

## General Membership Application Procedure

An Applicant for membership in the Military Order of the Stars & Bars has two options: (1) membership in a Local Chapter, or (2) membership in the National At-Large Chapter.

The advantage of membership in a Local Chapter is the personal association that a Chapter provides. Local Chapter adjutants or other designated persons will assist in the preparation of the membership application. Most Chapters are located in State Societies, which provide additional opportunities for fellowship at the State level.

Those choosing a Local Chapter affiliation will submit the application through the designated Local Chapter officer, who will then forward it to the State Genealogist for further review and approval. The final level of required approval is the National Genealogist General. The applicant will be informed of any Local Chapter and State Society dues. The National new member fee is \$50. The appropriate fees should be forwarded along with the completed application. The National new member fee covers the cost of a membership certificate, a lapel pin, and a membership card. The fee also covers National dues for the current year and the succeeding year.

Should the application have deficiencies, it will be returned to the individual through the same chain of approval with required improvements indicated.

Applicants choosing to join the National At-Large Chapter will deal directly with the Genealogist General. Upon final approval, the application will be forwarded to IHQ, which will issue the new member's certificate, card and pin.

Life Memberships are available. A one-time fee is determined by the applicant's age. Details are available on the National website: <http://www.mosbihq.org/>. State Societies, in some cases, also offer Life memberships. Interested members should communicate with their State Society.

Questions regarding membership should be addressed to the Genealogist General.

