

## MOS&B Awards and Medals

**Important Note:** *Annual National Awards are presented once a year at the National Convention. Most are submitted by a member of the GEC, Departmental Commanders or Society Commanders. These individuals will be notified when nominations are due. Forms for submission will be furnished or made available on the National web site. All nominations for awards must be submitted with written documentation that lists specific reasons for the nomination.*

*Chapter Commanders who wish to make nominations for National Convention Awards should work through their Society Commanders and use the Chapter forms available on the web site to submit to the Society. Nomination deadlines are important as certificates must be printed and medals prepared. All interested parties should familiarize themselves with the nomination forms and deadlines published on the National web site to insure participation in the awards process.*

*Work and activities performed while carrying out the duties of an elected or appointed office are not reasons for award nominations as such duties are the requirements of office. Likewise, the normal requirements expected for all members of the Military Order of Stars and Bars are not qualifications for Awards.*

### **Robert E. Lee Chalice**

The highest award presented by the GEC, the Lee Chalice is an engraved silver chalice which is presented annually to a member who has served the Military Order of the Stars & Bars with long and distinguished service. It is an Annual National award. All recipients must be past recipients of The Gold Star. It may be awarded only once to a member. The Chalice is accompanied by a gold medal suspended from a gold ribbon and a miniature.

Nominations for the Robert E. Lee Chalice are solicited from voting members of the General Executive Council. Nominations must be accompanied with a written narrative on the nominee. The narrative should be at least fifty (50) words and not more than one hundred fifty (150) words.

The list of nominees, with accompanying narratives, are distributed to the voting members of the General Executive Council. The individual receiving the largest number of votes will be declared the recipient. In case of a tie, another ballot with the two individuals receiving the largest number of votes in the initial balloting will be submitted to the General Executive Council to select the recipient. The recipient is named at the annual National Convention by the Commander General.

### **The Gold Star**

This Annual National award is presented by voting members of the GEC to an outstanding member from each of the following departments: Army of Northern Virginia, Army of Tennessee, and Army of Trans-Mississippi. It is the Order's second highest award. Each recipient receives a gold medal as well as an appropriate certificate reflecting the Confederate hero for which it is named. The awards are presented at the National Convention.

Army of Northern Virginia

**General Samuel Cooper Award**

Army of Tennessee

**General Joseph E. Johnston Award**

Army of Trans-Mississippi

**General Albert Sidney Johnston Award**

### **The Distinguished Commander Medal**

This Annual National award is presented by the Commander General to senior members who have demonstrated long, dedicated service to the Military Order of the Stars & Bars. The Award is a gold medal inlaid with red enamel and suspended from a yellow gold ribbon. A certificate signed by the Commander General and a miniature medal is also given.

Recipients are also authorized to indicate this distinguished status by using the letters "DCS" (*Distinguished Commander Status*) after their names on all official correspondence and records. It is generally presented by the Commander General at the National Convention.

### **Honorary Commander General**

The General Society in convention assembled may elect Honorary Commander Generals from among those who have rendered distinguished and notable service to the Society, or to the state or nation. A Past Commander General cannot receive this award. The acceptance of this award prohibits the recipient from being elected Commander General.

### **The Confederate Legacy Citation of Honor**

The Confederate Legacy Endowment is presented to MOS&B members who by their Sacrificial Giving have denoted their Special Confidence and Esteem in the Order. Recipients receive a certificate signed by the Commander General and Adjutant General and are entitled to wear the Confederate Legacy Drop. Complete details regarding membership are on the National web site.

### **The Col. John Pelham Legion of Merit Award**

This is an Annual National award presented by the Commander General for exceptional work by an individual member on behalf of the *General Society*. Candidates must have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and personify the leadership of the Confederate Officers Corp. The award is both a miniature gold medal suspended from a red ribbon for first time recipients and a certificate. Recommendations for this award should be made in writing to the Commander General.

### **Lt. Charles Read Meritorious Service Award**

Presented and approved by the Commander General, this Annual National award is given in recognition to an individual member for work promoting the General Society at the *Chapter* level. Nominated members should have demonstrated the highest work ethic and proven themselves in promoting the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. First time recipients receive a miniature medal suspended from a light blue ribbon along with a certificate. Recommendations for this award should be made in writing to the Commander General.

### **The Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne Meritorious Service Award**

The Commander General presents this Annual National certificate to members who have performed meritorious acts for furtherance of the National Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

### **The Commander General's Award**

The Commander General awards this Annual National certificate to individuals who have rendered outstanding personal service to the Commander General in the performance of his duties.

#### **The Varina Howell Davis Award**

A gold miniature medal with the likeness of the First Lady of the Confederacy, this one time National award is presented by the Commander General to ladies who have demonstrated unusual support for the Military Order of the Stars & Bars and its goals. A certificate comes with the medal. Medals are numbered and International Headquarters must be advised of the recipient, date of presentation and the medal number. This information is maintained in a log at IHQ. This is the highest award the MOS&B gives to a lady for continued unusual support of the Order. Recommendations for this Award should be made in writing to the Commander General. Nominations should include a narrative of not less than fifty (50) and not more than two hundred fifty (250) words.

#### **The Joseph Evan Davis Award**

This Annual National award is a gold medal with the likeness of Joseph Evan Davis, son of President and Mrs. Jefferson Davis. It comes with a certificate. Recipients must be a member in good standing of the Children of the Confederacy or the Military Order of the Stars & Bars between the ages of 12 and 18 years of age. Presented and approved by the Commander General upon recommendation to him by a Military Order of the Stars & Bars member, this award requires a narrative of not less than fifty (50) and not more than two hundred fifty (250) words.

#### **The Winnie Davis Award**

This Annual National award is a beautiful certificate bearing the portrait of “The Daughter of the Confederacy” and is presented to ladies who have demonstrably supported the purpose and goals of the MOS&B. This award requires recommendations to be made in writing.

#### **Judah P. Benjamin Award**

A multicolored certificate signed by the Commander General, this award is presented in behalf of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars, to a non-member, either male or female, in the promotion and preservation of Southern Heritage and History. This is the highest award presented to a non-member.

#### **The Rebel Club**

Because recruiting of new members is vital to the Military Order of the Stars & Bars, the Rebel Club was created to recognize individual members who excel in the recruitment of new members. Certificates as well as miniature medals depicting the Great Seal of the Confederacy are presented by the National Society to individual members who have demonstrated successful membership recruiting for the Order in the past year. Those who sponsor 3-4 new members receive a certificate while a Bronze miniature medal is awarded for 5 new members, a Silver miniature for 7 and a Gold miniature for 10 or more. The Rebel Club is an Annual National award.

#### **Law and Order Medal**

The Law and Order Medal is an Annual National award presented by the Commander General to a law enforcement officer, local, state or federal, for conspicuous gallantry and dedication beyond the call of duty. The recipient is presented a full size medal.

### **General Thomas Jackson Medal**

The Stonewall Jackson medal program is an Annual National award administered through PCG Josiah Gay, III and the Jackson Committee. Awards are presented to MOS&B members who have maintained a Confederate Officer's grave for a minimum of two years, placed a bronze marker and a Confederate Cross of Honor. All information is provided on the National web site.

### **Honorary Membership**

The certificate bears the signature of the Commander General and is awarded following approval for honorary membership. Honorary membership may only be bestowed upon a gentleman who is ineligible for membership in the Military Order of the Stars & Bars. Honorary memberships carry all rights of participation, but do not have a vote. The person must be nominated by a voting member of the General Executive Council or the General Convention and must receive a majority of acceptance by this body. Currently, (1) all surviving sons of a Confederate veteran, regardless of rank, have been approved for honorary membership as well as (2) all surviving veterans of World War I.

### **Henry Timrod Southern Culture Award**

This Annual National award is given for outstanding contributions by a current Military Order of Stars and Bars member towards the understanding, appreciation and explanation of our Southern Heritage and Way of Life. In addition, one non-member per year may be honored with this award. The award may be given for contributions in the form of fine art, literature, scholarly articles, cinema, art, theatre, poetry, architecture, etc. Submissions must demonstrate a positive reflection and contribution to Southern culture. Nominations should be made in writing to the Awards Chairman by April 1 of each year.

### **Colonel Walter H. Taylor Award**

This Annual National award is presented to the Military Order of the Stars & Bars State *Society* that regularly publishes a newsletter judged to be the most outstanding in the Order.

Points are awarded based on:

Format.....	15
Society and Nat'l News.....	30
Historical Content.....	20
Regular Publication Schedule .....	15
Overall Interest and Appeal.....	20
Total.....	100

To be considered for competition, three copies of each newsletter published must be submitted together to the Awards Chairman by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Decisions of the judging are final.

The publication schedule for competition purposes is National Convention- April 1 of the following year. Winners receive a certificate noting their achievement.

### **Captain John Morton Award**

This Annual National award is presented to the *Chapter* publishing the newsletter selected as the outstanding Chapter publication in the Military Order of the Stars & Bars. To be considered for competition, three copies of each newsletter published must be submitted together to the Awards Chairman by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Decision of the judging are final. Points are awarded based on:

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The publication schedule for competition purposes is National Convention to April 1 of the following year. Winners receive a certificate noting their achievement.

### **The J.E.B. Stuart Award**

This Annual National award is presented to the *Society* whose scrapbook has been judged best in the Order. It should document the activities of the Society in the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the Order. Scrapbooks are judged on attractiveness and uniqueness of appearance, documentation of current activities and meetings of the past year, theme and overall interest. Societies who wish to enter scrapbooks in the competition must send the scrapbook to the Awards Chairman no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. It is suggested that submissions be insured for shipping. Submitted scrapbooks will be available to be picked up after the competition at the National Convention and will not be mailed back if not picked up. Winners receive a certificate noting their achievement.

### **The T. J. Fakes Award**

This Annual National award is presented to the *Chapter* whose scrapbook has been judged best in the Order. The award is presented at the National Convention. It should document the activities of the Chapter in the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the Order. Scrapbooks are judged on attractiveness and uniqueness of appearance, documentation of current activities and meetings of the past year, theme and overall interest. Chapters who wish to enter scrapbooks in the competition must send the scrapbook to the Awards Chairman no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. It is suggested they be insured for shipping. Submitted scrapbooks will be available to be picked up after the competition at the National Convention and will not be mailed back if not picked up. Winners receive a certificate noting their achievement.

### **Col. Walter Hopkins Distinguished Chapter Award**

This award is presented by the Commander General to the Chapter that best exemplifies the purposes and principles of the Military Order of Stars and Bars as exhibited by its activities, services, membership and leadership. The completed *Chapter Annual Report* must be submitted with the nomination along with any other documentation.

### **The Lt. Gen. Simon Buckner Award**

This certificate is presented as an Annual National award to those Chapters that can document the retention of the same number of paid members from the preceding calendar year or an increase in the number of paid members from the preceding calendar year. This is determined and submitted by State Society Commanders and/or Adjutants no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the National Convention. All information submitted must be approved by MOS&B IHQ.

### **War Service Medal**

The WSM is presented to an active member of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars who has served honorably in combat for our nation. Service must have been in a combat zone for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty or have drawn Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger pay. Please see the Veterans of Foreign Wars Eligibility requirements for full criteria that must be met. Applications must be approved by the MOS&B War Service Committee. Applications and costs are available on the National MOS&B web site.

### **Southern Cross of Military Service**

This Medal is presented to an active member of the Military Order of Stars and Bars who has served honorably in our nation's military without participating in combat. Applicants must be approved by the MOS&B War Service Committee. Application and costs are available on the National MOS&B web site.

### **Real Grandson Medal**

The Real Grandson Medal may be presented to a real documented linear grandson of a documented Confederate Veteran. Application must be made to the Real Grandson Committee using the approved application with submission cost that is available on the National web site.

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### **Eagle Scout Certificate**

The Eagle Scout Certificate is presented on behalf of the Commander General to deserving Boy Scouts, MOS&B members or non-members, in recognition of achievement of the status of Eagle Scout. Application for the certificate may be made by Chapters, Societies or members of the GEC. Application information is available on the National web site.

### **Gen. Robert E. Lee Leadership Award**

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars offers this certificate award to JROTC and ROTC cadets that most reflects the leadership values personified by General Robert E. Lee. Commanding Officers of Senior ROTC and Junior ROTC units are responsible for determining recipients of this award. Minimum qualification criteria follow.

1. Cadet is a college or high school junior;
2. Possess a minimum 3.0 Cumulative GPA;
3. Ranked in the top 5% of in his or her military class; and
4. Administration of awards is the responsibility of local MOSB Chapters.

Local MOS&B Chapters should, at their own expense and discretion, present a saber or other suitable accouterment to an award recipient.

The MOS&B State Society may elect to manage this program for state chapters and may choose to identify and award a state level cadet recipient. The award for the state recipient must be differentiated from any chapter recipients. The local MOS&B Chapter will coordinate permission to present the award from the Commanding Officers of individual SROTC programs. The same will apply for coordinating permission from individual JROTC programs and its high school principals or area school superintendents.

Wherever possible, awards should be presented by a member of the local MOSB Chapter.

The Chapter or Society may provide at their expense an additional award to the recipient at either Chapter or Society level.

### **Membership Certificate**

Every man accepted for membership in the Military Order of the Stars & Bars will be issued a multi-colored certificate of membership stating his name, membership date and number and the name and rank of his ancestor. This certificate is signed by the Commander General.

Replacement and Supplementary Ancestor Certificates are available through IHQ.

### **Last Commission**

Upon the death of a current member of the Order, Chapter Adjutants should complete the Last Commission form located on the web site and forward to IHQ. If possible, a copy of the obituary should accompany the form. IHQ will print a Last Commission certificate that the Chapter or Society Chaplain or other designated member may deliver to the family members. If personal delivery is not available, the Last Commission will be mailed to the next of kin.

### **Certificate of Appreciation**

This certificate may be presented to any non-member, male or female, for their contributions to the protection of Southern Heritage and/or the advancement of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars.

### **MOS&B Scholarships**

The Military Order of the Stars & Bars awards college scholarships of \$1000 each. These Scholarships are appropriately named for Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee, Patrick R. Cleburne and Nathan Bedford Forrest. The number of Scholarships awarded is determined annually by the GEC. All applicants must be a genealogically proven descendent of a Confederate Officer or descendant of a member of the Confederate Executive or Legislative branches of government or descendent of a member of the Confederate States legislatures, judiciary or executive branches of state government.

Three separate Letters of Recommendation attesting to the applicant's character, ability, dependability and integrity are required with the application package. At least one recommending letter must be from an educator. Letters from relatives are not acceptable. All applications must have a support letter from a Chapter or Society. All requirements being equal, preference is given to current MOS&B members and close relatives of current members. All current information, forms and deadlines may be secured on-line at the national MOS&B web site.

### **The Douglas Southall Freeman History Award**

The award shall be made for the best published book of high merit in the field of Southern history beginning with the colonial period to the present time. The award shall be given only to works of high merit. If no work is submitted that meets the high standards of the Freeman History Award regulations, no award shall be given that year. The award shall be in the amount of \$1,000 paid directly to the author. The winner also shall receive an engraved trophy denoting that he was the recipient of the award. All books to be considered for this year's award shall be submitted to the Freeman History Committee by the publisher. All entries must be accompanied by a letter from the publisher giving the official date of publication. All entries must be accompanied by a biographical sketch of the author.

If the winning book goes to a second printing, it shall contain the acknowledgment that it was selected as the winner of the Freeman History Award plus stating the year it was awarded. The book shall also list the previous winners with additions as necessary.

In response to the educational and historical charge set forth in the national Military Order of the Stars & Bars constitution, the Douglas Southall Freeman History Award was established. The award was named in honor of the premier historian of General Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia.

### **The General Basil W. Duke Award**

This annual award shall be given to encourage the re-issuance of out-of-print books that accurately present history of the War for Southern Independence. The Award shall be in the amount of \$1,000 presented directly to the publisher of the reprinted volume. The publisher shall receive an engraved trophy denoting that he was the recipient of the award all books to be considered for this award shall be submitted to the Judging Committee by April 1<sup>st</sup> by the publisher. Invitation to participate in the competition is extended to any publisher who issues a



book between May 1st of the previous year and April 1st of the current year, that has not been republished since the expiration of the original copyright. All entries must include a letter from the publisher stating the year the book was published originally, and the date the reprint was issued. The judges shall consider the quality, accuracy, style and value to Confederate historiography when selecting the winning book. Regimental histories, autobiographies, memoirs and biographies of noted Confederate leaders are among the types of books to be considered for this award. If the winning book goes to a second printing, it shall contain an acknowledgment that selected as the winner of the General Basil W. Duke Award, plus stating the year it was awarded.

### **The John Esten Cooke Fiction Award**

The award shall be given annually to encourage writers of fiction to portray characters and events dealing with the War Between the States, Confederate heritage, or Southern history in a historically accurate fashion. The award shall be in the amount of \$1,000 paid directly to the author. The winner shall receive an engraved trophy denoting that he/she was the recipient of the award. All books to be considered for this year's award shall be submitted to the John Esten Cooke Fiction Award Committee by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Invitation to participate in the contest is extended to any person who has written a book-length work of fiction published between May 1st, two years prior and April 1st of this year. All entries must be accompanied by a letter from the publisher stating the official date of publication. Each entry must be accompanied by a biographical sketch of the author. The judges will consider the effectiveness of research, accuracy of statement, and excellence of style in selecting the winner. All entries must be book length. If the winning book goes to a second printing, it shall contain the acknowledgment that it was selected as the winner of the Cooke Fiction Award along with stating the year the award was made.



