

Mississippi Division News:



General Order No. 1 Issued by Division Commander Hankins

On November 4, 2000, Division Commander Billy Ray Hankins, in consultation with the Division Executive Council, issued General Order No. 1 relating to SCV activities in the furtherance of preserving the State Flag of Mississippi. All members of the Division will be receiving a special edition of the Jeff Davis Legion division newsletter which will set out the entire text of the Commander's order and further explain the items enumerated in the order.

Below is a summary of the items covered:

1. Each camp and member is to work vigorously toward a decision by the Legislature and the People to keep the current State Flag by collecting petition signatures, distributing postcards to further the mail campaign focused on the legislators, making personal contact with legislators, displaying the State Flag, and helping raise money for the Division Heritage Defense Fund.
2. Until January 31, 2001, a moratorium is placed on all camp fund-raising activities other than fund-raising for the Heritage Defense Fund.
3. Flags, bumper stickers, and other items offered by the Division shall be sold with all proceeds going to the Heritage Defense Fund.
4. The 3' x 5' Mississippi State Flags which are to be sold for fund-raising shall be established as the official flag of this campaign. Each member of the Division should purchase at least one flag in furtherance of this effort.

Adjutant's Message:

Time's
running out
for dues!



Ron reports that he has now received dues from about 75% of members. The remaining 25% includes some long-standing, active members, so double-check your records and make sure you've paid. The annual dues amount is \$34. Please pay by check made out to Jefferson Davis Camp #635 and send it to **Ron Stowers, Adjutant, PO Box 16945, Jackson, MS 39236** or give it to Ron at the next meeting. Please consider adding a bit to the check to help fund the Heritage Defense Fund.

Please pay your dues as soon as possible so that Ron can make his submission to IHQ at the first of the year as required. Thanks.

5. All funds collected by individuals or Camps shall be transmitted to the Division Adjutant at least weekly.
6. Each camp should purchase a \$50 Camp Page in the Division yearbook so that a strong and united statewide membership is reflected.

The Division position on the State Flag issue is that the 1894 Flag should be kept as the official State Flag of Mississippi; if any change to the flag is proposed, the people must be given the opportunity to vote.

