

Pledge and Prayers for MOS&B Meetings

Please note that it is traditional that at all MOS&B functions members will refer to each other by *Officer Title* or *Compatriot*

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America:

" I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Salute to Individual State Flag:

Salute to the Flag of the Confederate States of America:

"I salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence and undying devotion for the Cause for which it stands."

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."

It is recommended that the members of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars commit the Pledge to memory and utilize it as a part of the opening of any meeting of the MOS&B

Military Order of the Stars and Bars Benediction

Leader: *I ask God for strength, that I might achieve,*

Members: *I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.*

Leader: *I asked for health, that I might do greater things,*

Members: *I was given infirmity that I might do better things.*

Leader: *I asked for riches, that I might be happy,*

Members: *I was given poverty, that I might be wise.*

Leader: *I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,*

Members: *I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.*

Leader: *I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,*

Members: *I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.*

Leader: *I got nothing that I asked for - but everything I had hoped for.*

Members: *Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered.*

ALL: *I am, among all men, most richly blessed.*

-Prayer of an Unknown Confederate Soldier

It is recommended that this Prayer be used as the Benediction of each meeting of the MOS&B.