



# MILITARY ORDER of the STARS & BARS

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## Officer's Call



### GREETINGS FROM THE COMMANDER GENERAL

Compatriots of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars,

The Christmas Season has just passed as I write this. I sincerely hope that each of you, and your families, had a wonderful and Merry Christmas. I hope that 2010 proves to be a prosperous year for you and yours as well.

2009 was a difficult and trying year for the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. I am extremely happy to report that the outlook for the Order is bright as we move into 2010. Our recent change in the business model of our headquarters operations is allowing us to provide the needed member services while also accumulating money that will put the Order back on a sound financial footing and eventually allow us to provide more and better services to the membership. I am pleased to report our general operating funds are growing as a result of the new headquarters operational model. The success of our current headquarters operation would not be possible without the dedicated service of Lieutenant Commander Max Waldrop, AOT Councilor Richard Rhone, Chief of Staff Ben Willingham, Adjutant General Toni Turk, Quartermaster General Dr. Gary Loudermilk, and Treasurer General Bryan Roehrig. I extend to these men the thanks of the Order.

Additionally, through the hard work of Past Commander General Albert Jones, and Judge Advocate General Richard Knight, our past neglect of the IRS mandated annual reports for five years has been cleared up and the Order enters 2010 in compliance with all IRS mandated requirements and all previous financial penalties forgiven. The deep appreciation of the Order is extended to these gentlemen for their invaluable service to the Order.

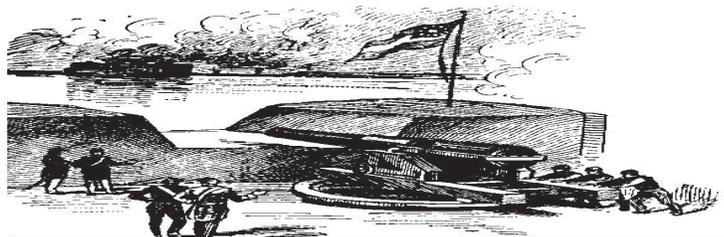
These needed corrections in the Order's business operations have been a slow and tedious process, especially so, as we are an organization where all the work is done by unpaid but dedicated volunteers. I appreciate your patience as we institute these changes and I promise you the Order will become more visible to the average member and in matters of Confederate heritage in general in the future as a result of these changes.

The men of the Oklahoma Society have a great reunion planned for us in Oklahoma City this April. Details are provided in this issue of the newsletter. I hope to see each of you in OK City this spring. I hope each of you will remain active in the promotion and remembrance of the Confederate Officers Corps and our ancestors. In just a little over a year, in April 2011, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the War Between the States will begin. It is imperative that we as descendants of Confederate Officers become involved on the local, state, and national levels in the planning and execution of commemorative activities. The only way our voice, and through us the voice of Confederate ancestors, can be heard, is if you become involved and remain involved.

In the bonds of the Confederate Officer Corps,

**Anthony Hodges, D.D.S.**

Commander General  
Military Order of the Stars and Bars



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MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS & BARS  
2010 GENERAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Release: January 1, 2010

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29**

- 2:00-3:00pm.....Early Registration (GEC/General Staff)
- 3:00pm-5:00pm.....General Registration
- 3:00pm-5:00pm.....Pre-Convention General Executive Council
- 7:00pm-8:30pm.....Army Commanders' Dinner

**FRIDAY, APRIL 30**

- 7:30am-8:30am.....Forrest Cavalry Corps Breakfast
- 8:00am-9:00am.....Registration
- 9:00am-9:30am.....Opening Session
- 9:45am-11:30am.....Business Session I
- 9:45am-12:00pm.....Ladies' Tour
- 11:30am-12:15pm.....Army Department Meetings
- 12:30pm-2:00pm.....MOS&B Awards Luncheon
- 2:00pm-3:45pm.....Tour 45th Infantry Museum
- 3:45pm-5:30pm.....Tour Oklahoma History Center
- 5:30pm-7:00pm.....Commander General's Reception (OHC)

**SATURDAY, MAY 1**

- 8:00am-9:15am.....MOS&B Prayer Breakfast
- 9:30am-11:30am.....Final Business Session
- 11:30am-12:30pm.....Checkout
- 11:30am-12:30pm.....Post-Convention General Executive Council
- 12:30pm-1:45pm.....Seminar Luncheon
- 2:00pm-4:30pm.....Tour-Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial/Museum
- 6:00pm-6:45pm.....Pre-Banquet Libations
- 6:45pm-10:00pm.....Banquet & Awards Presentation



Oklahoma City National Memorial at Night



Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum



National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum



**MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS**

***2010 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Convention***

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

**APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2010**

**Convention Registration Form**

**Convention Hotel:** Biltmore Hotel - Oklahoma City: [Must Request MOSB Special Rate \$79/night]

401 South Meridian Avenue Oklahoma City, OK 73128 Telephone (405) 947-7681 [www.biltmoreokc.com](http://www.biltmoreokc.com)

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name & Location \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_

**Count Total**

**1. REGISTRATION:**

January 1, 2010 - March 15, 2010 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_ March 15 to April 15\* \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Walkup Registration (\$75 starting April 29) \* **No Meal Events Can Be Ordered After April 15**

**2. THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010:**

Army Commanders Dinner ("The County Line Restaurant") \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

[Note: No Bus Will Be Available; Individual Transportation]

**3. FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010:**

Forrest Cavalry Corps Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Tour \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

MOS&B Awards Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Commander General's Reception \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**4. SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010:**

MOS&B Prayer Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Seminars Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet & Awards Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**5. ANCESTOR MEMORIALS:** [Use Separate Form] \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**6. TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Payment must accompany this Registration Form**

**MAIL TO:** 2010 MOSB Reunion PO Box 850602 Yukon, OK 73085-0602

**Confirmations Will Be Sent By Email Upon Request**

**CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR  
COMMANDER OF THE ARMY OF  
NORTHERN VIRGINIA  
STEVE WOLFE**

Compatriots of the Order,

It is with great honor that I announce that I am a candidate for the position of Commander, Army of Northern Virginia. This is a position that I have decided upon only after long consideration.

The Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia must be a proven leader and one who knows how to get the job done. He must also be willing to stand up for what he believes in at all times. This man must also demonstrate that he can work as part of a team to see that the goals of the Military Order of Stars and Bars are achieved.

For those of you who do not know me, I am Steven L. Wolfe (Steve) and I am from Columbia, South Carolina. While I was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, my family has been in South Carolina since about 1735. I joined the Order under the service provided by my Great-Grand Uncle, Lt. James D. Wolfe of Company B, Holcombe's Legion of Cavalry. Just as most of us, I have numerous other family members who served including my Great Grandfather, 5<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Alexander Hamilton Wolfe of Company D, 7<sup>th</sup> SC Cav. Great Granddaddy was also a Captain during the Red Shirt days of Reconstruction, thus playing a vital part in the removal of the Reconstruction government and the Army of Occupation.

Other information of importance:

- University of Alabama Birmingham - Graduated March 1979
- Major & Minor in History
- Major in Political Science
- Archival Assistant: Birmingham Public Library
- Helped preserve the military correspondence of General Joseph Wheeler (Annie Wheeler Scrapbook Project)
- Data Processing Professional since 1982
- Joined the Richmond, VA, JEB Stuart SCV Camp in 1992
- Joined the 15th Regiment S.C. Vols SCV Camp 51 in 1997
- Joined the General Maxcy Gregg MOS&B Chapter #98 in 2001
- Communications General 2006 to Present
- S.C. Society Commander 2006 to Present

- Chairman and Organizer of the 2009 MOS&B National Convention
- Three term Adjutant of the General Maxcy Gregg Chapter #98
- Two term Commander of the General Maxcy Gregg Chapter #98
- Webmaster: MOS&B IHQ General Maxcy Gregg Chapter #98
- South Carolina Society MOS&B
- South Carolina Order of Confederate Rose
- Louisa McCord Chapter - OCR
- 15th Regiment SC Vols - SCV
- Three term Commander - 15th Regiment SC Vols
- Newsletter Editor - 15th Regiment SC Vols – since 2000
- SCV National Newsletter Award winner 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007
- S.C. SCV Newsletter Award winner 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Our Order has gone through major changes over the last decade. We have moved out on our own to grow and prosper in ways that before were not possible before. This has also meant that we too have gone through growing pains. Just as our ancestors did a hundred and fifty years ago, we decided to stand up and be accountable for a Cause that is honorable and just.

Those who know me will tell you that I do not seek the bright lights. I am a doer, one whom you may not see, yet you know that the job is being done. I am always available by phone and email.

It's my belief that a good leader must have good men and women working with him. A good leader is only as good as his team and as such I have taken pride in having a good team working with me. My team knows their respective jobs and they are left to perform them to the best of their abilities.

I would ask for the support of my candidacy by the ANV Delegates at the 2010 Convention in Oklahoma City vote for me as the next Army of Northern Virginia Commander.



**CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR  
COMMANDER OF THE ARMY OF  
TENNESSEE  
O. DAVID DENARD**

Dear Fellow Compatriots,

I'm announcing that I plan to run for the office of Commander of the Army of Tennessee @ the next National Convection 30 April 2009 in Oklahoma City.

I'm currently the Society Commander of Georgia and on the Executive Council I'm deeply involved teaching Our children of the South the truth about our America History back to our first revolution thru to the Re-destruction of the South by those people. I'm a member of Gate City Guard of Atlanta and The Southern Culture Foundation. My roots run deep in the South my forefathers fought in the French and Indian Wars, George Matthews my GGGGGGrandfather served as a Colonel under George Washington. All my families move to Wilkes County, Ga. from 1786- 1790 where they still live. My Confederate Ancestors served out Elbert, Lincoln (Rev War not the War criminal), and Wilkes County Ga. most with the 15<sup>th</sup> Ga CO A THE DELHI RANGERS.

I have been involved with raising money to save and restore the Chimney @ the Powder works in Augusta, Ga which Colonel Raines saved in Honor of the common Confederate Soldier when the City demo the rest of the it.

**THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT.**

O. David Denard  
Commander, GA Society MOSB



**2010 SOUTH CAROLINA  
SOCIETY  
LEE-JACKSON BANQUET**

The South Carolina Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars will hold its 2010 Lee-Jackson Dinner in historic Charleston. The dinner will be held in the Shamrock Room of the Carolina Yacht Club at 50 East Bay St., on Saturday January 30, 2010 .

The festivities will begin with a cocktail reception with cash bar at 6pm with dinner following at 7pm. The speaker will be Doug Bostic and he will speak about Robert E. Lee's Confederate service in the Charleston area. The cost for dinner will be \$40 per person tax and gratuity included.

There are many historic hotels and bed and breakfast inns in the area of lower Meeting and Market streets which are in walking distance of the Carolina Yacht Club. They vary in price and are listed on the Charleston Visitor's Center website.

The Capt. Stephen D. Lee Chapter is excited about hosting this event. If additional information is required, please contact Commander Harold Davis at 843-412-0600.

**ALEXANDER H.  
STEPHENS  
BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION**



Come join us as we celebrate 198<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Vice President at Crawfordville, Ga. on **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2010**. The event will begin at 11:00 AM at the group shelter near the ranger's office inside the Alexander H. Stephens Park. Follow the Flags and signs to the shelter. BBQ Lunch will be served at 11:00 AM (\$7.00 for adults & \$5.00 for children).

**Our guest speaker will be Rev. Jim Cabaniss Ga. Society MOS&B Chaplain.** Immediately following the lunch and speaker, there will be a Memorial Service at the Alexander Stephens grave site by the *Old Guard* of the Gate City Guard. Plan to visit Liberty Hall after the services. For more information, call Commander David Denard at 770-441-1645.

**CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR  
EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR FOR THE  
ARMY OF TENNESSEE  
WALTER DOCKERY**

Gentlemen of the Order:

I wish to be allowed the opportunity to announce my candidacy for position of Executive Councilor for the Army of Tennessee. I will be willing to work with other members of the GEC in achieving the objectives of the Order, as well as to do as much as possible to further accomplish the goals of restoring honor and recognition to the Cause our ancestors believed in and for which they fought and died.

I feel education is the key to bringing the recognition and respect due to our forefathers who were only defending the Constitution that had been achieved by the American Revolution and defended in the War of 1812. We must try to get the true history of our great country taught in our public schools and universities. We have an obligation to preserve as much of the true history of our country as possible and where we can, bring recognition to it.

My background is in the construction, real estate, mortgage, appraisal and property management fields. My father was in construction and real estate businesses, so I had some knowledge of these fields at an early age. I was in construction during the time I was attending the University of Alabama graduating with a BS degree in General Business. I also spent two years in the United States Army.

After graduating I worked as a factory representative for a manufacturing home organization. Then worked as a mortgage loan solicitor and organized Dockery Realty and Construction and have run this business since 1966. The last few years I have devoted my time to managing the family trust and its properties.

I have been a Real Estate broker, belonged to the Society of Real Estate Appraisers, The Appraisal Institute and The HomeBuilders Association. During the period where I was appraising, I also helped organize the West Alabama DataBase and the West Alabama Appraisers Association and was its first president.

I have served as President of the Tuscaloosa Genealogy Night Group, President of the Druid Civitan Club, Secretary of Lions Club of Tuscaloosa and Treasurer of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Alabama.

It was a pleasure to help organize the Black Warrior River Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and served as its first president. In addition, I served as Commander of the General R. E. Rodes Camp 262 Sons of Confederate Veterans. The Robert E. Rodes Camp 262 Sons of Confederate Veterans was awarded Camp of the Year while I was Commander.

It was my honor to help organize the General Josiah Gorgas Chapter 299 of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars and I served as its founding president. This active Chapter has grown to be Alabama's largest with 35 members. I am presently an Aide-de-Camp of the National Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars as well as Inspector of the Alabama Society of the MOS&B. I am a recipient of the Distinguished Commander Award, Col. John Pelham Distinguished Service Award and the Lieutenant Charles Reed Legion of Merit Award as well as several Rebel Club Certificates.

I married my wonderful wife, Gwen, 52 years ago. We had one daughter, Julie, losing her at the age of 41 after she received a kidney/pancreas transplant. Gwen has been instrumental in the research and documentation to get many members into the Sons of the American Revolution and Military Order of the Stars and Bars. She is also a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Amelia Gayle Gorgas Chapter.

I am convinced that the key to our Order's success in reaching our aims and goals is by the active involvement of our membership. I want to help in that effort. Your consideration and vote would be greatly appreciated.

**E-MAIL ADDRESS  
REQUEST**

We need your correct E-mail address. We will be sending out the "Officer's Call" electronically as we have for the past year. We find many members have not reported their address and others have not advised us of address changes so that our E-mails are returned due to address errors. Please make sure we have your current and correct E-mail address. Contact us at [headquarters@mosbihq.org](mailto:headquarters@mosbihq.org) or by phone (877) 790-6672 so we may stay in touch.

**CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR  
EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR FOR THE  
ARMY OF TENNESSEE  
CHARLES GREEN**

Gentlemen of the Order:

I wish to stand for election in Oklahoma City in 2010 as an Executive Councilor in the Army of Tennessee.

I am not a Counselor, or Counselor-At-Law. During my professional career, however, I served as a councilor for consultation, deliberation, and discussion. In my 38 years in the pulp and paper industry, I became known as a "Councilor of Record". My advice was sought on major business matters. My council was called upon in all areas, including technical operation, divestitures and acquisitions, expansions, re-design of corporate structure, implementation of business plans, and capital portfolio management.

In concert with corporate counselors, I developed standard forms of contracts for equipment procurement, engineering, and construction. I developed methods for contract negotiations and disputes. I developed and conducted training programs for project management.

On the management side, I had full responsibility for the site selection, permitting, engineering, construction, and start-up of several major projects. The largest one was \$ 500,000,000 in Canada.

I led the effort to develop a new subsidiary company in Brazil. One million, two hundred thousand (1,200,000) acres were acquired; a port facility and railway system were acquired; and a wood processing plant and port facility were acquired. This new company developed a forest of hybrid trees and began supplying the world market with wood chip fiber. It created thousands of jobs for the local population.

On some assignments, I had no "reports"; on other assignments, I had several thousand people under my command.

I was a senior member of the Technical Association of Pulp & Paper (TAPPI), and served on a number of committees. I am a Life Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), where I served on many committees and was the Annual Convention Chairman in 1973.

Prior to the paper industry, I worked as a design engineer in developing the electronic guidance control systems for missiles. I developed many of the military's standard acceptance procedures for these devices in this period of infancy for the military missile armament program.

I am a U.S. citizen, born in Haralson County, Georgia in 1933, the son of a sharecropper. I attended high school in

Anniston, Alabama. I served in the United State Navy and was involved in Korea in 1953-1954 during the Korean War, was involved in the evacuation of the French in 1954 at Diet Bien Phu in North Vietnam, and was involved in the U.S. Marines beach landing at Beirut, Lebanon in 1958 to halt the Muslim rebellion against the Christian government.

I am a graduate (BSEE) of the University of Alabama (1962) with post-graduate work in mathematics, physics, and business management; the Alexander Hamilton Institute of Business Management (1966); and several senior management seminars at Tuck - Dartmouth during 1991 through 1996. I was a registered Profession Engineer in six states and Canada. I published several technical documents and am the holder of two patents.

I am a member of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, the Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Military Order of Stars and Bars, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

My GGGGGGGG Grandfather, John Greene, Surgeon of Salisbury, County of Wilkes, England, and his family, landed in Boston on June 3, 1635, as followers of Roger Williams. In 1639, they established the first Baptist church in the New World. John Greene was the great-grandfather of General Nathaniel Greene. My GGGG Grandfather, Jacob Greene, fought in the Revolutionary War under his second cousin, General Nathaniel Greene. My GGGGG Grandfather, John Taylor Duke, fought in the Revolutionary War, along with three of his sons and three of his grandsons, in Elizabeth Clarke's Battalion of Minutemen. My Great-Grandfathers served in the Confederate Army against the Northern Aggression; Captain W. N. Green, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. E. M. Noles, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Joseph Wynn, and Sergeant Charles B. Duke.

I am a member of the Alabama Sheriff's Association, the Florida Sheriff's Association, the Alabama Peace Officer's Association, the Alabama State Trooper Association, and the Alabama Fraternal Order of Police.

My wife, Betty, and I have been married 47 years. We have three children; Susan, Laura, and Charles F.. Susan is the owner of a property development company in Jacksonville, Florida. Laura is an evacuation flight registered nurse in Northern California. Charles F. is a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy and is currently an instructor at the Navy Survival School in northern Maine. He has served as a field medic on several deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan with the U.S. Marines.

I am an Episcopalian, by choice. I live in Fort Payne, Alabama, where there is no MOSB chapter within a reasonable distance that would allow me to be a member of that chapter.

I have been attempting, for several months, to establish a chapter, within the Alabama Society, that could serve the needs of those geographically isolated members that are prevented from attending regular meetings because of the distance to the nearest chapter; and those members that, due to business conflicts, age, health, or other reasons, could not attend regular chapter meetings.

Thus far, I have not been able to convince the Alabama Society Commander to accept this new chapter. I continue to be optimistic about the outcome. I have recruited 19 bona fide MOSB members that are desirous of being members of such a chapter. Currently, we are members of the National At-Large Chapter. During this period, I published 11 newsletters, which received favorably reviews by not only the 19 members but senior MOSB management recipients. I received letters of testimony from many of them that my approach was far better than any that they had received in the past. They felt that they were being communicated with; they felt more a part of MOSB than ever before. Some of these members had not been communicated with in years. Frankly, their chapters had abandoned them.

These are men that built MOSB, and suffered with it during those years of turmoil. I have organized a Wreath Placement Ceremony to be held on December 12, where we will place a wreath on a Major John Pelham Monument in Anniston, Alabama. The Military Order of the Stars & Bars has gone through some trying times. The separation from the Sons of Confederate Veterans had an impact on our membership. The relocation of MOSB Headquarters to Alabama had an impact.

Commander General Hodges released a statement on May 15, 2009, that revealed major issues.

1. MOSB did not issue the required IRS tax exempt status report for five years. The IRS assessed penalties of approximately \$30,000 for this violation. Diligent effort on the part of MOSB management resulted in the IRS rescinding the fine. However, it generated accounting fees in excess of \$10,000.
2. The investment account, although supposedly managed by MOSB executives, was allowed to decrease in value from \$307,000 to \$170,000 in the latter part of 2008.
3. The Headquarters operation was moved from Tennessee to Daphne, Alabama, in 2005 and placed under the responsibility of the 2006-2008 Commander General, Philip Law. The cost of operation went unmonitored until 2008 when it became apparent that its cost had exceeded the MOSB income by \$40,000 in the prior year (2007).
4. There had been no national publication issued to members for over a year

Clearly, the administrative officers had not done their job.

Commander General Hodges has worked very hard to correct these problems, and he has graciously stated that he assumes full responsibility because "it occurred on his watch". I applaud Commander General Hodges for his hard and committed work, and his statement of accepting responsibility. However, there were others that had the assigned and accepted responsibility; yet they ignored that commitment and allowed the financial status of MOSB to nearly collapse.

The decision to move IHQ back to Tennessee was the right decision. It has created a heavy work load for those officers that stepped forward to carry-out those essential requirements. They had done an admirable job. Hopefully, they will be recognized at the 2010 Convention for their efforts. In order for MOSB to survive and become a household name like the SAR and the SCV, we must return to our roots of existence.

1. We must re-assess our goals and re-establish our objectives.
2. Our membership is aging. Our median member age is 62. We must place a high priority on recruitment and a greater focus on the younger generation.
3. We need to place a higher emphasis on retention.
4. We need to put more emphasis on our legacy program.
5. We are ignoring those members that can no longer attend meetings.
6. We need to place more accountability on those that we delegate responsibility .

At the Army of Tennessee level, we constitute the largest membership, 540 members, or 31 % of the total membership. However, there are a number of at-large members that need to be brought into the AOT fold. The MOSB Constitution declares the AOT Department to be a line position in the organization and has the authority to supervise the activities of the societies. We need to be more active in that area.

The Military Order of Stars & Bars is facing major issues. The Military Order of Stars & Bars desperately needs strong management.

I believe that my professional expertise offers strength in the management of MOSB. Your questions, concerns, and communications are requested and will be welcomed. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Item Description:	Item #	Unit Cost:	Quantity:	Total Cost:
Ball Cap w/ MOSB Emblem	MC006	\$13.00	_____	_____
Lisa Meyer CD "Voices Hushed & Still"	CD0005	\$13.00	_____	_____
MOSB Tie, Regular Length	MC002	\$40.00	_____	_____
MOSB Rosette	MM0015	\$7.50	_____	_____
Total Cost of Order			=	_____



Include this form along with your check made out to the **MOS&B IHQ** and mail to MOSB IHQ P O Box 1700 White House, TN 37188-1700.

Note that these special prices expire on March 15, 2010.

These items are pictured herein this page for your reference.

**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!

## CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR FOR THE ARMY OF TRANS MISSISSIPPI HOWARD JONES

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the office of Executive Councilor for the Army of the Trans Mississippi. I have been very successful in revitalizing both our membership and our organization in California. Now I would like the opportunity to take my organizational skills to the national level.

There is no membership that I value more than my membership in MOS&B. Since becoming a member of the Order I have faithfully attended every national convention. In 2008 I was appointed to the position of Provisional Commander of the California Society by Commander General, Philip Law. My mission in California was to organize the membership and create a new *State Society*. That objective was accomplished in 2008.

While I was organizing the *State Society* I also revitalized Gen. John B. Hood Chapter 89 in Los Angeles. The Chapter had not met in 5 years and needed to be reorganized. Regular meetings were scheduled and our members began to realize the benefits of membership. Since that time our members in Southern California have continued to enjoy the bonds of fellowship and camaraderie through our regular meetings.

My next objective was the creation a second Chapter in Northern California. For years we have had a core of members in the San Francisco area that could not attend regular meetings because of the distances involved. I appointed Stephen Renouf as Provisional Commander of the proposed new Chapter. Working together, Steve and I were successful in creating Capt Alonzo Ridley Chapter 303 in San Francisco. Our Chapter Charter Application was approved this year.

The challenges that face MOS&B are not unique to our organization. I am involved in many other organizations that are that are faced with similar problems. The greatest challenge to face most organizations is a static – or declining – membership base. Frankly, the demographics of most organizations are not favorable for the future. These organizations have a disproportionate number of older members and a near void of younger members. We simply have to reinvigorate our membership base by appealing to a new generation of members. Our efforts must also include member retention.

I favor an outreach program to other organizations that have a similar historical focus. We should encourage our members to become guest speakers for these organizations in order to improve our visibility and forge new alliances. New memberships will follow.

The fiscal integrity of our organization is another concern. Our present all-volunteer head office has helped us get through a difficult period. However, that plan will not work

indefinitely. I favor a management system in which certain functions are outsourced at competitive rates. Of course, a successful membership program is in integral part of fiscal soundness.

If elected I pledge to attend every meeting of the General Executive Council. I will work tirelessly and give MOS&B the highest priority in my daily activities. As members of the Order we are charged with the responsibility of preserving the memories of our ancestors and the cause that they fought for. If elected I promise to do my best to be worthy of that trust.

*Deo Vindice.*

*Howard Jones, Commander – California Society  
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### BIOGRAPHY

Personal: Married for 47 years to my wife, Cathy. Two married daughters and 3 grandchildren

My Ancestor: Capt Henry Hill Harris, Co G, 8<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry Regiment

USMC/USMCR

1962: B.S. Bus Admin – University of Oregon

Owner/President: Howard Jones Batteries, Inc

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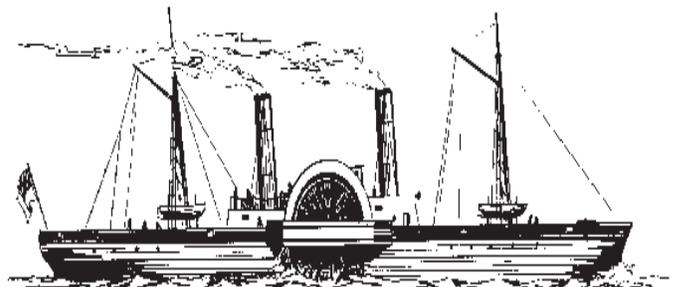
**2007-Present: Cdr, California Society, MOS&B, and Cdr. Chapter 89 in Los Angeles**

1998-Present: Commissioner, San Mateo County Local Agency Formation Commission

2005-2006: President, Peninsula Civil War Round Table

10-term President: Harbor Industrial Association

2002-2003: President, Silicon Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution





## CHAPLAIN GENERAL'S CORNER

**WALTER M. BLACKMAN**

I came across a tract written by Herb Taylor the other day concerning a chaplain named Albert Gallatin Willis. I would like to share the essentials of the story from the tract. Albert was a young seminary student when the War of Northern Aggression broke out. He found himself serving with the command of Mosby's Raiders. Mosby's successful harassment of Union supply trains, wagons, and provisions was countered by General Phil Sheridan, with Grant's approval, ordering that Mosby and any of his men captured should be hung upon capture. In October of 1864, Albert Willis and an unnamed comrade were captured by the 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Cavalry and sentenced to die by hanging. Albert Willis was offered a chaplain's exemption since he was a ministerial student. Instead of taking the exemption, he offered himself as a substitute for his companion who was married. The historic sign that commemorates his willingness to die so another could go free states, "professing his Christian readiness to die, he prayed for his executioners." The Yankees hung the chaplain in the place of the unknown married companion on October 14, 1864.

One might ask reading the sign, what is this "Christian readiness to die?" It simply means there was a time in Albert Willis' life that he admitted to being a sinner and was willing to turn from his sin to the saving work of Christ. He believed what the scriptures taught about Jesus, that He was born of a virgin, lived a perfect sinless life, died on the cross for his sins (and for everyone who will by faith receive Him), was buried, rose from the grave, and is coming again in all His glory. He confessed Jesus to be his personal Lord and Savior (Rom. 10:8-10), and thus, was ready to die.

If you travel to the town of Flint Hill, Virginia, you will find the inconspicuous, little grave of Albert Gallatin Willis behind a church—a young seminary student with his whole life ahead of him—yet ready to die, and not just die, but die in the place of a married companion. I wish I knew if the married man went on to become a Christian himself, or if his life was worth saving—but it simply reminds us that "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8) I hope we will have the same Christian readiness to die that Albert Gallatin Willis had when our Last Commission is extended to us by Almighty God.

## THE TEXAS CHAPTER

The Texas Chapter, Military Order of the Stars & Bars, the first Chapter in Texas, was chartered on June 30, 1970, in Houston, Texas. In those days Chapters affiliated with SCV Camps and The Texas Chapter affiliated with the now defunct Dick Dowling camp #1305.

Thirty-Eight members of the MOS&B came together to form this once great Chapter. A number of notable Texans were among this group including Msgr. Anton Frank of the Houston-Galveston Diocese, two future CICs of the MOS&B, Dennis W. Rainoshek and Dr. Ralph W. Widener, Jr. One of the Charter members is our current Adjutant-General Toni Richard Turk. About 10 years ago this chapter ceased to exist because of lack of interest and lack of new blood to replace those who passed away.

Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #5 of Houston was formed shortly after The Texas Chapter and affiliated with Albert Sidney Johnston camp #67, SCV. Two Heritage organizations of the same name in the same city has always caused confusion. ASJ#5 has been the largest Chapter in the MOS&B for several years and is also one of the most active. It was decided at the recent business meeting to change the name of ASJ#5 to the Texas Chapter #5 for two reasons: 1) eliminate the similar name confusion with the local SCV camp and 2) restore the great traditions of The Texas Chapter.

When the Texas Chapter first organized they conceived the idea of presenting a replica of the Davis Guard Medal to any person who made a substantial

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contribution to preserving Southern Heritage. The Davis Guard medal was the only medal awarded by the CSA during the War Between the States. It was given to Lt. Dick Dowling and his small group of men who defeated the Yankees as they attempted to invade Texas at Sabine Pass. The Davis Guard Award as presented by the Texas Chapter is similar to the ASJ#5 Ron Aldis Award that was conceived after Ron's death several years ago. These two honors will be merged. We have a list of all the past recipients of the Davis Guard Award and it looks like a Who's Who of great compatriots. Included on that list of 33 are Dr. Frank Vandiver, Ralph Green, Charles Smith, Pete Orlebeke, Jim Vogler, several UDC presidents, and Dr. William McCain, to mention a few.

It is the intent of ASJ#5, now The Texas Chapter #5, to restore the honor of this great Chapter and the honor of the men who put The Texas Chapter on the forefront of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars.

David G. Whitaker DCS  
ATM Executive Councilor

**CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR  
MOSB GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
DAVID L. FLOYD**

**Gentlemen of the Order:**

I am announcing my candidacy for a position on the General Executive Council of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

I have been a member of the Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars since June of 1998, and I have served as the Georgia Society's Adjutant for the past three years.

I have two ancestors that served in the Confederate Officers Corps. 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant John R. Kendley, Co. "A" Roswell Cavalry Georgia Guard, and Major John L. Blackwell, 5th (McKenzie's) Tennessee Cavalry, Ashby's Tennessee Brigade, Army of Tennessee. Beside these officers, I have nine other ancestors who served in the Confederate Army and I am a descendant of the Roswell Mill people that were arrested for treason by Sherman and shipped North in boxcars.

I feel that my service as Adjutant of the Georgia Society has given me a keen insight into the needs of the members I have served. With this experience, I feel I can bring to the members of the Army of Tennessee proactive solutions that will preserve our common bonds of

Heritage and ancestors who nobly fought for our way of life.

I have attended the last three National MOS&B conventions and have a solid understanding of the operations and functions of the Society works. I have become familiar with the serving Officers and I will be able to work with the existing and any future officers for the betterment of the National Society and the Army of Tennessee.

Your support is requested and will be greatly appreciated.

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**ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

**APPROVED BY GEC**

The General Executive Council has approved additional Scholarships for 2010 at their regular meeting in Franklin, TN on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The new budget reflects increased revenues in membership dues, additional donations and headquarters savings to the extent that six Scholarships of \$1000.00 each will be awarded. Each Department will receive two Scholarships. This is an overall increase of three Scholarships from last year.

All members are reminded that the submission deadline for all required applications required Chapter or Society endorsements and all other required documentation must be postmarked no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Each Scholarship awarded is a one-time only scholarship and will be sent directly to the recipients' educational instruction after proof of actual enrollment.

All necessary information and forms are located on the national Military Order of the Stars and Bars webpage. If additional information is needed, please contact Richard Rhone, MOS&B Scholarship Chairman. Contact information is on the web page.



**MOS&B ADJUTANT GENERAL'S  
STATISTICAL REPORT\*  
DECEMBER 4, 2009**

Changes Since the Columbia Convention  
LM = Life Member/HS = Hardship  
AM = Annual Members/2010 Dues Paid

Membership – 1722 + 60

Annual Members – 1212 + 49 389 (2010) = 32%  
Life Members – 505 + 11  
Hardship – 5  
Membership by Department  
ANV – 430 + 17 122 LM 208 AM/65 (2010) = 31%  
AOT – 540 + 24 151 LM/2 HS 387 AM/134 (2010) = 35%  
ATM – 421 + 10 101 LM/3 HS 317 AM/85 (2010) = 27%  
At-Large – 331 + 9 129 LM 202 AM/105 (2010) = 52%

NOTE: annual members whose dues are not receipted at HQ by 1/31/2010 will be transferred to Inactive status and become subject to direct billing and transfer into the National At-Large Chapter.

Median Member Age – 62  
Oldest Member – 101  
Youngest Member – 12  
New Members (Dec 2008-Dec 2009) – 77 (35 since Columbia)

Member Residences

6 Foreign Nations  
41 States plus DC  
8 states exceed 100 members – AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA  
1 state exceeds 200 members – TX

Chapters, States & Societies

Active Chapters (5 or more members) – 90  
Active States (1 or more active chapters) – 21  
AL, AK, AR, CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, IN, LA, MD, MO, MS, NC, NY, OH, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA  
Active Societies (15 or more active resident members) – 18 +2  
ANV – Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia  
AOT – Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee  
ATM – Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas

Reported Deaths (8) occurring since the Columbia Convention:

William Thomas Crouch, Aiken, SC  
Ernest St. Clair Easterly, Watson, LA  
Bernard Eugene Eble, New Orleans, LA  
Carl Richard Frederick, Madison, IN  
Frank Clay Gilbert, Jefferson, GA  
James H. McPhail, Austin, TX  
Robert Emmett White, Dallas, TX  
George Crabtree Whitner, Jacksonville, FL

AG Initiatives: MOS&B Website

*Ancestors* – 3837 MOS&B Ancestors are now honored online. +407  
*Memoriam* – 1615 deceased MOS&B members are now honored online. +455  
Members may contribute bios and jpg pictures through the Adjutant General for inclusion in either *Ancestors* or *Memoriam*. - MOS&B listserv

An MOS&B listserv for the membership has been established to facilitate communications within the Order. +809

\*All data are the status of the Order on 11/29/09.



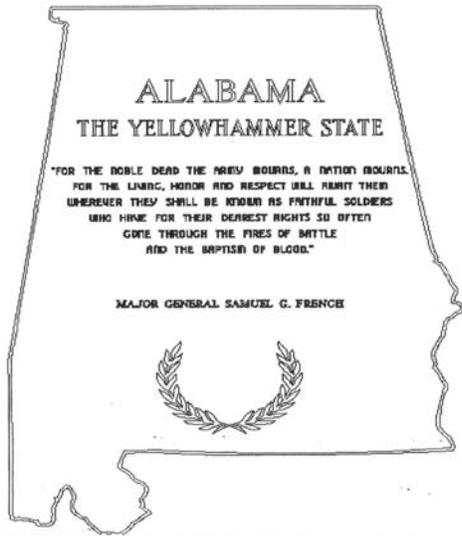
On the 14th of November at one o'clock in the afternoon at the Tipah County Museum, the LT GEN Nathan Bedford Forrest Chapter 100 Military Order of Stars & Bars, a descendants organization of the Confederate Officer Corps and Civil Government elected and appointed officials, held its quarterly meeting. Plans for the Fall action item were finalized for donating books pertaining to the War Between the States to the local library.

Picture Left to Right are: Judge-Advocate Larry Jolly, Commander Chris Cummins, Colour Sergeant Mike Mauldin, Article submitted by Christopher Cummins, MD, CPT, USAR, Commander & Surgeon, LT GEN N B Forrest Chapter 100 MOS&B, Ripley, Mississippi

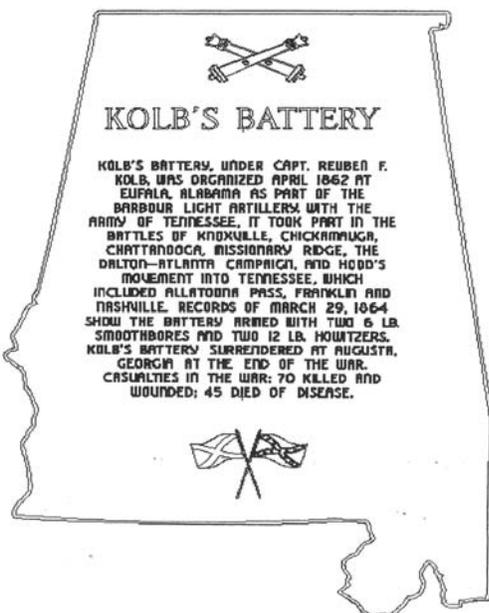


*Left Picture:* Check presentation made to the J. J. Jaxon Monument Company in Eufaula, AL. (L-R) Bob McLendon, Edgar Hicks, Deborah Hicks, Sandy Sanderson, and Jackie Cornelison.

*Right Picture:* Commander Bob McLendon presents Deborah Hicks the MOSB Judah P. Benjamin Merit Award



Front side of Monument Design



Back side of Monument Design

## SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING EFFORT FOR THE MONUMENT AT ALLATOONA PASS!

All remaining funds have been raised for the Alabama monument at the Allatoona Pass battlefield. Our design has been approved by the Georgia Park Service and the monument should be completed in 90-120 days. The monument will be six feet in height, and a fitting tribute to the Alabama soldiers who fought at Allatoona Pass.

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars Allatoona Pass Monument Committee Chairman Bob McLendon from Troy, AL signed the contract on December 18, 2009 with J. Jay Jaxon Monument Company. Work now begins on the construction of the Allatoona Pass Monument in honor of Kolb's Battery, originally from Eufaula, Barbour County, AL. Friends of Old Eufaula Member, Edgar S. Hicks (also a member of Dent's Artillery SCV Camp # 486) and UDC member Deborah W. Hicks were on hand to present the deposit check. Plans for the dedication of the monument at the Allatoona Pass Battlefield near Cartersville, GA are underway and it is anticipated that the event will be held in May or June, 2010 upon approval from the Georgia Park Service.

Funds were raised by the UDC, MOS&B, SCV, The Southern Heritage Ball, and the Order of the Southern Cross. Commander McLendon had earlier this year filed for a grant from the Order of the Southern Cross who in their Annual Meeting voted to award \$4,000 to cover the remaining balance of the project which is expected to approach \$10,000. It is hoped that there will be funds left over which will be returned to the OSC.

Grateful acknowledgement is made for those who worked hard to raise the funds, the heritage organizations that made donations, and the friends who were made along the way that also gave to this significant project.

Afterwards, Commander Bob McLendon presented to Deborah Hicks the Military Order of the Stars & Bars Judah P. Benjamin Merit Award dated June 12, 2009. This was awarded to her in appreciation for her assistance with the Allatoona Pass Monument Project. The Judah P. Benjamin Merit Award is presented for exceptional service in the promotion of Southern Heritage in a non-member capacity. This is the highest award that can be awarded to a non-member. National Awards are only presented once annually at the National MOS&B Convention.



A Portion of the Diorama



Members in Period Dress



Attendees Gather for the Unveiling

## TEXAS DIORAMA EVENT

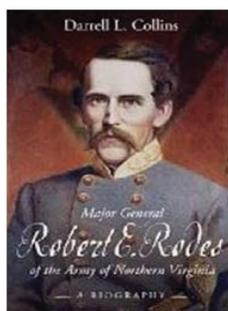
At 11:00 a.m. on the 16th of November in Austin in the state capitol lower rotunda the unveiling of a most unusual diorama took place. The event was sponsored by State Representative and former Speaker of the House Tom Craddock and hosted by the *Descendants of Confederate Veterans*. DCV President Steve von Roeder was the emcee. It was attended by six students from Arizona who worked on the diorama as well as the director Glen Frakes. *The diorama will be on permanent display in the Texas Civil War Museum in Ft. Worth in a few weeks. This, the second diorama was built in just one year by over 150 students working after school.*

This battle was fought along the banks of the Rio Grande, 12-13 May 1865 by Texas Rangers and the 62<sup>nd</sup> U. S. Colored Troops along with the 34<sup>th</sup>. Indiana troops. The diorama contains over 5000 pieces including: 700 figures averaging 2.5 inches high of which 550 are armed with rifles, 18 with double barrel shotguns, and the remainder with sabers, pistols or both; 6 cannons; 96 bushes; a 12inch lightning-struck tree; a stern wheeler steamboat; 200 horses and saddles and reins made of dental floss. The original diorama, which was in the Texas Military Museum at Camp Mabry, and appraised at between \$60,000 and \$130,000, was termed inaccurate and “dismantled” by then Director Jeff Hunt.

The DCV is a Texas Organization made up of both men and women who have verifiable Confederate ancestry. Many of the men, including President vonRoeder, are also MOSB members. Read about the DCV at: <http://www.descendantsofconfederateveterans.org/>

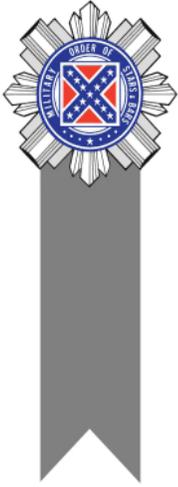


Award Presentation - Darrell Collins and Lt. Commander General Max Waldrop Jr.



## D. S. FREEMAN HISTORY AWARD PRESENTATION

The Gorgas Chapter was honored to be the host for the presentation of the 2009 Douglas Southall Freeman History Award on October 29, 2009. The ceremony was held at 6:00 pm in the Gorgas House, 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 and Gorgas Chapter member Max L. Waldrop Jr. Chapter President, Dr. John L. Fleming, and several chapter members welcomed Mr. Collins and his wife, Judith, to the university and to the Gorgas House.



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Samuel Massey,  
Max Lee  
Waldrop, Jr.,  
DeeLois Lawrence and Donna  
Schwieder.

**ARKANSAS SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**

The General Patrick R. Cleburne Arkansas Society conducted its annual meeting in Fayetteville, AR on Saturday, November 21, 2009. The meeting was presided over Commander Samuel A. Massey. The meeting was well attended with several guests who included DeeLois Lawrence, President of the Arkansas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Lt Commander General Max Waldrop. Greetings were brought on behalf of several organizations by the representatives. Normal Society business was conducted to include establishing an Arkansas Sesquicentennial Committee chaired by Commander Jerry Lawrence of Pine Bluff, AR, identifying

work projects for each of the counties with WBTS sites. The Society is considering the identification of a major sesquicentennial event in November of 2014 to honor General Patrick R. Cleburne. Mrs. Lawrence who serves as a member of the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission spoke on the activities of the Commission and the projects that are currently underway for the Sesquicentennial. To learn more about planned events within Arkansas please go to [www.arkansascivilwar150.com](http://www.arkansascivilwar150.com)

After the morning meeting and the Fayetteville world famous Penguin Ed's BBQ lunch, attendees then went to the Confederate Cemetery and participated in a joint memorial service with the United Sons of Confederate Soldiers Association and the hosting organization, the Southern Memorial Association. Lt Commander General Max Waldrop was the guest speaker and Donna Schwieder, President of the Southern Memorial Association shared the history and activities of the Confederate Cemetery. Mrs. Shwieder stated "The Confederate veterans were always very supportive of the work of the founding ladies and over the years their descendants continue to support this labor of love to the men in gray and to them we are most grateful." Donations were made on behalf of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars and the United Sons of Confederate Soldiers Association.

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