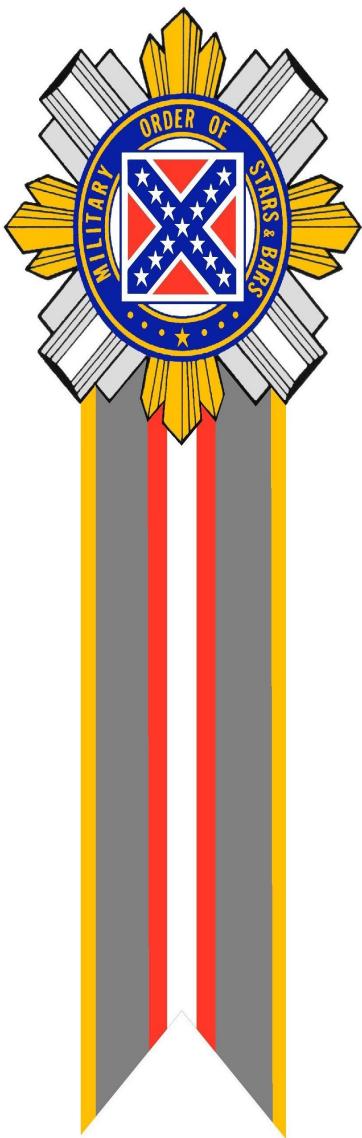


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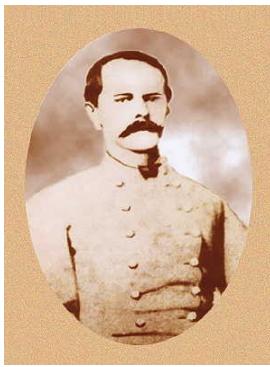
The new Military Order of Stars and Bars headquarters is now in operation. In an effort to provide financial stability and insure more effective use of membership dues, the General Executive Council voted at the Columbia, South Carolina national convention to immediately implement a new headquarters operations system and close the Daphne office. It is anticipated that with the adoption of the decentralized model, the MOS&B will save a minimum of \$28,000 each year. Hopefully, this savings can be directed back to our investments funds that were hard-hit by the economic downturn, used for special projects that support the Order's goals, and perhaps fund a future permanent headquarters as our membership and assets grow.

Various members of the GEC and officers including the Lieut. Commander, Chief of Staff, Treasurer-General and Adjutant as well as others have already assumed responsibility for providing information and services to members. The new phone numbers, email and mailing address were put in place prior to the physical closing of the Daphne location to provide continued access to the Order's membership.



This location was closed over the July 4th weekend by several members and wives who physically moved the supplies of the Order. Max and Sheila Waldrop of Tennessee, Gary and Dorothy Loudermilk of Texas and Richard and Anne Rhone of Alabama spent Sunday and Monday moving. Prior to the actual move, former office manager Brittany Reeves had inventoried and sorted many of the supplies. PCG Law assisted in the move on Monday and was able to provide guidance and answer questions. Three laborers were hired for a couple of hours to move the large concrete-lined files that hold membership files until the records are scanned and then the originals are to be stored at the official MOSB Archives at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City.

By Tuesday July 7th, the MOSB Store was being set up for sales, new memberships were being processed, membership files were being scanned, Confederate Legacy Endowment Citation of Honor certificates and Last Commissions were being printed and mailed, Scholarship funds were sent to universities and all MOSB financial operations were in place. As in any new procedure, there will be problems to be solved and difficulties to be overcome, but all can be resolved by the MOS&B working together.



BIOGRAPHY OF CAPT.

JACOB PHINIZY

BY

PAT M. STEVENS, IV

Jacob Phinizy was born on Dec 21, 1823 in Bowling Green, Oglethorpe County, Georgia. He died on August 30, 1862 in the Battle of Second Manassas, Virginia.

Jacob was a very close friend and business partner with his cousin, Pat Stevens, born just a few weeks ahead of Jacob in October 1823. Together they bought land in Bolivar County, Mississippi, on the banks of the Mississippi River, during the settling and clearing of the vast Yazoo Delta country. They endured flood after flood, and eventually had to put the land up for sale about 1860, before the beginning of the war. (Source: letters from Mississippi, from Jacob to Pat, 1858-1860, my collection.)

Jacob was killed at the Second Manassas Battle during the War. We have his letters home to Pat. He died leading the Oglethorpe Rifles of the 8th Georgia Infantry Regiment. Jacob was their Captain. General Beauregard saluted the Regiment for their conduct that day. See footnote and the Official Records cited.

Confederate Service Record Summary:

Phinizy, Jacob -- 1st Lieutenant May 15, 1861. Elected Captain August 1861. Killed at 2d Manassas, Va. August 30, 1862. (From the Records.)

The Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, US Government, Series 1, Volume 12, Part 1: Capt. Phinizy was reported killed in action 30 Aug. 1862 during the Second Battle of Manassas, in the 8th Georgians in Longstreet's command." Also, brigade commander "Tige" Anderson wrote: "I placed my brigade in line on the field, my left regiment being the 8th Georgia, Lt. Col. John R. Towers commanding. [O.R. Series I, Vol. 12, Part 2, pg. 593]. The 8th Georgia sustained losses of 8 killed, 54 wounded at the Battle of Second Manassas. Officers killed at the battle were Captain J. M. C. Hulsey and Captain Phinizy, Aug. 30th. [O.R. Series I, Vol. 12, Part 2, pg. 560 and pg. 816].

So far as I know, Jacob left no wife or children. His letters from Mississippi and various Virginia loca-

passed to his son and thence to me. They cover the period 1858 to his death.

Sources:

Title: Joan Doughty, op. cit.

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HISTORY OF THE CAPT. JACOB PHINIZY MOSB CHAPTER

BY WILLIAM W. PHINIZY, JR.

Captain Jacob Phinizy Chapter # 153 was founded on July 5, 2007 in Augusta, GA by William W. Phinizy, Jr. who is the great, great nephew of the Chapter's namesake. The chapter charter banquet was held at Sconyer's restaurant. Sconyer's is the only restaurant in Augusta that flies the real Georgia State Flag.

The following men were the chapter's first members: Charles Johnson, Robert Edmond, John Partridge, William Paschal, Curtis Carter and William W. Phinizy, Jr. Charles Johnson was elected Commander, Robert Edmond the Lt. Commander, and John Partridge as Adjutant.

Captain Jacob Phinizy was commander of Co K "Oglethorpe Rifles", 8th GA Regiment. There was a monument erected in honor of the 8th GA in the town square of Lexington, GA which is located in Oglethorpe County. This monument was erected by the UDC in 1925.

Jacob Phinizy was born December 21, 1823 at Bowling Green Plantation in Oglethorpe County, GA. He died on August 30, 1862 in the Second Battle of Manassas.

The 8th GA was assigned to Longstreet's Corps and "Tighe" Anderson's Brigade. After the War of Northern Aggression ended, General Anderson became Police Chief of Atlanta, GA.

The exploits of the 8th GA are well documented in the book entitled "A Scythe of Fire" written by Warren Wilkinson and Steven F. Woodworth. This book was one of the finest regimental histories ever written.

After the Second Battle of Manassas ended, the Union artillery was retreating and going back to Washington. Jacob Phinizy and the Oglethorpe Rifles were positioned in a wooded area of Henry Hill. Captain Phinizy was talking to his best friend 1st LT Jake Reid. Suddenly a rustling was heard in the leaves. It was a stray round of canister from the retreating artillery. It struck Jacob Phinizy in the throat and he was killed instantly. He was caught by one of his men before he hit the ground. He was buried in a common grave after the battle ended.

After the war, some family members went to Manassas to try and find his remains but were unable to do so.

I have a number of his letters written to his business partner, Mr. Pat Stephens of Oglethorpe County, GA. Also, I have had a photo of him over my dresser since 1935.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Max Waldrop for his efforts in helping me found this Chapter. Max sent me a master list of all the MOS&B members in GA. This expedited the recruiting process considerably.

Ever since 2005 when I joined the most elite confederate heritage organization on this planet, I have wanted to organize and found a Chapter named after one of my Confederate ancestors of whom I am extremely proud.

GENERAL WRIGHT HONORED BY DESCENDENTS IN AUGUSTA

BY WILLIAM W. PHINIZY, JR.

I am a member of Major General Ambrose Ranson Wright Camp #1914 in Evans, GA. I am the great-great-grandson of Gen. Wright. On August 26 at Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta, GA, we conducted a celebration of Confederate Memorial Day and a wreath placement ceremony for General Wright's gravesite. His birthday is April 26 also.

There are seven Confederate generals buried in Magnolia Cemetery and General Wright is the highest rank of them.

General Wright owned the *Augusta Chronicle* at the time of his death. I find it rather ironic that none of their reporters covered this event. I have attended his gravesite services since 1935 and have never witnessed a member of the media present.

"Men will tell their children after all other memories fade - they fought with General Ambrose Wright in his grand old Georgia Brigade."

DISPATCH FROM ADJUTANT GENERAL TONI TURK

The MOS&B 2010 dues collection window is September through December 2009. Chapter/Society/National dues should be coordinated through local chapter officers. National dues should then be transmitted to National by chapter officers. The deadline is the end of January 2010. National dues not submitted by the deadline will be direct-billed in February. Members responding to the National direct-bill effort will be transferred into the National At-Large Chapter. Those members joining the Order or renewing their memberships after the annual convention held in Columbia, South Carolina, have been credited with having paid their 2010 dues.

National dues are \$35. Members of the National At-Large Chapter should transmit their dues directly to National.

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

A major ongoing project of the Military Order of Stars and Bars is its college scholarship program for genealogically proven: (1) descendants of Confederate Officers; (2) descendants of the Confederate Executive or Legislative branches of government; and (3) descendants of members of the Confederate States' legislatures, judiciary, and executive branches of government. Over the years, many young people have benefited from this project.

The MOS&B Scholarship Program annually recognizes and awards the merit based scholarships to worthy individuals who meet eligibility requirements and have been judged on information submitted by the applicant. All things being equal, preference is given to MOS&B members and close relatives of members.

The General Executive Council has determined that each Department scholarship awarded will be in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). The number of annual scholarships awarded to each Department is decided by the General Executive Council. Additional scholarships may be awarded as determined by the General Executive Council and subject to available funds.

The following recipients were selected this year by the 2009 Scholarship Committee based on the published criteria that may be found on the National MOS&B web site:



Gen. Robert E. Lee : Mr. Michael Griffin, Jr.
(The Citadel) Hanahan, SC



Lt. General Nathan B. Forrest : Mr. David Perry
(The University of Alabama) Vestavia Hills, AL



Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne: Mr. Justin Henry Lester (The Univ. of LA-Monroe)
Minden, LA

Information regarding the 2010 Scholarship Program will be announced on the national website and in *The Officer's Call* as soon as available. MOS&B members and supporters are encouraged to make tax-exempt donations to the scholarship program. Donations of \$1000.00 or more are eligible for Confederate Endowment Legacy Program. Details regarding the Legacy Program may be found on the national web site.

Information submitted by Richard Rhone, Chairman of Scholarship Committee

STATE ARCHIVES NAMES NEW CHIEF

By JOEY HOLLEMAN -
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"W. Eric Emerson, the director of the Charleston County Library Society, has been selected to take over leadership of the S.C. Department of Archives and History. Emerson, 42, will replace Rodger Stroup, who is retiring after 12 years as executive director. Emerson is a Charlotte native with a doctorate in history from the University of Alabama. More recently, he spent eight years with the S.C. Historical Society and the past 2½ years with the library society. He also has served on the state historical records advisory board. Emerson turned his historical research into "Sons of Privilege," a 2005 book on the Civil War experiences of the men in Charleston's wealthiest families. "Eric is an extraordinarily talented and capable historian of South Carolina," said A.V. Huff, chairman of the state archives board. "He has the kind of background that will allow him to hit the ground running." Emerson is scheduled to start his new job in early August. "It's a great opportunity," Emerson said. "There are a lot of challenges in all state agencies, trying to do more and more with smaller staffs, but (Archives and History) is blessed with a wonderful facility and a committed staff." The agency is caretaker of more than 325 years of state historical documents at its 11-year-old facility at 8301

Parklane Road in Columbia. The staff also works on historic preservation, history education, records management and records conservation."

Note that Dr. Eric Emerson is the Henry Timod Southern Culture Recipient at the 2009 MOS&B Convention.

DISPATCH FROM THE COMMANDER GENERAL

Compatriots of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars:

I want to express my appreciation to Lieutenant Commander Max Waldrop and Chief of Staff Ben Willingham for the wonderful job they have done in supervising the transition of our headquarters operations from a fixed facility in Daphne, Alabama to an "all volunteer" headquarters operation. Max is overseeing the day to day operations of headquarters and Ben is handling the telephone and internet communication aspects of our operations. The hard work of these two gentlemen has made this transition very smooth and I want to express the thanks of the Order to these two hard working compatriots.

Special thanks is also extended to ATM Commander Gary Loudermilk. Gary has taken over the Order's merchandise operations (medals, shirts, and assorted items for our members). Information on available MOS&B related items is available elsewhere in the newsletter. Your purchases help offset the operational costs of the Order and allow you to show your pride of membership and descent from a Confederate officer.

Our Scholarship program, which helps defray the educational expenses of Confederate descendants, is one of our most important activities and helps us promote a positive public image. With our recent financial difficulties, these academic scholarships were in jeopardy of having to be shelved for this year and perhaps into the future. However, three men stepped up to help the Order fund these important financial benefits to young Southern scholars. I would like to express my personal thanks and those of the Order to PCG Dan Jones, AOT Executive Councilor Richard Rhone, and Lieutenant Colonel Max Waldrop, father of LT CG Max Waldrop, for their financial support of this important activity. Their benevolence is deeply appreciated and is in the highest traditions of the Confederate Officer Corps.

Gentlemen, the last year and a half has been a tough time for the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. However, it is my sincere belief that we are now "over

the hump" and that the future of the Order is bright due to the operational changes and fiscal responsibility that is now in place. Our current plans call for additional scholarships for next year (six scholarships rather than three), more newsletters (both electronic and printed/mailed) and benefits to the members, and supporting more Confederate heritage activities such as flag and monument restorations. For these plans to come to fruition, we need one very important thing: your continued support through your membership dues and continued activity on the chapter and society level.

Our next annual reunion and convention will be held in late April 2010 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. At that time we will be selecting our next slate of officers for a two year term. Anyone who wishes to seek office is invited to use the pages of this newsletter (in upcoming issues) to announce their candidacy and to inform the members of your proposed agenda for the Order. Please forward your campaign announcements to Editor Jeff Sizemore.

I look forward to working with you as we commemorate and memorialize the deeds and achievements of our Confederate ancestors. Their legacy is one we are deeply proud of. Your continued support of the MOS&B is deeply appreciated.

With warmest regards,

Anthony Hodges, D.D.S.
Commander General
Military Order of the Stars and Bars

SUBMITTAL ENTRIES

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars Officer's Call Newsletter is published six times annually and news copy need to be submitted via e-mail to Editor@mosbfl.org on or before the 15th day of the preceding month. Pictures are welcome. Please submit articles in Microsoft Word format or as plain text in your e-mail. It will be most appreciated that a copy of the MOS&B chapters newsletters; as well as, the MOS&B State Society newsletters also be sent to the e-mail above. Thanks!!

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**GEORGE CRABTREE WHITNER
MOS&B #2154
CAPT J. J. DICKISON #29**



WHITNER George Crabtree Whitner, 86, of Jacksonville, went to be with his Lord on July 29, 2009. He died peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family. Born on June 27, 1923, George was a Jacksonville native. The son of John Addison Whitner and Eleanor Castex Crabtree, George was pre-deceased in death by his parents

and his sister Martha Brown Whitner. A well-known Jacksonville banker and civic leader, George began his career with the Whitner and Lawrence Insurance Agency. When the Agency was sold to the Hartford Group in 1958, George joined what was then the Florida National Bank of Jacksonville, and rose through the ranks to become president in 1975. In 1981, George was elected president and C.E.O. of Florida National Banks of Florida, and successfully negotiated the merger of Alliance Corporation and an agreement to merge with the then Chemical Bank of New York. After his retirement in 1985, George served as a director of the bank until it was acquired by First Union Bank Corporation (now Wachovia/Wells Fargo). Prominent in local non-profit work, George was instrumental in bringing Florida Community College to Jacksonville, and was the first president of the Florida Community College Foundation. He served on the boards of the Speech and Hearing Clinic, Travelers Aid Society, the Meninak Club, the Salvation Army, the American Cancer Society, Riverside Hospital, and United Way, and was actively involved with the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, the Gator Bowl Association, and the Committee of 100. He enjoyed memberships with the Friars Club, the River Club, and Timuquana Country Club. George graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Jacksonville, and received a B.S. in Commerce from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. A competitive swimmer in high school and college, George held the American record in the 100 yard breaststroke. He was an avid Carolina Tarheel fan (and nearly missed his own wedding because it was scheduled during a Carolina basketball game). George also attended the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers

University, and received an Honorary Doctorate in Business from Jones College in Jacksonville. During WWII, George proudly served his country as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, stationed on the USS Alaska in the Pacific. A lifetime member of St. Johns Presbyterian Church, George was active as an Elder for many years. When illness prevented him from attending church any longer, he enjoyed web stream worship with Northland, A Church Distributed, where his daughter Eleanor and son-in-law Tim are affiliated. In December 1955, George married Virginia Turnbull Hilyard, also of Jacksonville, and regularly referred to marrying Ginny as his "best day's work." He is survived by Ginny, his bride of nearly 54 years, their daughters Banta Hilyard Whitner (Bruce Grob) of Jacksonville, Virginia Whitner Hoptman (Glen) of Vienna, VA, Eleanor Whitner Tracey (Tim) of Longwood, FL, and son John Addison Whitner (Ruth) of Jacksonville, and nine grandchildren: Elise Jordan Grob, Sarah Cobb Hoptman, Virginia Hilyard Hoptman, Eleanor Caroline Hoptman, Michael Francis Tracey, Martha Katharine Tracey, namesake George Crabtree Whitner II, Emma Reade Whitner, and Lilly Finlayson Whitner. George will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather (Papa), a fisherman extraordinaire, eagle-eyed hunter, and vocal Tarheel fan. He was a man of enormous warmth, wit and humor, who never met a stranger. We honor George for his unshakeable integrity, his generous spirit, and his deep and abiding loyalty to his family. We are so grateful to have known and loved him, and his legacy lives on in all the lives he touched. The family gratefully acknowledges the kindness and devotion of the caregivers from Home Instead and the staff of Community Hospice. The family will welcome visitors on Friday evening, July 31, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home located at 729 S. Edgewood Avenue, Jacksonville, FL. A memorial service in celebration of George's life will be held at St. Johns Presbyterian Church, 4275 Herschel St., Jacksonville FL 32210, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2009, the Rev. Ronald R. Smith officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution to Community Hospice Foundation (4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257) or a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are by Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, 729 S. Edgewood Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 388-2711.

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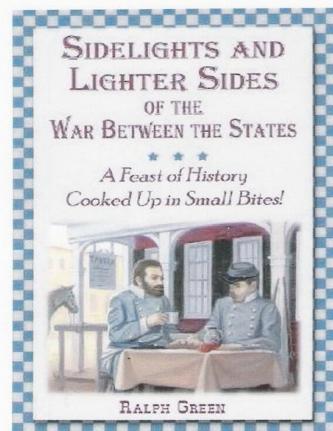
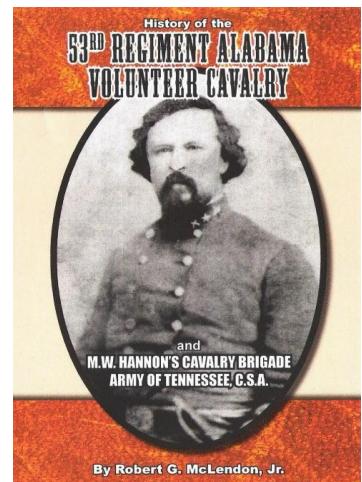
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About the Author: Robert Garrett McLendon Jr. was born and raised in Gainesville Florida. He received a BS degree from Florida State University and an MS from Eastern Kentucky University. He retired in 2002 after a career of 36 years in law enforcement and moved back to some of his family roots in Pike County Alabama. His great grandfather, J. D. McLendon served in the 53rd Alabama. A living history re-enactor for more than 25 years, he portrays several periods of American history. He is a life member of the MOSB and SCV and a member of the OSC and SAR. He is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Confederate Military Lodge of Research. He has done extensive research on the WBTS and has had several articles published. He currently operates a military museum in Troy Alabama.

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in laughter, sadness, suffering, triumph, and not as faceless apparitions from the greatest American tragedy."

Robert L. Hawkins, III, Past Executive Director, Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library

About the Author: Through the years Ralph Green has gathered and recounted many of the speeches, written articles and occurrences that illustrated the hardships faced by the gallant people of the South, their efforts to cope, their spirit, and the nature of the conflict. It has often been suggested that Ralph condense and publish these short narratives in a book and now he has!

Ralph is a long-time life member of the MOSB and has held a myriad of leadership positions. He is now retired and resides in Fairview Texas.

(Ralph will provide a personalized dedication of each copy if the purchaser specifies the name of the person to whom dedicated.)

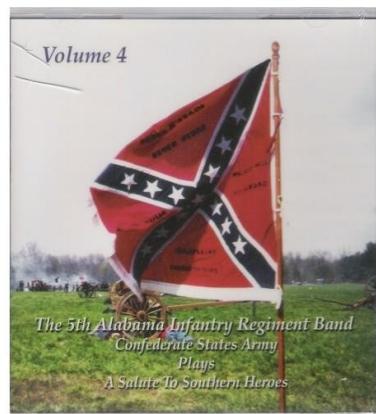
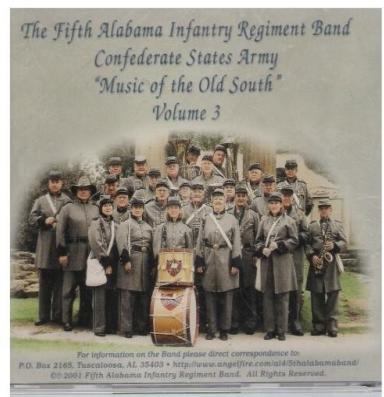
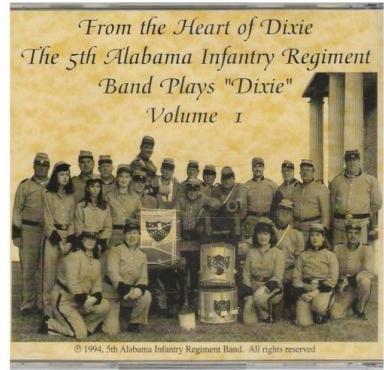
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CD Volume 3: Dixie Choral, Bonnie Blue Flag, Annie Laurie, Old 1812/ Kingdom Coming/The Girl I left Behind Me, Irish Wedding Dance, Believe Me if all those Endearing Young Charms, Annie of the Vale Quickstep, Up-Dei-Di!, Deep River, Children of the Hyman, Camp Moore Polka, Mister, Here's your Mule, Hymn Medley No. 2, Mountain Belle Schottisch, Marching Through Georgia, Prattville Light Dragoons, Strike for the South, Dixie

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FRANK BUCKLES RECOGNIZED

FOR HIS WWI MILITARY SERVICE

At the recent MOS&B Columbia Convention, the delegates approved a motion to recognize Frank Buckles as a means to recognize him for his WWI military service. As part of this recognition, the MOS&B has recently issued a honorary membership to Frank Buckles. He is 107 years old & is considered the last World War I military person from any country still living. He recently appeared in the homecoming parade in his home town of Bethany, MO. In addition to AEF service, he was also a civilian POW in the Philippines in World War II.

FRANK CLAY GILBERT, 71

Passed Away: *06/23/2009* Evans Funeral Home announces the death of Mr. Frank Clay Gilbert, age 71, of Jefferson, who passed away on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. He was born on August 6, 1937, in Jackson County, a son to the late Farris and Annie Sue Smallwood Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert was a retired Regional Sales Manager with Carhart Manufacturing and a member of the First Baptist Church of Jefferson where he served as a Sunday School Teacher. Mr. Gilbert was a Gideon, the first Eagle Scout of Jefferson, a Boy Scout District Commander, Little league Coach, Midget Football Coach and was awarded the Silver Beaver by the Boy Scouts. He was also a member of the Robert Toombs MOSB Chapter #176 located in Athens, GA.

Survivors include wife, Joyce Duke Gilbert, Jefferson; son and daughter in law, Keith and Becky Gilbert, Athens, daughter and son in law, Karyn and Keith Wilburn, Jefferson, Grandsons, Shane and Brannan Wilburn and Brantley and Kolby Gilbert.

Funeral Services was held on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 11:00am in the First Baptist Church of Jefferson with Minister Tom Plank, Rev. Hillier Duke and Rev. Michael Helms officiating. The visitation was held Wednesday evening, June 24, 2009 from 5-8pm at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O.Box 395, Jefferson, GA 30549, or The Gideons International, Jackson West Camp, P.O.Box 755, Jefferson, GA 30549. Arrangements were handled by Evans Funeral Home, Jefferson. 706-367-5467.

MOS & B APPRECIATION NOTE

J. BARTON CAMPBELL, RICHMOND, VA

Dear Compatriots

I am deeply honored and humbled by the award given me at this year's annual convention in Columbia, S. C. To be the recipient of the Gold Star Award for the ANV is truly an honor; this is especially so since the selection was by a group of my peers. My sincere thanks to all my fellow compatriots.

We must be diligent in standing for the truth regarding our Confederate forbearers. I was recently reminded of this when reading a short inspirational piece with an inaccurate reference to the War. I wrote the author, and received a nice note back acknowledging his error. We have to keep making these efforts. Let's all do our part to strengthen the MOS & B, and consequently further our mission. Our ancestors were leaders - - we must be too.

DISPATCH FROM CHAPLAIN GENERAL WALTER BLACKMAN

The study of Confederate chaplains is always an interesting and inspiring part of the War of Northern Aggression. Perhaps most fascinating are the fighting chaplains. While a congressional act exempted recognized and authorized ministers of various sects of religion from military duty, many enlisted and served with great distinction.

Among them was an Episcopal priest, William N. Pendleton, who left his congregation and put on a Confederate officer's uniform at the age of fifty-one. He began as a captain, but was quickly promoted as chief of artillery on the staff of Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston. He was particularly proud of four six pounder, brass smoothbore cannon which he said, "spoke a powerful language." The canons were named Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. In light of this, the moment is captured in the movie *God's and Generals* when Gen. Jackson told Maj. Pendleton, "I'm sure your men will do their utmost to spread the gospel, wherever they encounter the enemy." Later, Brig. Gen. Pendleton was placed in charge of Gen. Lee's artillery. After the war, he returned to Grace Church in Lexington.

Bishop Leonidas Polk became a Confederate lieutenant general , fighting in battles stretching from Kentucky to Shiloh. He strongly disagreed with Gen. Bragg and might have been sent before a court-martial, but President Jefferson Davis came to the rescue of his longtime friend and sent him to Mississippi. He took his men to Georgia and attempted to stop Sherman's advance to Atlanta, but was struck by a round from a Yankee Parrott gun.

A Catholic priest, Father Abram Ryan, wanted to become a Confederate officer, but was turned down. Nevertheless, he became a "freelance" chaplain and went from one battlefield to another administering last rites to dying soldiers. He would be remembered for a poem entitled *The Conquered Banner*.

I personally like Chaplain T. L. Duke of the Nineteenth Virginia Regiment who seized a musket and rushed into a battle. He took personal charge of a band of sharpshooters and directed their movements. After distinguishing himself as a fighting soldier, he was made a captain of scouts and served in

Mississippi with them. Documents after the war dubbed him a "double-barrel patriot."

Many other chaplains served, and some died under arms, while continuing to offer spiritual guidance to the soldiers. Others did not take up arms, but also died with the soldiers, especially in the final months of the War. Still many others were seriously wounded and maimed for life.

May we be equally inspired to "get into the fight" and defend our noble ancestors as well as our heritage through our own personal conduct and character. Borrowing from the Apostle Paul , we do not wrestle (fight) against flesh and blood, but we do fight against ideas, falsehoods, and partial truths that are really lies about the War and why our ancestors took up arms, even men of God—to defend their homes, their states, and their country against soldiers from northern states. This is enlistment and retention time in our Society—so let us do our part to make this Order stronger, and if you are not already one—become a soldier of the Cross. Jesus is looking for those who will join Him in the most important cause—the spread of the Gospel.



THE FORREST/ CHEATHAM TENNESSEE SOCIETY

The Forrest/Cheatham Tennessee Society held their annual meeting on August 22, 2009 at The Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson, in Nashville Tennessee.

The meeting began with a heartfelt memorial to our recently departed compatriot Lucian Dale. Lucian was a long time member of MOS&B and was a champion of Confederate heritage as well as being very involved in his church as a leader and Christian mentor to many.

The Tennessee Society was fortunate to have several national officers present. In attendance were, Commander General Dr. Anthony Hodges, Lt. Commander General Max Waldrop, Chief of Staff CAPT Ben Willingham, and Treasurer General Bryan Roehrig.

There was a roundtable discussion among the attendees about the recent changes in MOS&B, particularly concerning the closing of the MOS&B headquarters in Daphne Alabama. The Tennessee Society, after having a

discussion with our national officers, have a feeling of optimism and are certain that the MOS&B is on the road to fiscal soundness and is being led by a very capable team of national officers.

The educational program, "Maj. Gen Patrick R Cleburne", was presented by historian Thomas Y. Cartwright. Mr. Cartwright served as the Executive Director of The Carter House in Franklin Tennessee for many years and is currently with the Lotz House, which is located across the street from The Carter House. The presentation was very informative and the one point that rang true during the lifetime of Gen Cleburne was that he was not only an officer, but a gentleman of the highest moral character. Gen Cleburne was killed in action during The Battle of Franklin and a monument to Gen Cleburne is located adjacent to the site of The Cotton Gin, which is only a few yards from The Lotz House.

The Tennessee Society voted to donate \$500 to The Gen William B Bate Camp 34 SCV to help in the construction of a monument honoring Capt H. L. Hunley, CSN. Capt Hunley lived as a small child in Sumner County Tennessee. He later invented the submarine, CSS H. L. Hunley and the monument will be placed on the property of the Bledsoe Lick Historical Society in Castalian Springs, Tennessee.

This information was submitted by G. Frank Heathman, 1st Lt. Commander, Forrest/Cheatham Tennessee Society MOS&B.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/ EVENTS/AWARDS GORGAS CHAPTER #299 ALABAMA SOCIETY, MOS&B

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Each Christmas, Gorgas Chapter members place wreaths on graves of Confederate soldiers and Confederate monuments in cemeteries in the Tuscaloosa, AL area. Graves decorated include forty-four unknown Confederate soldiers in Greenwood Cemetery as well as several known enlisted men and officers, including several generals. Special recognition is given to the graves of General Josiah Gorgas and his wife, Amelia Gayle, who are buried in Evergreen Cemetery. The photo is of the graves of General Gorgas and his wife.



GRAVE RESTORATION

Recently, members of the Gorgas Chapter restored the grave site of Captain Benjamin F. Eddins in Greenwood Cemetery, Tuscaloosa, AL, the only Confederate soldier killed in the Battle of Tuscaloosa in April, 1865. Years of neglect had ruined the site and an extensive effort was required to restore it. Restoration at a cost of \$1,606 included a thorough cleaning of the site, repair of the broken pieces of the headstones with strong bonding cement, mounting the repaired headstones of Capt. Eddins and his daughter on new ledger stones, engraving of Capt. Eddins' ledger stone, and construction of a heavy chain fence around the site to prevent future damage by groundskeepers and mowers. The restored site is seen in the photograph. Capt. Eddins' grave is in the foreground.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

On April 26, 2009 members of the Gorgas Chapter participated a ceremony to honor the numerous Confederate soldiers buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Tuscaloosa, AL and to honor Sallie Ann Swoope, a nurse for the 11th Alabama, also buried in the cemetery. The ceremony was held at the recently restored grave site of Captain Benjamin F. Eddins. Approximately forty people attended the ceremony. Linda Graham, representing the UDC, placed a beautiful flower arrangement at Capt. Eddins' grave. Members of the SCV served as a Color Guard, presented the Colors, and fired a salute with their rifles. MOS&B member James Dunn gave the invocation. David Allen, past SCV Division Commander and past Rodes Camp Commander spoke on the War Between the States. Past Gorgas Chapter Commander and past Rodes Camp Commander Walter Dockery spoke on the life and contributions of Sallie Ann Swoope. Past Rodes Camp Commander James Dunn spoke on the life and contributions of Capt. Eddins. Ladies in period costume participated in the ceremony and sang a special arrangement of Amazing Grace. Past Rodes Camp Commander Jerry Johnson gave the benediction which concluded the ceremony. MOS&B members, Walter

Dockery, Sam Gambrell, James Dunn, Frank Delbridge, and Daryl Patterson (L to R) attended the ceremony and are seen in the photo.

PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS BANQUET

On June 23, 2009, the Gorgas Chapter held its first President Jefferson Davis banquet at the First Christian Church in Tuscaloosa, AL. Compatriot Wiley Hales, a member of this church, made the arrangements for the banquet to be held there. Thirty members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal and heard Mr. Steve Davis, Historian at Bryce Hospital, speak about the role of the hospital in the War Between the States and the relationship between General Gorgas and Peter Bryce, then Director of Bryce Hospital. Lt. Commander Richard Rhone presided at the banquet and recognized several chapter members by presenting awards given at the 72nd Annual MOS&B Convention in Columbia, SC to members who were unable to attend the convention.

AWARDS TO CHAPTER

At the recent 72nd Annual Convention held in Columbia, SC, the chapter received two awards recognizing its efforts during the past year. These two awards are:

Colonel Walter Hopkins Award

(Distinguished Chapter Award)

(only four chapters received this award)

Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Chapter

Membership Retention Award

Submitted by: Dr. Sam Gambrell, Adjutant