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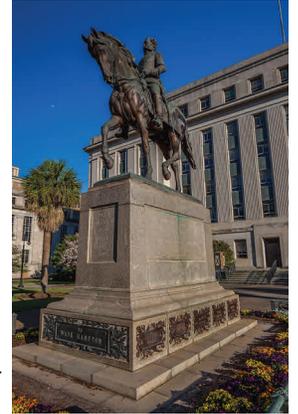
## Officer's Call

### Sesquicentennial Series Article #51 General Wade Hampton

By Karen Kay Esberger



GENERAL WADE HAMPTON.



Wade Hampton, III, was the son of Ann Fitzsimmons and her husband Wade Hampton, II, (1791-1858) usually known as Colonel Wade Hampton. Colonel Hampton was a very wealthy planter and had served as an officer of dragoons in the War of 1812, including fighting with General Andrew Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans. Wade Hampton, I, (1754-1835) had served in the cavalry during the Battle for American Independence and in the War of 1812.

Born on 28 March 1818, in Charleston, South Carolina,

Wade, III, subject of this article, grew up at the family estates "Millwood," "Cashier's Valley," and the North Carolina mountainous summer retreat, "High Hampton." There, he often

hunted alone in the forests, killing black bears with only a knife. He graduated South Carolina College in 1836, having studied Law, although he never practiced. He spent most of his time managing the family plantations in South Carolina and Mississippi and serving in the South Carolina General Assembly.

As a legislator from Richland County, he opposed secession. However, with the coming of the War Between the States, he was loyal to his home state and to the Confederacy. He offered his cotton to be exchanged for arms in Europe. He enlisted as a private in the South Carolina Militia, but the governor insisted he have a colonel's commission.

He organized and financed "Hampton's Legion" which consisted of six infantry companies, four cavalry companies and one artillery battery. In doing so, the patrician giant, renowned for his physical strength, marshaled his neighbors, sons and Negro body servants into the Legion.

His experience and skill as a horseman made him a superior cavalry officer. He had quite a talent for topography. He, seemingly instinctively, could accurately judge the strong strategic points in a field. Some say his approach was unmilitary, as he hunted his opponent, but his unexpected movements kept the Yankees in constant uncertainty and anxiety as to where or when he would next appear. Only he and Nathan Bedford Forrest achieved the rank of General without previous military experience.

Hampton's first combat was at First Manassas where his Legion was able to buy time for General T. J. Jackson to reach the field. He received the first of his five wounds that day. He was promoted to Brigadier General in May, 1862, and commanded a brigade in General Jackson's division of the Army of Northern Virginia.

General Robert E. Lee reorganized the Confederate cavalry after the Peninsula Campaign and made it a Division under Major General J.E.B. Stuart. Stuart selected Hampton as his senior subordinate to command one of the two cavalry brigades. During the winter, 1862, Hampton led many raids behind enemy lines near Fredericksburg, capturing numerous prisoners and supplies. This earned a commendation from General Lee.

His brigade was part of Stuart's wild ride through the northeast on the way to Gettysburg. On July 3, 1863, Hampton led a cavalry attack east of Gettysburg, designed to disrupt the Union rear areas. Receiving three saber cuts to his head and a piece of shrapnel in the hip, he was carried back to Virginia in the same ambulance as General John Bell Hood.

After Stuart's death at Yellow Tavern, Hampton was promoted to Major General and given command of the Cavalry Corps. He distinguished himself in that position and lost no cavalry battles for the remainder of the war.

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## *Commander General's Message*

### *POLITICAL CORRECTNESS - How it Destroys our Heritage*



As Commander General, I am continuously reminded of the evils of *Political Correctness*. In fact, not a week goes by without my hearing from one of our members about this issue. In nearly every case little bits of our history are being changed or totally obliterated. It is a relentless process that is systematically destroying our heritage.

In so many cases the culprit is our own government. It is ironic that the same government that is charged with the preservation of our history is also trying to change it by making history conform to its own political objectives. We are continually subjected to lies, omissions and downright distortions.

A good example is the action of the National Park Service. In recent years I have visited both the Chickamauga National Battlefield and the Tredegar Iron Works. At both sites I was joined by other individuals who were also touring these locations. At each location, our group was told that *the War Between the States* was fought over the issue of slavery. Several of the members in our group were offended by these blanket statements and angrily confronted the Park Rangers. Both incidents caused an embarrassing confrontation that probably confused and irritated many of the other people in our group.

Now you and I know that there were many issues that divided our country and caused a bloody 4-year war. I challenge the National Park Service to discuss these factors openly and honestly for the benefit of *everyone* in our country. History cannot be presented in such a way that it benefits only a certain segment of Americana. And it certainly cannot be presented solely for political advantage.

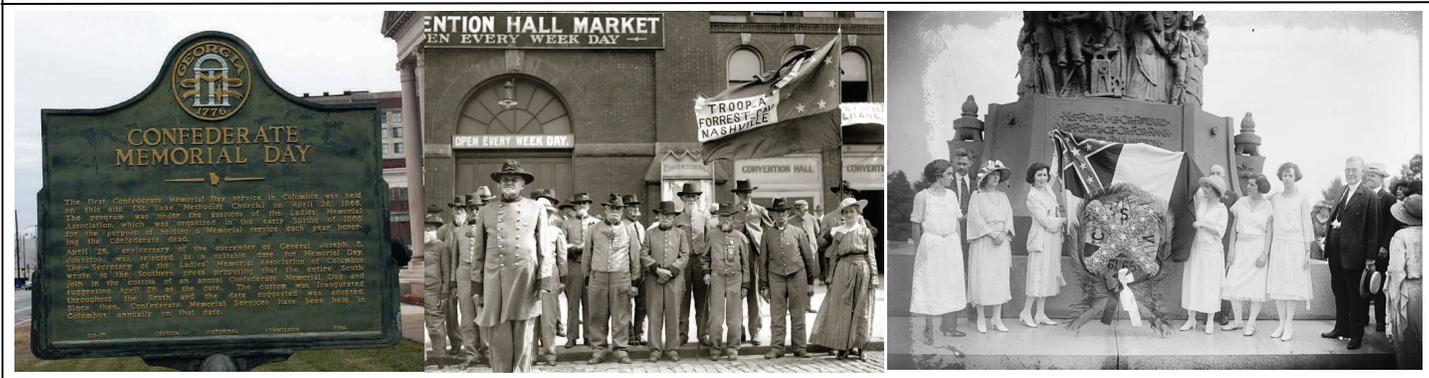
The process of distortion is relentless. It is also very successful over an extended period of time. Both you and I will speak up if we are subjected to affects of *political correctness*. But how can our children and our grand children speak up when they don't know any better? They will become the true victims of our government's efforts to revise our history. Our own government has been very critical of the government of Japan for whitewashing the history of World War II. Are we any different?

Another good example of *political correctness* is at the U.S. Army College in Pennsylvania. For one hundred years the College has displayed the portraits of famous American Generals on its walls. Included were the portraits of Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. As you know, both were graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. In any case, both portraits were removed about a year ago. No one seems to know who made the decision to remove them or if they will ever be displayed again. One wonders why these portraits were okay for the first one hundred years before suddenly falling out of favor. Once again, *political correctness* appears to be the culprit.

As members of the MOS&B we are charged with the responsibility of honoring our ancestors and the cause that they fought for. We must do this in the face of formidable challenges from those who would destroy our culture. I salute all of you who continue to fight the good fight in the face of *political correctness*. **Deo Vindice!**

*Wm. Howard Jones*

Commander General



*- Sesquicentennial Article # 51 - From Page 1 -*

The “Beefsteak Raid” is one of Hampton’s best known raids where his men captured over 2400 head of cattle and more than 300 prisoners behind enemy lines. The Yankee herders tried to stampede the cattle, but Hampton’s cavalry/cowboys rounded them up. Prisoners included General Butler’s telegraph construction party.

At Hatcher’s Run near Petersburg in October, 1864, Hampton sent his son Lt. Thomas Preston Hampton, an aide to his father, to deliver a message. Shortly, Hampton and his son Wade, IV, rode the same direction, soon encountering Preston’s body. Young Wade was wounded as they dismounted.

Lastly, Hampton was commanding the cavalry in General Joseph Johnston’s army, thereby opposing Union General Sherman’s advance from Savannah. He surrendered with Johnston at Durham, North Carolina.

Upon the end of the war, Hampton learned that his property and wealth had greatly diminished. Sherman had burned his boyhood home “Millwood.” Of course, his slaves were free. He and Lt. General Jubal Early were original proponents of the Lost Cause movement which attempted to explain away the Confederacy’s loss of the war.

He encouraged Southerners to accept defeat graciously and set an example to improve race relations by constructing a school and a church for emancipated slaves. He also advocated civil and political rights for freed slaves.

He was nominated for governor of South Carolina in 1865 but refused to run because he thought that the Yankees would be suspicious of a former Confederate general seeking office so soon after the war. However, since he’d been nominated, he campaigned against himself. The winner of that election was James Lawrence Orr who had raised and led “Orr’s Regiment of South Carolina Rifles” during the War. Hampton became chairman of the state Democratic Party central committee in 1868.

He was a leading opponent of Radical Republican Reconstruction and ran in 1876 as the first Southern gubernatorial candidate to run on a platform opposing reconstruction. Confederate veterans and black Democrats led his campaign. Both parties claimed victory, and there were two legislatures in the state till the South Carolina Supreme Court ruled that Hampton had won. He became known as the “Savior of South Carolina.” Reelected in 1878, he was in a hunting accident two days later which necessitated the amputation of his right leg. He resigned

as Governor in 1879 to serve two terms in the Senate.

From 1893 to 1897, Hampton served as US Railroad Commissioner, appointed by President Grover Cleveland.

His home in Columbia burned in 1899, and the elderly man had limited means with which to rebuild. Friends raised funds and built a house for him, in spite of his protests.

General Hampton died on April 11, 1902 and was buried in the Trinity Cathedral Churchyard, Charleston.

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## *Colonel Philip Alexander Work at Sharpsburg*

By Dr. Gary Loudermilk, DCS

Philip Alexander Work, Texas Statesman and Confederate Soldier, was born in Cloverport, Breckinridge County, Kentucky, on February 17, 1832, the son of John and Frances (Alexander) Work.

The family moved to Velasco, Texas in 1838 and several years later settled in Town Bluff, Tyler County. After receiving a good education, Philip A. Work was admitted to the bar in Woodville, in 1853.

He was one of two delegates from Tyler County to the Secession Convention in 1861, but before the convention reconvened on March 2nd he resigned to raise a company of Texas militia, known locally as the Woodville Rifles. When it was mustered into the Confederate Army at New Orleans in May 1861 it became Company F of the First Texas Infantry Regiment, Hood’s Texas Brigade. Upon reorganization of the regiment in May 1862 in Virginia, P.A. Work, who had already been promoted to Major, was elected Lt. Colonel.

He became the regimental commander on June 27, 1862 during the battle of Gaines’ Mill. Thereafter, P.A. Work commanded the First Texas Infantry in the battles of Malvern Hill, Freeman’s Ford, Thoroughfare Gap, Second Manassas, Boonesboro Gap, Sharpsburg/ Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Gettysburg.

At Sharpsburg, his regiment suffered 82.3 percent casualties, the greatest percentage of losses sustained by any regiment, Union or Confederate, in a single day of fighting during the war. Colonel Work described the battle to his commanding officer, Colonel W. T. Wofford, on September 23, 1862.

The following is submitted by Work as a report of the part taken by the First Texas Regiment in the engagement of Wednesday, September 17, near Sharpsburg, Maryland.

The brigade was moved forward to engage the enemy, the latter having made an attack upon our forces occupying a position in front of this brigade. Advancing through the woods some 200 yards, under a heavy fire of grape, canister, and shell from the enemy’s artillery, the brigade emerged into an open clover field some 200 or 250 yards in width, across which the

forward movement was continued for some 150 to 200 yards, when it being discovered that the left flank of the brigade was exposed to attack.

I was ordered to move by the left flank, following a corresponding move of the Eighteenth Georgia and Hampton's Legion upon my left, which I did until ordered to move by the right flank, which was also done. Advancing now by the right flank, I entered a corn-field and soon became engaged with a force of the enemy, driving them before me to the farther side of the corn-field. As soon as the regiment became engaged with the enemy in the corn-field, it became impossible to restrain the men, and they rushed forward, pressing the enemy close until we had advanced a considerable distance ahead of both the right and left wings of the brigade. It was not until we reached the farther side of the corn-field that I could check the regiment.

By this time, we had broken the first line of battle of the enemy and had advanced to within some 30 steps of his second line when a battery of artillery some 150 or 200 yards in our front was opened upon us. My men continued firing, a portion of them at the enemy's men and others at the artillerists the result of which was that the enemy's second line broke and fled and the artillery was limbered up and started to the rear, when the whole fire of my regiment was concentrated upon the artillerists and horses, knocking over men and horses with such effect that the artillery was abandoned.

Just at the farther side of the corn-field was the point where I was in great doubt as to the proper move to be made by me. I was aware that my regiment had advanced 150 or 200 yards farther than the regiment upon my left, so diverging as to leave a wide interval between the right flank of the Eighteenth Georgia and my left, thus exposing both regiments to attack. I was aware at the same time that a heavy force of the enemy was massed upon my left, and felt confident that in case I moved farther to the front I would be attacked upon my left and rear and annihilated, which determined me at once to withdraw, as I had but a handful of men left, all of whom must have been slain or captured had I remained longer.

I, at once, gave the order to fall back, and the few men remaining to me retired, turning to fire upon the enemy as rapidly as their pieces could be loaded and fired. I entered the engagement with 226 men, officers-field and staff-included, of which number 170 are known to have been killed and wounded, besides 12 others who are missing, and, doubtless, also killed or wounded.

During the engagement I saw four bearers of our State colors shot down. After the fall of these, still others raised the colors until four more bearers were shot down. It is a source of mortification to state that, upon retiring from the engagement, our colors were not brought off. I can but feel that some degree of odium must attach under the most favorable circumstances, and although such are the circumstances surrounding the conduct of this regiment, the loss of our flag will always remain a matter of sore and deep regret.

There was no one who knew the spot where they had last fallen, and, owing to the density of the corn, a view of no object could be had but for a few feet. By this time, also, the enemy had moved up and was within some 35 or 40 yards of

my left and rear, and another force was following us. No blame, I feel, would attach to the men or officers, all of whom fought heroically and well. There was no such conduct upon their part as abandoning or deserting their colors. They fought bravely, and unflinchingly faced a terrible hail of bullets and artillery until ordered by me to retire.

Captain John R. Woodward, of Company G, acted in the capacity of major during the engagement, and aided me greatly in directing the movements of the regiment. Major Matt Dale, acting as lieutenant-colonel, had moved from the right, and was conferring with me as to the propriety of advancing or at once withdrawing, when he was killed. Feeling that it was madness to advance with the few men left me, I remained for several minutes after the fall of Major Dale, awaiting orders and information as to what my movements should be, being unwilling to withdraw as long as I had the ability to hold my then position without orders to do so.

## *Lt. Colonel Renaldo Hamilton (1927-2015)*

It is with the deepest sympathy that the MOS&B Florida Society, the CSS Florida SCV Camp #102, SCV Florida Division & the Col. L. M. Park MOS&B Chapter #52 inform you of the passing of Lt. Colonel Renaldo Hamilton. Recently, he had been staying with his daughter Carol in Virginia.



The funeral mass was held Saturday, 3/7/2015, at the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church (located at 525 North Park Avenue in Winter Park, Florida). He is preceded in death by his wife, Jane, & oldest son, Ron, Jr.

Compatriot Ron Hamilton was born in Carbondale, PA, and at the age of 7, the family moved to his father's home in Tampa, Florida where he grew up. He enlisted in the United States Army during his senior year at Hillsborough High School. He completed his active service at the Manhattan Project, Los Alamos, NM in December 1946.

He enrolled at the University of Florida and completed the last two years of AFROTC. Upon his graduation in June 1950, he was discharged as a Sergeant First Class in the Army. He was then commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the USAF.

During his service in the USAF he achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. From August 1950 until March 1970, he served at Headquarters USAF Security Service in San Antonio, TX and its overseas units. From March 1970 until his retirement in September 1978, he served at the National Security Agency at Fort Meade, MD. Overseas assignments included: Germany (3 years), Japan (3 years), Hawaii (2 years), Taiwan (3 years), Philippines (2 years), and Thailand (1 year).

He married his wife, Jane, a native of San Antonio, TX on July 11, 1951. Ron, Jr., their oldest son, was killed in an automobile accident on the Capitol Beltway in Maryland. Other children include: Carol, Barbara, Michael, Linda, and David.

He did not develop an interest in genealogy until after his retirement from the United States Air Force. He became a member of the CSS Florida SCV Camp #102, Col. L. M. Park MOS&B Chapter #52, and the Central Florida SAR Chapter. He was Society Commander of the MOS&B Florida Society; as well as, Division Commander of the SCV Florida Division. In all organizations, Compatriot Hamilton served in Officer positions and displayed his excellent leadership skills that helped each organization expand and grow.

## *Gordon Dean Hale* *(1964-2015)*

It is with deep sympathy and regret that the MOS&B Arkansas Society informs you of the passing of Gordon Dean Hale. His service to the Society will greatly be missed. As many may recall, he assisted PCIC Troy Massey with the MOS&B Annual Convention that was held in Springdale, Arkansas several years ago. One of the Convention duties that many may remember Gordon Hale participating in was that one of the drivers of the tour vans that carried Convention members to the various battle sites in Arkansas and to the Battle of Wilson's Creek in Springfield, Missouri.

He was a resident of Berryville, Arkansas, and was born February 24, 1964 in Dallas, Texas to Ken Maynard and Virginia Lee (Rosebrock) Hale. He departed this life Tuesday, February 10, 2015 in Berryville, at the age of 50 years.



Gordon was a member of the Grandview Baptist Church. He graduated from Berryville High School in 1982 and was an All-State High School football player. He then went on to play college football at Texas A&M from 1982 to 1984, at that time he then transferred to U.C.A. where he was on the National Championship Teams in

1984 and 1985. Gordon was president of P.M. Machine in Berryville, Arkansas. He was very active in honoring our area Civil War Veterans' graves with flags and markers for many years. He was a member of SAR, SCV, and MOS&B. Wiggins Artillery Battery. Gordon was president of the Carroll County Historical Society and former board member of Berryville School District for eleven years.

On August 25, 1987, Gordon was united in marriage with Patty Ann (Myers) Hale who survives him of the home. He is also survived by one daughter, Abby Celeste Hale of Tahlequah, OK;



Pictured above in the center of this picture with the red shirt is Gordon Hale. Pictured below is Gordon Hale in the Gray Coat with his wife, Patty, and the Massey's

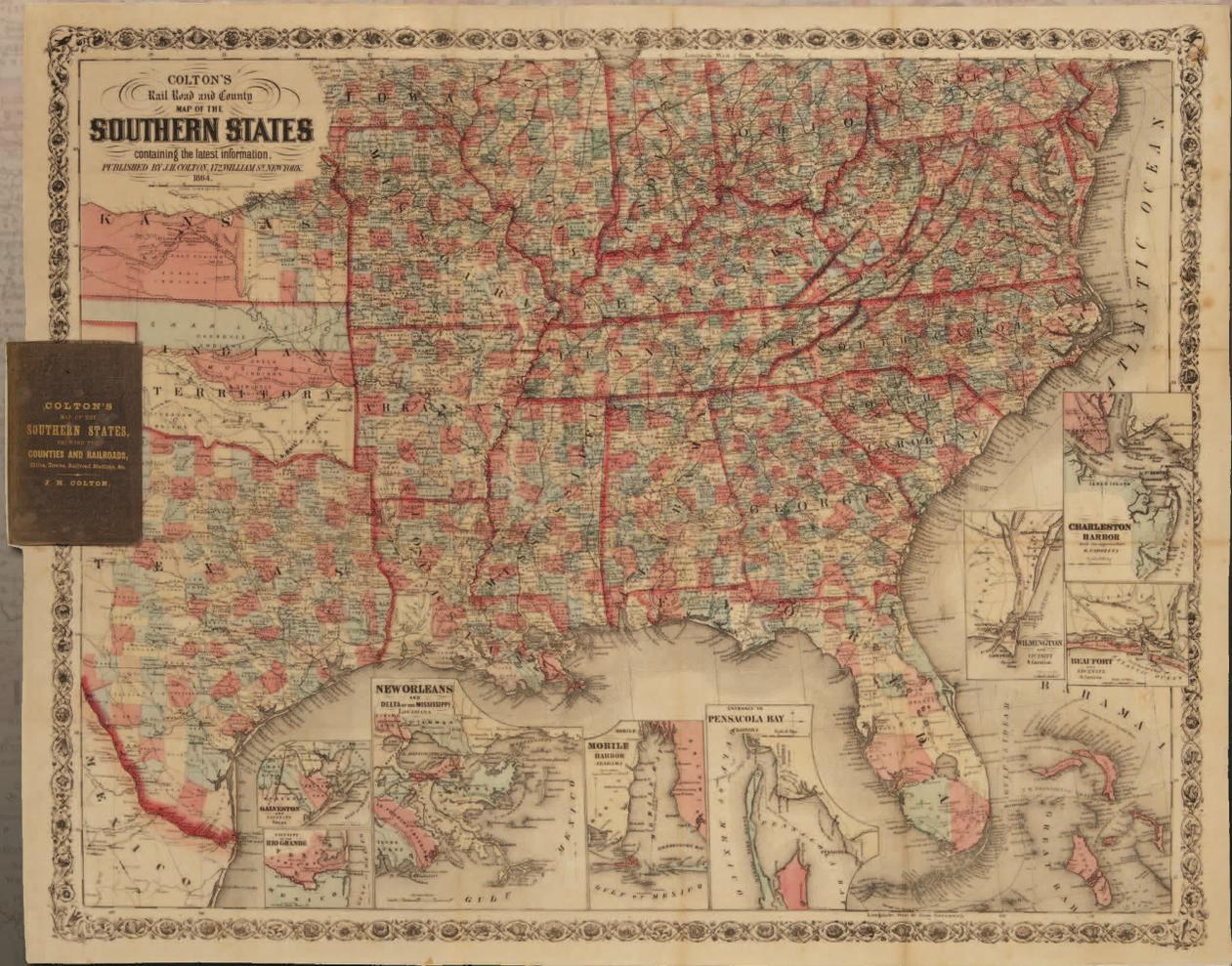


two sons, Nathaniel Dean Hale of Berryville, AR and Benjamin Early Hale and wife Amanda of Berryville, AR; two brothers, Ken Maynard Hale, Jr. and wife Barbara of Berryville, AR and Darrell Early Hale and wife Marie of Frisco, TX; five grandchildren, Marty, Isaiah, Isaac, Isabella, and Mason; eight nieces; several other relatives and a multitude of friends and loved ones.

Gordon was preceded in death by his parents, Ken Maynard and Virginia Lee Hale.

Visitation was held on February 15, 2015 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville with the Funeral service being held on February 18, 2015 at the Grandview Baptist Church with Reverend Billy McCall officiating. Interment will follow the service in the Grandview Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

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## *Confederate Legacy Fund*

The Legacy fund gives our members the opportunity to make a real difference. There is no better time than right now to make a statement for our values and our cause. The Confederate Legacy Fund is the vehicle that assures our relevance for generations to come.

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The Confederate Legacy Fund is an important part of our over-all financial plan. The contributions that are made by our members will remain intact for perpetuity. Only the interest that is generated from the fund will be spent. Our expenditures are limited to scholarships and projects that will preserve and enhance our Southern Heritage. Currently these types of expenditures are paid for from our general fund. The income generated from the Legacy Fund will eventually pay for all of these types of expenditures.

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***78th Annual MOS&B  
General Convention  
Alexandria, VA  
July 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> of 2015***

Plan on arriving Wednesday or Thursday and leaving Sunday, July 12. The convention will be held at the Monaco Hotel in the heart of Old Town Alexandria, George Washington's hometown and Robert E. Lee's boyhood home. The Monaco offers free shuttle service to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport about four miles away. The hotel stands on the site of the Marshall House famous for one of the first hostile encounters of the War for Southern Independence.

We have obtained a special rate for the convention. The Washington area is loaded with history and places to visit. Consider coming early or staying late to take advantage of the many attractions here. If you make your reservations early, the special rate will extend pre- and post-convention as well, if rooms are available.

***Tour Scheduled for  
Friday Afternoon, July 10***

On Friday afternoon, two optional tours are offered. The first is to visit Christ Church within walking distance of the Convention Headquarters and the other tour is a visit to Arlington National Cemetery. We shall visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, watch the changing of the guard, Jackson Circle, and Arlington House, where Robert E. Lee made his momentous decision to resign his commission from the United States Army on April 12, 1861.

At Arlington National Cemetery, a short ride from our headquarters hotel, is Jackson Circle, the burial site of over 400,000 military heroes and their families, including 482 Confederates: 46 officers, 351 enlisted men, 58 wives,



15 southern civilians, and 12 unknowns. They are buried in concentric circles around the Confederate Monument designed and sculpted by the world-renowned Moses Ezekiel, a VMI graduate who as a cadet fought with the Cadet Corps at the Battle of New Market. The graves are marked with headstones that are distinct for their pointed tops. Legend attributes these pointed-top tombstones to a Confederate belief that the points would "keep Yankees from sitting on them."

And of course Lee Mansion is located on the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery as well as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



The Changing of the Guard at the Tomb is an experience never to be forgotten. An impeccably uniformed relief commander appears on the plaza to announce the Changing of the Guard. Soon the new sentinel leaves the

Quarters and unlocks the bolt of his or her M-14 rifle to signal to the relief commander to start the ceremony. The relief commander walks out to the Tomb and salutes, then faces the spectators and asks them to stand and stay silent during the ceremony.

## *Military Order of the Stars & Bars 78th Annual General Convention Alexandria, Virginia July 9-11, 2015*

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Commander General's Reception \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, July 10**

Forrest Cavalry Corps Breakfast - pay at the door

Luncheon with Speaker – see supplemental information page \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Arlington National Cemetery Tour** – Arlington House, \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Confederate Memorial, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier,  
 Changing of the Guard

**or Christ Church Tour** – church of George Washington and \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Robert E. Lee

**Saturday, July 11**

Prayer Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Commander General's Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$100.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# *Military Order of the Stars and Bars 78<sup>th</sup> National Convention*

## *Alexandria, Virginia July 9-11, 2015*

### *Thursday, July 9*

Hotel Monaco Alexandria

General Executive Council meeting	1:00-3:00 pm
Registration in the Lobby	5:00-6:00 pm
Commander General's Reception – open bar, hors d'oeuvres	6:00-7:30 pm
Dinner on your own - Enjoy one of Alexandria's fine restaurants	

### *Friday, July 10*

Hotel Monaco Alexandria

Registration in the Lobby	7:30-9:00am
Forrest Cavalry Corps Breakfast	8:00-9:00 am
Convention Opening Ceremony	9:00-9:30 am
Business Meeting	9:30-11:30 am
Luncheon with speaker	12:00 noon-1:45 pm
Arlington National Cemetery Tour	2:15-6:00 pm
Christ Church Tour	2:15-3:30 pm
Dinner on your own - Enjoy one of Alexandria's fine restaurants.	

### *Saturday, July 11*

Hotel Monaco Alexandria

MOS&B Prayer Breakfast	8:00-9:00 am
Business Meeting	9:30-11:30 am
Awards Luncheon	12:00-2:00 pm
Free time in the afternoon.	
Commander General's Banquet	
Reception – open bar	6:00 pm
Dinner	7:00-9:00 pm

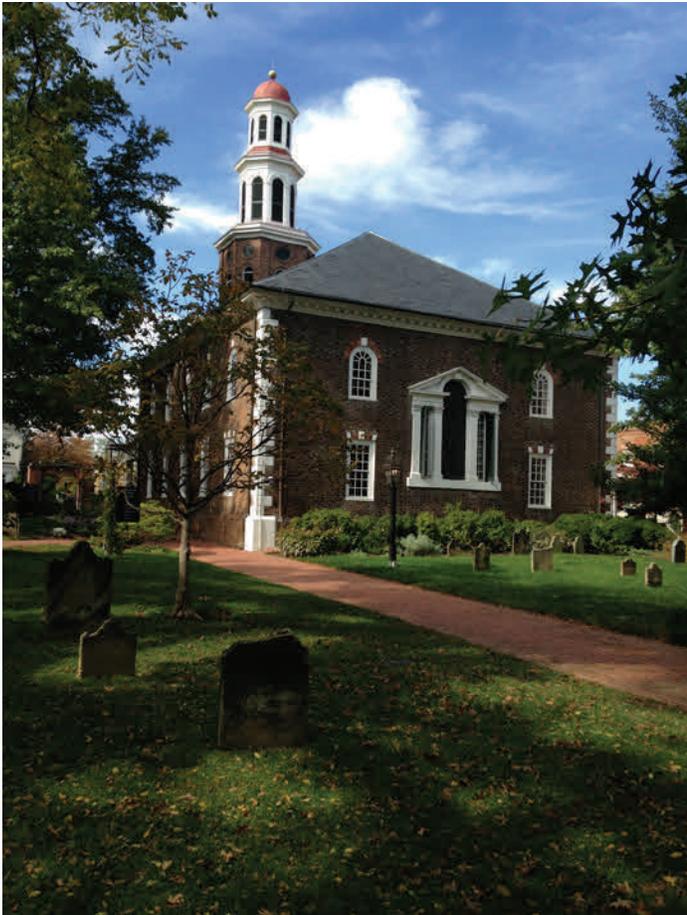
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If you want to come earlier or stay later, you may be able to get the Stars and Bars rate depending upon availability. If are planning a pre or post attendance this summer, the sooner you make your reservation, the higher the likelihood you will receive the special rate for your entire stay.



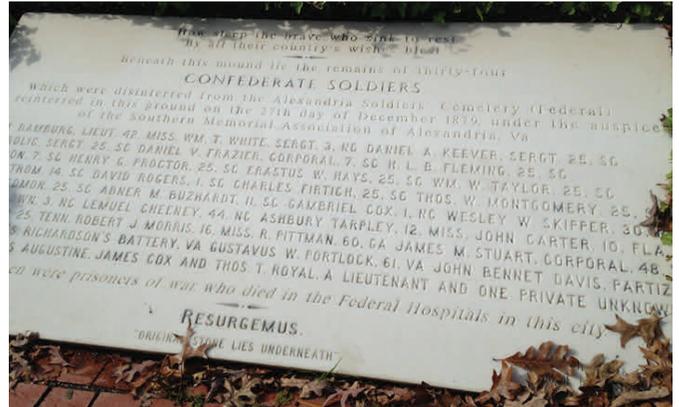
## *Optional Tour Scheduled for Friday Afternoon, July 10*

An option to the Arlington National Cemetery tour is offered: a tour of Historic Christ Church, located 3 blocks from Convention Headquarters. Both George Washington and Robert E. Lee were members and worshipped here. John Carlyle supervised its construction from 1767 to 1773. James Wren designed the church in the colonial style. Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill visited the church on January 1, 1942, to commemorate World Day of Prayer for Peace.

General Samuel Cooper, his father, and son are all buried in the Christ Church Cemetery, but not in the churchyard. Christ Church also maintains a cemetery adjacent to the Alexandria National Cemetery, as do many other churches in Alexandria.

During the War, Lincoln sent a detachment to preserve the church. Only Union officers were able to worship there. It is probably the only church in the area that the Union did not gut. However, all the silver was missing when the Union finally relinquished the church, and most of the headstones were gone and have never been found.

Among the burials in the church cemetery is the mass grave of thirty-four Confederate prisoners of war who died in local prison camps during the American Civil War. A memorial stone in the churchyard commemorates their deaths. The marker depicted was designed, built, and placed by the General Samuel Cooper Chapter of the Military Order of Stars and Bars.



## *Friday, July 10 Convention*

### *Luncheon Presentation*

Meet George Finley and march with him and his men into the mouths of the Union guns at Gettysburg. Pickett's Charge was the most dramatic event in the most dramatic battle of the most dramatic war in American history. Finley's story captures all the drama and illustrates the highest principles of leadership, courage, and character.



George Finley was a native Virginian who was one of a handful of Southerners who got over the stonewall at Cemetery Ridge. Finley noted that *"one company, a little to my right, numbering 35 or 40 men, was almost swept, to a man, from the line by a single shell"*. Finley's men tore down a snake rail wooden fence and fought their way to the infamous "angle in the stonewall" and held it for less than 30 minutes. Historians have termed this brief moment in time the "High Tide of the Confederacy." Here at the wall Finley took a musket and captured several Union artillerymen. While charging towards the cannon he captured, Finley could *"distinctly feel the flame of the explosion."*

Gradually, the weight of Union reinforcements overwhelmed Finley's men so he ordered them to surrender. While being led to the rear, Finley came upon



Confederate General Lewis A. Armistead on whose staff he had previously served. Presuming Armistead to be dead, Finley never stopped to console the dying Armistead and was filled with regret. While being held as a POW at Hilton Head South Carolina, as one of the "Immortal 600", Finley consoled many a fellow POW and made his decision to become a Christian Minister after the war. He eventually returned home and became the pastor of Tinkling Springs Presbyterian Church in Fishersville, Virginia.

Bill Young, our speaker-presenter on July 10, portrays Lt. Finley as he looked in the early 1900's. Not only is his outfit authentic, but also most of it is original. The black beaver top hat, black frock coat, vest, trousers, suspenders, high top shoes, and pocket watch are all from the 1890-1910 period. Finley's walking stick was a popular item of his day. It is topped with a pewter head of John Bull, the British equivalent to Uncle Sam, and bears the inscription, "Lt. George W. Finley, 56th Va. Inf. Rgt."

## *The Chaplain General's Thoughts - Jesus Loves Me*

*By Raymond Holder, Chaplain General*

In Matthew 18: 1-4, at that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" 2. And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, 3. And said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven. 4."Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven".

I have in my book collection one which is named The One Year Book of Hymns, which is a collection of stories about how many of our songs of our Christian faith came into being. These stories I read to anyone who pretends to listen. One such hymn of faith is simply named Jesus Loves Me. It is thought of as a children's hymn. As you might guess, it is one of my favorites because this simple child's hymn expresses the faith that Jesus was trying to tell his disciples and others what is the true essence of real and genuine faith.

Jesus loves me! This I know;  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak but He is strong,  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,

Let His little child come in.

Jesus loves me! He will stay  
Close beside me all the way;  
Thou hast bled and died for me,  
I will henceforth love for Thee.

Anna Bartlett Warner wrote this simple hymn in 1860 to be included in one of her sister Susan's novels. In the story, it was a poem of comfort spoken to a dying child. Anna and her sister, Susan, grew up near West Point Military Academy and were known for leading Sunday school services for the cadets. After the death of their father, a New York attorney, they supported themselves with their various literary endeavors.

The highlight to this story for me is a few concluding word by the author of this story which is "once when asked to summarize the essential truths of the Christian faith, the great Swiss theologian Karl Barth gave this simple answer: "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." This profound, yet simple truth is worth singing about!

## *Theophilus West, M.D.*

*Assistant Surgeon 8th Florida Infantry, CSA*

Theophilus West, son of Charles Bundick and Zaporah F. Tapping West, was born in Leon County, Florida on September 5, 1836. Regrettably, no information was found on his early life or medical training.

He was living in Marianna, Jackson County, Florida when, at age 25, he enlisted on May 13, 1862 as 2<sup>nd</sup> Sergeant in Company E, 8th Florida Infantry. He advanced through the ranks to First Sergeant and on July 15, 1862 was promoted to Assistant Surgeon of the regiment. He surrendered on April 9, 1865 at Appomattox, Virginia and was paroled the following day at Appomattox Court House.



On March 14, 1861, Dr. West married Rebecca Davis (b. Oct. 21, 1822) in Marianna, Florida. The union produced no children and she died on January 30, 1901.

On June 17, 1902, he married Anne Louise Slade (b. Oct. 29, 1876 - 1953) and the union produced two sons, Charles Slade West (1904-1906) and Marion Huguenin West (1906-1967).

Theophilus West died of senility on April 10, 1923 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery in Marianna, Jackson County, Florida.

*Submitted by Peter J. D'Onofrio, Ph. D., President, Society of Civil War Surgeons [www.civilwarsurgeons.org](http://www.civilwarsurgeons.org).*

## ROBERT E. LEE AND TRAVELLER

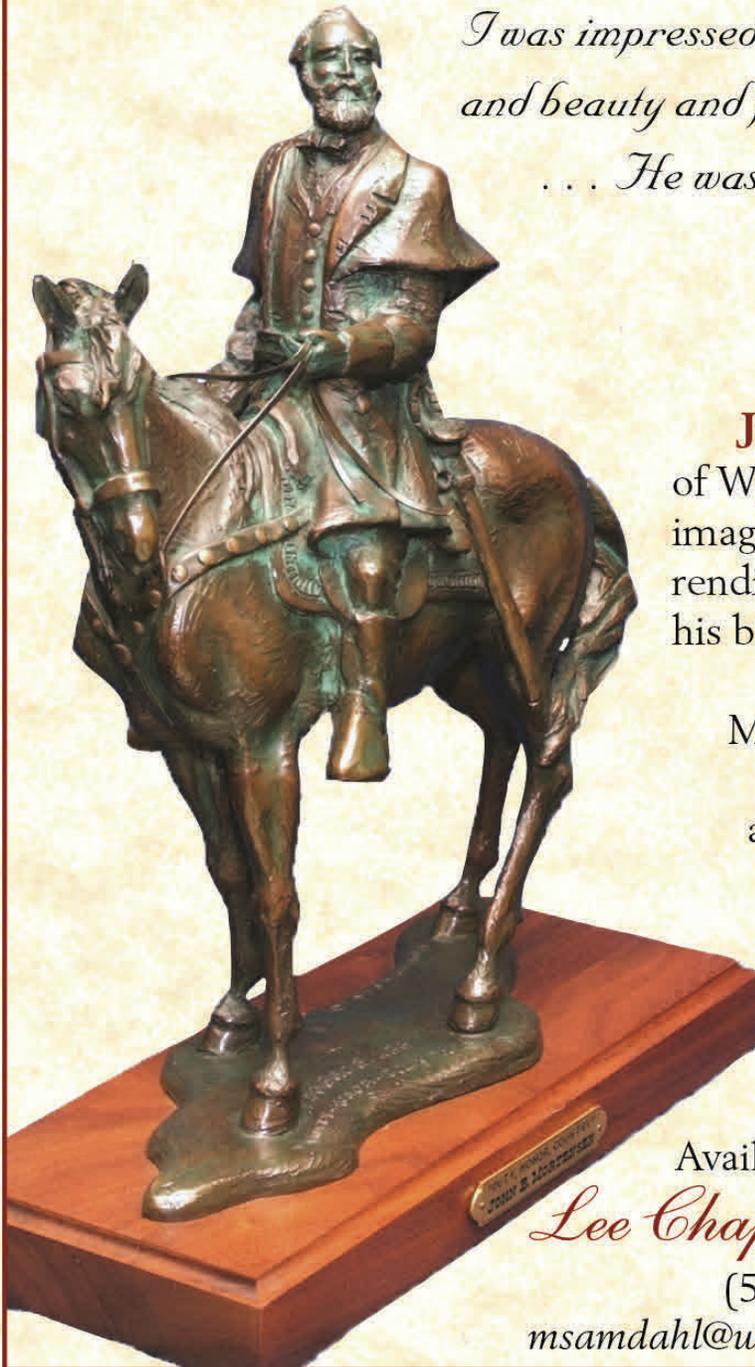
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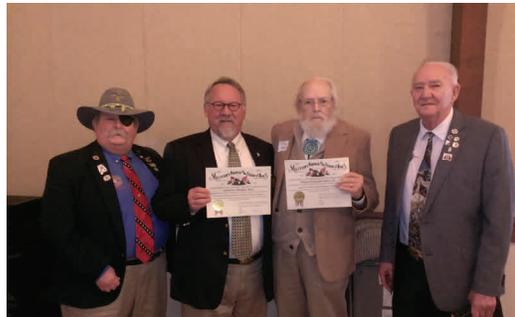
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*News from the Brigadier General St. John Richardson  
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(Above Picture) L to R: Pictured after the Alabama Society annual meeting held at the University of Alabama are BG Liddell 271 Commander TB Rhodes, III LTC USA (Retired), Past Commander General Anthony Hodges, Alabama Society Commander Reverend John Killian and Chapter 271 Adjutant David W. Myers. The Society unanimously voted to award Alabama Society current members a Life Membership in the Society upon reaching their 90th birthday.



(Center Picture) L to R: Commander Tommy B. Rhodes, III LTC USA (Retired), Larry Muse (new inductee with certificate), Phil Davis (new inductee with certificate) and Compatriot Herman Doster.



(Right Picture) L to R: BG St. John Richardson Liddell Chapter 271, Baldwin County, Alabama Adjutant David W. Myers, Compatriot Paul Ponder, (Brothers) new member Julian Ponder and Commander Tommy B. Rhodes, III LTC USA (Retired)