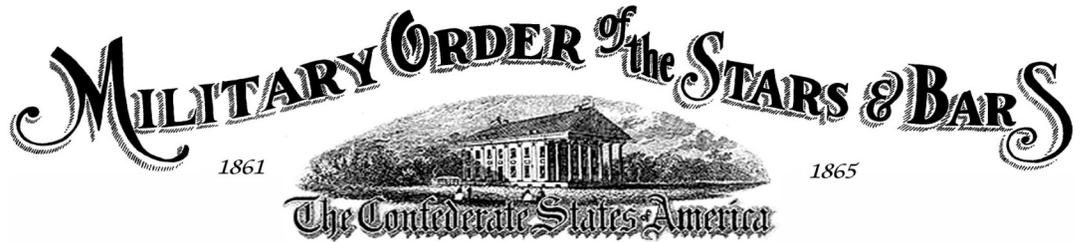




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Officer's Call



Sesquicentennial Series Article #23 **Florida's Governor & Confederate Officer Madison Starke Perry**

Submitted by Ben Willingham, Historian General

Perry was Florida's fourth elected governor serving from 1856 until 1861. Born 1814 in Lancaster County, SC, he was the youngest child of Benjamin Perry and Mary Starke. In 1845 he migrated to Florida settling in Alachua County where he helped establish the town of Rochelle. He was soon recognized as a leading figure among the plantation owners and was elected in 1849 to represent the county in the Florida House of Representatives. The following year he was elected to the Florida Senate.

In 1856 Perry ran for governor and was sworn in that office on 5 October 1857. As Florida's fourth governor, he helped resolve the long standing dispute with the State of Georgia on the boundary and encouraged the building of railroads in the state. As the governors before him, Perry anticipated the possibility of secession and in 1858 he called for the reformation of the state's militia and the purchase of weapons in the event the militia was called to duty. Florida did secede from the Union on 11 January 1861 and Perry called for the evacuation of all federal troops from Florida and their replacement by Florida militia.

After his term as governor, he served the confederacy as an infantry soldier. At the age of 48, he was elected Colonel of the 7th Regiment of Florida Infantry Volunteers. He enlisted on July 3, 1862 at Camp Kirby, Tenn. by Capt. Dudley. His unit was shipped to eastern Tenn. serving on picket duty near Knoxville, prior to its transfer to the Kentucky-Tenn. line. He resigned his commission in the Confederate Army on April 30, 1863 due to poor health. He returned to his plantation in Rochelle where he would die in March 1865. He is buried in the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Rochelle. He was survived by his wife and two children.

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Commander General's Message



A measure of civil leadership is partially reflected in the titles of office, educational attainments and professional attributes. The August issue of the Officer's Call provides an overview of the professional and public service rendered by the membership of the *Military Order of the Stars and Bars*.

Titles and honorifics have been identified for approximately 10% of those joining our Order. Of these the most numerous are those with a doctorate in some discipline. Most numerous are MDs and PhDs. These are followed by those with some sort of religious title. Legal and political positions are also counted among our ranks. Our numbers even include those from nobility. Some of our better known members from these ranks are elaborated in membership numerical order.

Member #13 is Clement Richardson Wood [1888-1950] of Alabama. Mr. Wood was a trained lawyer, who found his niche as a writer. He became a part of the Greenwich Village scene and became a prodigious author. He was a newspaper columnist, writer and poet. He wrote the lyrics to the "Shortenin' Bread" song and "The Road to Mandalay." His work *The Complete Rhyming Dictionary* is still in print. He also suggested the name for the *Military Order of the Stars and Bars*. MOS&B Founder

Member #16 is Representative Campbell Bascom Slemph [1870-1943] of Virginia. Representative Slemph represented Virginia from 1907 to 1922 in the United States Congress. He subsequently served as Secretary to the President (White House Chief of Staff) to President Calvin Coolidge.

Representative Slemph graduated from VMI in 1891 with the highest grade point in the school's history, a record which still stands. He received the Jackson Medal for Most Distinguished Student four consecutive years. He later studied law at the University of Virginia. MOS&B Founder

Member #81 is Prince Victor Mansfield Alfred de Polignac [1899-1998] of France. Prince de Polignac was the son of Confederate Major General Prince Camille Armand Jules Marie de Polignac, affectionately known to his troops as "Prince Polecat," who distinguished himself at the Battle of Mansfield in the Red River Campaign; hence the name Mansfield being given to his son.

Prince Polignac was the honorary president of the *Confederate Historical of Belgium* until his death.

Member #83 is Comte Géraud Marie François Michel de Pierredon [1916-2006] of France. Comte de Pierredon was a leading figure in the Order of Malta. For ten years he occupied the position of Hospitaller – one of the highest positions in that Order. He was the Ambassador of the Order to France. He received the Grand Cross of Merit and was made a Commander in the French Legion of Honor. He wrote a number of works about the Order and owned the Museum of the Knights of Malta in France.

Member #279 is Senator James Strom Thurmond [1902-2003] of South Carolina. Senator Thurmond served in the US Senate for forty-eight years. His political career also included being the Governor of South Carolina and a run for the Presidency in 1948 – receiving 39 electoral votes.

During WWII the Senator served as a Lieutenant Colonel. He participated in the Battle of Normandy as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. His military decorations included 2 Legion of Merits, Bronze Star with "V," and the Purple Heart. He also received Belgium's Order of the Crown and France's Croix de Guerre.

Member #476 is Dr. William David McCain [1907-1993] of Mississippi. Dr. McCain had an eclectic career. He was the leader of the Mississippi political establishment in the 1950s and 1960s. He also served as the Mississippi State Archivist. He served in WWII and Korea and ultimately became a Major General in the Mississippi National Guard. He also gave notable service as president of Mississippi Southern College (University of Southern Mississippi).

Beginning in 1953 Dr. McCain reenergized a fading *Sons of Confederate Veterans*. He also served as Adjutant General of the *Military Order of Stars and Bars* for ten years before formally joining the Order. His first sponsored member was #131. He also initiated collateral memberships in the Order by sponsoring member #210 in 1961.

Member #479 is Governor Ellis Gibbs Arnall [1907-1992] of Georgia. Governor Arnall was the Governor of Georgia from 1943 to 1947. He received a law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law. While Governor he repealed the poll tax, lowered the voting age, and paid off the state debt.

He founded the law firm Arnall, Golden & Gregory in Atlanta. During the Truman administration he was the Director of the Office of Price Stabilization. He ran for re-election in 1966, but was defeated by MOS&B Member #557 – Lester Maddox.

Member # 557 is Governor Lester Garfield Maddox [1915-2003] of Georgia. Governor Maddox was Governor of Georgia from 1967 to 1971. By profession he was a restaurant owner. A confrontation with demonstrators in front of his restaurant launched his political career. At the end of his term as Governor he had a favorability rating of 84%. The Constitution prohibited a second consecutive term, so he ran for Lieutenant Governor, which he won in a landslide of 73% of the vote. In spite of his reputation as a segregationist, he did more for Blacks than any Governor of Georgia up until that time. He was a popular populist governor.

Member #595 is Senator James Terry Sanford [1917-1998] of North Carolina. Senator Sanford can just as correctly be referred to as Governor Sanford. He was Governor of North Carolina from 1961 to 1965. He was twice a presidential candidate in the 1970s and a US Senator from 1986 to 1993.

During WWII Senator Sanford saw combat in Europe and received a battlefield commission. He parachuted into France with the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment and later fought in the Battle of Bulge. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. After WWII he continued his service with the North Carolina National Guard. He attended and graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Gentlemen, every day matters! *YOU* are the Order and our future is in *YOUR* hands!

Respectfully,

Toni Turk

Commander General

Lifetime Membership Fees

Effective September 15, 2011, the cost for lifetime membership in the Military Order of Stars and Bars is as follows:

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| 60-69 years old | = \$400 |
| 70 years old & over | = \$300 |

Announcement: Lost

A UDC Military Service Medal was lost at the 2011 MOS&B Jacksonville Convention last July. The engraving on the back is the medal number, #1533.

If found please e-mail me at dgwhitaker@sbcglobal.net or call at 281-728-5739.

David Whitaker



Photo Highlights of 75th Annual MOS&B General Convention and Sesquicentennial Event in San Antonio, Texas June 7 - 9, 2012

This year's convention was filled with many interesting reports of the upcoming planning for the Sesquicentennial events that will be held this year and subsequent years after. This was an election year in which new officers were elected and installed for the next two years. Some of the highlights of this convention have been shown in the pictures below:



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The Battle of Elkhorn Tavern

By Cassy Gray

Nine days ago, Earl Van Dorn had been in Virginia, commanding the cavalry in the Army of Northern Virginia. Now, he was in Pocahontas, Arkansas, in command of Trans-Mississippi Department Two and making plans to drive the enemy back up the Mississippi River and capture St. Louis. His first order would consolidate the three forces in his district.

Two of the armies were across the state, encamped in the Boston Mountains near the city of Fayetteville. General Benjamin McCulloch's army, 8,000 strong, was still basking in their victory won along Wilson Creek. After suffering a series of losses at the hands of a larger Union force, Sterling Price's 7,000 Missourians had retreated across the Missouri border to regroup. Bad blood existed between McCulloch and Price, and, now that they were in close proximity to each other, they picked up their argument where they had left off. Dispatches were sent urging Van Dorn to settle their long standing differences. Van Dorn would do them one better. He would come in person and lead his troops "to glory and immortal renown." (1) As he rode into camp, the Confederates gave him a salute of 40 guns, befitting his rank of major general.

Albert Pike commanded the third army in Van Dorn's department. He had just put his 2,000 warriors from the Five Nations on the road to Arkansas when his plans hit an unexpected glitch. The tribes had signed treaties that gave them certain protections. One of those protections was that they could not be forced from their homes without their consent. Which they would gladly give...for gold. Price had no choice but to pay up. Three days later, the warriors were on their way to the Boston Mountains.

Once his armies were together, Van Dorn gave the order. Cook three days' rations and prepare for a forced march, which would end in battle, and, if the gods of war smiled favorably on their endeavor, victory. Van Dorn's plan was very simple. The Union army in pursuit of Price was spread throughout the countryside. He would run them to ground and destroy them in detail.

The next morning, the Confederates set out: 17,000 men and 60 guns. Snow fell, blanketing the ground and a wicked wind whipped through the trees. Price's Missourians led the way, happy to be on the offensive again and sure that they would be victorious once more within the borders of their home state. McCulloch's Texans were next. On the flank, in a long file, marched the warriors from the Five Nations.

Van Dorn bounced along side in an ambulance. Before leaving Virginia, he had suffered a horrendous fall jumping a ditch and was still feeling the effects. He was also suffering chills and a fever, the results of swimming across an icy river hurrying to Fayetteville.

The Meaning of a 40 Gun Salute

Union General Samuel Curtis sat in his tent near Cross Hollows, Arkansas and tried to ignore the cold by writing a letter home. The faint rumble of cannon echoed across the countryside. Forty guns! The salute reserved for a commanding general. Had a new chieftain come to fight? He did not have to wait long for an answer. Intelligence came in that night. His scouts, including the soon to be famous Wild Bill Hickok, rode into camp and informed him that the Confederates were marching north looking for a fight.

Curtis sent word to General Franz Sigel to fall back to Sugar Creek, near the Missouri border, where Curtis would be waiting. Sigel fell back, skirmishing as he did. He arrived on March 6th.

Curtis set his line along the creek bank. Behind his defenses, about a mile away, was the small village of Leetown, which was nothing more than a collection of about a dozen cabins scattered around a store and a blacksmith. Approximately a mile northwest of Leetown was Pea Ridge. The Springfield-Fayetteville road crossed the creek and ran down the small valley. This road was known to the locals as the Telegraph road. The poles and wires ran along side the road and came to a sudden end at a small tavern on the eastern edge of Pea Ridge. Elkhorn Tavern received its name from the large elk skull, complete with antlers, nailed to the beamed ceiling.

Winter winds swept in, bringing with it the snow that had accompanied Van Dorn on his march. The Federals stroked their campfires higher and bedded down to wait.

Flanking the Enemy

Through the cold and snow, Van Dorn's army had marched fifty miles in three days. The men huddling on the opposite side of Sugar Creek were cold, tired, and hungry, having consumed their rations days ago. But Van Dorn had no intention of letting his men rest for the night or plunging straight ahead at entrenched breastworks the next morning. There was still marching to be done. Ordering the men to leave their campfires burning, he sent Price down the Bentonville and Keetsville Road, behind Pea Ridge, to Frost Hill before ordering them to double back toward Elkhorn Tavern and attack the Union left rear at dawn. McCulloch and Price drew the shorter march. Their path would take them through Leetown to strike Curtis' right flank. Van Dorn would go into battle outnumbering his opponent.

Price's march was delayed by felled trees and other obstructions the Federals had strewn across the Bentonville Road. By time he made the turn south toward Elkhorn Tavern, the sun was up and Curtis was aware that the Confederates were about to sweep down on his rear.

Curtis' options were limited. He could beat a hasty retreat back toward Springfield. But he quickly ruled it out. If he marched down the Telegraph road, the Confederates would overrun his flank. If he fled southward, then the Confederates would be across his supply line and communications. The other option was to wheel around and fight with his back to Sugar Creek and his own entrenchments.

He chose to fight. His men were roused from their positions and quickly about-faced. Colonel Eugene Carr's division was sent to meet the threat from Elkhorn Tavern. Colonel Peter Osterhaus' division was sent running to Leetown to protect the flank and a colonel with the ironic name of Jefferson Davis was sent with his division to reinforce Osterhaus. General Alexander Asboth's division was held in reserve. Before Price could unleash his attack, Curtis had successfully turned his rear into his front.

Carr threw up a strong defensive position with batteries staggered along the Telegraph road and a line of infantry thrown out in advance with three other lines prepared to fire over their heads into the Confederates.

Price's men screamed down the small valley, firing as they came. Southern cannon quickly wrecked Carr's defensive line, destroying three out of four guns in one battery, blowing up the ammunition caissons and killing all the cannoneers. Carr's first line retreated to just north of the tavern, where they barely managed to hold off Price's men. Carr sent word to Curtis. The Confederates were reforming and when they came, they would overwhelm his defenses. Send reinforcements on the double-quick.

Curtis received Carr's message, but before he could respond, an awful racket rose from Leetown. High-pitched screaming, unlike anything Curtis had heard before. This was not the usual Rebel yell but an unearthly sound of death. A rider galloped from the direction of the sound. Osterhaus was falling back before a horde of feather wearing, hatching bearing Indians. Confederate soldiers were one thing... Indians another matter altogether. Osterhaus' Germans broke (who could blame them) and ran as fast they could from field. Davis was holding, if one could count falling back, as holding. Reinforcements were needed immediately!

Who would get Curtis' lone division of reserves? It was a question Curtis could not answer – not yet anyway. He sent word for both lines to hold. The battle would determine who would be reinforced.

Trouble on the Front

Pike's Indians chased the Federals until they reached the abandoned cannon, where they stopped to celebrate their victory. Wearing the harnesses from the dead horses, they danced and chanted, ignoring Pike's frantic calls to get back in line. McCulloch had run into stiff opposition on the left, and Pike desired to go to his aid.

When Pike insisted that his warriors continue their pursuit, the Indians rebelled. They did not like fighting white man style, where cannonballs crashed through their midst, chewing up large numbers of casualties. They had never fought like that before and they would never do so again. From now on, they would do their fighting from behind trees or rocks or any other shield they could find. Nothing Pike could say or threaten could get the warriors back in line. Only a cavalry battalion under the leadership of Colonel Stand Watie obeyed Pike's orders.

More trouble developed when McCulloch was killed leading a skirmish line forward. The effect of his death was as debilitating to his assault as the Indians' refusal to get back in line was to Pike's. The Texans were at a loss as to what to do now that their leader was gone. Their advance slowed then stopped; the men throwing down their guns and wandering off the field to follow their fallen leader to the rear. On the other side of the field, Davis did not question his good fortune. His men were exhausted, and he was more than content to let the battle whimper to a halt.

Pike gathered all the men he could and hastened toward Elkhorn Tavern to aid Price whose men were still fighting.

The sun was setting as the Missourians plunged forward again. The sight of the surging Confederates was too much to bear. As the Federals abandoned their cannon and retreated behind the infantry, a soldier from Iowa threw a smoldering quilt across a caisson. The Iowan had barely joined his comrades when the caisson exploded. A plume of smoke and blown-off body parts rose into the sky.

The resulting explosion was felt in Leetown, solving Curtis' dilemma as to where to send his reinforcements – he sent them to Elkhorn Tavern. It was too little too late. By time Asboth's division arrived on the field, the fighting was over. Carr had held. His exhausted men threw themselves down on the ground to sleep. A half a mile away, Price's men did the same.

March 8

Dawn broke to reveal a battlefield wreathed in gun smoke. The sun rose as red as it had been when it had set. After a long night's march over Pea Ridge, Pike and the remnants of both his command and McCulloch's Texans arrived at Elkhorn Tavern. With little to no ammunition (the wagon trains had gone south to safety) and his advantage in numbers gone, Van Dorn's only alternative was to dig in and see if he could provoke the Federals into attacking.

When Confederate cannon opened fire, Curtis recognized the weak display as a ruse to run his men from the field. Instead, he ordered Sigel to get his men up and ready to attack. The German rolled his batteries forward and destroyed battery after battery of Confederate guns arrayed along the ridge in a spectacular display of accuracy. Then Sigel gave the signal and his men moved forward.

Carr and Davis faced a mutiny in their ranks. It was not fair that Sigel's men were going to get the spoils, their men complained bitterly, not after they had carried the battles yesterday. To mollify their men, Carr and Davis ordered their lines forward.

Overwhelmed and out of ammunition, the Confederates broke and ran from the menacing blue lines...past Elkhorn Tavern and through the valley leading to Pea Ridge. The battle was over.

The men returned to their camps in the Boston Mountains. Van Dorn wrote Albert Sidney Johnston and assured him that he had not been defeated, only thwarted in his objective to capture St. Louis. Once the men were rested, he would try again. He would not be given the chance. Johnston was planning an offensive campaign to reverse the catastrophic losses in the West that had begun with the fall of Fort Henry. He ordered Van Dorn to cross the Mississippi and join him at Corinth, which, for all intents and purposes, ended the fight for Missouri.

1. Shelby Foot. *The Civil War: A Narrative, Volume 2.* (Alexandria: Time-Life Books), page 127.

SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION 2012 DRAWS A NEW LINE IN THE SAND

The 75th Diamond Jubilee Military Order of the Stars and Bars Annual Convention was carried off in true Texan style in the beautiful city of San Antonio. With a record attendance of delegates and meaningful additions to our rituals, the Convention is poised to set the standard for coming gatherings.

The Convention Committee set out from the start to create an atmosphere of heritage, elegance, friendship and solidarity which will be remembered vividly by all fortunate enough to have attended. Seldom have we seen such a line drawn in the sand since the celebrated line was drawn in the siege of the Alamo by Colonel William Barrett Travis in that momentous March of 1836 just prior to the supreme sacrifice of the entire garrison.

Many traveled long distances to attend the convention and were rewarded with a memorable experience as hosted by Chairman David Whitaker and his dedicated Team's tireless efforts.

With delegates and their wives and many families arriving from Tuesday, June 5th onwards, the Convention gained momentum as old friendships were renewed and new bonds forged. The first day, Thursday, June 7th was predominantly business-oriented with a General Executive Council Meeting followed by a Texas Society Meeting.

After setting the business scene for subsequent meetings, everyone was treated to a true Texas style steak dinner, admirably prepared by the wonderful staff at the historic Menger Hotel in Alamo Plaza, where most delegates chose to stay.

The Convention formally opened with a ceremony on the morning of Friday, June 8th. Guests were moved and excited at the introduction of the first of many new features - a magnificent Bagpiper who heralded the arrival of all and accompanied the Color Guard to the Opening ceremony. Following the pledges to the Flags, the next innovation started the Convention officially and emotionally as a roll call of Deceased Brethren was introduced and called with emotional responses from the gathering. As the honorable Deceased were saluted by the presenter, the piper struck up "Amazing Grace" and many tears appeared in delegates' eyes. As a further tribute to the Deceased, an empty table was set for the "Missing Member". In another "first", James Simmons, second in command of our Union Army counterpart, M.O.L.L.U.S. was an official guest. Thus concluded the Opening Ceremony of this milestone 75th Annual Convention.

A Business Meeting followed immediately, while the ladies withdrew and were taken by the glamorous and truly elegant Lasca Bourgeois, to meet with the Menger's concierge and historian, Ernesto Malacara, for an fascinating tour of what is the oldest hotel west of the Mississippi, complete with a history of grand visitors including Robert E. Lee, various Presidents of the United States and other famous people. The Menger Hotel is reputedly the most haunted in America and a detailed account of the "resident spirits" entertained the ladies.

At noon, a fine luncheon was served for all, and the Convention was entertained and informed by the excellent historian, Ms. Eron Brimberry, who detailed the momentous and often painful history of the birth of the Republic of Texas. Her stirring presentation was punctuated by a re-enactor, and a trumpet player who rendered "Delguello", the "Slit Throat" bugle call played by Santa Anna's fourteen bands just before the final assault on the Alamo on March 6, 1836. The call means "No Quarter" - none was asked and none was given.

After an afternoon made free to explore San Antonio, the outgoing Commander General received all at a wine and cheese evening, where Texan wines and cheeses were sampled and much friendly conversation enjoyed. The highlight of this event was the awarding of the prestigious Dick Dowling award to CG Max Waldrop Jr. by Chapter Commander Ray Stocks. This function was a gift courtesy of the Texas Chapter #5, The Texas Society and the Southern Heritage Ball.

Friday opened with a moving Prayer Breakfast with dedications and inspiring thoughts imparted by Chaplain General, Raymond Holder, after which delegates assembled for the second Business Meeting and the Election of Officers. A spirited discussion of various items of the Constitution of the Order concluded this final Business session, and after a brief adjournment the Awards Luncheon commenced with the return of the ladies.

The various awards were presented and the convention adjourned until the Fiesta Dinner commenced. During a most enjoyable Mexican dinner the featured speaker, Ms. Cassy Gray, historian, contributing editor to the *Officers Call*, and writer/publisher of the splendid monthly e-zine "*The Stainless Banner*" gave a rousing and patriotic speech which strengthened our understanding of the need to continue the protection and commemoration of the unique Southern Heritage. A further speech was given by Miss Katie Simmons of Jacksonville, Florida, who was extremely impressive in her presentation.

The Closing ceremony then commenced, highlighted by the handing over of the leadership of the Order from Commander General Max L. Waldrop, Jr. to the Commander General Elect, Compatriot Dr. Toni Turk who will lead the next Administration. Preceded by the awarding of the Varina Howell Davis Award to Cassy L. Gray, Linda Lee Lippencott and Mrs. Barbara Turk, and the silver Robert E. Lee Chalice to Dr. Toni Turk, the new Commander General presented the outgoing Commander General with the General Joe Shelby Saber and Flags of the Order were exchanged.

The Master of Ceremonies of the Closing Ceremony, Chairman David Whitaker, DCS, presided over the transition of Leadership, and made the final remarks, before officially declaring the convention closed. The Color Guard, immaculate as before in full Confederate uniform, retrieved the Flags so as to officially "Retire the Colors" upon which the Piper accompanied their entrance and exit, playing "The Yellow Rose of Texas", "Dixie", "Will Ye No Come Back Again" and "For Auld Lang Syne".

Thus concluded a Convention which will live on in the hearts of all who came. In passing, the Order wishes to thank most sincerely those who were responsible for its smooth running and coordination. May we thank Convention President David Whitaker, and his dedicated wife, Dinah; the tireless and wonderfully capable Kathy Stocks and her husband, Ray; Lasca Bourgeois; George & Sheila Williamson; David's grandchildren – Jack Whitaker, Jane

and David Perry, and Kathy's son, Shelby Stocks, for their kind assistance and dedication. Thanks also to Jim Templin and Commander Glenn Toal of the Texas Society, the Texas Chapter #5, the staff of the Menger Hotel, the great State of Texas and the delegates from other States who made the Convention the enormous success that it was.

We ask, as the Piper played so well, "Will Ye No Come Back Again?"

Roger P. Thornton, DCS

ADC International Liaison
Melbourne, Australia

Convention Listing of Awards Presented to the MOS&B Membership

Honorary Commander General:

The Commander General presents this award to members for their continual support and meritorious act for the furtherance of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars upon which the following individuals were awarded this award: Samuel Alexander Massey, Jr.; Roger Peter Thornton; and Lt. Col. (Ret.) Max Lee Waldrop.

Distinguished Commander Award:

The Commander General presents this award to senior members who have demonstrated long, dedicated service to the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. Recipients may use "DCS" after their name in all correspondence and other honors to show their Distinguished Commander Status within the Military Order of the Stars and Bars upon which the following individuals were awarded this award: Larry Brown (medal #86), David Floyd (medal #87), and James Gaston (medal #88).

Commander General's Meritorious Service Award:

The Commander General presents this certificate to members for a meritorious act for the furtherance of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. The recipients of this award are: Samuel A. Massey, Jr., Jerry Lawrence, Marvyn Ray Jones, and Sammy Joe Massey.

Real Great Grandson: Lyndal Ray Stocks

Real Great Great Grandson: Edward Matthew Stack, and Shelby Ray Stocks

Col. John Pelham Legion of Merit Award:

This award is presented for exceptional work by members in behalf of the General Society. Candidates have demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities, and personify the largess of the Confederate Officers Corp. The recipients of this award are: Bill Elmore, James Templin, Cdr. Jerry Lawrence, Tom Boardman, Sammy Joe Massey, Sigmund Reckline, Edward M. Stack, William L. Caynor, Robert E. Lee Scouten, Robert Turk, Lee Campbell, Charles H. Smith, David L. Floyd, Stephen C. McGehee, Joseph B. Jordan, Toni R. Turk, and Jeffrey L. Sizemore.

Lt. Charles Read Meritorious Service Medal

This award is presented to members who have promoted the General Society at the Chapter level. Award recipients exemplify the highest work ethic and proven abilities in promoting the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. This year's recipients of this meritorious service medal are Dr. Tom Clinkscales, William Danny Honnoll, Larry Wilhoite, Joseph B. Clark, Jeffrey L. Sizemore, Charles E. Beaver, Jr., William D. Andrews, Raleigh E. Worsham, R. Patrick Williams, II, James G. Eanes, Charles Rea, William J. Graham, Gordon Hale, Munsey A. Moore, Samuel A. Massey, Jr., and Larry McDaniel.

The Winnie Davis Award:

This award is presented to ladies who have been demonstrably supportive of the purpose and goals of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. This is an annual award. This year's recipients of this award are Linda Beaver, and Whitney Branch.

Joseph Evan Davis Award:

Named for President and Mrs. Davis' son, this medal is presented to members in good standing of the Children of the Confederacy or the Military Order of the Stars and Bars between the ages of 12 and 18. This year's recipients of this award are Ethan Ives, Jacob Smith, and Seth Cook

Col. Walter H. Taylor Award (Best Society Newsletter):

This award is presented annually to the State Society regularly publishing a newsletter judged to be the most outstanding in the Order and the winner this year is the Texas Society whose editor is Bob Davidson.

Captain John Morton Award (Best Chapter Newsletter):

This award is presented annually to the Chapter publishing the newsletter selected as the outstanding Chapter publication of those submitted for judging and the winner this year is the Virginia Chapter 281 whose editor is Edward Stack.

T. J. Fakes Award (Best Chapter Scrapbook):

This award is presented to the Chapter judged to have the overall best scrapbook that documents the activities of the Chapter in the fulfillment of the goals and objective of the Order. Scrapbooks must be submitted by the annual deadline. The winner is the Virginia Chapter 281 whose editor is Kenneth Harris.

Lt. Gen. Simon Buckner Award (Membership Retention):

This award is presented only to active Chapters that can document 100% of paid membership from the last convention until the present convention. This is determined by State Society Commanders or Adjutants and submitted by them for confirmation by IHQ. This year's winner is Texas Chapter # 273.

Judah P. Benjamin Award:

This award is presented for exceptional service in the promotion of Southern heritage in a non-member capacity. This is the highest award that can be awarded to a non-member of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. This year's recipients are: Karen Sale & Jeannie Booth, Co-Founders of "The Civil War Dixie Belles"; Veterans Monument Memorial Committee of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Ronda, NC; Robert Meek, retired Arkansas State Trooper; John E. Green, member of Old Atlanta Gate City Guard; John Culpepper, member of Georgia Civil War Commission; Kenneth L. Howell; Jessica McDonald; Leonard Draper; and Greg Cooper – The Antiquarium, Houston, TX.

Rebel Club (Recruit Three or more New Members):

This award recognizes individual members who have recruited the most members over the past year. Medals and certificates are awarded as follows: three or more members - certificate; Five members - bronze medal; Seven members - silver medal; Over 10 members - gold medal. The recipients of this award are Toni Richard Turk (Gold Medal & certificate – at least 10 members); Joseph Judson Smith, III (Bronze Medal & certificate – at least 5 members); Robin Spencer Lattimore (certificate – at least 3 members); Max Lee Waldrop, Jr. (certificate – at least 3 members); and Sigmund Joseph Reckline, Jr. (certificate – at least 3 members).

Southern Cross of Military Service (Formerly known as the War Service Medal)

This medal is presented to members of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars who have served honorably in combat with our nation's military services. Service must have been for at least ninety (90) days during the periods described by the American Legion. This year's recipients are Thomas C. S. Garrett, James G. Eanes, Larry David Johnson, Hunter Lee Archibald, and Larry Ernest Hall.

Confederate Legacy Legion of Merit:

This year's recipients are Joseph F. Bach, Lawrence K. Casey, Robert W. Groves, III, Gary H. Roseman, Jr., and J. Michael Farr.

Honorary Members

Jerry Patterson - Texas Land Commissioner

Randall Brackin Jones Award (Teacher of the Year):

This year's recipient of the Teacher of the Year award is PCIC John L. Echols, DCS.

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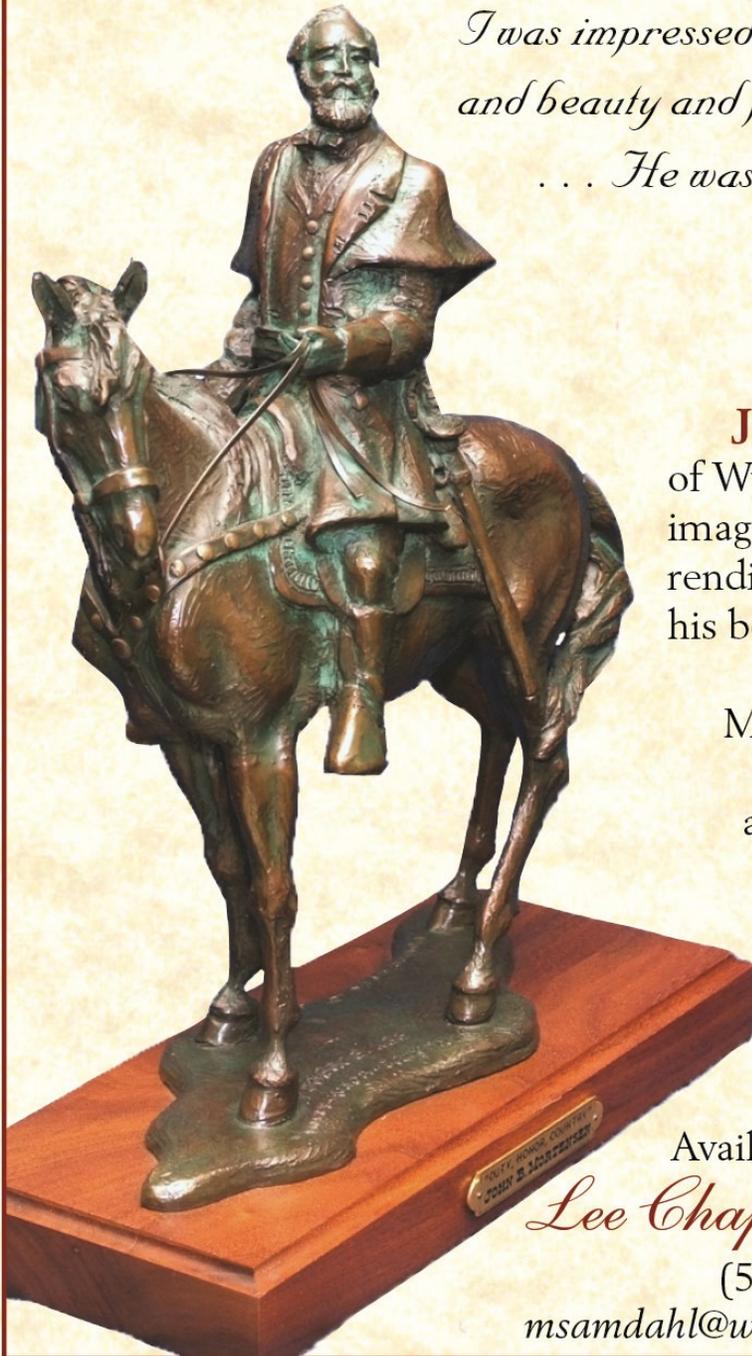
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