did their thing. Even had some Yankees in the Cavalry riding. What fun. Salt Ketchers #6 offers support and assistance to our local SCV at the Rivers Bridge Camp in their fund raisers and in the annual Battle for Rivers Bridge re-enactment.

Thanks for always being there for us, we do appreciate your time and the effort you put forth for OCR.

The "Wild Rose" Chapter #8

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Wild Rose Chapter of Aiken has been very busy this year. We have arranged and decorated for the Lee/Jackson Banquet which was a huge success. All the OCR ladies prepared desserts for the dinner.

We sponsored a float and participated in four Christmas Parades this year. The float consisted of a six-foot OCR Wild Rose Chapter banner, a live Christmas tree covered with all the flags of the Confederacy, red roses and ivy, and of course, all our OCR ladies were in period dress.

For this year's Battle of Aiken, we worked in re-enactor registration. The OCR set up and operated a food concession. The ladies also manned a table with donated items for sale and gave away a Battle of Aiken print. Our rosebuds helped with the spectator parking this year.

One of our ladies is conducting a quilting class for the SCV and OCR.

The past year, we had a July 4th picnic at Mr. John Osteen's 19th century log cabin and one room schoolhouse located in Monmorency. The OCR ladies provided the dessert for the picnic. The ladies also brought greetings at the General Joe Wheeler SCV Confederate Memorial day observance and participated in the Barnard Bee Camp SCV Confederate Memorial Day service.

Louisa McCord Chapter #12

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Louisa McCord Chapter members continue to meet monthly at this time in conjunction with Camp 51 and enjoy great presentations, good food and good camaraderie. The Chapter and Camp prepared care packages and cards and letter that were sent to soldiers in Afghanistan. Members also attended a pen turning class to make pens to send to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. We had a good turnout and many pens were made with lots of fun. One member ended up buying a lathe and all the attachments that go with it!

Chapter members continued assisting our supporting Camp for the Lake Murray Monument Memorial. The project has finally come to fruition. The monument, a beautiful granite figure, has been erected and the bricks have been laid. Preparations are now being made to hold the memorial dedication service this Spring.

Members continue to work on the Volume II cookbook which will be out for sale in the year 2009. This is the main fundraiser to support Camp 51. Many various fundraising projects and crafting projects are being discussed among members.

Louisa McCord Chapter members assisted with the preparation of the Annual Christmas dinner for the Camp and Chapter. Door prizes were in abundance and it seemed that everyone received something. Dr. Walter Edgar presented on Christmas in 1865 which was wonderful and an enlightening presentation. Ladies of the Chapter, Rosebuds, and all other ladies in attendance received a long-stemmed red rose from Andrea Wolfe, SC OCR Society President.

New officers were elected and instated at the December 2007 meeting. Carolyn Jordan, new Chapter President, was welcomed and did a splendid job of her tenure. Sadly, she decided to resign and elections were held again. Diane Padgett is welcomed as the new Chapter President.

Our Rosebud, six-year old Bailey Frye, has been a driving force for the Chapter and Camp in assistance in any kind without any hesitation to keep our heritage going and educate everyone in every way.

The bulk of the Chapter's time has been dedicated to assisting Camp 51 in the preparation of the 2008 Annual Convention (as Camp 51 is the host of the event this year). Chapter members have been baking, sewing, gluing, and many other things.

Sadly, many of our members have been ill this past year and it has prevented everyone from doing as much as we would have liked to.

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The Mary A. Hunt Chapter of the OCR attended the memorial services of Sgt. Richard Kirkland, Angel of St. Mary's Heights, in Camden, SC along with our Rosebuds. There were a number of people at the memorial including many local dignitaries and Sons of Confederate Camps from the midlands area.

Our meeting time in December was dedicated to planning our Lee/Jackson Banquet.

After many scouting expeditions to find a suitable place and caterer our chapter decided that we could cater the event as well as anyone that we could contract. All of the ladies were assigned a dish. The Rosebuds prepared the desserts. Our event was held January 19th at the West Columbia Community Center. The homemade food was delicious and the decorations could not have been more appropriate or beautiful. Michael Givens spoke of the many strategies that Robert E. Lee possessed as an outstanding general.

Mary A. Hunt Chapter #13 participated in the Burning of Columbia – Columbia's Longest Day that was held February 16th. Many of the OCR ladies were in attendance at the firing on Columbia in West Columbia and were able to field questions for the public in attendance. Nancy White and Jackie McGovern along with Rosebud President, Kristine Stonehill, assisted Palmetto Camp 22 in their effort to raise additional money for the camp. Joann Watts, Gail Callicott, and Ashley Stevens demonstrated needle work to all of the many visitors that passed through the museum on that historical day. Kris Elmore assisted her husband Tom Elmore with the very informative bus tours.

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We began our new fiscal year with 16 members, 1 Rosebud and 2 Thorns, for a total membership of 19.

There were no changes to the by-laws this fiscal year. An operating budget for the new fiscal year was presented and approved by unanimous vote.

We continued our "awards system" to further encourage and uphold those members who go above and beyond the call of duty to make our Chapter exemplary. In this fashion, we presented the following awards to the winners at our Christmas Party: The Rose of the Year Award was presented to Heidi Jackson; the Golden Stem Award was presented to Cynthia Arnette; the Gold Leaf Award was presented to Tressa Floria; the Silver Leaf Award was presented to Lynne Quick; and the Ann Eliza Harlee Award was presented to Mary "Mac" Stephens.

Our OCR ladies prepared many dishes for the SCV Christmas Party and joined the SCV for a very nice feast! The decorating committee decorated the American Legion Hut for our annual Christmas party. We had a very large turnout and enjoyed games.

We still continue to collect recipes for our Chapter's cookbook. Our fundraisers included the annual turkey shoot and a drawing.

Our new webmaster has redesigned our website and included the story of Ann Eliza Harlee. This site is still under construction. We began collecting items for our Chapter scrapbook and received several donations. We have held several sewing classes and are in the process of making cockades for our Chapter members from the OCR tartan and Black Rose tartan.

In June 2007 our Chapter made a donation to help send 2 girls to the Sam Davis Youth Camp. Our sponsoring camp, the Andrew T. Harllee SCV Camp 2010, sponsored a hunter's education course. There were 27 youths in attendance. There was no charge for the course and each participant was provided with a free lunch, compliments of the Camp.

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New Members

4 new members welcomed into the chapter during 2007. Current membership of 16. 2 new members welcomed in January 2008, applications currently being processed.

Monthly Meetings

Special Meetings (Members participating and organizing)

Camp Cookout – Dan Snipes Home May 2007
Camp BBQ – Ronnie Cole September 2007
Camp Christmas Party – Hammond School December 2007

Memorial Day Ceremonies

Clemson University April 2007
Elberton, GA April 2007
Toccoa, GA April 2007
Anderson, SC May 2007

Grave Dedications (Members participating)

Townville, SC August 2007
Ooloney, SC September 2007
Westminster, SC September 2007
Elberton, GA October 2007
Pumpkintown, SC October 2007

Festivals, Etc.

Rodeo February 2007
Pumpkintown Festival October 2007
Liberty Festival October 2007
Starr Festival November 2007
Shriner Race November 2007
Rodeo November 2007

Living Histories & School Day (Members participating and organizing)

Abbeville, SC May 2007
Central, SC May 2007
Pendleton, SC May 2007
Honea Path, SC July 2007
Cliffs at Glassy, SC July 2007

Abbeville, SC Old South Christmas December 2007

Conventions

(State) Mt. Pleasant, SC March 2007(Members attending)

Parades (Members participating decorating and riding floats)

Anderson, SC December 2007

Abbeville, SC December 2007

Fair Play, SC December 2007

Pickens, SC December 2007

Mount Video, GA December 2007

Townsend, SC December 2007

Lee-Jackson Dinner (Members Attending)

Greenville, SC January 2007

Reenactments (Members Participating)

Battle of Aiken February 2007

Battle of Broxton's Bridge March 2007

Battle of Anderson March 2007

Battle of Fairview Church April 2007

Battle of Central May 2007

Battle of Jonesville, VA June 2007

Battle of Tazewell, TN September 2007

Battle of Barbourville, KY September 2007

Battle of Statesville, NC September 2007

Battle of Thompson, GA October 2007

Battle of Bluesprings, TN October 2007

Battle of Brooksville, FL January 2007

Battle of Olesty, FL February 2007

Outreach

The 2007 Christmas Charity was Calvary Home for Children. Camp 1428 and Manse Jolly Chapter raised \$1,300 at our Christmas Dinner for this charity.

Care Packages

Care packages were mailed to several of our Sailors & Soldiers serving in the war zones of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Library

The display window at the Anderson County Main Library was decorated for the month of May. A heritage battle was fought and won allowing us to display our colors.

Real Daughter

A program was conducted at National Health Care Retirement Center in May 2007 honoring a Real Daughter.

Rebel Rose Chapter #18

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Dale presented a verbal report for their Chapter which was newly chartered in October 8, 2007.

(This Chapter has fully supported and assisted Camp 2027 in every way possible. Sadly, they have also had illness and passing in the Camp which affected them all. Our thanks to them for joining the SC OCR Society and assisting the SCV and all historical preservation groups and projects. Andrea Wolfe, President – SC Society OCR)