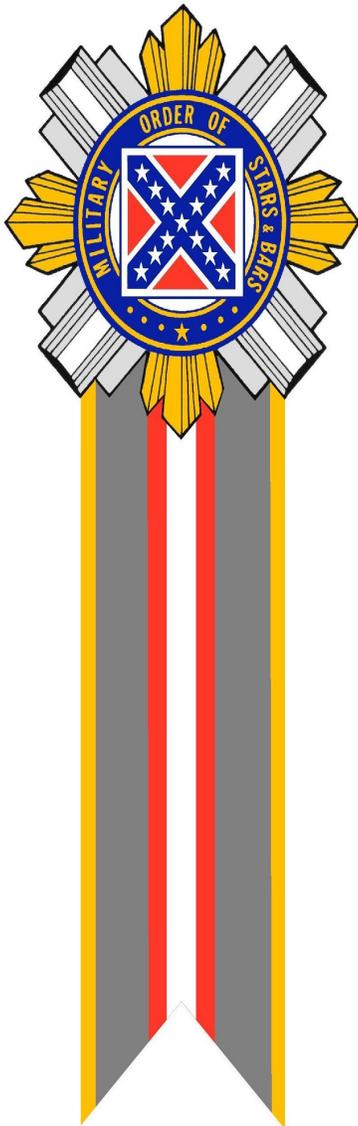


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In today’s jargon, it’s a Win-Win!

Gary M. Loudermilk
Quartermaster-General



UDC GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION IN SAVANNAH, GA

On October 2, 2009, Ben Willingham (MOSB Chief of Staff) was the speaker at the UDC Georgia State Convention that was held in Savannah, GA. His presentation was on the Flag of the 19th Georgia and their part in the Third Federal Invasion of Florida. Pictured below is of the original battle flag that was carried by the 19th Georgia Infantry. While pictured above is a picture of Ben Willingham while he was giving his speech at this convention.



**CHAPLAIN GENERAL'S
WORDS OF INSPIRATION
BY REV. WALLY BLACKMAN**

Our Confederate Christian Officers would hold in contempt I believe, the arrogance of modern Americans and their politically correct notions of the place faith and God have in politics and government. The mention of the Almighty in military correspondence was as natural as breathing to many of our great Christian leaders of the Confederacy. The Rev. J. Wm. Jones, author of *Christ in the Camp*, lists Generals R.E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, D. H. Hill, T.R. Cobb, A.H. Colquitt, Kirby Smith, J.E.B. Stuart, W.N. Pendleton, John B. Gordon, C.A. Evans, A.M. Scales, "Willie" Pegram, Lewis Minor Coleman, Thos. H. Carter, Carter Braxton, Charles S. Venable among many others as believers at the outbreak of the war. Others came to Christ during way, among them Generals Ewell, Pender, Hood, R.H. Anderson, Rodes, Paxton, W.H.S. Baylor, and many more too numerous to mention. These men did not just simply profess Christ, but actively shared their faith with their troops and at proper occasions took a stand for Jesus.

There were some officers who were not believers and who threatened to turn the Lord's Sabbath into a day of inspections, reviews, etc... Chaplain Jones, along with Rev. B. T. Lacy, went to Gen. Lee to perform a delicate mission—to end the growing obstacles to the chaplains trying to conduct services and evangelistic work on Sundays without appearing to be "informers" or "officious intermeddlers." The chaplains shared with Gen. Lee about the great revival moving through the camps, with thousands of decisions for Christ, and they saw "his eye brighten and his whole countenance glow with pleasure; and as, in his simple, feeling words, he expressed his delight, we forgot the great warrior, and only remembered that we were communing with an humble, earnest Christian."

Thus, Gen. Lee issued General Order No. 15 from the Head-quarters, Army of Northern Virginia on February 7, 1864, which complimented the gathering of troops for worship, but also directed that nothing but the duties "strictly necessary" would be performed on the Lord's Day. All inspections and other events were to be scheduled so as not to "interfere with the attendance of

the men" for worship services. In fact, they were to observe order and quiet around the places of worship. After the meeting, Rev. Lacy told Gen. Lee of the prayers being offered on his behalf by the men. His face flushed, his eyes tearing, and his voice choked with deep emotion, the General replied, "Please thank them for that, sir—I warmly appreciate it. And I can only say that I am nothing but a poor sinner, trusting in Christ alone for salvation, and need all the prayers they can offer for me."

I'm looking forward to meeting these great men of faith, who were unafraid of their enemies, but also unafraid to share their faith, and actively practice it before their men. I hope you have made preparations to be where they are, and to have the privilege one day to meet them in the presence of Almighty God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF
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Gentlemen of the Order:

As most of you know, the Order has experienced a revenue decline in the midst of this serious recession. We have been unable to produce many publications due to economic restraints. We have successfully filed several years of tax records with IRS, all without penalty. We have chosen to reduce the annual cost of our headquarters operation by using volunteers from the General Staff and moving our membership files records to Tennessee, our domestic corporate headquarters.

However, regardless of these challenges, we have been blessed with many positive accomplishments. Our Membership Archives have improved significantly over the past three

years. I have personally sorted through thousands of membership records in efforts to correct our database. We have worked hard at the local level with monument projects, educational efforts with our youth, and memorial services for our ancestors.

Overall, it has been an exciting and progressive time to have served you as Lt. Commander General. It has been an honor to have traveled and met with many of you regarding the future endeavors of the Order. From California to South Carolina the light of fraternity, fellowship and Southern spirit brightly lights our way.

I am writing to you requesting your support as I stand for election in Oklahoma City in 2010. All agree that strong leadership is required for our future success. I have served the Order for the past three years as your Chief of Staff, Adjutant General, Historian General, and Lt Commander. I have also chaired the Headquarters Operations Committee for the past year. At the State Society level, I am serving as the 1st Lt. Commander of the Alabama Society and also as the Editor of the Society Newsletter – **The Yellowhammer**. At the Chapter level, I have served as Commander and Lt Commander for the Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan Chapter #17. I am also a dual member with the Tennessee Society and serve as the Brigade Commander for Middle Tennessee and member of the Smith/Shy Chapter #14 in Nashville, TN. These various positions of responsibility have enabled me to learn the many processes, procedures, and requirements that enable the Order to function on a daily basis. I believe that my experience in the Order and ability to unite compatriots toward a common cause will ensure our future success.

However, we must do more! I believe in comprehensive, detailed planning. My future proposals include the following:

- Consistent production and distribution of the Officer's Call;
- Expand membership services with emphasis on recruitment and retention;
- Promote and foster working relationships with historical/heritage organizations;

- Planning sesquicentennial activities in support of our local communities;

- Continuing to improve our financial administration; and

Growing our Legacy Endowment Fund and implementing charitable giving plans.

I am a graduate of the University of Mississippi with a BBA and MBA, served as an Infantry Officer with the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, KY, and retired as a BellSouth Senior Executive. I have since held Director level positions in Columbia, SC with two different organizations, and currently serve as the VP and COO of New Hope Construction, Inc. in Hendersonville, TN.

I live in Springfield, TN with my wife, Sheila, three daughters, and one granddaughter.

Many of my Confederate ancestors primarily enlisted in North Mississippi and Middle Tennessee. Two of my great, great grandfathers were captured on the same day – one at the Big Black River (Co F, 4th MS Inf Reg) and the other at Champions Hill in the defense of Vicksburg (Co K, 22nd MS Inf Reg).

Meeting the challenge of change is crucial. We must stand united to ensure that our common sense strategy achieves our purpose – the preservation of our Confederate Heritage and Legacy. The defining measure of our success will be the possession of true Confederate history and culture within the minds of our children and their children. The Sesquicentennial of the WBTS is rapidly approaching. If there ever is a time for our organization to step up and lead our country back into the world of truth and accuracy at our battlefields and our communities - **NOW IS THE TIME. I ask for your support in standing with me in achieving our mission.** I will use my organizational and operational skills and experiences to lead us as a team into the future.

Your questions, concerns, and communications are welcome at anytime. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

**THE MACARTHUR MUSEUM OF
ARKANSAS MILITARY HISTORY IN
LITTLE ROCK WILL PRESENT THE
ACCLAIMED "LEE AND GRANT"
EXHIBITION FROM NOVEMBER 13
THROUGH JANUARY 9.**

Little Rock is one of only 10 cities in the country selected to be part of the nationally renowned "Lee and Grant" exhibit designed for smaller museums. The exhibit comes to Little Rock through the generous support of presenting sponsors Harriet and Warren Stephens, Stephens, Inc. and Entergy Arkansas, Inc. Admission will be free.

The exhibit "Lee and Grant" explores the lives, careers, and historical impact of the Civil War Generals Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant. It also encourages audiences to move beyond the traditional mythology of both men and rediscover them within the context of their own time—based on their own words and those of their contemporaries. "Lee and Grant" presents photographs, paintings, prints, coins, reproduction clothing, accoutrements owned by the two men, documents written in their own hands, and biographical and historical records to reveal each man in his historical and cultural context, allowing audiences to compare the ways each has been remembered for almost 150 years.

"Visitors will enjoy discovering similarities and differences between Lee and Grant that are rarely pointed out," said Stephan McAteer, executive director of the museum. "These generals have been explored by historians for decades, but "Lee and Grant" is the first exhibition to present the two men together so that visitors can make decisions about them, side by side, based on facts."

"Lee and Grant" has been made possible by NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibit was originally developed by the Virginia Historical Society, and is toured by Mid-America Arts Alliance through NEH on the Road. "Lee and Grant" has been designated a National Endowment for the Humanities "We the People" project, a special initiative to encourage and strengthen the teaching, study and understanding of American history and culture.

The MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History is located in one of the oldest buildings in Arkansas, the historic Arsenal Building that was constructed in 1840 as part of a frontier military post. The building witnessed pivotal exchanges during the Civil War between Federal and Confederate troops and is known nationally and internationally as the birthplace of Five Star General Douglas MacArthur. It is a National Historic Landmark and is owned by the City of Little Rock. The museum operates under the direction of the city's Parks and Recreation Department. The MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History was created to preserve and interpret the state's military heritage from its territorial period to the present day. The museum preserves the contributions of Arkansas men and women who have served in both peacetime and during times of conflict.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY
FOR LT. COMMANDER GENERAL**

RICHARD WALLACE RHONE

"Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more; you should never wish to do less." - Robert E. Lee

Please allow me to announce my candidacy for the office of Lieutenant Commander of the Military Order of Stars and Bars. I am humbled by the opportunity to seek this position of trust and wish only to be of some service to our Fraternity. My agenda is clear and open; to work toward the fulfillment of the aims of the founding ancestors of our organization as stated in Our Pledge and to actively promote membership, unity, trust and Brotherhood in Our Order. My goal is for each member to enjoy being a member of the MOS&B.

In both my personal and professional life I have stressed service and leadership. I recognize the importance of sincerely working with others and in building a fraternal community of those who share our history and ideals. Like you, I believe strongly in our mutual cause and am dedicated to the preservation of our Confederate heritage and history. Having retired two years ago from my professional career, I have the time for service and travel and the availability to devote myself to achieving the goals of the MOS&B. A brief related resume is enclosed for the consideration of those who may desire more information as they consider their selection for the Lieutenant Commander position at the Oklahoma City Convention.

Whether serving as an officer in the Gen. Josiah Gorgas Chapter or The Alabama Society, speaking to heritage and civic groups about Lee and Jackson, serving as chairman of the national Awards and Scholarship Committee, teaching classes at the University of Alabama on American and Southern history, serving as Executive Councilor for the AOT, marking unknown Confederate soldiers' graves, presenting at the John C. Calhoun Sanders Lecture Series, building a chapter web site, organizing the Jefferson Davis Banquet or cleaning and decorating Confederate monuments, I have always tried to do my best and thus, bring honor to my Confederate ancestors.

I hope to continue my service for you as Lieutenant Commander of the Military Order of Stars and humbly seek your support. There is no limit to the opportunities before us.

BRIEF RESUME

Richard Wallace Rhone 158 The Highlands

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Family: Married 39 years with two grown children, four grandchildren

Wife: Anne W. Rhone, Realtor, United Daughters of the Confederacy officer

Education: *The University of Alabama*

BS in Political Science, August 1968

MA in School Administration, December 1970

Ed.D in Administration and Educational Leadership, Educational

Law Concentrate, December 1985

Career: Thirty years in educational administration and teaching. Ten years in directing child abuse and neglect prevention programs

Related Current Confederate Activities and Honors

- Life Member, Military Order of the Stars and Bars
- General Executive Council, Military Order of Stars and Bars
- Executive Councilor, Army of Tennessee, MOS&B
- Chief of Staff, The Alabama Society, MOS&B
- Chairman, National MOS&B Scholarship Committee
- Chairman, National MOS&B Awards Committee
- Member, International MOS&B Headquarters Operations Committee
- Charter Member, Gen. Josiah Gorgas Chapter, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

- Lieut. Commander, Gen. Josiah Gorgas Chapter, Military Order of the Stars and Bars The Alabama Society, MOSB

Recipient of MOS&B Awards:

- The Gold Star -The Gen. Joseph E. Johnston Award
 - The Confederate Legacy Endowment Citation of Honor
 - The Colonel John Pelham Distinguished Service Award
 - The Lieutenant Charles Read Legion of Merit
 - The Commander General's Award
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Pictured to the Left: Editor Nancy Disher Baird proudly holding the 2009 General Basil W. Duke Award.

To read more on the 2009 General Basil W. Duke Award, refer to page 13 of this newsletter.



Pictured Above: Lt. Commander General Max L. Waldrop, Jr. and Director Stephen M. Wrinn with the 2009 General Basil W. Duke Award.



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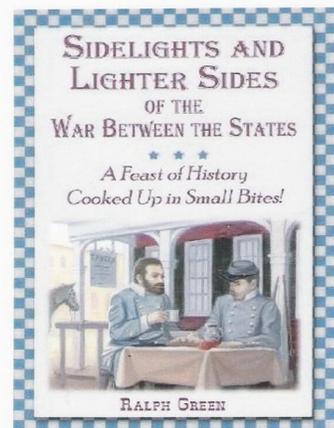
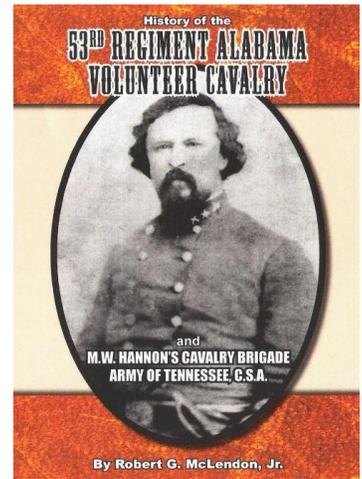
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Organized in 1862 by Col. M. W. Hannon the 53rd Alabama was a mounted unit from its origin. Serving under such legendary leaders as Frank Armstrong, Nathan Bedford Forrest, Joseph Wheeler and Wade Hampton, it saw action in some of the hardest fighting in north Alabama and Tennessee and the Atlanta Campaign and was one of the main forces opposing Sherman on his infamous "March to the Sea." Not only is this book the story of specific cavalry units that served under M. W. Hannon, it is also a study of Western Theater cavalry in general.

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.)

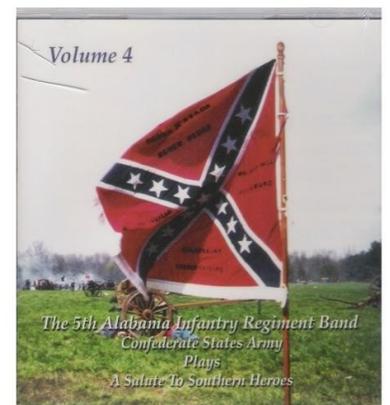
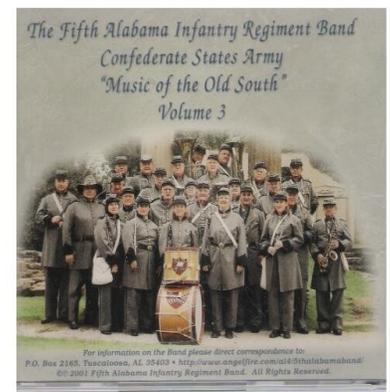
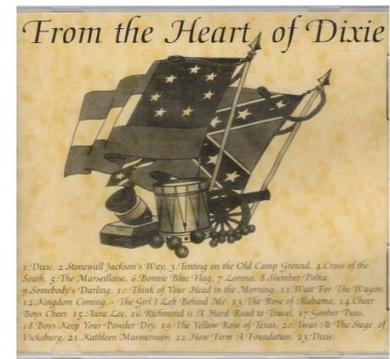
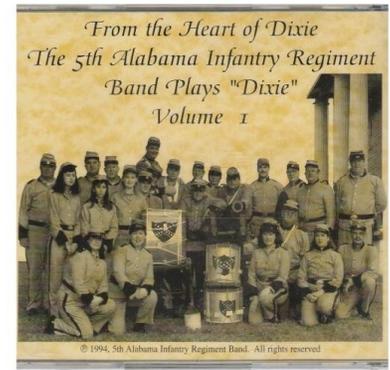
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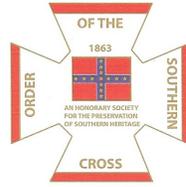
Mr. Marion E. Wilson, a son of Private Hamelton Benjamin Wilson of Company B, 29th North Carolina Infantry Regiment is the last Real Son of a Confederate Veteran living in Texas. Mr. Wilson lives alone at 6110 Palmetto Trail, Amarillo, Texas 79106. He has two children, a daughter, Sandra Jean Wilson Allm (b. 1946) and a son, Larry Thomas Wilson (b. 1943). His daughter lives across the street from him.

Mr. Wilson was born February 8, 1913, in what is now Jay County, Oklahoma. He is a very tall, healthy and alert 96 year old gentleman who is very proud of his Confederate father who was born May 3, 1849 in North Carolina, and was 64 years old when Mr. Marion E. Wilson was born. Mr. Wilson has been very active in the Masons and in other organizations during his younger years. He has a well laid-out workshop and gave me a very nice lamp that he made out of dried cactus. He still works his garden as do so many people who grew up in the south. Not many people can do this at 96 years old.

Mr. Wilson told me that his father was fourteen years old when he joined the 29th North Carolina Infantry near Ashville N.C. in 1863. After his initial training he participated in the campaigns of the Army of Tennessee and marched with General John Bell Hood. Private Wilson fought at Murfreesboro, Atlanta, Chickamauga and Altoona. His military unit suffered heavy losses during the war. They surrendered in May, 1865. Private Wilson died January, 1938 and is buried in Rose, Oklahoma.

The Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #5, Houston, Texas, on March 24th, 2007 adopted Mr. Marion E. Wilson as an Honorary Member and has maintained an on-going relationship with him. I personally drove to Amarillo to present him with a framed certificate from the Military Order of the Stars & Bars, copy attached. His daughter, Sandra Allm, was also presented a Certificate identifying her as a real Granddaughter.

Submitted by David G. Whitaker DCS, Past Commander, ASJ #5, Executive Councilor, ATM Houston, Texas



THE ORDER OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

PETER W. ORLEBEKE SCHOLARSHIP

The Order of the Southern Cross is offering the *Peter W. Orlebeke Scholarship* to high school seniors or students currently enrolled in a college or university and who are descendants of a Confederate soldier or member of the Confederate Government.

Peter W. Orlebeke was an active member in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Military Order of Stars and Bars, and Order of the Southern Cross. He served as Commander-in-Chief of the SCV, and it is to his tireless and important contributions that this scholarship is being offered.

The completed application and supporting material should be submitted by January 1st. Scholarships are merit-based and applicants are judged on academic performance, school and community activities, leadership, character, personal statement, and recommendation letters. Applicants who are awarded scholarships must be matriculating or enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college or university. The amount for each scholarship is \$1,000, and awardees may only receive the scholarship once. More information and an application can be obtained on the OSC web site at www.orderofsoutherncross.org.

The Order of the Southern Cross is dedicated to Confederate philanthropy and dispenses monetary grants to charitable organizations with the mission of Confederate preservation.

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!

DON LEE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR COMMANDER OF THE ARMY OF TRANS-MISSISSIPPI

I am announcing my decision to stand for election for the office of Commander of the Army of Trans-Mississippi in Oklahoma City on April 30, 2010. It would be an honor to follow in the footsteps of Commander Gary Loudermilk.

Our Southern heritage and the traditions and honor of the Order must be preserved. This requires communication and stewardship programs that keep our membership informed of current developments, events, and projects that impact the activities of the Order. In today's world of "political correctness" we must educate our members and our families with the true history of the monumental deeds and dedication of our ancestors. In this regard, fraternal relationships between members must also be an area of high priority.

My association with the Military Order of Stars and Bars began in 1991 when I became a member of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter 5 in Houston, TX. Since that time, I have served as Lt. Commander and then Commander of that chapter. I have also served as Commander of the SCV Camp in Houston. I have been Chairmen of the Southern Heritage Ball on two separate occasions, and have served on the Board of Directors of The Museum of Southern History. I am Past-President of the Sam Houston Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, tracing my ancestors back to the Battle of the Alamo.

I am a Real Great Grandson of Lt. Elias M.C. Lee who fought for the South in the 59th Georgia Infantry Regiment. I was born in San Antonio, TX, graduated from The University of Texas and served as a Captain in the U. S. Marine Corp. I retired several years ago from Exxon after serving that company in various parts of the country and in various management level positions for over 36 years. I am married to my college Sweetheart, Janice Kniker, and we have two Daughters and four granddaughters. I would be an honor to serve you.

MILITARY ORDER OF STARS AND BARS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (GENERAL INFORMATION AND DATA REQUIRED FROM APPLICANTS)

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants for the MOS&B Scholarships must be genealogically proven descendants of a Confederate Officer or descendants of a member of the Confederate Executive or Legislative branches of government or descendants of a member of the Confederate States' legislatures, judiciary or executive branches of state government. Written documented proof must be provided with the application.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The MOS&B scholarships shall be named as follows: *The General Robert E. Lee Scholarship* shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Northern Virginia. *The Lt. General Nathan B. Forrest Scholarship* shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Tennessee. *The Major General Patrick R. Cleburne Scholarship* shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Trans-Mississippi. On recommendation from the committee, the General Executive Council shall determine scholarship amounts annually. Funding will be from available resources as determined by the Executive Council.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TIME SCHEDULES: Scholarship applications must be submitted to the MOS&B Scholarship Committee by **March 1st** each year. Award winners will be notified as soon as they are selected and funds awarded for scholarships will be forwarded to selected institutions as soon as applicant notifies Scholarship Committee of enrollment.

REVIEW: Priority is given to students moving from H.S. to College. The committee will review all criteria and provisions and may request additional information or clarification from the applicant. The committee may waive a provision if in the minds of the committee extenuating circumstances warrant a waiver. The

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provision waived should not significantly affect the merits of the application. All matters being equal, preference is given to current MOS&B members and close relatives of current MOS&B members. The committee's decision as to eligibility and merit is final.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS: Applicants awarded scholarships must be enrolled in an accredited degree-granting two-year or four year college/university institution before funds are disbursed. Scholarship funds will be placed on deposit at the institution where the person is enrolled for the benefit of the applicant and any unused portion shall be returned to the MOS&B by the institution. Awarded scholarships are for one year only.

Refer to the MOS&B webpage for more details.



THE MOS&B CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY AND THE LEE CHAPEL AND MUSEUM!

Article submitted by Lt Commander General Max L. Waldrop, Jr.

Beginning in December 2006, a concept was developed in coordination with the Lee Chapel staff of Washington and Lee University to help commemorate the bicentennial birth year of General Robert E. Lee in 2007. This project was approved by the General Executive Committee and the General Executive Council in February 2008. The Order committed to raising a minimum of \$5,000 by June 2009 with a total donation of \$10,000 by 2011. This money would pay for two interpretive panels placed inside the Recumbent Statue Room and a panel placed at the internment site of Traveler outside the Chapel.

Dick Knight, Chairman of the Community Relations Committee, coordinated a one-on-one initial solicitation campaign by letter which resulted in several significant donations. Announcements were made in the *Officer Call* informing our membership of the project and requesting their support. It was hoped that we would be able to present the Lee Chapel with a check



during our General Convention held in June, 2007 in Richmond, VA.

Thanks to the generosity of 70 members, two Chapters, and one Society, the Order very proudly presented the Lee Chapel Director of Development for Special Projects Ronni Gardner with a check for \$15,000 on June 22, 2007 during our Richmond National Convention. After Ms Gardner accepted the check, she announced that the decision had been made to place the name of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars on each panel in appreciation for our donation and the positive commitment to the memory of General Robert E. Lee and the University.

Large and miniature medals were designed for those who gave more than \$500 and \$100 respectively. SC Society Adjutant Michael Farr upon receipt of his large medal wrote "The design certainly is appropriate for the fund raising effort. My wife and I were photographed in the Chapel standing beside the sculpture. I will wear the medal proudly!"

To date, the Order has given an amazing \$22,400 to Lee Chapel and donations are still being received from our membership. Of note is the \$1,000 donation made by the Heritage Historical Corporation located in Houston, TX.

The following donors (a few choose to remain anonymous) have made this all possible for the benefit of the Order:

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The Order continues to accept donations for the express purpose of supporting the Lee Chapel and Museum. Please continue to remember this program in your benevolent actions. The Order expresses its grateful appreciation and those of Washington and Lee University to these members.

THE UNIVERSITY PRESS OF KENTUCKY WINS ITS SECOND DUKE AWARD!

By Lt Commander General Max L. Waldrop, Jr.

On September 21, 2009, Lt Commander General Max Waldrop presented the University Press of Kentucky their second General Basil W. Duke History Award. The 2009 award was for the book *Josie Underwood's Civil War Diary* which was edited by Nancy Disher Baird. The 2002 award was *Johnny Green of the Orphan Brigade* by John W. Green. In addition to the beautiful trophy that is presented to the publisher, the Military Order of the Stars and Bars also bestows a

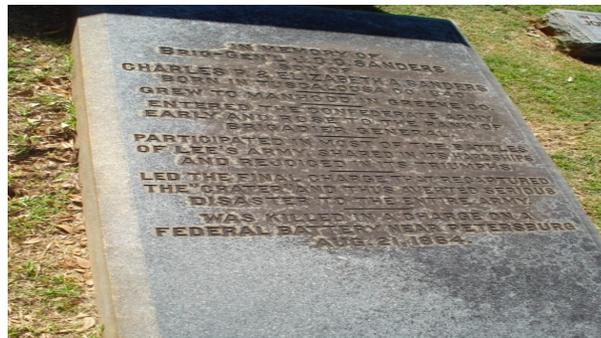


\$1,000 check award. Director Stephen Wrinn with an engaging smile observed that “Winning this second award is a significant achievement for the Press and makes all of the hard work become very meaningful.” This was followed up by Nancy Baird’s emphatic statement that “Josie Underwood thanks you very much for recognizing her diary as a literary achievement.” Other participants at the presentation were Acting Marketing and Sales Director John Hussey and Ann Malcolm Editorial Assistant.

The Press has a strong commitment to the publication of books about the history and culture of Kentucky, the Ohio Valley region, the Upper South, and Appalachia. It was organized in 1969 as successor to the University of Kentucky Press that had been created in 1949. Mr. Wrinn has served as Director since April 2002 and avidly supports the preservation of Southern literature.

The efforts of Mrs. Baird, who is a professor and special collections librarian at The University of Western Kentucky, and the active support of Laura Sutton, Acquisitions Editor, have preserved this historical diary for future generations to learn about secession and war as told by a woman who experienced the fear and living conditions in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The General Basil W. Duke Award was established to ensure that classic works of Southern history are reissued and made available to students of the war. The award is presented directly to the publisher of the reprinted volume. The award is determined by the Duke Award Committee composed of five members of the Order. Since the inception of the award in 1996, there have been twelve recipients.



ACTIVITIES OF THE GORGAS CHAPTER #299

ALABAMA SOCIETY, MOS&B

ROBERTSON CEMETERY PROJECT

Several years ago the Robertson Cemetery, the oldest cemetery in Northport, AL, was cleaned and much work undertaken to restore some of the broken monuments. This was around 1970. However it was vandalized and some juveniles stole a school bus and drove it through the cemetery destroying many of the monuments. Restoration work on the cemetery was at that time stopped and it was not started again for almost 35 years when some descendants and civic minded citizens decided to clean and repair the broken stones and get markers for the 1812, WBTS, Indian Wars, WWI and Mexican War soldiers that were destroyed or unmarked.

Because of his previous experience, past Gorgas Chapter Commander Walter Dockery was called to assist in obtaining government markers for various unmarked graves of 1812, WBTS, and Rev. War soldiers. Gorgas Chapter members were asked if this would be a task the Chapter would be interested in helping with. Everyone agreed to take on this task. Compatriots Dockery and James Dunn visited the cemetery on 11 August to see some of the work being done and to obtain a list of the known soldiers buried there. This list was furnished by Mr. Lackey Stephens, who will supervise and do most of the cleaning of the cemetery.

Gorgas Chapter members and Mrs. Walter Dockery will do research to determine the soldiers' units and obtain documentation required to secure the government markers. Once documentation is completed, markers will be ordered. Compatriot Larry Chestnut has agreed to accept delivery of the markers at his store. It is expected that there will be between 20-30 markers that will need to be ordered. Once received, Gorgas members will participate in installing the markers on the graves.

D. S. FREEMAN HISTORY AWARD PRESENTATION

The Gorgas Chapter was honored to be the host for presentation of the Douglas Southall Freeman History Award on October 29, 2009. The ceremony was held at 6:00 PM in the Gorgas House, the historic home of General Josiah Gorgas built in 1829 on the campus of the University of Alabama. The award was presented to Mr. Darrell L. Collins for his book, "**Major General Robert E. Rodes of the Army of Northern Virginia, A Biography**", by Lieutenant Commander General Max Waldrop Jr. Other officials of the National MOS&B and the Alabama Society are expected to attend. Gorgas Chapter Commander John Fleming will chair the ceremony and several members and local guests will attend.

GENERAL JOHN CALDWELL CALHOUN SANDERS GRAVE AND PROJECT

General Sanders' gravestone is in the Sanders' plot in Greenwood Cemetery in Montgomery, AL. It is in need of cleaning and refurbishment. Members of the chapter are investigating what is needed to do the work and will, in the future, go to Montgomery to do the cleaning. General Sanders (1840-64) received his degree from the University of Alabama in 1861 and enlisted in the 11th Alabama Infantry where he was elected Captain. He fought at Seven Pines, Gaines's Mill, and Frayser's Farm where he was wounded in the leg. Rejoining his regiment on 11 Aug. '62, he led them at Antietam where he was wounded slightly. He was promoted to Colonel (at age 22) shortly after that and led the 11th Alabama at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg where he was wounded in the knee. That winter (1863-64) he was president of the division court-martial, led the regiment at the Wilderness, succeeded to brigade command at Spotsylvania, and was (at age 24) appointed B.G., C.S.A. on 31 May '64. During the Petersburg siege he commanded the Alabama brigade and was killed on 21 Aug '64 at the Weldon Railroad having been shot through the thighs, the ball severing both femoral arteries. In a few minutes, he bled to death. (See photos)

CHARITABLE BLACKSMITH CAUBLE FORGED A PLACE IN HISTORY

Peter Cauble came to stay. The young blacksmith and his family arrived in Greenville from Lincolnton, N.C., in 1814 with three loaded wagons, one filled with the tools of his trade, and enough money to set up a smithy. He was, evidently, 25 years old. It's "evidently" because the date of birth on his tombstone in Springwood Cemetery is November 15, 1789, although census data -- he is listed in 1850, 1860, and 1870 -- consistently says 1794. There are other questions as well. A family genealogist says that Alexander McBee of Lincolnton encouraged him to settle in Greenville. But McBee wasn't born until 1822. (Maybe it was Vardry?)

Cauble's blacksmith shop at the corner of Main and Coffee streets is, however, well-documented. C.A. David described it as a "low, frame affair, little better than a partly enclosed shed, that sagged and leaned . . . the side facing Main Street was taken up by a huge door that was never shut. ' Along the back was a long hitching post where mules and horses stood patiently while awaiting shoe repair.

The site was ideal. Every drover, every steer, pig, turkey and horse traveling down the mountains along the Buncombe Road to Augusta passed by the shop. It stood opposite the Last Chance Saloon, where a man could conveniently cool his parched throat while his horse's shoes were being repaired. Furthermore, it was distant enough from the central part of town -- Court Square -- so that its roaring furnace, ringing anvil, and loud bellows disturbed no one.

Being a blacksmith was a hard and dirty job that required strength and expertise. Cauble probably gained his skills during his years of apprenticeship in Lincolnton, a town rich in iron ore and the site of four foundries, and he passed them on when he came to Greenville. Inside the dark smithy, an apprentice (in later years sometimes a slave) fed the fire with hardwood from village trees. Cauble and a journeyman would heat iron until it was red hot, then bend and shape it into musket parts, plows, tongs, kitchen implements, farm tools, axes and nails.

The blacksmith, David says, was as respected as a lawyer or physician, and even more important. Farmers, builders and housewives relied on him. For travelers -- for anyone who owned a mule or horse, in fact -- his ability to craft and fit shoes was essential. Furthermore, the smithy was the town gathering place, where rumors were passed on, stories became legends, and candidates for political office made obligatory stops (sort of the Tommy's Ham House of antebellum Greenville). And for more than 50 years, that blacksmith shop provided Peter Cauble's livelihood.

From the time he settled in Greenville, he lived simply, saved carefully, and invested wisely. Cauble, wife Elizabeth and their infant son, William, moved into a home on lower Falls Street when they arrived. By 1820 he was prosperous enough to subscribe \$5 to the founding of the Greenville Academies. (Since subscribers were promised free tuition for their children, this donation may not have been entirely altruistic.)

A few years later, Cauble began buying land both in town and along the Enoree River. By 1840, he had amassed several

hundred acres, was buying slaves, and was well on his way to becoming a substantial planter. His son, William, was also prospering: He was elected intendent, or mayor, of Greenville in 1849. And Peter had, probably quite unexpectedly, become a father for the second time when Elizabeth, nearing 45, gave birth to their son Henry in 1835.

By the time of the Civil War, Cauble owned nearly a dozen lots in Greenville, 648 acres on the Enoree River, and 21 slaves. In "The Century Book," S.S. Crittenden says that Cauble had "hammered out a fortune of at least \$100,000." An R.G. Dun & Co. credit report agrees, identifying him as "an eccentric moneylender, blacksmith, and planter with \$100,000 in money, land, and negroes."

Although he was respected for financial acumen, he was loved for his charity. Crittenden says that "no man has ever lived in Greenville who was more emphatically the friend of the poor man than was Uncle Peter Cauble." He cites as evidence the fact that when Cauble's wife presented him with a new overcoat one afternoon, by the end of the day he had given it to his slave, protesting that his old coat was barely broken in.

In spite of personal tragedies (both his son William and his wife died in 1856), he served for more than 20 years as chairman of the Commissioners of the Poor. That position involved overseeing the Greenville poor house, the county's sole "safety net" for destitute people.

Always short of funds, it competed with the county jail for what pitifully few public dollars were available. The needy people who turned to it in desperation could only rely on the private benevolence of commissioners, especially Cauble. At the beginning of the Civil War, Cauble co-signed the notes of others who afterward were bankrupt, and, according to Crittenden, "His estate was much involved." It was more than involved: In 1860, the value of his land alone was estimated conservatively (for tax purposes) at \$28,000. By 1865, it was \$4,000, and in 1870, Dun's notation is "insolvent." During Reconstruction, John W. DeForest, head of the local Freedmen's Bureau (who didn't have many nice things to say about Greenvillians), described Cauble as "rough, high-tempered, but of a kind-hearted and generous nature, one of the men to whom the poor and outcast of his district chiefly resorted to for help. White or black, good or bad, Peter Cauble gave them food, found them shelter, and went bail for them." DeForest describes Cauble when he was financially ruined, his fortune lost in "the grand hocus-pocus of the Confederacy."

Yet even then, when he had reached his 80th birthday, he continued to work as a smith, living on what he could earn from shoeing horses and forging iron. Although Cauble had sold most of his farmland, he still owned lots in town, and he didn't sell the desirable blacksmith shop site until 1874. He died three years later, on January 17, 1877, mourned by both his family and his community. He has not been entirely forgotten. The Cauble Building (built by Carrie Cauble Vickers in 1905), now the home of Ristorante Bergamo and the restoration that jump-started Greenville's revitalization, stands across the street from the original smithy on the site of the Last Chance Saloon.

(Source: GreenvilleOnline.com 10/29/09)