



Buffet Table

Beneath the "Wedding Portrait" is a Hepplewhite buffet table. The table at one time was used for the storage of the silver flatware for the home. Sitting atop the buffet table are two knife boxes that were purchased by the gift fund in 1973.

Kitchen • Pantry

The renovation of the kitchen incorporates the Federalist period design. When the kitchen was gutted during renovation, old mortar bricks were uncovered, similar to those used in the old slave quarters. The kitchen was not added until General Russell's tenure as the Commandant during the 1930's. Prior to the 1930's renovation, the kitchen was located in the basement.

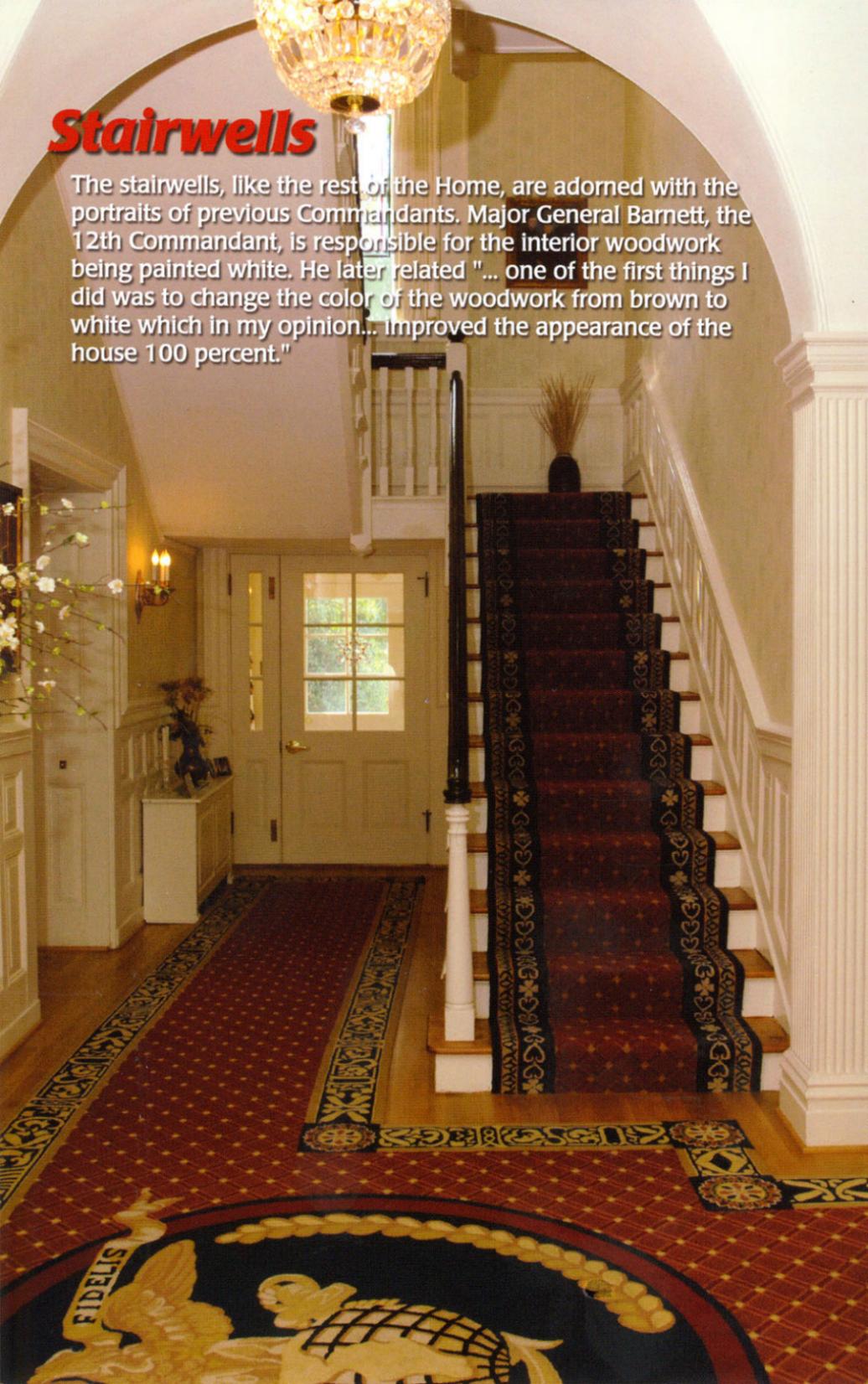
Commandant's Aides

The Commandant, by law, is limited to four enlisted aides. They assist with entertainment arrangements, cooking and household preservation. They are not butlers or maids, but rather, take over some of the necessary chores that would otherwise detract from the Commandant's busy schedule.



Stairwells

The stairwells, like the rest of the Home, are adorned with the portraits of previous Commandants. Major General Barnett, the 12th Commandant, is responsible for the interior woodwork being painted white. He later related "... one of the first things I did was to change the color of the woodwork from brown to white which in my opinion... improved the appearance of the house 100 percent."





Third Floor

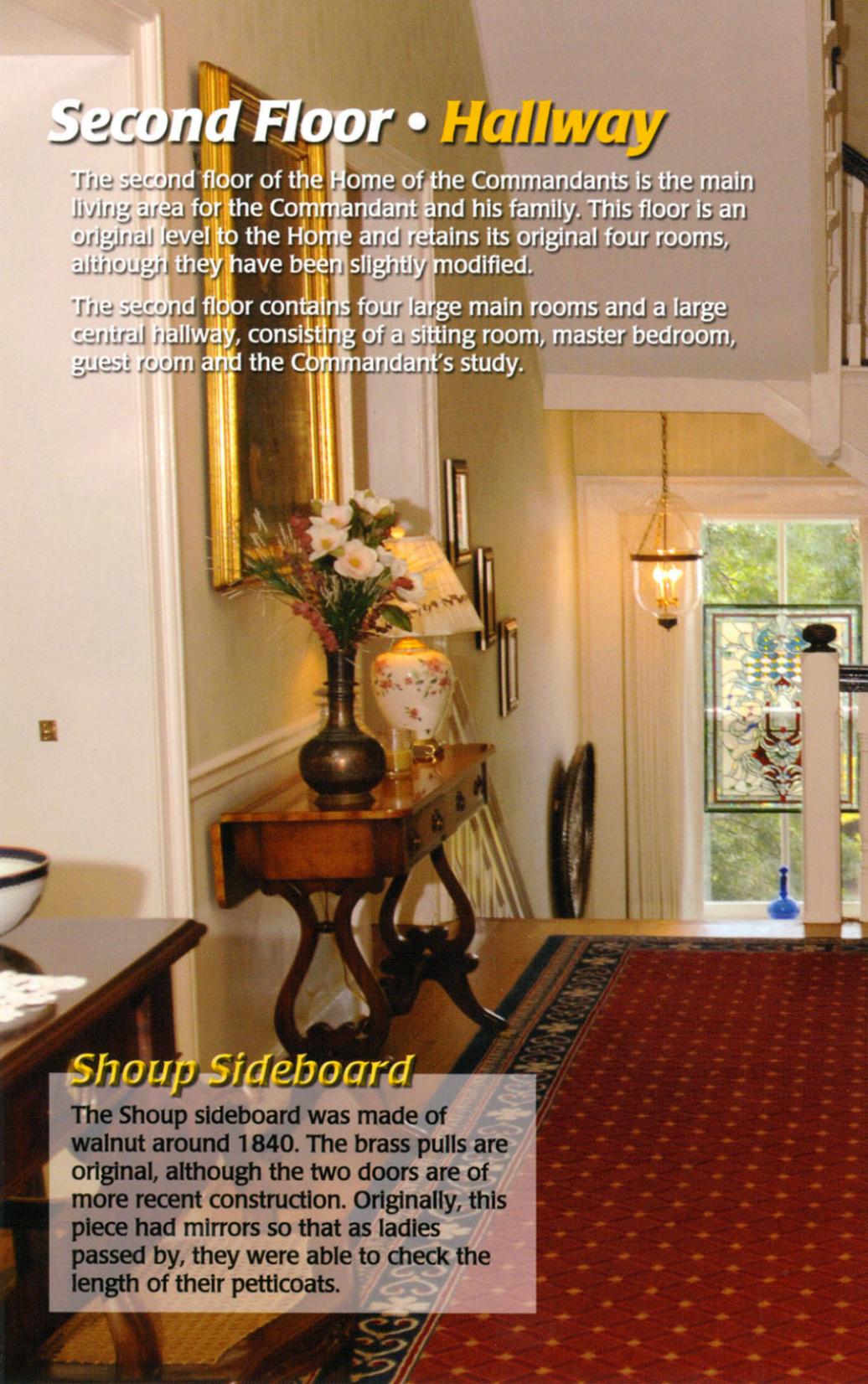


Second Floor

Second Floor • Hallway

The second floor of the Home of the Commandants is the main living area for the Commandant and his family. This floor is an original level to the Home and retains its original four rooms, although they have been slightly modified.

The second floor contains four large main rooms and a large central hallway, consisting of a sitting room, master bedroom, guest room and the Commandant's study.

A photograph of a hallway on the second floor. In the foreground, a dark wood sideboard with ornate brass legs holds a vase of white and pink flowers, a lamp with a white shade, and a ceramic jar. A large red patterned rug with a blue border runs down the hallway. In the background, a window with a stained glass panel is visible, and a hanging lantern light fixture is positioned above the window. The walls are white with a gold-framed mirror and several smaller framed pictures.

Shoup Sideboard

The Shoup sideboard was made of walnut around 1840. The brass pulls are original, although the two doors are of more recent construction. Originally, this piece had mirrors so that as ladies passed by, they were able to check the length of their petticoats.



Mundy Sofa

The Mundy sofa is an American empire sofa circa 1852 that belonged to Mrs. Mundy's grandmother.

Henderson Desk

The flat-top secretary once belonged to Archibald Henderson and was restored by Mrs. Shepherd, wife of the 20th Commandant. *(not seen in photo)*

Family Sitting Room

The sitting room is an original room of the Home. When the sun porch was added in 1907, a door was added to this room to allow access to the patio above the sun porch. It is furnished with personal belongings of the Commandant's family. The family sitting room is where the Commandant and his family spend the majority of their relaxing time.

Balcony

The balcony is outside of the Commandant's bedroom and the sitting room that was once entirely enclosed. In 1934 Commandant Russell had the enclosure removed due to the amount of sunlight that was cutoff from the two upper rooms.