



# The Prince's Dispatch



**Major General John Bankhead Magruder Chapter 258**

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## **Chapter Meetings**

The Major General John B. Magruder Chapter 258 was chartered by the Virginia Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, 9 August 2000.

Chapter meetings scheduled for 2012:

4 June 2012 - Monday

5 September - Wednesday

Location: Salem Church Library  
2607 Salem Church Rd  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Time 7:00 p.m. thru 9:00 p.m.



## **Pledge of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars**

"We the posterity of the Officer Corps and civil officials of the Confederacy do pledge ourselves to commemorate and honor the service of leadership these men rendered in the cause of the fundamental American principles of self-determination and states' rights and to perpetuate the true history of

their deeds for the edification of ourselves, our society, and for generations yet unborn."



## **Magruder Insight**

John Bankhead Magruder, most remembered as a Major General in the Confederate army during The War Between the States, was known in his own time as "Prince John" though there was nothing royal about it. The last nation at war he served was a monarchy, the Mexican Empire of Emperor Maximilian. He was born in Port Royal, Virginia on May 1, 1807 and as a young man attended the University of Virginia where he met former President Thomas Jefferson. He gained an appointment to West Point and graduated in 1830 as a Second Lieutenant and served with the infantry and later the artillery. He served in the Second Seminole War in Florida and with great distinction in the Mexican-American War. He was promoted to Brevet Major for his "gallant and meritorious conduct" at the battle of Cerro Gordo and later to Brevet Lieutenant Colonel for his heroism at the storming of the

Chapultepec Castle. He later served on the frontier and was known for his love of theatrics and his talent as a singer. He spoke with a lisp and was known as something of a dandy and was nicknamed "Prince John" because of his flamboyant dress uniforms. <http://madmonarchist.blogspot.com/2011/03/monarchist-profile-john-b-magruder.html>



"True patriotism sometimes requires of men to act exactly contrary, at one period, to that which it does at another, and the motive which impels them the desire to do right is precisely the same."

- Robert E. Lee



### Virginia Society Elects New Commander



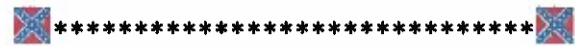
Congratulations to our newly elected Virginia Society MOS&B, Commander Henry H. Knauf. Henry is a proven choice for this time-honored position, and Chapter 258 is privileged to have him as a long-standing member. His tenure will

run April 28th 2012-14.



### 2012-2013 Chapter Officers

- Commander Charles A. Embrey, Sr.
- Lt Commander Col. (Ret) Jan V. Harvey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Joseph H. Wright, Jr.
- Adjutant Henry Knauf
- Chief-of-Staff L. Craig Rains
- Judge Advocate Ronald C. Gordon
- Treasurer Christopher H. Ezelle
- Chaplain John M. Embrey, Jr.
- Sgt-At-Arms Louis Buttgen, III
- Appt. Webmaster/ Historian H/M Daniel "Big French" Pierre Janzegers
- News Letter Editor Christopher H. Ezelle



### 2012 Time Capsule



Left Photo: Chapter 258 Commander Charlie A. Embrey on right; Louis Buttgen III to the left. Right Photo: The 5th Brigade Color Guard presented the colors.

On Sunday, 22 April 2012, at 2:00 p.m., Chapter members attended the rededication of Major General Lomax's burial site at the Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Virginia. Although the weather did not cooperate, the event went well. This event was hosted by

the Black Horse Camp #780, Commander Dave Goetz.



On May 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9:30 a.m. – Chapter members participated in the Gordonsville Hotel Exchange memorial service for 700 Confederate Veterans resting on-site.



On May 28<sup>th</sup> Monday 9:00 a.m. members participated in the annual March (Parade) from downtown Fredericksburg to the Barton Street Confederate Monument to honor our 51 fallen Compatriots, then to the Fredericksburg Confederate Cemetery for the Memorial Day service.



On May 28<sup>th</sup> Monday, at 10:00 a.m. – Chapter members participated in the Memorial Day services at the Fredericksburg Confederate Cemetery.

May 28<sup>th</sup> Monday 2:00 p.m. Memorial Day Ceremony at the Spotsylvania Confederate Cemetery, Sponsored by the Fredericksburg UDC Chapter #163.



### ***Upcoming Chapter Events***

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 1:00 p.m. Jefferson Davis Ceremony/Awards for essays hosted by the Culpeper Chapter UDC at 1:00 pm at the United Methodist Church.

June 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Grave Marker Ceremony for the Honorable John M. Carter, 30<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry, Co. G, Salem Church Cemetery.



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## *Hails and Farewells*



Chapter 258 would like to introduce our newest Compatriot; Thomas Victor “Vic” Cole, CDR (Ret), sworn in on 26 Mar 2012.

A native of Virginia Gardens, Florida, Vic graduated with the U.S. Naval Academy class of 1981. After qualifying as a Surface Warfare Officer, he was accepted into the Navy Engineering Duty Officer (EDO) community. His final tour was as liaison officer between the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) and the Marine Corps Systems Command (MARCORSYSCOM) in Quantico, VA. He retired in 2001 at the rank of Commander, USN. Vic and his wife Becky, a native of Texas, reside in Manassas, VA, and celebrated their 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary on May 28th. They have two sons Tom and Andy. Tom is from Manassas, teaches at the Holy Family Academy in town. Andy is a U.S. Marine Corps 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. stationed at Camp LeJeune, NC.



## *General Events*

June 2, 2012 - Confederate President Jeff Davis' 204th birthday anniversary at 9:00 a.m., Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia. Bagpipe band, musicians, rifle and cannon salutes. Guest speaker Michael Givens. To participate or to place a wreath contact Jim Cochrane at [jimmyc825@aol.com](mailto:jimmyc825@aol.com). For further information or to make donations, contact Everette Ellis at 'rebel.yonder2@verizon.net'. Free programs and souvenir ribbons available. Free and open to the public.

Jun 2, 2012 - SCV National Medal Of Honor bestowal on Pvt. Lawrence Berry, 3rd Company, Washington Artillery, Louisiana, Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia, in conjunction with the Jeff Davis service. CIC Michael Givens will present the award to a representative of the Petersburg Siege Museum, who will place the award on permanent display at the museum. Pvt. Berry is known as the 'Hero of Fort Gregg' for his action on April 2, 1865 which allowed General Robert E. Lee to withdraw his Confederate forces in an orderly manner from the Petersburg battlefield. The research for this project was done by past 1st Lt. Commander, Virginia Division, Mike Thomas.



## **An Historic Reality!**

by Stephanie Roberts

### **Confederate Money**



Confederate money began to be circulated in April, 1861. Throughout the next 4 years, approximately \$1.7 billion worth of currency was issued. Most of the Confederate money was made using offset printing and lithographic processing because there were few skilled engravers in the South.

Confederate money featured a number of unique images such as: mythological gods, African-American slaves and naval ships. One bank note did feature George Washington. Due to Union embargoes, precious metals were difficult to come by in the South. This was also impacted by the fact that most of the general metals were being used in the war effort. Despite this, the Confederacy was able to produce a one cent piece and a half dollar. After the war, much of the paper currency was destroyed. Reference:

<http://listverse.com/2010/12/06/10-surprising-facts-about-the-confederacy/>



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Obverse (Front) Reverse (Back)

### **Battle of Chancellorsville Sesquicentennial Medal**

The second medal design of the four War Between the States Sesquicentennial Medals is in. This medal is in memory the Battle of Chancellorsville and the loss of Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson during the battle.

The ribbon is black; at the top of the medal is the battle name; the center circle is black with the Stainless Banner overlaid; on the banner in the white is the general’s rank; at the bottom of the flag are the words by Robert E. Lee, “...but, I have lost my right arm.”; beneath the flag is DEO VINDICE; and at the bottom of the medal are the inclusive dates of the battle (30 April – 6 May 1863). On the reverse side is General Jackson’s full name at the top; his photo is in the center with a crystal dome, and at the bottom are his birth and death dates.

There are no qualifications to order this medal; however, there are limited quantities.

Contact the editor or a member of Chapter 258 if you would like one for a

small token of \$15.00 each. This is a well-struck pewter collectible commemorative medal.



Medal Photos Provided by Christopher Bright, Graphic Design Professional



Obverse      Reverse

### ***Battle of Fredericksburg Sesquicentennial Medal***

The Battle of Fredericksburg, 11 – 15, 1862.

In honor of Battle of Fredericksburg and the Confederate victory, the Chapter is proud to offer this high-quality medal for their service for token a donation of \$15.00, of which a small portion is returned to the Chapter.

The ribbon for the medal is scarlet and represents the dangers of battle and the sacrifices made by Confederate soldiers for The Cause.

The medal’s obverse (front) inscription reads: “Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 11-15, 1862”. In the center of the medal is the current Flag of the City of Fredericksburg. In the left portion of the Saint Andrews cross is “1862”. In the right portion of the Saint Andrews cross is

“2012”. In the lower portion of the cross is “150<sup>th</sup>”.

The medal’s reverse (back) inscription across the top reads: “The War Between The States 1861-1865”. The inscription on the bottom reads: “Sesquicentennial 2011-2015”. In the center of the medal is the colorful 1<sup>st</sup> National Flag which was the flag that flew during the Battle of Fredericksburg. In the center of the white on the banner is inscribed “Honorem Infinitum” meaning “Honor Forever”.

There are no qualifications to order this medal, and there are limited quantities.



### ***MOS&B Real Great Great Grandson Medal Available***



The Real Great Great Grandson Medal may be presented to a real documented linear great great grandson of a documented Confederate Veteran. Application must be made to the Real Great Great Grandson Committee using the approved application with submission cost. MOS&B Link: <http://www.militaryorderofthestarsandbars.o>

[rg/awards-program/real-great-great-grandson-medal/](http://rg/awards-program/real-great-great-grandson-medal/)



### A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER'S PRAYER

This prayer was found on the body of an unknown battle weary Confederate soldier nearing the end of The War Between the States.

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health, that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am among all men most richly blessed.



### ***The Southern Gentleman's Corner***

This is an area of the newsletter where you will find things that you just may not have known:

1. What personal tragedy struck President Jefferson Davis and his wife Varina on April 30, 1864?
2. What primary Confederate General was killed at the Battle of Shiloh?
3. We all know Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Jackson's nickname was "Stonewall", but his cousin, Major Gen. William L. Jackson also had a nickname... what was it?
4. Who took over "Stonewall" Jackson's division after Jackson's death at Chancellorsville?
5. Many battles had more than one name, i.e., Antietam/Sharpsburg, or First Bull Run/First Manassas, etc. There was a battle on the 30<sup>th</sup> of Jun 1862 in Virginia with seven names, what was it?
6. What Virginia born artillerist named four of his cannons Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John?



### Answers

1. Their 5 year old son Joe Davis was killed in a fall from the high veranda at the Confederate White House in Richmond, VA
2. Albert Sidney Johnston
3. "Mudwall"
4. Major General Edward Johnson
5. It was White Oak Swamp/Frayer's Farm/Glendale/Charles City Cross Roads/Nelson's Farm/Turkey Bend/New Market Cross Roads
6. Brig. Gen. William Nelson Pendleton an ordained Episcopal Rector.



If you have something you would like to share, please forward to me at [christofer2@verizon.net](mailto:christofer2@verizon.net)