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Officer's Call



Sesquicentennial Series Article #3 John C. Breckinridge: The Southern Democrat Submitted by Bill Cayner

In recognition of the Sesquicentennial I would like to call your attention to the historical presidential campaign that was transpiring in September of 1860. Typically, a presidential campaign is driven by two parties as political affiliates support a nominee who has a worthy chance of winning. However, in 1860 there were four parties representing distinctive platforms. The Constitutional Union and Republican Parties had early nominees. Abraham Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin represented the new Republican Party founded in 1854. Their platform stood for additional tariffs, a Homestead Act for new immigrants and aid in the construction for the Pacific Railroad, but its primary stance was to prevent the extension of slavery into the western territories and newly admitted states. Lincoln gained notoriety for his debates with Stephen Douglas in 1858, and was previously a Whig senator from Illinois. Sixty-seven year old John Bell and Edward Everett represented the Constitutional Union Party. Bell was a former congressman and senator from Tennessee. The Constitutional Union Party was made-up of former Whigs and Know-Nothings whose platform was based on the Constitution and Union.

The other major party and opposition to the Republicans were the Democrats, who were widely divided in their platform. The April Democratic Convention held in Charleston, SC saw fifty southern Democrats walk out because they wanted Stephen Douglas to support a platform of Federal slave codes for the western territories. Douglas' platform on slavery was popular sovereignty and gave the decision of slavery in the western territories to the newly admitted states. Douglas did not receive two-thirds of the majority in Charleston to become the nominee and thus in June another convention was held in Baltimore. Again, debate ensued and the southern Democrats walked out once again. Only this time they met the following day and nominated Vice-president John Cabell Breckinridge as their candidate. Douglas won his nomination and the Democratic ticket was now split between the northern and southern faction with Douglas and Hershel V. Johnson representing the Northern Democrats and Breckinridge and Joseph Lane representing the Southern Democrats. The division of the parties ensured that the Republicans would win the election; although the belief by many was that the southerners intended to split the party in order to secede and form a Confederacy.

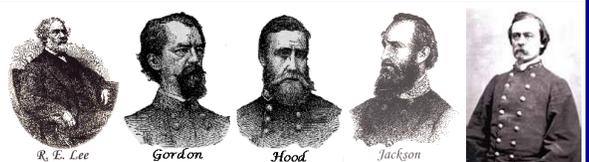
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Commander General's Message

Membership Retention for 2011

The collection of National dues from our membership begins officially on October 1 and will end on December 31, 2010. We must ensure that contact is made with every member this year and encourage their timely remittance of dues at the national, society, and chapter levels.

National dues are \$35 and pay for membership on a Calendar Year basis (January through December). National Life Memberships are available and determined by age according to the following formula:

70 +	= \$100
60-69	= \$200
50-59	= \$300
40-49	= \$400
30-39	= \$500
20-29	= \$600
12-19	= \$700

To facilitate our collection efforts the following process with time lines will be implemented:

MOS&B IHQ under direction from the Adjutant General will, no later than September 20, 2010, email and mail the Chapter and Society Active Member Rosters including the **current national payment status** for all active members. Additionally, contact information for members who have been inactive since 2007 will also be sent for potential recruiting activities.

Chapter and Society leadership should review the rosters and confirm the accuracy of the information provided. Immediately report any changes to MOS&B IHQ at the following address:

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MOS&B IHQ will conduct direct billing for all National At-Large Chapter members.

National dues should be remitted to MOS&B IHQ by Chapter and Society leadership no later than January 15, 2010.

Members whose National dues have not been submitted by the deadline will be direct billed by National on February 1, 2011.

Let us hear from you ... Give us the opportunity to serve you better by:

SPEAKING to your General Staff
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VISITING www.mosbihq.org

Highest regards,

Max L. Waldrop, Jr.

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With only a couple of months until the election, September's Presidential campaign saw many fiery speeches by the candidates. Douglas was speaking in the northeastern states and Breckinridge in the Border States. William Seward was speaking on behalf of the Republicans in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and the abolitionist stronghold of Lawrence, Kansas. The Democratic Party fragmentation only had one hope of winning and that was if no candidate received the electoral majority, the election would then go to the House of Representatives to choose the president.

In September the southern and northern Democratic candidates spent much of their energy dispelling the others platform, instead of uniting for the common good or the preservation of the southern states. Breckinridge spoke in Ashland, KY on the fifth and Douglas lectured in Reading, PA on the eighth. Though it was implied, Breckinridge did not preach of disunion, but rather vocalized protecting the rights of citizens and their property in the territories and stated that it was the duty of the government to defend these rights under the constitution. His platform supported equal footing for territories when admitted as states; they should have the right to decide their fate as a free or slave state and expressed equality and protection of all citizens. Breckinridge's speech in Ashland was sixteen pages in length and addressed public statements and charges made of him by Douglas and others to include disunion. His oratory was given with strength and conviction. He exclaimed, "that if the Constitution carries slavery there (territories), let it go, and no power on earth can take it away; but if the Constitution does not carry it there, no power but the people can carry it there." He further stated that, "I am not a disunionist, and the principles I maintain are Constitutional and true." After loud cries from the audience of "We never will," abandon the principles they believe to be true, Breckinridge concluded with a statement that exemplified his genuine objective, "For myself, conscious that my foot is planted on the rock of the Constitution, surrounded and sustained by friends I love and cherish, holding principles that have been in every form indorsed by my native commonwealth, with a sprit erect and unbroken I defy all calumny, and calmly await the triumph of truth," which was followed by a prolonged applause from the large crowd attending.

As we know Breckinridge didn't win the Presidential election, but his devotion to the cause would not end here as he was elected to the Senate by his Kentuckian constituents in 1860. Taking his seat he would support southern ideology until being expelled in December of 1861. As the previous Vice-President, he swore in incoming Vice-President Hannibal Hamlin. After expulsion, Breckinridge went south and was appointed Brigadier General of the Orphan Brigade. Several months after fighting at Shiloh he was promoted to Major General and was given command of a Corps. He commanded at Stones River, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge before being transferred to assist General Lee in Virginia. He led the VMI cadets at New Market and participated in Early's 1864 Valley Campaign as well as the Battle of Cold Harbor before being appointed the Confederate Secretary of War in early 1865. After the fall of the Confederacy he lived in exile until receiving amnesty in 1869, returning to his home in Lexington, KY to practice law. Breckinridge was a gentlemen and true patriot of the southern cause.

Ironically, the seven of the eight states that walked out of the Charleston Convention were the first to secede after Lincoln's election. The additional middle states that walked out at the Baltimore Convention were the states that left the union after the surrender of Fort Sumter and Lincoln's "Call to Arms."

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.



#1: Banquet Panorama Picture

ALABAMA SOCIETY Gorgas Chapter #299 Report

(By Dr. Sam Gambrell Jr, Adjutant)

Annual Banquet

The Gorgas Chapter held its second annual President Jefferson Davis banquet at 6:30 PM on June 25, 2010 at the First Christian Church, Tuscaloosa, AL. Thirty-six members and guests attended (photo 1). Mrs. Walter Dockery provided beautiful historic and period decorations for each table and the piano. After a delicious dinner provided by the ladies of the church, Alabama Society Commander Bob McLendon (photo 2) spoke about the Society activities and encouraged each chapter to have a special project each year. He thanked those chapters which are doing so at this time. He expressed his intentions of visiting as many chapters as he can during the two years of his term.



#2: Society Commander Bob McLendon

Past Chapter Commander Walter Dockery then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Percival Beacroft Jr (photo 3), a Chapter member, who gave a most interesting talk about the boyhood home of President Jefferson Davis, Rosemont. Percival bought the home many years ago and restored it to its present day condition. He spoke of the research that he did to establish the authenticity of the home, the history of the home, the condition of the home when he bought it, its present condition, and its present day use. It is the site for reunions of the many descendants of Jefferson Davis and is a popular site for visitors. He spoke of Joe Davis, Jefferson Davis' older brother whose home, Hurricane, was burned by Union forces during the War Between the States and who later moved to Northport, AL where he lived for several years. Joe was a friend of Robert Jemison, a leading citizen of the Tuscaloosa and Northport areas. After Beacroft's talk, Chapter Commander and Lieutenant Commander General Richard Rhone presented him with the Henry Timrod Southern Culture Award (photo 4) for his work in directing the DVD, "*Jefferson Davis: An American President*", the first and definitive documentary film on the life of Confederate President and American Patriot Jefferson Davis.



#3: Percival Beacroft, Jr.

Commander General Max Waldrop, Jr (photo 5), a Chapter member, spoke to the attendees about several activities within the Order and, upon concluding his talk, presented the following awards to members and associates of the Gorgas Chapter: the Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne Meritorious Service Award was presented to Chapter Adjutant **Samuel Gambrell Jr**; the Lt. Charles W. Read Legion of Merit Award was presented to Chapter member and 2nd Lt. Commander **James Dunn** and to Adjutant **Samuel Gambrell Jr**; the Joseph Evan Davis Award was presented to **Drew Patterson**; and, the Winnie Davis Award was presented to **Gwendolyn P. Dockery** and **Anne Walker Rhone**. Commander General Waldrop thanked these individuals for their service to the Gorgas Chapter and to the Order.



#4: Lt. Commander General Richard Rhone and Mr. Percival Beacroft, Jr.

Commander General Waldrop then spoke on the challenging responsibility that has been assigned to the Comptroller General. He then inducted Chapter member **Rick McLain** as the new Comptroller General (photo 6). With McLain's induction, there are now five members of the Chapter who hold a national office within the Order.



#5: Commander General Max Waldrop, Jr. speaking at this Annual Meeting



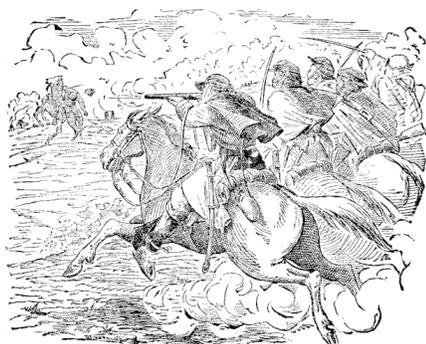
#6: Commander General Waldrop inducts Rick McLendon in at this meeting as Comptroller General for the MOS&B



#7: MOS&B Chapter Membership Induction



#8: Past Commander General Dr. Anthony Hodges Speaking at the February 16th Meeting



Adjutant Sam Gambrell, Jr then inducted three new members (photo 7) into the Chapter. They are L to R, **Drew Patterson, Reagan Rhone, and Percival Beacroft**. Each was presented with a Certificate of Membership and a membership lapel pin.

Commander Richard Rhone then spoke to the group about the new project for the Chapter which is to erect a monument containing General Nathan Bedford Forrest's farewell address. The monument will be erected at Gainesville, AL on property owned by the UDC. The UDC and the Sumter County Historical Society support and encourage the erecting of this monument. Forrest's address will be engraved on a Georgia granite stone five feet tall. The letters will be 5/8 inches tall. The total cost of the project is \$7,000.00, including installation. Donations made payable to Gorgas Chapter, MOS&B will be appreciated. Plans are being made to dedicate the monument in May of 2011.

Commander Rhone then spoke briefly about the life and many contributions of Jefferson Davis after which the group paused for a moment of silence in his memory. The meeting was then adjourned.

Other Recent Programs

February 16-Then Commander General Anthony Hodges spoke on the topic of **"Bite the Bullet: Myths and Realities of WBTS Medicine"**. He stated that the word "surgeon" was applied to anyone who practiced medicine regardless of their educational background in medicine. He pointed out that two men died of disease for every one man that died in battle. The worst killers were dysentery and diarrhea. There was little or no correlation between disease and bacteria. Cupping and bleeding were common treatments, especially during the early war years. CG Hodges is seen speaking to members of the Chapter. (photo 8)

March 16-Chapter member LTC Dan Clark gave a presentation about **"The History of the Alabama Corps of Cadets"**. His presentation included the general history of the University of Alabama as well as many photographs depicting members of the Corps and civic, business, and military leaders who were members of the Corps, including several presidents of the university. He spoke of the "Boy General", Civil War General John C. Calhoun Sanders and his relationship to the Corps and of the participation in several wars over many years by various members of the Corps. LTC Clark showed photographs of many Commandants of the Corps over the period extending from prior the Civil War through the present day, including his service as Commandant prior to completing his military career at Ft. McPherson, GA.

May 18-Sybil (Mrs. Joe) Banks gave a talk on **"Alabama's Confederate Governors"**. Those who served during the Civil War were Andrew Barry Moore, John Gill Shorter, and Thomas Hill Watts. She spoke of other governors who served before and after the war who were active participants in the war and, in some cases, recruited soldiers and formed Alabama units. The war had a lasting affect on many of Alabama's governors and two of the, John Shorter and Thomas Watts, were arrested for a while after the war and then were later released.



Lt. Commander General's Message

Richard Rhone

The Importance of Local Chapters

As important as national and Society membership is in the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, it is primarily at the Chapter level that members can be most active in promoting their Confederate Heritage as well as enjoy the fraternal fellowship of the Order. It is at the Chapter level that we find that most monuments are dedicated, graves are appropriately marked and decorated, memorial services are conducted, educational programs are presented and fraternity promoted. At the local level, MOS&B members have more opportunities to meet new friends, recruit new members and form fraternal bonds with like-minded individuals.

With this in mind, what can we do to create and build active successful Chapters? Many of our members are not currently in a local Chapter because where they live has few members. But even those members that are widely separated can still come together create a new Chapter and meet and conduct purposeful activities in their area. Or, a truly industrious member might wish to recruit enough new MOS&B members to form a new Chapter in their local area.

What makes a successful Chapter? What creates involved membership? What helps a Chapter maintain membership and even experience membership growth? The key to such success is found in (1) good Chapter organization, (2) regularly scheduled meetings and (3) ongoing activities and interesting programs. To make this happen, enthusiastic local leaders need to be in place. Holding a Chapter office is more than having the title. Effective leadership that really desires to serve as an officer is vital for Chapter success. Chapter leaders should frequently communicate and plan with each other. Communication among the membership keeps everyone involved, on target and informed. Future Chapter leadership should always be being built. While an active committee structure does relieve the local officers of the total responsibility of the Chapter, more importantly, committees and their activities identify and build the next leaders for the Chapter.

A Chapter Handbook is available on the national website. The Handbook gives a brief history of the Order, a basic organizational structure and directions for membership application. All necessary application forms can be downloaded. A list of suggested officers and committees with their related duties is offered. All Rituals and Prayers and Services are available. All medals and awards are explained as well the proper protocol for wearing the Order's insignia. The Handbook can be downloaded as a whole and placed in a 3-ring bind for easily updated changes or individual sections may be downloaded and printed as needed. All officers should be familiar with the Handbook.

A good Chapter has a regularly scheduled meeting date. When the membership knows the dates of the year's meetings, then they are more apt to place the meetings on their schedule calendars and be more consistent in attendance. Some of our Chapters meet monthly while others may find it more convenient to meet only quarterly. But, if a Chapter meets only once or twice a year or when the Chapter Commander finally gets around to calling a meeting, it may be sending a signal that the Chapter is not really all that important. In addition, it's extremely difficult to conduct meaningful Chapter activities when the members see each other infrequently. Not only are regularly scheduled meetings important, but the quality of the meeting itself is essential. Members don't want to waste their time. Meetings should have an agenda and the Rituals of the Order followed at each gathering. A meeting's program should be not only educational, but interesting and entertaining. With the expertise of our membership, ample time needs to be available for members to ask questions and express their ideas. There needs to be time for fellowship before or after the meeting so members can talk and catch up on each other's lives and build on the vital fraternal aspect of our Order. Absent members should be contacted and told that they are missed. In summary, members should look forward to Chapter meetings as a time of fellowship and education.

Chapters need to read the goals and purposes of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. As important as presentations and fraternal fellowship are, the Chapter needs to be truly active in preserving our Southern Culture and Heritage as well as educating the current and future generations of the true history of the Southland. An annual special event such as a Jefferson Davis Banquet or an occasion that honors members' ancestors should be scheduled

to that end. Wives and guests should be invited to all special occasions as well representatives of other like-minded heritage groups such as the Sons of the American Revolution and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. An emphasis should be placed on inviting and welcoming younger guests to special events.

The national Membership and Development Committee is in place to help Chapters recruit and maintain membership. Ideas are suggested in each issue of the Officer's Call. A Speakers' Bureau is being put in place to help with programs. Army Commanders and Executive Councilors as well as other National staff can be called upon to help with Chapter development and presentations.

New national advertisements are beginning in various heritage organizations' publications to aid in membership recruitment. A regularly published Officer's Call is now available to be shared with non-members.

Certainly, all local Chapters don't need to be exactly the same and the physical location of the Chapter puts restraints on activities in some cases. But there are certain aspects that are simply necessary and should be in place if the Chapter is to grow or even maintain its current membership.

With that in mind, please consider the following:

1. Does your Chapter have yearly goals or projects?
2. Are there community monuments or graves that need repaired or cleaned?
3. Are there graves that need to be marked?
4. Does your Chapter participate in the Jackson Medal program and adopt and maintain an officer's grave?
5. Are there Real Sons that need to be visited?
6. Is a budget in place and funds available for important activities?
7. Is the Chapter involved with other State Society Chapters?
8. Does your State Society meet?
9. Does the Chapter have a Jefferson Davis event annually?
10. Does the Chapter Commander or Adjutant submit material to the *Officer's Call* so other Chapters know what you are doing?
11. Has the Adjutant submitted email addresses to the IHQ so those members receive electronic communications? Are changes in address both electronic and physical submitted so no one misses out on receiving communications?
12. Are regular Chapter elections held?
13. Is a Chapter Constitution and By-laws in place?
14. Are committees in place?
15. Does the leadership submit Chapter members for Conventions Awards through the Society Commander or GEC representative so that individual members work is recognized?
16. Are worthy non-members recognized for their Confederate support activities and names submitted for the Judah Benjamin Award or Winnie Davis Certificate?
17. Do you know the leaders of your local UDC and attempt to have joint projects?
18. Do the Chapter's members offer themselves as speakers for other historical or civic groups or local schools?
19. What are the Chapter's plans to recognize the Sesquicentennial of the War for Southern Independence?
20. Are guests welcomed and actively solicited to attend?
21. Is ancestor research help offered for those seeking membership?
22. Is your Chapter seeking younger members and are young guests and members welcomed and given opportunities for service to the Order?

Let us each decide to help start new Chapters. Let's re-vitalize those Chapters that are diminishing in membership and activities. Let's share our Chapter's activities and ideas with each other through our newsletters Society meetings, and the *Officer's Call*. Let us each take a personal responsibility in all Chapters and assume an obligation to insure the growth of our Order for future generations. If we as members are fortunate enough to be in a local Chapter, let's take a hard look at our own local organization and see if we are being all we can be. "Duty is the sublimest word in the language. You can never do more than your duty. You should never wish to do less."-Gen. Robert E. Lee

Request for Anniversary Book Information

We are currently working on updating the History Book of the Military Order of Stars and Bars. The last to be created was the Sixty-Fifth Anniversary Edition of 2003.

Please assist in this effort by providing updated information on your Army, Society, and Chapters as soon as possible. This is an important and overdue effort and worthy of our diligence. I encourage and implore all levels of the organization to contribute to a successful document that will endure for generations to come.

Please send all information and documentation to:

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The Texas Chapter #5

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 MOS&B chapters affiliated with SCV Camps and the Texas Chapter affiliated with the now defunct Dick Dowling camp #1305.

Thirty-Eight (38) 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 and 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, Dr. Toni R. Turk. About ten years ago this chapter ceased to exist because of attrition.

Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #5 of Houston, Texas, was formed shortly after The Texas Chapter and affiliated with the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #67, SCV. Two heritage organizations with the same name in the same city have 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 the 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 the idea was conceived to present a replica of the Davis Guard Medal to any person who made a substantial 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 Medal that the old Texas Chapter presented is similar in intent to the Ron Aldis Award that was conceived after Ron's death several years ago. These two honors will be merged into one. We have a list of all the past recipients of the Davis Guard Award and it looks like a Who's Who of great Texas 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. The first recipient of this award since restoring the order was to Adjutant General Dr. Toni Turk in 2010.

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

David G. Whitaker DCS
Past Commander
Chief of Staff
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Chaplain General's Message

Submitted by Rev. John Killian

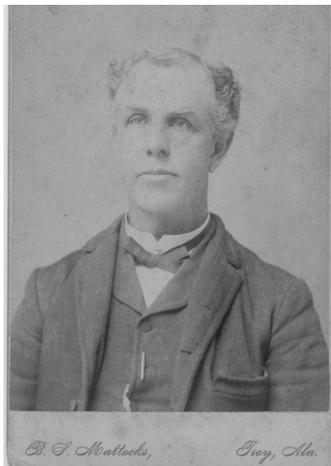
After the War, Rev. J. William Jones spent much of his time involved in activities with Confederate veterans. Jones, a veteran himself, set out to chronicle the great spiritual awakening that transpired, among the Southern armies, in the days of the War. A result of his work was the monumental literary work *Christ in the Camp*, subtitled *Religion in Lee's Army*.

Jones' close relationship with General Robert Edward Lee resulted in the Lee family requesting that Jones pen the biography of Lee, titled *The Life and Letters of Robert E. Lee*. Jones' time with President Davis led toward Jones' biography of the President. This volume gave the clearest testimony in print of Davis' personal faith.

When Jones would pray at Confederate Veteran Reunions, the Baptist Pastor would begin his prayers *Oh, God! Our God, our help in years gone by, our hope for years to come—God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of Israel, God of the centuries, God of our fathers, God of Jefferson Davis, Robert Edward Lee, and Stonewall Jackson, Lord of hosts and King of kings.*

While Brother Jones' prayer may seem much to some, our brother was correct. Jones recognized, and sought to help others recognize, that the leadership of the Confederacy were not secularists, humanists, or men with no faith. Generals Lee and Jackson, along with President Davis were men who, like the prophet Daniel mentioned, men who *knew their God*. These Confederate heroes could say, with the Apostle Paul, *I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him, against that day.*

Lee, Jackson, Davis, Stuart, and hundreds of thousands of Confederate soldiers could testify of a personal faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. I pray that each person, reading this article, will stake their hopes for Heaven in the Lord Jesus Christ.



Chaplain Stephen A. Pilley Birthday Dinner

Methodist minister – Soldier – Chaplain – Postmaster - Freemason

6:30 pm, Tuesday, 5 October 2010

First Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

Troy, Alabama

Please RSVP by Sunday, 3 October. (334) 484-8562. Leave message.

Stephen A. Pilley was born in Monroe County, Alabama on October 5, 1837. His father, and two brothers also became Methodist ministers. He served as a soldier, and as a Chaplain in two different Alabama Confederate units. After moving to Troy in the 1870s, he served as Pastor of the First Methodist Church in 1878. He was an active Mason in Lodge 56 in Troy. He served eight years as Postmaster of Troy, and was appointed to four more years by President William McKinley. Stephen Pilley died in Troy in 1909, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

Please join us to celebrate the birthday of this prominent citizen. Spouses and guests welcome. Carol Glayre will prepare her famous spaghetti. Bring salads, bread, or desserts.

- Hosted by Chaplain Stephen A, Pilley Chapter No. 302 MOS&B



The MOS&B Sesquicentennial Convention

July 14 - 16, 2011

An Introduction to Jacksonville, FL

Jacksonville is one of Florida's best kept secrets. Known as the "River City" and located on "Florida's First Coast," Jacksonville has a lot going for it. Geographically, Jacksonville is the world's largest city. Admittedly a lot of it is water but it still occupies an enormous area. In addition to the principle river, the St. Johns, there are many other rivers along with the Intercoastal Waterway and if that is not enough water for you, we also have the Atlantic Ocean in our front yard with miles of beautiful beaches.

The City was built on commerce rather than tourism and has become a center for health care, insurance and electronic processing and all matter of computer related activities. The city is a large regional medical center with many teaching hospitals. The Mayo Clinic decided to build its first satellite facility in Jacksonville and today has a full facility including a hospital. The Port is one of the largest container and automobile facilities on the East Coast and is also home to the military prepositioning ships that operate from Blount Island in the St. Johns River. There are two Naval Air Stations along with the Naval Operating Base at Mayport and the master submarine base just north of Jacksonville in King's Bay. Professional Golf is also located here with the TPC Tournament in the spring of the year. Jacksonville also boasts the largest number of golf courses of any city so if you are a golfer, you will love it here. The World Golf Village is just south of Jacksonville. And yes, Jacksonville does have a NFL team, the Jaguars.

Jacksonville was named for Andrew Jackson, the first military governor of the Florida Territory, and has a rich history of its own. The initial European explorers were preceded by thousands of years of indigenous cultures. Some of the oldest remnants of pottery in the United States dating back to 2500 BC were found here in the area once known as Ossachite which was occupied 6000 years ago in the Archaic period. When European explorers arrived in 1562 the area was populated by the Timucua peoples. French Huguenot, Jean Ribault, charted the St. Johns River and established the first European settlement at Fort Caroline. The French were run off by the Spanish who settled St. Augustine and while St. Augustine claims to be the first settlement, it all started here. We are happy St. Augustine siphoned off the tourists so we can live a normal life.

The first permanent settlement after the French left was called Cowford and was located at a narrow point in the river where cattle once crossed. Today it's hard to imagine cows could ford the river. This area was a very large cattle producing region as is testified to by Florida having sent 155,000 head of cattle to the Confederate commissaries during the War Between the States. The St. Johns River was the source of many contests between the Federal forces and the Confederates with many Federal gun boats having been sunk as they went up stream into the interior of the state. The St. Johns River is one of only two major rivers in the world to flow north. When you come, you will be surprised to learn of Florida's role in the war. It is difficult to believe that there were 182 engagements fought on Florida soil. It will surprise you even more to learn that with the exception of the initial battle at Fort Pickens

(Pensacola) in October 1861, the small Confederate forces prevailed in all of the others. There is much more to learn and we hope you will leave here after the convention with a much better understanding of Florida's unusual role in defending the Southland.

For more details on Florida in the war let us suggest you visit the website of the Museum of Southern History at www.museumsofhistory.com where many interesting Florida facts are presented.

Any questions regarding the 2011 MOS&B Convention should be sent to Convention@mosbfl.org More details will be published as we move along. We are trying to finalize plans as soon as possible so you can start to make your plans to attend. This will be the MOS&B Convention of the Century! Don't miss it.

The dates of the Sesquicentennial Convention are Thursday, 14 July through Saturday, 16 July 2011. Make your plans now to attend.

— Submitted by Ben Willingham

Forrest's Farewell to His Troops

Gainesville, Ala., May 9, 1865

By an agreement made between Lieutenant-General Taylor, commanding the Department of Alabama, Mississippi and East Louisiana, and Major-General Canby, commanding United States forces, the troops of this department have been surrendered. I do not think it proper or necessary at this time to refer to the causes which have reduced us to this extremity, nor is it now a matter of material consequence as to how such results were brought about. That we are beaten is a self-evident fact, and any other further resistance on our part would be justly regarded as the very height of folly and rashness. The armies of Generals Lee and Johnston have surrendered; you are the last of all troops of the Confederate States Army east of the Mississippi River to lay down your arms.

The cause for which you have so long and manfully struggled, and for which you have braved dangers, endured privations and sufferings, and made so many sacrifices, is today hopeless. The government which we sought to establish and perpetuate is at an end. Reason dictates and humanity demands that no more blood be shed. Fully realizing and feeling that such is the case, it is your duty and mine to lay down our arms, to submit to the 'powers that be,' and to aid in restoring peace and establishing law and order throughout the land.

The terms upon which we were surrendered are favorable, and should be satisfactory and acceptable to all. They Manifest a spirit of magnanimity and liberality on the part of the Federal authorities which should be met on our part by a faithful compliance with all the stipulations and conditions therein expressed. As your commander, I sincerely hope that every officer and soldier of my command will cheerfully obey the orders given, and carry out in good faith all the terms of the cartel.

Those who neglect the terms and refuse to be paroled may assuredly expect when arrested to be sent North and imprisoned. Let those who are absent from their commands, from whatever cause, report at once to this place, or to Jackson, Miss., or, if too remote from either, to the nearest United States post or garrison, for parole.

Civil war, such as you have just passed through, naturally engenders feelings of animosity, hatred and revenge. It is our duty to divest ourselves of all bitter feelings, and, so far as it is in our power to do so, to cultivate friendly sentiments toward those with whom we have so long contested and heretofore so widely but honestly differed. Neighborhood feuds, personal animosities and private differences should be blotted out and when you return home a manly, straightforward course of conduct will secure the respect even of your enemies. Whatever your responsibilities may be to government, to society, or to individuals, meet them like men. The attempt made to establish a separate and independent confederation has failed, but the consciousness of having done your duty faithfully and to the end will in some measure repay you for the hardships you have undergone. In bidding you farewell, rest assured that you carry with you my best wishes for your future welfare and happiness. Without in any way referring to the merits of the cause in which we have been engaged, your courage and determination, as exhibited on many hard fought fields, has elicited the respect and admiration of friend and foe.

And I now cheerfully and gratefully acknowledge my indebtedness to the officers and men of my command, whose zeal, fidelity and unflinching bravery have been the great source of my past success in arms. I have never on the field of battle sent you where I was unwilling to go myself, nor would I now advise you to a course which I felt myself unwilling to pursue. You have been good Soldiers; you can be good citizens. Obey the laws, preserve your honor, and the government to which you have surrendered can afford to be and will be magnanimous.

N. B. Forrest, Lieut. General

- Submitted by Richard Rhone & Sam Gambrell

**Gen. Josiah Gorgas Chapter #299
Military Order of the Stars and Bars
Richard Rhone, Commander**

As we enter the Sesquicentennial of the War Between the States, we are all reminded of the sacrifices made by the Southerners of that era. The Gen. Josiah Gorgas Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars has entered into a project that we feel is a fitting memorial not only to our Confederate ancestors, but a true project of patriotism that represents the desire for unity and peace expressed at the War's end. One of the best examples of this desire to re-unite our Country and encourage our Southern soldiers in this pursuit is found in Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest's Farewell to the Troops in May of 1865 in Gainesville , Alabama. (Refer to article on previous page)

We are working to erect a large 5' tall monument at the location of the surrender and his farewell address. The entire address will be mounted on Georgia granite. Working with members of the Gainesville Historical Society and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, we hope to dedicate this monument in May of 2011. This fenced piece of historical property is owned by the UDC and we have confirmed ownership with the Sumter County Courthouse. The property is viewable from the highway and parking is available; however, vehicles can not drive unto the raised fenced property. Adjacent to the monument site is the old Gainesville Bank on property owned by the Historical Society. The UDC and Gainesville Historical Society support this monument.

The total cost of the monument including professional installation is \$7000.00.

We encourage your participation in whatever amount you wish to donate in memory of the the sacraficial giving by the men and women of the South . All donations will acknowleged with a certificate . A strict accounting of all funds collected will be maintained and open for review.

Please make checks out to *Gen. Josiah Gorgas Chapter #299*.

All donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your support in this meaningful effort.

Yes, I wish to support Farewell to the Troops monument to honor Nathan Bedford Forrest.

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CONFEDERATES IN EXILE

By Mrs. Isabelle (L.C.) Buzzett
UDC Historian General, 1985

Lee's surrender, necessary or not, did not meet with universal approval in the South. To many Confederates the privations of war and the danger of death were preferable to defeat. They feared (and as it turned out, rightly so) the revenge of the victorious Federal Government.

With the fall of the Confederate government, President Jefferson Davis and some members of his cabinet fled from Richmond, Virginia heading south. They planned to join forces with the Trans-Mississippi Department of the Army and continue the fight. On May 10, 1865 Jefferson Davis was captured near Irwinville, Georgia. He was to be imprisoned for two years. This forever ended the dream of the reestablishment of the Confederacy in the South. Groups and individuals scattered and sought to make new lives for themselves and their families.

Probably the most successful, well known exile was Judah Benjamin, then Secretary of State. He was known as the "brains of the Confederacy". Disguised as a Frenchman he made his way through Florida to the Bahamas and on to England. It took four months. The able Benjamin first wrote for a London newspaper. He was admitted to the bar in 1866. By 1870 he had become Queen's counsel and acquired considerable wealth. When his only daughter married he bought her a \$80,000 mansion. Many Confederates suffered bitterly, but Benjamin was as successful in exile as he had been at home.

The Emperor Maximilian's invitation to Confederates to settle in Mexico was accepted by some. Generals Joseph Shelby, John Clark, William Preston, William Hardeman, John Magruder, Jubal Early and others led thousands of ex-Confederates to establish a colony in Mexico known as "Carlota." Some fled to Canada but the cold climate did not attract many.

A Venezuela Land Company was formed by two well-known ex-Confederates, Major General John Walker and Commander John Tucker. Their aim was to establish a colony for ex-Confederate soldiers. 1,280 acres were to be given each family. Seven groups left the states between 1866 and 1870 for Venezuela. Fever, physical hardships and the lure of gold doomed most to failure as planters.

William Quirk who had fought four years of the war and in the end was on General Hardee's staff was one of the few exceptions. He grew fine Sea Island cotton and sold it to England very successfully. He was forced to leave, however, when his plantation was virtually destroyed by bandits in an unsettled political situation. The exodus to Mexico and to Venezuela should both be considered failures. On the other hand, it might have meant more to those who tried and failed than had they failed to try. Two groups settled in 1866, one in Spanish Honduras and one in English Honduras. The later prospered until an unfriendly Colonial Governor forced them to return to the United States. Vila Americana, Parana State, Brazil (now known as Americana) may be considered an "exiles' success story." Between 1866 and 1867 two thousand southerners emigrated to Brazil. Like all the others they dreamed of establishing new homes very much like those in their native land. They left a defeated and pillaged homeland to try again in Brazil. Unlike the others they have survived, a largely Protestant, English speaking group in a Catholic, Portuguese country. Five generations have lived in Brazil: farmers, doctors, teachers and businessmen. A few Southerners continued to dribble in until the beginning of this century.

A small cemetery, meetings on the 4th of July, chicken, watermelons and a Confederate flag – these things remind the descendants of their heritage. They suffered some of the problems of the other ex-Confederates who made colonial attempts. An Anglican name here, blue eyes there, a hint of a drawl are testimony that Confederates settled in this place, Americana, Brazil.

The ruler, Dom Pedro II of Brazil, who had encouraged them to come, had been crowned in 1841. He was a successful, liberal leader until an army crisis occurred, which started in 1885. The nearly twenty years of relatively peaceful political climate was a decided advantage to these Confederates in exile. The army coup in 1889 was bloodless and not too disturbing to them.

In the course of human experience these ex-Confederates had left their homes because they could not or would not face defeat. They would not face defeat. They would not be "reconstructed." They dreamed of building a new life in a new land. Those who stayed in the South showed courage. Those who left had courage of a different kind.

— Submitted by Jeff Bailey, MOS&B GA Division



Earning the Jackson Medal

In the Winter 2000 issue of the “*Officers Call*”, the membership in our Society was issued a challenge to adopt a Confederate officer’s grave and to commit to its care. This is not a commitment to be taken lightly, nor was it intended to be. If you elect to accept this challenge, do so with two thoughts in mind, 1) it should be for a two-year commitment, and 2) your efforts should be towards perfection. Make these graves stand out among the rest. Show people that we really care.

Not everyone will wear the “Jackson Medal”, but those who do will have done their best. If your entry is judged with up to seventy-two points awarded, you will receive a Jackson certificate. With seventy-five to one hundred points, you will receive a certificate and medal.

Multiple applications from the same individual will have “stars” awarded for each approved application. The “stars” will be worn on the medal ribbon.

Award Criteria

25 points for the Bronze plaque at the head of the officer’s grave.

25 points for the Confederate Cross of Honor at the foot of the officer’s grave.

Up to 50 points for maintenance and appearance of the officer’s grave.

Photographs taken before and after the completion of your project are to be submitted to your Society Commander who will record your entry and list your officer’s grave. The Society Commander will then forward the application (s) to the Jackson Medal committee.

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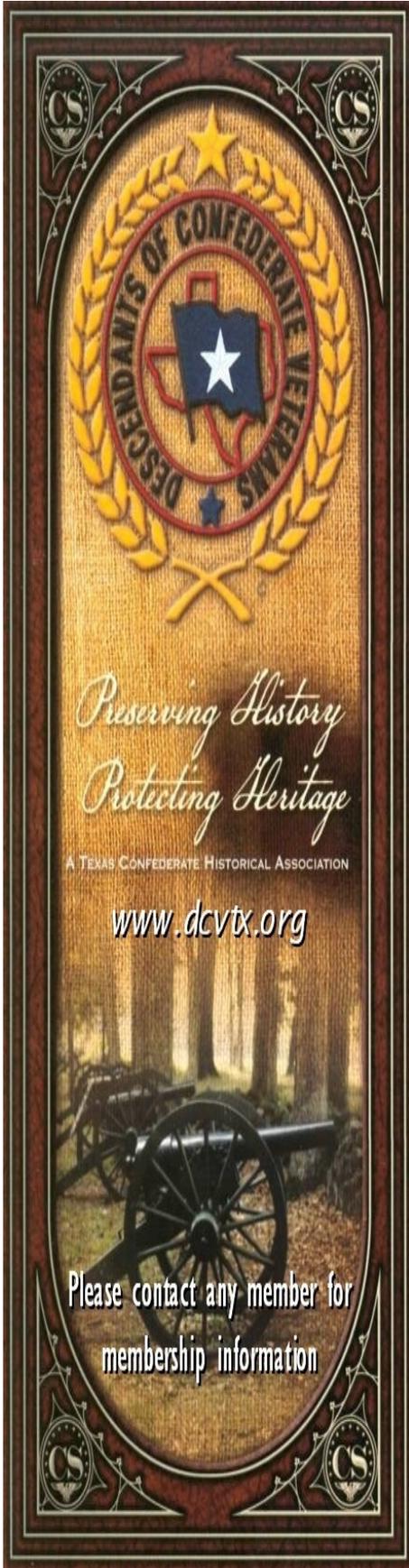
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Dear MOS&B Compatriots:

As part of Commander General Max Waldrop's goal to improve the "Officer Call" as to content and consistency of printing, he has asked me to head up obtaining advertising for the magazine.

The MOS&B really has two publications, the "Officer Call" and the "Confederate War Journal". The Officer Call is mostly a electronic publication but should be printed and mailed about 3 times per year. The Confederate War Journal is printed once per year in full magazine format.

Advertising in our publications will put us on par with other organizations magazines, and help us subsidize our cost of printing. Subsidizing that cost is what will allow us to be able to print a fine publication. The cost of printing and mailing is very expensive, we need to do what other publications do, which is advertise!

Our ads are very reasonably priced, and our customers will get good exposure for their money. Their ad will appear in two electronic publications, which are emailed out to our members and posted online on our website for members and non-members to see. The ad will also be put in one printed and mailed issue. So for the money, the advertiser gets three issues plus it will be online for all to see for quite awhile into the future. Our advertising price is below most publications yet we give 3 months exposure versus a per issue exposure, it's a good deal for the advertisers.

So what do I need you to do? *Sell advertising!* If you, your Chapter, or Society sells an ad, you keep 10% of the proceeds. Collect a check from the customer payable to your Chapter etc, then you send a check for the amount of the ad less 10% to HQ. See the advertising order form in this publication. Hopefully your advertiser will have an ad already made up in electronic format. Send the ad to me at the above email address, then send the order form and check to HQ at the address shown on the order form.

When in doubt, call or email me with any questions. This is a win, win, win situation. Our advertisers win as they get 3 months exposure for less money than they normally pay for a one month ad. Our Chapters and Societies win, as this gives you a way to raise some money for yourselves, and the MOS&B wins, as this will enable us to get our message out on a regular basis without bleeding our funds dry printing and mailing the publications.

We all know someone or business that is a likely candidate to advertise. To be successful at this, we need to be an army of sales people. If you know a potential advertiser, approach them. Show them the order form, which explains the schedule and pricing. You'll be surprised how many will say yes!

All help in selling advertising is appreciated, will benefit our organization and help to make our publications something we can all be proud of.



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On behalf of all my colleagues here at Washington and Lee, I convey our gratitude for your kind contribution. As always, please call on me whenever I can be of assistance on any matter concerning Washington and Lee.

Sincerely,

Tres Mullis, Executive Director

Time and Place Committee Report

The Time and Place Committee is sending out a call for chapters or societies that are interested in future MOSB conventions. We are booked for 2011 and 2012 but need a bid for the 2013 convention. There has been some interest past 2013 but no selection will be made until the 2013 convention slot is filled. If interested in submitting a bid for 2013, forward a proposal of date, convention site and hotel cost plus area activities to Time and Place Committee, PO Box 536, Harrison, AR 72602. All submissions will be reviewed by the Time and Place Committee at the MOSB GEC at Franklin, TN on December 3 and 4. A recommendation will be made to the MOSB convention at the MOSB Annual Convention in Jacksonville, Florida in July 2011.

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.

San Antonio, Texas June 8, 2012

Chairman David Whitaker continues to shake the money tree to get the seed money that is necessary to put on a first class Convention in San Antonio, June 8th, 2012. The 75th Annual Convention of the MOS&B will not have any bus tours because the Historic Menger Hotel is "Across the Alley From the Alamo" and within walking distance of many great sources of entertainment. So, no bus rides - but the trolley stops in front of the Hotel and is a fun ride to everywhere in downtown San Antonio. Bring your walking shoes. Incidentally, the hotel food is as good as you will ever get. Also, plan on eating some of the best Tex-Mex in the world. We plan to include lots of free time so get ready for a boat ride on the famous San Antonio River or just setting in the shade drinking margaritas and listening to the mariachis.

We look forward to receiving your submissions for future MOSB convention sites. Should you have any questions, please call me at 870-365-9273 or email: mosbcg@cox.net

Deo Vindice,

J. Troy Massey, Chairman,

Time and Place Committee