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Officer's Call



Our Real Sons

By J. Troy Massey, PCG, DCS

As time passes by, we continue to lose our treasures, our past, our Real Sons. Our last link to those "boys in gray" has dwindled to 29. For years, we have asked our membership to contact our Real Sons and visit with them in person, by phone or by cards and letters. In 1996-1998, the MOS&B had a program established to honor those men by videotaped interviews regarding themselves and their father's participation in the war and civilian life. It was a very successful program and participated by most of our societies. On the national level, we have sent the Real Sons birthday cards and Christmas cards to let them know we still remember them and care for them. As a part of the report at the MOS&B National Reunion in Oklahoma City,

I provided a list of all Real Sons names and addresses, thanks to Ben Sewell at SCV HQ. He and I stay in communication regarding these men as news is reached concerning their passing. That list is displayed on page 16 for your review and in hopes that you will contact those men who are near you.

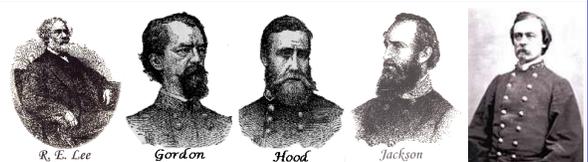
We have archived past interviews of our Real Sons and challenge you to do the same for those men that are able to undergo a videotaped interview. It will be something that the MOS&B will cherish always. We can never do anything too much for these precious last remaining remnants of the last war. Some heard stories from their father's mouths while others were too young when their fathers passed and "crossed the river to rest in the shade of the trees."

My life experience change came with our Real Son-Charles Gifford Pinkston, of Mountain Home, Arkansas. Another MOS&B member, Kevin Bodenhammer, had mentioned around 1995 of a Real Son living in Mountain Home but had never met him. Arrangements were made to meet him and his wife and the rest is history. He was a World War II hero, 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason and involved in his community. Charley and his wife were so delightful to meet and interesting in their many stories. He received Christmas cards, birthday cards, phone calls and personal contact when in the area. He was only around three years old when his father died so he remembers little of him.

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Commander General's Message

Enlist in the Recruiting Team

Can we achieve what some will say, and what some do say, is impossible? Can we double our membership? Can we recruit highly qualified individuals to dedicate their talents in the promotion of what we as the Order stand for and believe in?

Can we recruit beyond our expectations and go the distance? As challenges confront the Order we have only two choices: we can either meet that challenge or we can give up and not act. If we decide to act, then we will do so through commitment and cooperation. Membership growth in the Order can increase dramatically if we all make this commitment to work together. Let us strive towards the team goal that might appear to be beyond our individual capability and efforts by interacting and sharing ideas and concepts with each other.

We do not want to find ourselves in an unexpected crisis – that of diminishing member rolls. Membership must not be a mere entitlement, but it carries with it the unshakeable responsibility and duty to recruit our future generations.

Why is it important – and in fact a moral obligation – to do your part in recruiting? A strong Membership means survival of the Order beyond us. A prolific Membership means financial stability. It means representation in our communities and our country, indeed the world itself. It means advancing our mission and broadening the horizon and guaranteeing the future of our Order.

Will you as a member of the Order take on this task of recruiting? If each member recruits only one member this year, we will automatically double our membership. Is this possible? Quite frankly, the answer is a resounding affirmative. New members bring excitement and energy to our membership. They rekindle our imaginations and desires that we possessed. They desire to become part of us and add their fresh new thoughts and ideas to this Order that they have so voluntarily and enthusiastically joined.

How do we recruit others?

- Participate regularly with your Chapter and State Society
- *Live* the Confederate life in every way
- Conduct regular meetings with exciting programs and projects
- Invite your eligible friends and family members to become involved with our activities
- Advertise within other heritage organizations publications
- Recognize and support the activities of other heritage groups
- Communicate frequently with members and prospects about historical events
- Hold special Confederate Days and invite eligible family members and friends
- Encourage family members to become involved with the Sesquicentennial activities

Recruiting will ensure that our unique story is related to and preserved for generations to come, hopefully while mankind exists on this earth. We will keep you informed in future issues of the Officer's Call on suggestions and recommendations for increasing our membership. Please make your individual commitment to be part of this team effort, and achieve our goal of doubling our membership.

This is your chance to make history and preserve a culture. Seize it with both hands and let us go forward as invincible brothers!

Highest regards,

Max L. Waldrop, Jr.

(Continuation of Real Son Article from Page 1)

There is one thing for sure, he was very proud of his father's Confederate service and the Cause he fought for. I remember a very humbling experience with Charley after I first met him. We visited his father's grave in a rural Baxter County cemetery and I remarked that his father had a civilian marker but should have a government VA marker. He asked me to order a marker with the pertinent information and I did. After the marker arrived, I made arrangements with Charley to have a Confederate Honor Guard fire a salute after the Memorial Service. The ceremony went according to plan and after everyone left the cemetery, he remarked how grateful he was for the grave marker to denote the service of his father. His remarks were that after all these years, his grave site now reflects his Confederate service and then he shed a few tears. It is moments like this, that makes the Real Sons project so rewarding through the years. Charley was with us till January 2009 and he left to be with the Lord and his fellow patriots. The service was moving. A Confederate Color Guard led by MOS&B member, Danny Honnoll, with Ray Jones and Gordon Hale, fired a salute in honor of our fallen comrade. In addition, the Mountain Home American Legion Post fired a volley for their fallen comrade. It was splendid watching two Color Guards of different eras honor our Real Son, Charles Pinkston. He was the last Real Son in Arkansas. We have no more. For the remaining Real Sons in each respective society, I challenge each MOS&B member to visit them while you can or you will be like Arkansas and have no remaining direct threads to the Southern heroes of 1861-1865.



**Annual MOS&B Convention
Jacksonville, Florida in 2011**

Time to think of Florida! The MOS&B Convention will be in Jacksonville so start thinking about joining your friends and compatriots in July 2011 in the River City. We are determined to make the 2011 Convention the one that will set a standard for the MOS&B for years to come. You can help us by telling us what you would enjoy most. We have it all but trying to schedule within the time limit available is difficult so tell us what you want, battlefields, historic lectures, good restaurants, time to visit with old friends, golf courses, museums, river cruise, formal evening, historic sites, beaches and much more. Now is the time for you to tell us before we start to finalize the program. Just send your comments to headquarters@mosbihq.org or call us at (877) 790-6672.

Request for E-Mail and Mailing Changes

We need your correct E-mail address and mailing address. We are sending out the "Officer's Call" electronically; as well as, printed. We find many members have not reported their address and others have not advised us of address changes. Please make sure we have your current E-mail and physical address. Contact us at headquarters@mosbihq.org or by phone (877) 790-6672 so we may stay in touch.

Sesquicentennial Series: Reflections and Recollections

With this article, the MOS&B "150 Cmte", {Sesquicentennial Committee} is initiating a series that will run each month on the corresponding period 150 years ago. Topics and authors will vary; there is much from which to choose!

In the summer of 1860, tensions were beginning to run high. The prior year the raid at Harper's Ferry by the radical John Brown had alarmed many, and fostered the creation of additional militia units throughout the South. Career Army officers with southern roots, serving on the western frontier, were casting anxious glances back east, from posts as far away as California. There had already been expeditions on the Kansas-Missouri border to suppress raiders.

Remember that the "Old Army", as some later referred to it, was small, and comprised of a close-knit group of officers. Consisting largely of West Point graduates, many had spent years together there, and those classes were in and of themselves small. Friendships were formed that later on even transcended the war years.

All of you have read many of the biographies of our leading military figures who were in the U. S. Army at the time. If you will reflect, you will note that most were governed in their course of action as to what their respective states were going to do, not the section of the South as a whole. The quote from JEB Stuart sums up what many felt, when he said "I go with Virginia". And of course we know what mental anguish and deliberations Lee went thru at the onset. The pattern is off-repeated with others.

What would you have done? It is easy in hindsight to say, especially with our heritage, "my choice would have been obvious". Indeed, would it have been? Ponder the moral dilemma in which these men found themselves – their allegiance to the "old flag", their obligations of oath, their own heritage of the American Revolution, less than 100 years prior. It should make us pause and appreciate all the more the choice and sacrifices that they made.

Barton Campbell

Chairman - Sesquicentennial Committee

SPEAKERS BUREAU

One of our challenges is to improve the visibility of the Order throughout the country. We need to forge greater ties with other groups with a similar historical focus. We also need to form alliances with organizations whose members trace their ancestry to combatants from other conflicts in our Nation's history. The creation of a Speakers Bureau within our organization will do just that. It is a logical step that will dramatically improve our image.

One of Max Waldrop's first acts as Commander General was to appoint a committee to create the type of Speakers Bureau that will fit our needs. A committee comprised of Howard Jones, Don Lee, and John Killian was appointed for that task. Our mission statement is: *Create a nationwide network of authorized speakers and an electronic library of approved speeches for their use.*

The creation of a Speakers Bureau will be implemented in stages. In the first phase, we will recruit a corps of qualified speakers from within the Order. Ideally, every Chapter will nominate at least one of its members as a speaker. The nominations will then be submitted to the committee for consideration and approval. We have many outstanding public speakers within the Order. Many of these speakers are already speaking to the types of groups that we are targeting. Our plan is to devise a reporting system that will tell us what organizations we are speaking to and how often we are speaking to them.

In the second phase of our operation we plan to advertise the Speakers Bureau on our website. Contact information will be provided for interested parties as well as a method for booking our speakers. In the final phase of our operation we intend to create an electronic library of approved speeches. There will be safeguards provided to insure that this information is accessible only to our speakers.

The creation of a Speakers Bureau provides us with unique opportunities. It is a vehicle for enhancing our image and forging new alliances. It is an outreach to our communities. It is also a great means of recruiting new members. If you are an experienced speaker – or aspire to be one – we would like to hear from you. Please feel free to contact the author at: howardandcathy@hotmail.com

Howard Jones

Chairman - Speakers Bureau Committee



NEWS FROM THE GORGAS CHAPTER #299 ALABAMA SOCIETY

SANDERS LECTURE & ARMY ROTC AWARD PRESENTATION

The 14th Annual General J.C.C. Sanders Lecture Series held April 3, 2010 in the Grand Gallery of Smith Hall, the Museum of Natural History, at the University of Alabama provided a distinguished setting for awarding the MOS&B General Robert E. Lee Leadership Award. General Sanders received his degree from the University 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 slightly wounded. 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. He led his regiment at the Wilderness, succeeded to brigade command at Spotsylvania, and was (at age 24) appointed BG C.S.A. on 31 May '64. He was killed on 21 Aug '64 at the Weldon Railroad having been shot through the thighs, the ball severing both femoral arteries. A capacity crowd in the gallery at the Sanders Lectures heard three noted historians, Lawrence Hewitt of Southeastern Louisiana University, Susannah Ural of the University of Southern Mississippi, and Ken Noe of Auburn University make outstanding talks on the topic of "The Common Soldiers of the Confederacy".

A highlight of the Sanders Lecture proceedings was the awarding of the R. E. Lee Leadership Award to Army ROTC Cadet Brian E. Thebaud. He was presented a framed certificate and a replica 1860 Cavalry saber engraved with his name and the words MOS&B R. E. Lee Leadership Award. Chapter Commander Richard Rhone and Chapter Adjutant Sam Gambrell made the presentation. Seen in a photograph taken after the presentation are, left to right, then Lt. Commander General Max L. Waldrop Jr., LTC James Shaver, Army ROTC Commander, Cadet Thebaud, Chapter member LTC Daniel Clark, and Richard Rhone. (Right Above Picture)

John Paul Strain Painting

Another highlight of the Sanders Lecture event was the unveiling of a beautiful painting depicting the assembly of the Alabama Corp of Cadets. The Corp of Cadets was established at the University of Alabama in 1860. In 2006, as the then Commander of the Crimson Tide of the Army Battalion, LTC Daniel Clark, an Alabama alumnus, decided to commission an art print to commemorate the Corp of Cadet's defense of the campus on 3 April 1865. LTC Clark proposed the concept to The BG John C.C. Sanders Committee that sponsors the lecture series each April. The members of the Committee agreed unanimously to sponsor the project. John Paul Strain, arguably the top Civil War artist, was chosen for the work which was completed in March, 2010, the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Corps. The title chosen for the painting is "Alabama Corp of Cadets Call to Battle". The painting was dedicated during the Sanders Lecture Series and accepted by the University for displaying in a place of honor. Seen standing in the photograph of the painting are, left to right, LTC James Shaver, Cadet Thebaud, Paul Bryant, Jr, a trustee of the University and founder of the Sanders Lecture Series, LTC Daniel Clark, and Richard Rhone. (Center Picture Above)

Annual Meeting of the Alabama Society

During the afternoon of the Sanders Lecture Series the Alabama Society, MOS&B held its annual meeting in the auditorium of Smith Hall. Commander Philip Law presided at the meeting which was attended by twenty MOS&B members and three guests. New officers elected for the next two years are Commander Bob McLendon, 1st Lt. Commander John Killian, and 2nd Lt. Commander Danleigh Corbett. Bert Blackmon was appointed Adjutant. Other business was to approve three amendments to the Society Constitution. Twelve members of the Gorgas Chapter attended the meeting.

AIR FORCE ROTC AWARD PRESENTATION

On April 29, 2010, following a parade by the University of Alabama Air Force ROTC Detachment, Air Force Cadet William J. Damare' was presented with the General Robert E. Lee Leadership Award in a ceremony held in front of Bryant-Denny Stadium on the campus. As with the presentation to the Army ROTC cadet, the presentation to Cadet Damare' consisted of a framed certificate and a replica 1860 Cavalry saber engraved with his name and the words MOS&B R. E. Lee Leadership Award. Seen in the photograph with Cadet Damare' are Chapter 2nd Lt. Commander James Dunn (left) and Adjutant Sam Gambrell. (Left Above Picture on Page 6)

A letter of appreciation was received from Cadet Damare's father and is printed below. In it he expresses his recognition of the important role that the MOS&B plays in our society as we seek to perpetuate the memory of and honor our Confederate ancestors.

Dr. Rhone;

Thank you for sending the pictures, I am always proud to see him in uniform. As mentioned before, there was excitement in his voice when we talked about the recognition. I am anxious to see the Saber.

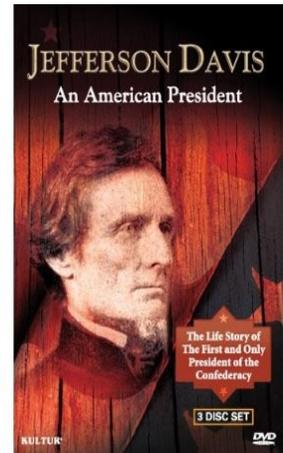
I also want to express my appreciation for your organization and the spirit in which ya'll maintain those attributes of honor, character, and leadership embodied in the great leaders from the South. There is much to be proud of and the

approach the MOSB take in demonstrating that pride commands respect and admiration. Thank You.

Thanks again for the pictures.

Wm. J. Damare'

American by Birth, Southern By the Grace of God.



Henry Timrod Southern Culture Award Winner

By Lieutenant Commander General Richard Rhone

Each year the Military Order of the Stars and Bars award is given for outstanding contributions by a current Military Order of Stars and Bars member towards the understanding, appreciation and explanation of our Southern Heritage and Way of Life. The award may be given for contributions in the form of fine art, literature, scholarly articles, cinema, art, theatre, poetry, architecture, etc. This year historical artist John Paul Strain was honored with the non-member award.

In addition, MOS&B members may be honored with this award. This year Josiah Gorgas Chapter member **Percival Thomas Beacroft, Jr.** of Freeport, Texas was selected for his contribution as Executive Producer of the outstanding documentary "Jefferson Davis: An American President". The documentary has rare photographs and film footage with interviews with top Davis scholars. This is a must-see documentary for all Americans and makes a great Chapter program (Documentary cover pictured above). Note that copies of this documentary may be purchased at the MOS&B store at <http://www.mosbihq.org>. It won the 2009 Peter Rollins Film Award for Best Documentary from the American Culture Association.



Beacroft graduated from Southern Methodist University as well as the Southern Methodist Law School. He also attended the University of London. He was employed by the International Department of Chase Manhattan bank in New York and the law firm of Weissinger-Frosch specializing in Literary and Theatrical clients.

In 1971 Beacroft purchased Rosemont, (pictured above) the childhood home of Jefferson Davis. (<http://www.rosemontplantation1810.com/>). He totally restored the home and re-opened the historic home for public viewing. The plantation was built by the parents of Jefferson Davis, Samuel and Jane Cook Davis, when they came to Mississippi from Kentucky when President Davis was two years old. The main house is, for the greatest part, original with furnishings and memorabilia which have remained in the residence since the Davis family lived there. The Davis family lived at Rosemont from 1810 until 1895. The original plantation acreage has remained intact since the plantation was established by Samuel Davis. The mother of Jefferson Davis, as are others of his family is buried in the little family cemetery on Rosemont.

In addition, he was one of two founders of the Davis Family Association which has held biannual reunions at Rosemont for the past 36 years. For the last 25 years Compatriot Beacroft has served as trustee for the Jefferson Davis Papers at Rice University.

Compatriot Beacroft received his Timrod Award at the Gorgas Chapter's annual Jefferson Davis Banquet on June 25th in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The award was presented by Lt. Commander General Richard W. Rhone.

Death of Two Members

In January, 2010 an MOS&B Ritual Memorial Service was held for Compatriot Hugh Don McDaniel who died on December 30, 2009. He will be remembered for his quick wit and his cheerful approach to life's problems. A valuable and active member of the Chapter, he was Past Commander of the General R. E. Rodes Camp #262, SCV, a member of the 5th Alabama Infantry Regiment Band, and served for 27 years as a faculty member and coach at Tuscaloosa Academy. He joined the Gorgas Chapter on February 27, 2006 and was an outstanding Confederate. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In May, 2010 an MOS&B Ritual Memorial Service was held for Compatriot Douglas E. Jones who died on April 2, 2010. Dr. Jones was a longtime administrator at the University of Alabama having served in all professorial ranks, as Department Head, Dean of Arts and Sciences and the Library, Director of University Museums, and acting Vice President of Academic Affairs. He was a noted paleontologist and author of a number of books and articles on geology, paleontology, Spanish explorations in America, gold prospecting, and Civil War history. He joined the Gorgas Chapter on August 20, 2009, was a valuable and active member of the Chapter, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

73rd Annual Reunion Oklahoma, City, 4/29-5/1, 2010

The Gorgas Chapter was honored to have several members elected/appointed to national offices at the reunion. They are Commander General Max Waldrop, Lieutenant Commander General Richard Rhone, AOT Councilor Walter Dockery, Surgeon General John Fleming, and Comptroller General Rick McLain. In addition, twenty members or associates received individual awards and the Chapter received two awards, The Colonel Walter Hopkins Award (Distinguished Chapter) and the Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Award (Membership Retention). Only two chapters in the Order received the Hopkins Award. Max Waldrop, editor of *THE YELLOWHAMMER*, was awarded the Colonel Walter H. Taylor Award for most outstanding Society Newsletter.

Army of Northern Virginia Report

At the 2010 MOSB National Convention held in Oklahoma City, the ANV elected its new officers. They are as follows: Larry T. Brown of North Carolina, Commander; Henry Knauf of Virginia, Executive Councilor; Steven Wolfe of South Carolina, Executive Councilor.

After the Convention in Oklahoma, Commander Brown corresponded with all the Society Commanders to introduce himself and ask for their support. All responses were supportive.

Since the National Convention, the various Societies have been very active, especially with Confederate Memorial Day activities.

In Columbia, South Carolina, the UDC memorial program held on May 8, was attended by Society Commander Joe Payne and ANV Executive Councilor Steve Wolfe. Commander Payne delivered the address and also later at the South Carolina Capitol in front of the Confederate Monument, he addressed those attending on behalf of the South Carolina Society MOSB. The following day, May 9, Commander Payne addressed on behalf of the SC Society MOSB at the request of the 16th Regiment, SC Volunteers Camp 6 SC SCV in Springwood Cemetery in Greenville, SC at the graves of the unknowns.

Maryland Society Commander, Ray Rooks provided welcoming remarks at the annual Baltimore Lee-Jackson Day. His remarks were well received by those attending the ceremonies. Commander Rooks also commands the Maryland Division SCV Color Guard and they carry the MOSB flag as one of their colors. Commander Mike Williams of the Maryland Line Chapter has served as Master of Ceremonies for both Lee-Jackson Day in Baltimore and Confederate Memorial Day held at Loudon Park.

Activities in the Virginia Society have been numerous this Spring. On May 24, 2010, the General Samuel Cooper Chapter # 101 hosted the annual Service of Remembrance for Confederate Memorial Day at Christ Church in historic Old Town Alexandria. A BBQ dinner was held following the service in the garden of the R.E. Lee Camp Hall on Prince Street. 31 Chapter Members marched in the National Memorial Day Parade presented by the American Veterans Center in Washington, DC.

On June 30, 2010, the George E. Pickett Chapter #115 held a reception at the Museum of the Confederacy to kickoff the upcoming Sesquicentennial commemoration.

The Major Edgar Burroughs Chapter #281 has participated in the Fox Hill Heritage Parade in Hampton; the memorial services in Elmwood Cemetery in Norfolk;

the Pungo Strawberry Festival in Virginia Beach in support of Confederate History Month. Chapter member Michael Rose and Virginia Society Commander W. Allen Mock participated in the Jefferson Davis memorial service at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond on June 5, 2010.

The North Carolina Society held its State Convention at Brown Summit, NC on May 22, 2010. The convention was led by NC Society Commander Rodney Williams. Among the business covered was the Annual Civil War Essay Contest sponsored by the North Carolina Society. A Savings Bond and Certificate is given to the winner in 3 age divisions. Other business was discussed and the Society wants to increase membership. The convention was addressed by ANV Commander Larry T. Brown.

Confederate Memorial Day activities were held in Reidsville, NC and sponsored by the Dow SCV Chapter and the Rockingham County UDC with support from the Garnett-Pettigrew MOSB Chapter # 67 from Greensboro, NC. ANV Commander Brown addressed the gathering and took part in the ceremonies. Commander Brown also accompanied the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter in its semi-annual trip to Gettysburg, Pa. for its adopt-a-site clean-up.



Col. George Wesley Clayton's Grave Re-dedication Ceremony

On May 8, 2010, a memorial patriotic tribute was held to honor Colonel George Wesley Clayton, who led the Confederate troops during the Battle of Asheville, NC on April 6, 1865. This grave re-dedication took place at the Clayton family cemetery located on the grounds of the Crowne Plaza Resort.

Several great granddaughters of Col. Wesley, Nellie Clayton Holleman & Nan Holleman Waite, participated in this ceremony & are pictured above. Jeffrey Lovelace (MOS&B member & Battle of Asheville Commemorative Corp. founder) gave a biographical overview and eulogy of this Confederate officer. Reenactors from the 46th North Carolina troops also participated in this ceremony & served as color guards.

Rise to the Challenge of the New Century

As we are now celebrating the first decade of this century, it behooves each and every Member of the MOS&B to ensure that the Order becomes strong, vital and capable of not only surviving as the years roll by, but becoming a bastion of Confederate truth and honor.

Our venerable ancestors deserve no less than the faithful perpetuation of memories of their selfless service.

We are duty bound to fight the deliberate erosion of the truth and the outright trivialization and false history so beloved of the politically correct who are gaining ground daily.

The most effective way to ensure the purity of the Order's duties is for every Member to make a determined effort to recruit at least one member this year.

Gentlemen, some of us are growing old, our Membership's median age is 63, and therefore let us call to others, particularly the younger descendants of Confederate Officers and Government Officials. We all must have sons, cousins, friends and nephews who would leap at the chance of belonging to the only Heritage Group founded by Confederate Veterans. Many may have secretly wished they were included in our ranks; we ask that you grant this wish. So here then is our challenge – find these special people and introduce them to the MOS&B. Show them our publications, invite them to social functions and introduce them to Members, some of whom have given most of their lives to the preservation of the honor of the Confederacy.

Or have them view the website – www.mosbihq.org – have them contact us for further information. We stand ready to assist their entry into our ranks, delighted to meet spirited men who will add so much integrity to the Order. There will be people who enjoy the satisfaction of sharing a cause with like-minded men. There will be people who know that it is not merely a duty but a pleasure to keep the memories of their ancestors warm and alive for the years, nay, centuries to come. And speaking of years, what birthday gift could be more enduring than your paying your new recruit's first dues! And recruiters tend to introduce gentlemen who will in turn become recruiters.

The Order calls to its own. Bring your intending and eligible members to us. Let us all strive as one to deny the revisionists, to enjoy the warm fraternal atmosphere and end each day knowing that it was well spent.

When prospective Members approach us at Headquarters we will assist them in finding the appropriate Chapter to join. As many will be related to their recruiter the genealogical process will provide minimal effort. If some need that little bit more assistance and clarification, we will assist them in finding their ancestors. We have a dedicated group of genealogists who are available in each state who will gladly offer their aid. Your recruit will find these gentlemen of immeasurable assistance. For additional information please contact the International office at headquarters@mosbihq.org Stop the fading of the glory now!

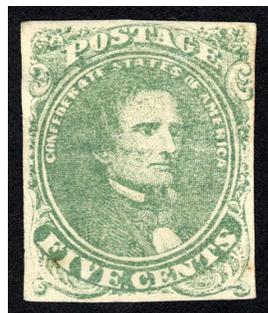
We repeat our challenge: each Member, do your Confederate duty and recruit at least one new member. History will judge your efforts favorably, as will the spirits of your ancestors who will know that they served not in vain.

Deo Vindice

Roger P Thornton, Member, Membership and Development, International, Australia

Submittal entries

MOS&B Officer's Call Newsletter welcomes submittals via e-mail to Editor@mosbfl.org on or before the 1st 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 chapter newsletters; as well as, the MOS&B State Society newsletters also be sent to the e-mail above. Thanks!



Missouri Society Commander Bill Bowden Delivers Speech at Confederate Memorial Day Service, Higginsville, Missouri



On June 5th, the Missouri Society MOS&B helped to Co host Missouri's Annual Confederate Memorial Day Service. Each year it's held at the Confederate Veterans Home and Cemetery located in Higginsville, Missouri. There are over 800 Confederate Veterans and their wives buried there. The site is now a Missouri State Historic Site and the cemetery is adorned with the beautiful "Lucerne Monument", installed by the UDC in the 1920's.

The attendance was pretty good with around 150 people present. As always, we'd like to see thousands present for the event as there were when the Confederate Veterans were still alive and living at the home there!

The following is the speech as given by Commander Bowden:

Hello, I am Bill Bowden, Missouri Society Commander, Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

Thank you for having me and thank you for coming to honor our Confederate Dead.

The MOS&B is made up of the descendants of the Confederate Officer Corp. and the Confederate Civil Government. Our membership is extended to the descendants of the 5 civilized tribes which allied with the Confederacy, Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Seminole and Creek Nations.

The MOS&B came about in Columbia, South Carolina in 1938. A group of surviving officers were concerned that the contributions made by the Confederate Leadership were not being properly chronicled in the nation's history books. They established the MOS&B.

The purpose of the MOS&B was written by the Rev. James Power Smith who was the last survivor of the Staff of Lt. General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. His words are as follows:

History and Purpose of the MOS&B

"All that was, or is now, desired is that error and injustice be excluded from the text books of the schools and from the literature brought into our homes; that the truth be told, without exaggeration and without omission; truth for its own sake and for the sake of honest history, and that the generations to come after us not be left to bear the burden of shame and dishonor unrighteously laid upon the name of their noble sires."

Rev. James Power Smith

The MOS&B is dedicated to preserving Southern History and to protect the good name of the Confederate South. The War for Southern Independence produced the most outstanding Civil and Military leaders in the history of mankind.

We are here today to remember our Missouri Confederate Soldiers whose names have become synonymous with Courage, Devotion to God, home and family, honor and perseverance.

President Davis said *"It is our duty to keep the memory of our heroes green. Yet they belong to the whole country; they belong to America."*

As we gaze at the Cemetery where our gallant are interred, if you listen, you can hear these brave soldiers say, "We gave our lives for the sacred cause of self Government. We fought the war to defend our homeland against a vicious invader. We gave our all."

Our response proven by your attendance today is "We hear You and We do honor You and Thank You. Because we would not be who we are today, if it had not been for your sacrifice."

Today the current administrations call these brave ancestors terrorist. But I say to you, **We are not less American because of our Confederate heritage, we are more American!**

Thank You and God Bless the South!

Billy Ed Bowden, June 5th, 2010

MOS&B Membership & Development

Gentlemen of the Order:

The Membership & Development Committee is one of our most important MOS&B committees. This committee will initially focus on recruiting because enlisting new members is very important to us and as we develop ideas regarding recruiting we will share them with the membership through the *Officer's Call*.

Let me introduce myself: My name is David G. Whitaker. I live near Houston and am a Past Commander of The Texas Chapter #5. I am chairman of this committee and also presently serving as the Chief of Staff under Commander General Max Waldrop, Jr. My associates on this committee include Roger Thornton of Australia who will be recruiting internationally, Larry Yeatman, Lt Cmdr of Col. John R. Boyd Chapter 236 and Missouri Society Adjutant and Society Genealogist; David Duncan, an At Large member from Virginia; and John N. Williams from North Carolina. These gentlemen will be a great asset in developing our recruiting program.

Although we are approaching our 75 years anniversary, it has just become apparent to us that we are not really that well known in the Heritage communities. Because of this we are starting an advertisement campaign and you will soon see our name in such magazines as the UDC (United Daughters of the Confederacy). This will greatly help our recruiting. Other things are being developed such as a new member handbook.

In the last five years we have been learning to be a "stand alone" organization. Recruiting was not necessarily our top priority. I think that we have gotten administrative things under control now and we must now start a recruiting program to regain the losses that have occurred and, to begin growing our Order again.

My opinion is that our best sources of new recruits are our sons, grandsons, and other close male relatives. Three of my grandsons are members of my Chapter. I would like to see us aim at that group first and this will require a direct appeal to each Chapter. Another source is members who have dropped out. We should encourage them to come back into the Order. I see little hope in getting members "off the street" so we must be innovative with this. I am not particularly an expert on recruiting so I am asking each of you to give this committee your ideas on how to best recruit.

I would like to personally call your attention to compatriot Roger Thornton, our member who lives in Australia but was born in New Zealand. Roger is about as Southern as you can get and even says 'Ya'll.' I'm bettin' he eats black-eyed peas too. We expect great things from this "Down Under" gentleman. I've already worked with Roger on advertisement and can vouch for his good ideas, his good work ethic, and his way with the English language.

Phase II of this operation will be retention of members. This will come later.

I look forward to hearing from you on your recruiting ideas.

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International Dispatches: The Article Introduction

Compatriots:

I was privileged to introduce International Dispatches in our June newsletter, I consider that the new Department will widen our understanding of the appreciation of the Confederacy in today's world and give our Cause greater acceptance globally.

Let us now open the new Department of the *Officer's Call* in rousing style, with an excellent article regarding the discovery and honoring of the grave of Ambrose Mann in Paris, France written by Hubert Leroy. Hubert is retired & founding member of the Confederate Historical Association of Belgium (CHAB), a member of the Raphael Semmes Camp # 11 of Mobile, Alabama, SCV, and an honorary member of the MOS&B for nearly two decades and a current member of the International Liaison Committee. Compatriot Leroy is well known to many MOS&B members and we look forward to receiving more scholarly articles from this European Confederate gentleman. We also seek communications from any Compatriots who are prepared to provide news from abroad. Please e-mail your article to me at qualgard@ihug.com.au.

Deo Vindice,

Roger P. Thornton

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Ambrose Dudley Mann

Diplomat of the Lost Cause

By Hubert Leroy

(translated into English by Gerald Hawkins)

When one evokes the American Civil War & its political implications with Belgium, one name stands out, that of Ambrose Dudley Mann, commissioner of the Confederate States of America for Belgium & the Vatican. According to Belgian history professor Francis Balace, *“he was quite a curious character.”*

Ambrose Dudley Mann was born in Hanover Court House in April 26, 1801, from an ancestral Virginia family. After spending a part of his youth in the Old Dominion State, young Ambrose moved with his family to Kentucky where he continued his studies. In 1823, he was admitted to the Military Academy of West Point where he was apparently a hard working cadet. However, some time before graduating, he suddenly resigned after having second thoughts on the sedentary aspects of military life. Back in Kentucky, he decided to study law and later married Hebe Grayson Carter from Virginia. From this union was born a son, Grayson “Willy” who, like his father, would also become a lawyer.

In 1830, while practicing law in Owingsville, Mann ventured into a commercial partnership that was apparently a flop since in 1834, he sold his business shares as well as his house to relocate in Greenup County where incredibly, he repeated his failed experiment! In addition to law & business, A.D. Mann also entered in politics by joining the Democratic Party. His total commitment to the party helped him rise to a certain fame that opened the doors for a diplomatic career. In 1842, President John Tyler appointed him consul of the United States in Bremen (Germany). At that time, this port was one of the most important in Europe. Mann excelled in his functions on the old continent & held various positions, notably in Hungary & Switzerland. During all those years, he was a good commercial negotiator and the signatory of many treaties. Mann then returned to the United States & in 1853, he was appointed the first ever Assistant Secretary of State, a position that he held until 1855. A Whig & strong defendant of the States Rights, he got involved in the pro-Southern press by publishing articles in *Debow's Review* wherein he preached the economic independence of the South & the creation of a merchant Navy. The idea of creating a Southern merchant fleet, although popular & having many backers, proved impossible to achieve not only for organization reasons but also because of the lack of cooperation and confidence of the authorities as well of the population.

During those years, Mann impressed War Secretary Jefferson Davis and a solid friendship developed between the two men. In 1861, at the time of the formation of the Confederate States of America of which Davis became president, it proved urgent that the South be officially recognized by the European powers. A first joint diplomatic commission was consequently organized. It was composed of three Commissioners: Pierre A. Rost of Louisiana, William L. Yancey of Alabama and Ambrose D. Mann whose nomination had been dictated by Jefferson Davis. In addition to the friendship between the two men, the Confederate president had total confidence in Mann whose loyalty towards the Southern cause needed no further demonstration. Moreover, the various missions carried out in Europe by the ex-consul had retained his attention for a long time. The assignment given to Mann, of a diplomatic nature, was not limited to a mere representation and commercial role. Far more important, it consisted in lobbying the European powers to such an extent that they would recognize the new nation that had seceded and was at war.

Having received his instructions from the Confederate Secretary of State, Robert Toombs, the new commissioner did not leave the American continent discreetly via Washington & New York as initially planned. Instead, he visited the federal capital to get an idea of the state of mind that prevailed there. This episode that underlines the unconsciousness and somewhat provocative side of our character, nearly ended with his arrest by federal agents since the presence of Mann did not go unnoticed! Thanks to the influence of one of his friends, Henry S. Lane, Senator of Indiana, who personally took the matter to President Abraham Lincoln, the irresponsible Confederate emissary was allowed to continue his journey to New York, in spite of the protests of some eminent members of the Federal government. This was a curious outcome indeed, considering the situation at the time, but it should not really come as a surprise since the three above characters had one thing in common: all were competent lawyers! Finally, on March 30, Mann sailed to Europe.

During nearly one year, our commissioner remained in Great Britain where he was active in the local press & meddled in other European agencies whose echoes were generally favorable to the South. However, neither Mann nor Yancey or Rost managed to obtain any official recognition of the Confederate States. In addition to the frustration of the three Southern representatives who were trying very hard to meet the common objective, Richmond set up in 1862 a new diplomatic mission composed of James Mason in London and John Slidell in Paris. William Yancey returned home where, in March 1862, he was elected to the Confederate Senate. Pierre Rost was sent to Madrid where he held the same function & Ambrose Mann became the Confederate representative in Brussels.

If Mann had met with some success on the Old Continent before the American Civil War, those were just old memories. In spite of his many writings and the meetings held with politicians, such as Prime Minister Charles Rogier, Davis' envoy failed to obtain official recognition of the Confederacy by King Leopold I and his government even though, semi-officially, the Belgium monarch was favorable to the South.

Relations between Mann & Judah P. Benjamin were not exactly cordial. Mann demanded to the Secretary of State that his mission be extended to cover Switzerland, the Netherlands, & Italy, however, he only managed to secure a short assignment with the Danish government. J.P. Benjamin, a man of many qualities had learned to read between the lines of the exaggerated content of the reports he received from Brussels. Quite often, Mann, without going through the official channels, referred directly to president Davis, a procedure that often put his boss in an awkward position.

In November 1863, mandated by Benjamin, Mann was sent to the Vatican to hand over to Pope Pius IX a letter from the Confederate president requesting papal intervention to prevent the recruitment of volunteers for the Union Army from the German & Irish catholic underworld. Moreover, Mann still hoped for an official recognition of the Confederacy by the Vatican. Accompanied by his son, he met the Pope on November 13 & with his usual wit, he tried during nearly forty minutes to convince the Holy Father to join his cause.

Pius IX listened carefully & informed Mann that he would give his response as soon as possible. Sometime later, via Cardinal Antonelli, he gave Mann a letter that was intended for President Davis. With his usual gullibility, Mann exulted since he was convinced that the Pope's letter was finally the much awaited recognition. He changed his tune when J.P. Benjamin informed him that the dispatch from Rome was simply a polite note without any implication from the Vatican authorities.

At times frustrated, at times full of drive with a pompous sense of exaggeration, Mann pursued his missions without glory until the twilight of the Southern adventure. Before leaving Richmond for Europe in 1861, Mann had sworn to never return on American soil until the South had become fully independent. In 1865, after the collapse of the Confederacy, Mann left Brussels and moved to Paris where he worked as a journalist, sometimes signing his articles as "Colonel Mann", a reminiscence of the pre-war days when he was a member of a Kentucky militia.

In the French capital, he had entries to the closed circles of the aristocracy & other elitist salons. He was regarded as the senior of Americans living in Paris. Appreciated for his loyalty & friendship, his apartment became the meeting place of old Confederates passing through France, among whom were Jefferson & Varina Davis during their European trip. His children also visited him frequently. He had a second residence in Chantilly where he hosted guests & friends & where Marie, his faithful cook, contributed to the fame of his house. He maintained a thorough correspondence with his former compatriots & even began writing his memoirs, which to date do not seem to have been published.

Mann continued his lifestyle to the end, never forgetting the South for which he had invested so much energy, but met with little success. He died in November 1889 in Paris. For many years, historians & researchers have tried in vain to locate his grave. The date of Mann's death, November 15, 1889, was announced in the obituary page of the newspaper *Journal de Debats* on November 16. There is some confusion as to the exact date because of some documents mentioning November 19 or 20 and also the erroneous inscription on the tomb of the Confederate emissary.

For a long time, I have been trying to locate the place where Mann rests. On March 25, 2008, after much frustration, I finally discovered his burial place in the cemetery of Montparnasse in Paris. One should know that the administration of the Parisian Cemeteries is rather intricate & not always inclined to help historians & other researchers. Mails often remain unanswered.

During my investigations & further numerous phone calls with this administration, I finally came in contact with a motivated civil servant to whom I explained the purpose of my research. This good soul, who did not wish to give me her name, painstakingly consulted the archives and finally informed me that Ambrose Dudley Mann had been buried on January 2, 1890, that is to say one and a half months after his death. Seeing my astonishment, she added that his body had remained in the American church of Paris, probably waiting for an available space in a nearby cemetery.

She also pointed out that, to find a grave, it was necessary to know the exact date of burial in addition to that of death. And so I finally found the grave of our Confederate commissioner. It is in good condition & located in an area of the cemetery where rest many personalities. A myth persisted for some time saying that Mann ended his life in poverty & forgotten by all, and that his body had probably been interred in a common grave. This tale never convinced me.

There are four Confederates resting in the Paris area. This list is not exhaustive: Judah P. Benjamin—cemetery of Pere Lachaise (Paris); John Slidell—communal cemetery of Villejuif; Francois A. Le Mat—cemetery of Passy (Paris); and Ambrose D. Mann—cemetery of Montparnasse (Paris)

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Our Real Sons Listing

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