

Honor Roll Ceremony for Our Ancestors

1. As each MOS&B member enters the event, he is given a card and asked to place on it the following:

- (a) Name of Ancestor
- (b) Rank or Title
- (c) Military Organization or Government Service
- (d) Any Special event of his ancestor to be noted

The completed card shall be returned to the distributing officer prior to being seated.

2. Upon returning his completed card to the distributing officer, he will be provided with a white candle to keep with him during the event.

3. At the appropriate time, the Commander will ask each member to light his candle as the house lights are slowly dimmed. During this time, large white candles (one for each name as indicated) on a central table at the front of the dais will be lighted by the Commander or his designee.

4. When all candles are lighted, the Commander or his designee will call the Roll of Honor from the information placed on the cards. As a member's ancestor is intoned, the member will stand and extinguish his candle and say what he wishes about his ancestor for a minute or so. He will then be seated.

5. After all cards have been read, the large white candles on the central table will be extinguished one by one as the following names are called by the Commander or his designee: "President Jefferson Davis, General Robert E. Lee, etc" and any other officers of the Confederacy, State or local that the sponsoring body may wish to intone. The names and candles will be equal, but one candle will be left burning on the table.

6. The Commander will point to this one candle stating that "This is dedicated to the Confederacy and will never be extinguished."

7. If glassed drinks are available, the Commander will ask all present to stand. He will then propose a toast to all Confederate ancestors and to the Confederacy.

NOTE: If it is impractical to have candles or to lower the house lights, the program may be held with all parts relating to candles or lights eliminated. If at all possible, candles should be provided for use in Item 5 whether other candles can be provided or whether the house lights can be turned down.

