

Basic Organizational Structure

The membership of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars is composed of legitimate male descendants, lineal or collateral, of those who served as officers in the Confederate Army or Navy to the end of the War, or who died in prison or while in actual service were killed in battle, or who were honorably retired or discharged, and descendants of elected and appointed officials of the Executive or Legislative branch of the civil government.

The MOS&B National Constitution, Article V divides the General Society into three Departments, State Societies and Chapters. In addition, it prescribes the organization and duties of MOS&B Chapters. The Chapter is the basic unit of the Society. Chapters may be formed in states where State Societies already exist, in which case they become part of the State Society and remain assigned thereto. National Headquarters will also maintain the Jefferson Davis Chapter #1 for members who are not part of a State Society or a local Chapter.

Five National members are required to form a new Chapter. When fifteen MOS&B members residing in the State where a State Society has not been formed create one or more Chapters and then application may be made to form a new State Society to the General Executive Council (Art. V, Sect. 3). Such application should be made to:

The Commander General
IHQ, Military Order of the Stars and Bars
P.O. Box 1700
White House, Tennessee 37188-1700

The three Departments that State Societies are assigned to are; (1) Army of Northern Virginia, (2) Army of Tennessee Department and (3) Army of the Trans Mississippi.

The *Army of Northern Virginia* Department consists of the following State Societies: District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia and all States east of the State of Ohio and north of the State of Virginia.

The *Army of Tennessee* Department consists of the following State Societies: Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and those States not included in the other two Departments' regions.

The *Army of the Trans Mississippi* Department consists of the following State Societies: Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and States West of the Mississippi River.

A National Convention, or National Reunion, is held annually. Reunions are held in cities throughout the United States. Upcoming Reunions are planned for Jacksonville, Florida in 2011 and San Antonio, Texas in 2012. These National reunions are family events that allow members to gather in a fraternal body to conduct the business of the General Society as well as to attend educational sessions, visit historical sites and informally meet with new and old compatriots. The Reunion includes a prayer breakfast, Awards banquet, business sessions and concludes with a black tie or period dress Grand Ball.

Throughout the Order, the State Societies and local Chapters have regular meetings and conventions, hold Jefferson Davis Banquets, Lee-Jackson Banquets, sponsor historical War Between the States lectures and participate in patriotic memorial events. While heritage preservation and education are the primary function, the gathering of compatriots is always a social event enjoyed by those sharing a common Southern heritage.

