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2010 General Convention— Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Opening Ceremony - The Posting of the Colors as observed by the Head Table (L-R) Past Commander General Jeff Massey, Lt. Commander General Max Waldrop, and Commander General Anthony Hodges.



Replica of General Robert E Lee's Commanders Flag.



Army of Trans-Mississippi participants in the ATM business session at the Convention.



Replica Shelby Saber Presentation Gift to Past Commander General Anthony Hodges by Army of Trans- Mississippi Past Commander Gary M. Loudermilk and Army of Trans Mississippi Commander Don Lee.



Unveiling of the Battle Flag used to drape coffins of the deceased United Confederate Veterans in Oklahoma. (L-R) Past Commander in Chief Beau Cantrell, Commander General Anthony Hodges, and Past Commander General Jeff Massey.



Saturday Night Banquet and Awards Presentation (L-R) Past Commander General Ed Cailleateau, Past Commander General Anthony Hodges and Lt. Commander General Richard Rhone.

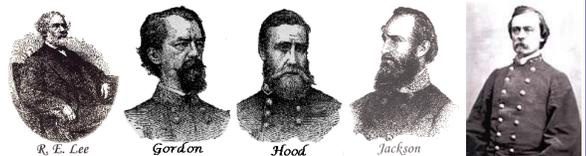
The pictures on this page and page 2 of this newsletter are of the 2010 General Convention of the Military Order Stars and Bars that was held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. More details of this Convention will be covered in the June 2010 edition of the *Officer's Call*.



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Presentation of Personal Commander General Flag to Past Commander General Anthony Hodges.



ANV Delegation (L-R) Henry Knauf, Tom Thomas, Brett Bradshaw, Larry Brown, & Kenneth Patterson



AOT Delegation (L-R Front Row) David Floyd, David Denard, Walter Dockery, and Anthony Hodges. (L-R Back Row) Max Waldrop, James Gaston, Bert Blackmon, Walter Blackman, Perry Outlaw, and Richard Rhone.



COMMANDER GENERAL'S MESSAGE

It is with great appreciation and humility that I have accepted the highest honor that you the membership can bestow upon me - that of serving as Commander General of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. Congratulations are extended to our uniquely talented General Officers and Staff who were elected and appointed to their positions during the Convention. They join me in their commitment to provide quality membership services.

Our 73rd General Society Convention was held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma from April 29 through May 1. The Stand Watie Society members were remarkable hosts in arranging a very smooth and well-organized Convention. The Cumberland Room which was our main event room was arranged in spectacular fashion with many flags and memorabilia. The room could not have been more pleasing to the Confederate eye. The fraternal and long lasting relationships that our members have with each other were enhanced as new memories and friendships were cemented and new ones made. This proved to be a very educational Convention, as we made the tours and listened to our speakers. Our visit to the Confederate Room, which is the Order's official Archive location, located inside the modern and beautiful Oklahoma History Center, was a special event. Our Oklahoma members have created a bastion for the Order which truly reflects the mission that we hold so dearly.

I extend my sincere and profound appreciation to Past Commander General Anthony Hodges and his devoted staff for the dedicated service that they rendered to the Order over the past two years. With their very capable leadership, we have overcome several events that could have been devastating to our Order.

As we begin a new administration, I am looking forward with great expectation and enthusiasm to the results we will obtain with our General Executive Council, General Officers, and General Staff. We have almost one hundred talented individuals who have volunteered to render service during 2010-2012.

I will expand in greater detail in subsequent issues of the Officer Call our vision in education, leadership, and national influence for the Order and the opportunities that lie before us. The Convention and the General Executive Committee approved the formation of

several new committees which are briefly described below:

The **Sesquicentennial Committee** is composed of members representing their state and the activities already underway in your communities. Chairman for this Committee is COL (Ret) Barton Campbell who was a former Executive Director of the Museum of the Confederacy. He is assisted by Past Chief of Staff Ray W. Gill who has agreed to serve as Historian General.

The **Education Committee** is under the leadership of Randy Jones of Ennis, Texas. This committee will work on creating a Teacher of the Year award and developing a platform for our educational thrust.

The **Chaplain Corps Committee** is led by Deputy Chaplain General Walter Blackman to encourage effective utilization of our Chaplains who are serving at the Chapter and State Society level. This committee will develop another communication network within the Order.

The **Ethics Committee** chaired by Chief of Staff David Whitaker will attempt to resolve expeditiously through mediation and arbitration any conflicts that may possibly occur among members of the Order.

The **Cadet Corps Committee** under the direction of Lt Commander General Richard Rhone will initially create the organizational structure for a Corps of Cadets to ensure future interest and growth of membership in the Order.

We will continue to focus on securing our financial strength, improving membership recruiting and retention, and expanding our national footprint with other heritage organizations. By remaining focused in these three strategic areas, the Order will be successful.

In the coming months, we will communicate the exciting changes that take place. We are committed to making the transition between the administrations totally seamless without any drop in service levels.

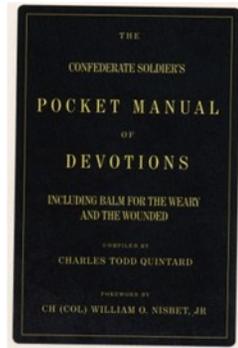
Please do not hesitate to call upon any of us at any time. I challenge you to become involved – there will be so many more opportunities, and you will not regret it!

Highest regards,

Max L. Waldrop, Jr.



Chaplain Quintard, CSA



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER'S POCKET MANUAL OF DEVOTIONS

Ever wonder what Confederate soldiers read in the field or in the trenches to keep their spirits up? We know from memoirs that they shared newspapers, both those from home and those captured from Union soldiers. We know that chaplains and colporters distributed thousands of Bibles and New Testaments; and of course, there were letters from home.

Yet for the weary and wounded, there seems to have been a shortage of devotional literature. At least that's what Chaplain Charles T. Quintard of the 1st Tennessee Infantry Regiment, CSA, thought in 1863. Chaplain Quintard was an Episcopal priest who accompanied his regiment from Nashville through campaigns in Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Georgia. In addition to his ecclesiastical role as a clergyman, Quintard was also a medical doctor who had served in that capacity after the battle of Chickamauga. He was concerned not only with the morale of his soldiers, but also with the resiliency of his wounded patients.

Consequently, in 1863 Chaplain Quintard published a small *Pocket Manual of Devotions*. It was printed by Evans and Cogswell at Number 3, Broad Street, in Charleston, SC, with the financial assistance of Mr. J.K. Sass, treasurer of the General Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States. The Pocket Manual,

not surprisingly, contains short devotional thoughts, prayers, Psalms, an Episcopal litany for the confession of sins and the assurance of pardon, a service for Thanksgiving after Victory, and the words to 44 hymns. Some of the hymns are still familiar, "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah," (v); "Rock of Ages," (ix); and "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord" (x). Quintard's Pocket Manual therefore doubled as a hymn book, at least for Protestants, and probably for all the soldiers who came to worship.

In 1864 Chaplain Quintard published another book, *Balm for the Weary and the Wounded*, printed by Evans and Cogswell in Columbia, SC. This was a smaller work of just 68 pages, but it contained tributes to Christian soldiers who had fallen in battle, Captain Thomas Edward King, Lt. Col. Ruben F. Harvey, Jacob K. Brown, and Lt. James H. Foster, most at Chickamauga. Quintard praised the steadfast courage of these resolute soldiers of Christ who were inspirations to their comrades, and obviously to their chaplain as well. He also included mini-sermons, words of familiar hymns such as "Just as I am," and some suggestions for Scripture reading at morning and evening prayer.

Although church newspapers and printed sermons were circulated among the soldiers of the Confederacy from time to time, when they could get them, Chaplain Quintard's books were among the few, if not the only, devotional materials written by a battlefield chaplain during the war. It is interesting that both were published in South Carolina.

Original copies of these devotional works are in the Rare Book Collection at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Just recently, Mercer University Press, in Macon, Georgia, reprinted both of Chaplain Quintard's books under one title, *The Confederate Soldier's Pocket Manual of Devotions including Balm for the Weary and the Wounded*. The Foreword is by Chaplain (Colonel) William O. Nisbet, Jr., USAR Retired, Chaplain Quintard's great-grandson.

DEDICATION OF ALABAMA MONUMENT AT ALLATOONA PASS BATTLEFIELD IN GEORGIA

At 2:00 pm EST, Saturday, 22 May 2010, a monument to the Alabama soldiers who fought at Allatoona Pass on October 5, 1864 will be dedicated. All interested persons are cordially invited. Reenactors in uniform are especially welcome.

The Park is supervised by Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites, and the erection of monuments to troops who fought at Allatoona is a project of the Etowah Valley Historical Society. The raising of funds, and monument design, has been carried out by the Alabama Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, and the Capt. S. H. Dent Chapter, UDC, Eufaula, AL. The six foot monument was made by J. J. Jaxon Monument Co., Eufaula, Alabama.

This project has been successful due to contributions from the Alabama Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars; various Chapters and individuals of the Alabama Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy; Alabama Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans; Order of the Southern Cross; and various other organizations, Camps, Chapters, and individuals. Thanks to all who contributed to make this project a reality.

Please attend and help honor the Alabamians who fought at Allatoona Pass.

Directions: Allatoona is located off I-75, and is 21 miles north of Marietta, Georgia, and 9 miles south of Cartersville, Georgia. Take Exit 283 (Emerson) off I-75, and travel east on Emerson/Allatoona Rd., which becomes Old Allatoona Road. Allatoona is only about two miles east of I-75.

- Submitted by Bob McLendon, Commander, Alabama Society, Military Order of the Stars & Bars; Chairman, Allatoona Monument project

CHAPLAIN'S CORPS

Compatriots,

A new committee was created to enlist and organize a Chaplain's Corps. The purpose of the Chaplain's Corps within the MOS&B is to facilitate an effective way to communicate among the chaplains of the various chapters, state societies, armies, and General Society. It will assist in communicating prayer needs within the Order, and promoting a fraternal brotherhood among the clergy who are part of the Order. It will also serve as a way of identifying the various chaplains who would be available to serve in other positions as needed. Please help us by sending to me the members of your respective chapters, societies, and those you know in the General Society who would be eligible to be part of the Chaplains Corps. You may send their names, addresses (including email and snail mail), and phone numbers to Walter M. Blackman, at waltersuzanne@bellsouth.net, or wblackman@easthighlandbaptist.com. Thank you for your help.

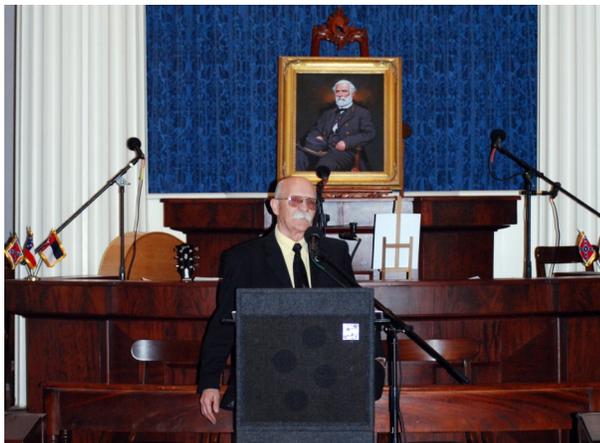
Your Obedient Servant in Christ,

Walter M. Blackman, Jr.
Deputy Chaplain General, MOS&B



GORGAS CHAPTER # 299 CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

On April 25, 2010 Chapter members along with members of the Rodes Camp #262, SCV held a ceremony at the Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church near Samantha, AL. Approximately forty-five people attended. Seventeen Confederate soldiers are buried in the cemetery which is always kept in excellent condition. Chapter member Frank Delbridge spoke on the **History of the 41st Alabama Infantry Regiment** and Past Commander Walter Dockery spoke on the **History of the 50th Alabama Infantry Regiment**, and is seen in the photograph.



21ST ANNUAL ROBERT E. LEE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HELD IN NORTH CAROLINA

RALEIGH-The historic North Carolina State Capitol House Chambers was the setting for the 21st Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration held on January 19, 2010. The ceremony was jointly sponsored by the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter MOSB, Raleigh; the Capt. Samuel Ashe UDC Chapter, Raleigh; and the 47th Regt. NC Troops SCV Camp, Wake Forest.

Music for the service was provided by Ellis Selph, Sharon Young, and Monte Smith. Capt. Waddell Chapter Commander Frank Powell welcomed over 100 participants to the annual celebration while the Stars & Bars flew over the Capitol dome. Participants consisted of members from the MOS&B, SCV, UDC, and the Children of the Confederacy.

NC Division SCV Chaplain Rev. Herman White delivered the keynote address, which was followed by DIXIE. Members of the 47th Regt, NC Troops Color Guard retired the colors.



CAPTAIN J. J. DICKISON MOS & B CHAPTER HOLDS CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE OLD CITY CEMETERY IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

On Sunday, April 18, 2010, the Captain J. J. Dickison Chapter #29 held a memorial event at the Old City Cemetery in Jacksonville together with the UDC Robert E. Lee Chapter #2157 and Martha Reid Chapter #19, Children of the Confederacy and the Sons of the Confederacy. There are more than 230 Confederate veterans buried in the cemetery. The most notable is perhaps General Joseph Finegan who was the Commander of the Florida troops at the Battle of Olustee and who called upon General Beauregard for help when Union forces landed in Jacksonville on February 7, 1864. The attendance was good and a very moving memorial was conducted. The color guard was provided by the MOS&B.



2010 VIRGINIA SOCIETY CONVENTION

The Virginia Society convention met at noon on Saturday, April 17 at the Westwood Racquet Club in Richmond. After a one-hour social and a fine meal, the business meeting was called to order by Lt Commander Allen Mock. The roll of chapters was called by Adjutant Lee Scouten with six of eight chapters reporting. Among the assembled were Past Virginia Society Commanders Jack Stinson and Clarke Magruder, and Past Commander General Josiah Gay.

The main business of the day was the election of officers. The slate of officers had been drawn up by the Nominating Committee chaired by past Virginia Society Commander Raymond Gill and was presented as follows: Lee Scouten for Adjutant, Henry Heyer Knauf for Lieutenant Commander, and William Allen Mock for Commander. The slate was put to a vote and all were elected by a voice vote. The new officers were sworn in by Clarke Magruder.

Following the meeting, members travelled in an MOS&B convoy into downtown Richmond for a ceremony at the Shockoe Hill Cemetery. (See the pictures above of this ceremony). The Confederate officer being honored was Captain Shields Saunders Lucke (pronounced "luke") of the 38th Virginia Infantry. Captain Lucke was 21 years old when he died of wounds received at Seven Pines in May of 1862. Seven Pines, by the way, is about eight miles away from Shockoe Hill. After a brief ceremony, the president of the Friends of Shockoe

Hill Cemetery took the assembled on a walking tour and pointed out some of the notable people buried there, including Chief Justice John Marshall. Shockoe Hill was founded in 1822 and began to fill up by about 1850 when the better-known Hollywood Cemetery was established. Even so, many Confederates are buried in Shockoe Hill.

The meeting and program was hosted and arranged by the Pickett Chapter and their Commander Taylor Cowardin.

- Submitted by Lee Scouten, MOS&B Virginia Society Adjutant

REMINDER !

Our internal communications are only as current and accurate as the input we provide. Every Department, Society and Chapter Commander needs to ensure that websites over which they exercise control are always up-to-date.

The National Web Master should also be included in all notices of changes in command, contact information, etc.

All changes should be sent to Communications General Gary Loudermilk via e-mail at gmlddhl@harrisbb.com.

Another important item is the e-mail updates provided to our list serve. Whenever a new member is added or a current member's e-mail address changes, Commanders need to communicate this information regularly to the list serve manager.



MEXIA TEXAS CONFEDERATE REUNION GROUNDS LIVING HISTORY APRIL 16TH – 18TH, 2010

Members of the 7th Texas Company H Confederate Infantry Re-Enacting Unit recently participated in the living history event staged at the Historic Confederate Reunion Grounds near Mexia April 16– 18.

Ewell Loudermilk, Adjutant of The Major John Loudermilk Chapter #264 of the MOSB, is a member of the 7th Texas and he filed this report.

Friday was “School Day” and we entertained somewhere between 800 and 1,100 school children (depending on which park official you talked to) of all grades that day with stories and the history of the gallant men in gray. Hopefully this will spark interest for some in the true history of the War Between the States or at least an interest in history in general.

Saturday morning all the Confederate troops fell in and offered a brief history of four Confederate flags as we raised them over the Reunion Grounds, we raised the 1st, 2nd and 3rd National flags. I was afforded the honor along with another gentleman of our unit to raise the battle flag on the fourth pole. With the dryer weather we were able to actually perform a small re-enactment on Saturday afternoon to the delight of the crowd. The eight men of our unit fell in with the 12th and 15th Confederate Infantry units to form a respectable size company of 30 men or so and we were the largest unit in the battle. Both sides were able to field a handful of cavalry on either flank and we had “dismounted” cavalry acting as skirmishers. The Yanks had two cannon and we had four. I was mortally wounded about half way through the battle and retrieved from the battlefield along with some of my “dead and dying” companions by a wagon drawn by two of the largest mules I have ever seen (it was hard to lie still when we heard the team lumbering up behind us). We were taken to the rear of the lines and disembarked behind some trees which we slipped around and came up behind some of the spectators much to the obvious surprise and delight of some of the children watching.

Saturday evening around 10PM the rains began and most of the Infantry units (including the 7th Texas "Invincible's") opted to pull out versus wallowing in the mud all day and left Sunday's battle to the artillery and cavalry if they chose to stay.

All in all I believe we made a favorable impression on the crowd and hopefully earned new sympathizers to the Confederate Soldiers good name.

- Article Submitted by Ewell L. Loudermilk, First Sergeant



Pictured above is Commander General Dr. Anthony Hodges along his wife, Dr. Jill Hodges, & Lee Scouten visiting Thomas Jefferson's home known as Monticello in Virginia.

LEE JACKSON WEEKEND IN OLD VIRGINIA

We here in the Virginia Society tend to keep a low profile and at this point we don't have any Society-wide events except for the annual meeting in April. However, in January of 2010 we snapped out of our lethargy long enough to host Commander General Dr. Anthony Hodges and Dr. Jill Hodges on their farewell tour through the ANV. We got off to a fast start on Saturday, January 23. As soon as Anthony and Jill rolled into Charlottesville, Toni and I met them at the hotel and we walked up Main Street to the Corner -- the business district opposite the University of Virginia Grounds -- and had lunch at the Virginian. Afterward, we crossed University Avenue and walked up to UVA's Rotunda and Lawn, designed by Thomas Jefferson in the last years of his life. At the outset of the WBTS, the Rotunda, plus the adjoining Pavilion and Hotel buildings, served as the Charlottesville General Hospital, CSA where many of the wounded from the Battle of First Manassas were patients. The other not-to-miss WBTS feature of Mr. Jefferson's Rotunda are the two brass plaques from 1905 listing all University of Virginia alumni who died in service of the South. The roll is a veritable archive with home state, rank, and year of death by each man's name.

Next, it was off to Monticello where we arrived just in time for our 3:30 tour by South Carolina native Elaine Newcomb, who, because of our celebrity guests, took us up to the Dome room, a part of the house rarely available to the public. After viewing the gardens, we stopped by Mr. Jefferson's grave on the way down the mountain and also paid our respects to Jefferson's Confederate descendants, including Secretary of War George Wythe Randolph, Ordnance Captain William Randolph of Armistead's Brigade, Pickett's Division, and Colonel Bennett Taylor of the 19th Virginia Infantry, another survivor of Pickett's Charge.

After retreating to the hotel to regroup, Toni and I picked up Jill and Anthony an hour later and headed out to Dr. Clara Belle Wheeler's

Buena Vista plantation in Albemarle County where we had a fine dinner with great company including Ambassador Nathaniel Howell and wife Marge. Nat, a Portsmouth native and career foreign service officer and US Ambassador to Kuwait at the outset of the first Gulf War, is also a descendant of an officer who served with Orr's South Carolina Rifles. Virginia Society Genealogist Allen Brahin is helping Nat with his application now.

Despite an evening of conviviality that lasted until late, the intrepid Hodges were ready to go on Sunday morning for a drive to James and Dolley Madison's Montpelier in neighboring Orange County. En route, we made a quick visit to the ruins of Barbooursville plantation, home of Virginia Governor James Barbour and gutted by fire in the late 19th century. Coincidentally, one of the guests of the night before, one Bryan Hagen, was our tour guide through the recently rehabilitated Montpelier. For an extra touch, Jayne Blair, Montpelier guide and Texas native whose specialty is the WBTS at Montpelier, made a command appearance. Ms. Blair told us about how during the winter of 1863-4, the Army of Northern Virginia was camped nearby along the Rapidan River. General McGowan's Brigade lived on the Montpelier grounds that winter.

Next we took a loop through Gordonsville, the former Confederate depot and hospital, and the junction of the Virginia Central and Orange and Alexandria Railroads. After lunch at the Tolliver house restaurant housed in a 19th century house, it was back to Charlottesville for a look at the UVa Cemetery. 1,097 Confederate soldiers who died of wounds and disease at the Charlottesville General Hospital are buried there. Just over the wall is the final resting place for UVa faculty and alumni. Among them are such UVa Confederates as General Carnot Posey, Assistant Secretary of War Albert Taylor Bledsoe, Confederate munitions expert John W. Mallett, and Charlottesville General Hospital director Dr. James Lawrence Cabell. The rain was coming down pretty hard by then, so it was back to the hotel and home to get ready for the Lee Jackson dinner.

The annual Lee Jackson Dinner is held at historic Michie Tavern for those in Charlottesville and Albemarle County who are interested in their

Southern heritage. It is a great venue and their fried chicken, country ham, blackeyed peas, biscuits and cornbread are unsurpassed. The evening's speaker was Pickett chapter member James Ewell Brown "JEB" Stuart, IV. Also from Pickett Chapter were Commander Taylor Cowardin and Jodi, Virginia Society Lt Commander Allen Mock and Betsy.

The next morning, Jill and Anthony left for a leisurely trip to South Carolina where they attended the South Carolina Society Lee Jackson Dinner. While the Hodges were most certainly well-entertained in the Palmetto State, it will be a while before they forget their sojourn in the Old Dominion.



GORGAS CHAPTER # 299 NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION

At the Chapter meeting on March 16, 2010, new officers for the next two years were installed. They are Commander, Dr. Richard Rhone; 1st Lt. Commander, Mr. John Coleman, Jr; 2nd Lt. Commander, Mr. James Dunn; Adjutant, Dr. Samuel Gambrell, Jr; and Chaplain, Dr. Wiley Hales. Seen in the photograph at the installation are, left to right, Past Commander Walter Dockery who conducted the installation, John Coleman, Richard Rhone, Wiley Hales, James Dunn, and Sam Gambrell.



THE 9TH NATIONAL CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT STONE MOUNTAIN PARK

The Confederate Nation celebrated the Ninth Annual National Service for all who served to save our Southern republic at Stone Mountain Park in Georgia. This event was hosted by the Georgia Society Military Order Stars and Bars. There were from 350 to 400 people that attended this service along with twenty plus in the honor guard. There were also seven cannons along with a full crew to man them. The good Lord blessed us with a blue bird sky day. Thanks to Capt. Cook who led the 18th GA for the honor guard and Col. Draper who commanded the artillery. The memorial service Word was brought to us by Rev. Jim Cabaniss and the speaker Bob Collins delivered an outstanding message on the sacrifice of all our veterans past and present. Richard Smith and Tunes of the Battlefield brought us some great Southern Music and Taps. David Denard, MOS&B Georgia Society Commander, thanks all who made this event a success for those men, women, and the children who give it all for the Southern cause to the Last Measure.



CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT GREENWOOD CEMETERY IN ORLANDO, FL

On April 17, 2010, the Colonel L. M. Park Chapter held their annual Confederate Memorial in conjunction with the CSS Florida SCV Camp, the Annie Coleman UDC Chapter, and the Jefferson Davis UDC Chapter. Officers from the United Daughters of the Confederacy Florida Division were also in attendance. Confederate soldiers that participated were from the 28th GA Infantry.

TEXAS SOCIETY CONVENTION MARCH 27, 2010

The Texas Society Convention was held Saturday March 27th in Huntsville, Texas. Quartermaster General, Gary M. Loudermilk brought numerous items from the MOS&B Store to sell. This allowed the members to see the items and save shipping charges on any items they purchased. There were many sales made and we all appreciate the effort that went into bringing this to the convention. The business meeting began as planned around 9 A. M. Saturday morning. Past Commander Jim Templin offered the invocation. This was followed by salutes to our flags and the MOS&B pledge. Texas Society Commander Gary L. Loudermilk conducted the meeting. Also in attendance was Texas House Representative Allen Fletcher of District 130. Rep. Fletcher is one of our newest members and was sworn in during the meeting by the Texas Chapter 5 Commander John Hoover. Jacob Smith, son of member Todd Smith, was sworn in by Randy Jones, Commander of the Col. W. H. Parsons Chapter. Jacob is probably the youngest member in the MOS&B and we are glad to have him.

We were honored and pleased to have in attendance two representatives of MOS&B Headquarters, Lt Commander General Max Waldrop and Adjutant General Toni Turk. This gave the Texas members a chance to discuss national MOS&B issues face to face. As always, both these men were gracious listeners and will act on the input they received from our members. A special thank you goes out to each of them. Lt Commander General Waldrop addressed the Society and pointed out several of the Texas members who are now or will soon be serving the Order at a national level. We can all be proud of what these Texas Society members are doing. Adjutant General Turk confirmed that the Texas Society is still the largest Society within the Order. Adjutant Turk, having recently moved his membership back to the Texas Chapter 5 in Houston, was awarded the prestigious "Dick Dowling" award from Chapter Commander John Hoover.

Texas Society Adjutant Glenn Toal gave a financial report and addressed membership numbers. Adjutant Toal is keeping a great set of records for our Society that will benefit us in years to come. ATM Councilor and Texas Society Genealogist, David Whitaker spoke about the revised MOS&B application form that is available on the national web-site. Councilor Whitaker also gave an updated report on the plans for the 2012 MOS&B National Convention to be held in San Antonio.

The Texas Chapter made a Texas Society banner. It is a Bonnie Blue flag with "Military Order of the Stars and Bars" and "Texas Society" sewn on it. Also, The Texas Chapter presented the Texas Society with an embossing gun and Texas Society seal for future use. Thanks again!

The two amendment changes to the Texas Society bylaws were proposed: The first proposed amendment to Article II changed the fiscal year to the calendar year and the second amendment to Article IV defined how delegates are to be chosen. Both passed by unanimous vote. Another motion to amend the Constitution was made to increase Texas Society dues from \$5 per year to \$10 per year. Adjutant Toal made a motion and gave his reasoning based on having been Texas Society Adjutant for the last three years. There was some discussion with most thinking the increase, although not pleasant, was much needed and overdue. It was suggested that a larger increase might be needed, but those closest to the State budget felt a \$5 increase would suffice.

The business meeting was followed by a tour of the Sam Houston Museum. Texas Representative Allen Fletcher, who is on the board of directors at the museum, arranged free admittance for MOS&B members visiting the museum. It was a generous act and everyone was grateful.





Picture with all workers behind the headstones: (L-R) Bryan Lyens, Jason Roberts, Glenn Venner, Dennis Niew, and Jason McFerron.



**LINDEN GROVE CEMETERY
HEADSTONE DEDICATION**

Submitted by SSG Glenn Venner

SSG Glenn Venner, a member of Chapter 256 from Batavia, Ohio, began this project in February 2009 to erect individual headstones for eight Confederates buried in the Linwood Grove Cemetery of Covington, Kentucky. Over the next year, Glenn working in conjunction with the Director of the Cemetery received the headstones from the Veterans Administration. The stones were then erected for the following soldiers:

PVT Charles Rowe (CO L, 10th Missouri Infantry Regiment); PVT Charles Stewart (CO D and B, 4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry); PVT Alfred H. Sharp (CO A, 7th Kentucky Cavalry and Kirkpatrick's Battalion); PVT Thomas W. Leaman (CO H, 1st Arkansas Infantry (Colquitt's)); PVT John H. Brown (CO G, 13th Tennessee Infantry Regiment); PVT Edwin M. Mitchell (CO H, 1st Arkansas Infantry (Colquitt's)); CPL Tim Booth (CO H, 13th Louisiana Infantry Regiment); and PVT William A. Parker (CO H, 4th Texas Infantry Regiment)

These were in all likelihood wounded soldiers who were sent to the holding area called New Port Barracks and Hospital in Clinton, Kentucky.

The dedication services will be held in Covington, Kentucky at the Linden Grove Cemetery on May 30, 2010 at 10:30 AM EDST.

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