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## Officer's Call

### Sesquicentennial Series Article #58 *Battle of Calcasieu Pass*

By Jim Templin

In the early years of the War Between the States, a Prussian artillery officer, Edmund Creuzbauer, who had immigrated to Texas and settled in Fayette County in the mid 1850's, sought to recruit men to form an artillery unit for the Confederacy. He successfully recruited men living in that county and some surrounding counties. Most of the men were immigrants from Prussia, Germany, Bohemia, and Moravia. After forming the company and naming it the Fifth Texas Field Artillery, he marched them to San Antonio where they were accepted into the Confederate States Army.

What happened in the next few years was very discouraging to Captain Creuzbauer and his troops. They were sent to Brownsville, up the Rio Grande, to Columbus, to Virginia Point and finally to Galveston. They had never received the cannons they had been promised until they arrived in Galveston. There they became a fort battery.

They had never become the field artillery battery they had hoped to become. They had never even seen any fighting. Creuzbauer was very unhappy when his battery was given a bad review because his men were fed up with the lack of action they had seen and the boredom and disrespect they were receiving. Creuzbauer sent a letter of resignation to the Texas headquarters, but before it was received there; his battery was finally called into action.

In the early days of May, 1864, it was reported that Federal gunboats had entered Calcasieu Pass, about thirty miles east of Sabine Pass. It was assumed that this was to be a flank attack on the fort at Sabine Pass. Infantry and cavalry units, along with Creuzbauer's Battery, with Creuzbauer still in command, were dispatched to the Pass. Finally the men of the Fifth Texas Field Artillery were going to see some action.

They arrived at the pass on May 5, 1864, and prepared for battle. At this time, the battery consisted of two officers, fifty-six men, sixteen horses, and four guns--all light artillery. They found two Union gunboats, the Wave and the Granite City, in the narrow pass. As it turned out they were not there for a flank attack on Sabine Pass, but to pick up supplies and refugees (Union sympathizers still in Louisiana.)

On the morning of the May 6, the attack commenced. Creuzbauer's guns advanced within a thousand yards and opened fire, the infantry kept up a steady rifle fire to prevent the manning of the guns on the boats. The attack came as a complete surprise to those on the boats.

It lasted one hour and fifteen minutes, one hundred and eighty rounds of ammu- — *Continued on Page 5* —



Pvt. William Kneip

Creuzbauer's Battery 5<sup>th</sup> Texas Artillery

Killed in action at the Battle of Calcasieu Pass

May 6, 1864



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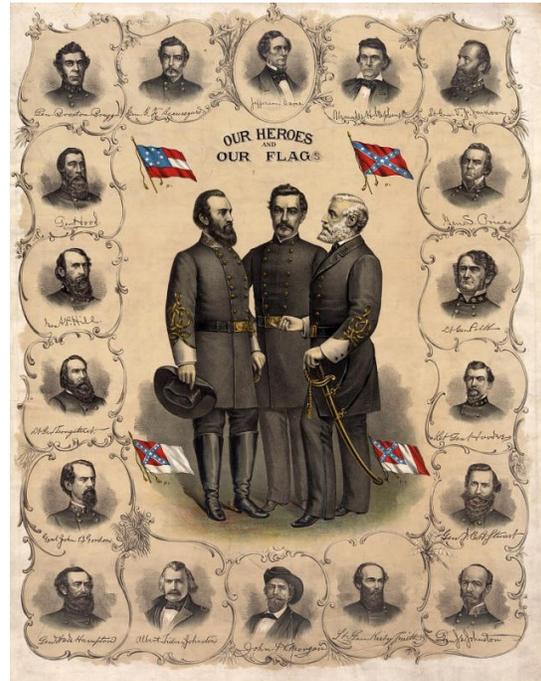
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## *Commander General's Message*

At our 2015 National Convention in Alexandria I announced a new Legacy Fund drive and set a modest objective of \$10,000. This drive would be different than our previous ones because we did not establish a minimum amount for each donation. Instead, we only asked our members to contribute an amount that they were comfortable with.

We began our solicitation by writing to our Life Members in September. This group has responded with heartfelt generosity. Most of our donors did exactly as we hoped they would. They gave us affordable donations in the \$10.00 - \$50.00 range. These donations are the very core of our Legacy Fund Drive and they are most appreciated.

We also had a number of members who donated much larger sums. Fourteen of our members donated \$100.00. We also received additional donations of \$250.00 and \$500.00. One individual even donated \$1,000. I was really taken by this outpouring of generosity. We are so thankful to all of you who answered our call with your contributions to the Legacy Fund.

Through mid-October we have collected nearly \$6,000.00 from your generous donations. And remember, these donations came primarily from our pool of Life Members. We have yet to hear from the majority of our members who pay their dues annually. Certainly, our objective of raising \$10,000.00 from this drive looks both realistic and attainable.

Gentlemen, I can't thank you enough for your generosity. Over the years our Legacy Fund balance has grown in excess of \$75,000.00. My long-term objective is to see this fund grow to \$100,000.00 and beyond. At that point, we can begin to fund our College Scholarship Program entirely from the interest earned on our investments.

I am so proud to see so many of our members stand up for our culture and our heritage. Today, we are under assault from a program of systematic cultural genocide. We must meet this challenge by maintaining our strength as an organization. Our message is clear: *We Won't Go Away!* Thank you again for your generous support for the Confederate Legacy Fund.

**Deo Vindice.**

*Wm. Howard Jones*

Commander General



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## *The Chaplain General's Thoughts*

By Raymond Holder

### *Southern Vision*

*Proverbs 29:18b, without a vision,  
the people perish.*

In the year 2000, I found myself as a student on the campus of New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Have you ever found yourself at a place not completely sure why you are there. Often God places not only persons in unfamiliar places, but families and nations as well. God told Abram, who was later to be name Abraham, to take his whole family from their homeland to a completely unknown land. It may be that God has not and is not asking you to go to a foreign land to tell others about the Love of God through His son Jesus Christ but He is calling you and I to show to others around us the Love of God.

The bible is replete from Genesis to Revelation with the stories of God calling people and nations into redemption. He called Moses to rescue the Hebrew peo-

ple out of the land of Egypt. He called the apostle Paul to preach and proclaim the good news of the gospel to the gentiles. All of these calls God placed on the lives of men and women are built into them a beginning and on-going vision. God is calling each of us for His proposes in this world in which we live. Do you know what God's vision is for your life?

#### Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way.

Let us do His good will, He abides with us still,

And with all who will trust and obey.

We all can access God's vision for our lives no matter our age and health. Our God led a defeated nation through our Confederate ancestor to lead a nation to a more robust global mission out reach for the cause of Christ. The South continues to lead the way and this is our Southern Vision.



***ANV Councilor  
Announcement  
J. Micheal Farr  
(2016 - 2018)***

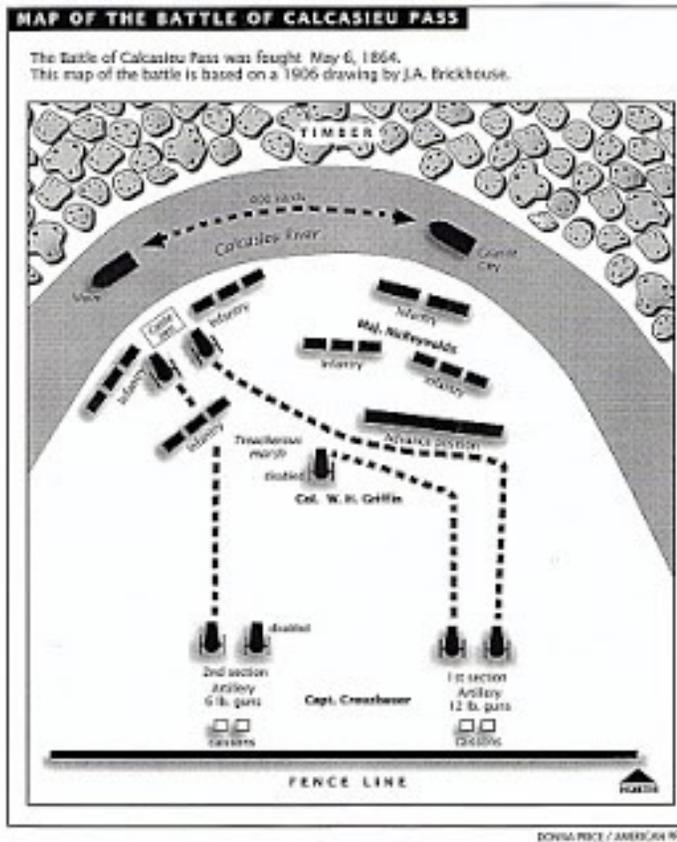
I am honored that I have been nominated for the office of Commander of the ANV. I have been a faithful, active member of the MOSB since 2002. I have served as my Chapter's Adjutant and Commander and have served as the South Carolina Society's State Adjutant. Currently, I am an ANV Councilor. During my tenure as ANV Councilor I have attended all the GEC meetings and national conventions. I will proudly and effectively represent South Carolina and the ANV if elected. My goals are to be innovative and receptive to ideas for the good of our Order. Also, I pride myself on the fact that I am available to all members by having my phone number and personal email contact information published. Thank you, compatriots, for your support.



***ATM Councilor  
Announcement  
Robert Turk  
(2016-2018)***

Members of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars I am announcing my candidacy as a Councilor representing the ATM. I am a life member of the MOS&B and a member of Texas 5. I am currently serving as a Councilor representing the ATM and have enjoyed the opportunity to serve the order as such. I have also served as the Quartermaster General under two administrations and look forward to continued service as an ATM Councilor. Thank you for your support.

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nition were expended and the two gunboats and their crews were captured. The Wave had been hit sixty-five times by the artillery during the battle--not bad for a battery that had been considered "of questionable value" by the high ranking officers. The battery had one man killed and six wounded, three mortally.

Of special note during the battle are the actions of Pvt. William Guhrs, second cannoneer. During the



battle, the first cannoneer was killed and Guhrs took over both jobs. He was then shot in the leg, but continued servicing the gun while on his knees. He later died of his wounds. Several

years ago, he was awarded the Confederate Medal of Honor and a marker was placed on his grave in Fayette County.

After the battle, the battery returned to Sabine Pass, where Creuzbaur left the company, his resignation having been accepted. His brother-in-law, Charles Welhausen was promoted to Captain and took over the battery.

Because of the actions of Creuzbaur at Calcasieu Pass, he was directed to report to headquarters for duty. He was, however, through eating crow, and told the board that his battery had been ill-equipped, forced into training as infantry and placed far from the action. Many officers took his side due to his actions at Calcasieu Pass. As a result, he was promoted to major and assigned to a post commensurate with that rank. This terminated his service with the battery, and it became known as Welhausen's Battery for the balance of the war.

Edmund Creuzbaur is buried in the Old High Hill cemetery near Schulenburg. His grave was recently the recipient of a marker honoring his service by the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. In the plot next to his is the grave of Pvt. Otto Templin, one of Creuzbaur's second cannoneers, and the great-grandfather of the author of this article.

*Jim Templin, a graduate of the University of Texas College of Pharmacy, retired from Hesser Drug Company in 1998. A devoted student and admirer of Confederate history and Southern principles, Jim has served the Military Order of the Stars & Bars as an officer at local, state, and national levels. After concluding a recent term as MOS&B's Treasurer General, he was recognized for outstanding work with an Honorary Commander General Award. Jim is also a member of the Order of the Southern Cross.*

**Commander General  
Announcement  
Harold F. Davis, III  
(2016-2018)**

Gentlemen of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars,

I am both honored and humbled to announce my candidacy for the position of Commander General of the MOS&B. Over the past two years I have served as Lt. Commander with Commander Howard Jones. I have chaired the membership, time and place and charitable giving committees. I have also worked closely with CG Jones on the budgets during this time. Prior to this, I served as Commander of the South Carolina Society for two years and was involved in getting the Time and Place Committee approval for the 2014 National Convention held in Charleston, South Carolina. I was also on the committee that planned and implemented the 2014 National Convention.



I joined the SCV and MOS&B in 1985. I have served as Commander of the Gen. Maxcy Gregg Chapter in Columbia, SC. I moved to Charleston, SC in 1993 and we had no chapter in Charleston. In 2007 I organized and chartered the Capt. Stephen D. Lee Chapter with 20 members in Charleston. I served as its commander for two years and then was elected Lt. Commander of the SC Society. I served in that position

for 2 years before being elected Commander of the SC Society.

I believe that increasing our membership is essential to our longevity and I wish to continue the work that our current Commander General, Howard Jones, has begun. We need to work diligently with every society and chapter to revamp our recruitment efforts.

I am very proud of my southern heritage. My father's family is from southwestern Virginia and my mother's from the upstate of South Carolina. Both sides of my family fought at King's Mountain in the first American Revolution and in the Army of Northern Virginia in the second American Revolution. They believed their duty in the War Between the States was to defend the rights won by their grandfathers in the first American Revolution. I am a member of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution having served as president of both the Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter in Columbia and the MGEN William Moultrie Chapter in Charleston.

I am a graduate of the College of Charleston and of the Pharmacy School at the Medical University of South Carolina. I was involved in sales and sales management at Pfizer Pharmaceutical Company for 25 years prior to my retirement. I have also been very involved with my church, First Scots Presbyterian, serving as Sunday school teacher, medical missionary, deacon and ruling elder. Jane, my wife, and I meet in pharmacy school and have been married for 31 years. She currently practices pharmaceutical law as a partner with the Nelson Mullins law firm in Charleston. We have two children, Frank who is a MOS&B member and 2013 graduate of Clemson University and Molly who is a graduate of Ashley Hall School in Charleston and a sophomore at Clemson University.

In this day and time when so much of our southern heritage and history is being attacked from all sides, we must be true to our forefathers, many of whom gave

the ultimate sacrifice in the War of Northern Aggression as we refer to it in Charleston. We must stress education that is based on scholarly research not on political correctness. We must increase our membership by inviting family members and friends to join us in this cause. After all we are the descendants of the military and government leaders of the Confederate States of America. I ask for your support and if elected will give you my best effort to make the MOS&B a viable order for many generations to come.

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*Lt Commander General*

*Announcement*

*Byron Brady (2016-2018)*

Gentlemen of the Order:

I am please to announce my candidacy for the position of Lt. Commander General. Over the past year, I have served as ANV Department Councilor and MOS&B Awards Chairman. In March I took over as Manager of our IHQ when it was moved to Raleigh, NC. I joined the Order in 1988 as a charter member of the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter No. 32, Raleigh, and have served as either their Commander or Adjutant during the past 27 years. I am currently serving as their Adjutant and Newsletter Editor. I also serve the NC Society as their Adjutant and Newsletter Editor. I have been a member of the SCV since 1975.

My past positions with the Order include editing *Officers' Call* under four Commander-Generals from 1992-96 and 1998-2002 and serving as the ANV Dept. Commander in 1993-94. Commander General Albert Jones appointed me his Chief of Staff from 2000-02. In 2000, I received the ANV Gold Star Award and was awarded the Robert E. Lee Challice in 2001.

I served as President of the NC Division Children of the Confederacy from 1973-75, Custodi-



an General and Awards Chairman from 1974-75, and am the founding Editor of *The Dixie Record*. The C of C honored me in 1975 as the recipient of the Mrs. John M. Wilcox Trophy for their most outstanding member. The UDC awarded me their UDC Gold Jefferson Davis Medal in 1975 & 1991. I also hold memberships in the Sons of the Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution.

I am very proud of my southern heritage. My mother's family is from Henry County, Virginia. My Confederate ancestors served in the 24th and 64th Virginia Infantry and Militia Regiments from that area.

I have an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Cape Fear Tech, Wilmington, NC in 1974 and a BS in Civil Engineering from NC State University, Raleigh, NC in 1985. I attended NC State on the Mary B. Poppenheim national UDC Scholarship and was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity. I held national licenses as a Professional Engineer and a Certified Professional in Erosion & Sedimentation Control. Following a 38-year career in the field of Civil Engineering working in both the private and public sectors, I retired in 2012. Each fall, I can be found watching my NC State Wolfpack wherever they are playing football that weekend.

As our Confederate heritage has been under a constant and ungodly attack since June 2015, it is important that we continue to defend our heritage as well as promote it. We can only accomplish this if we grow our numbers. I have already launched an aggressive recruitment program in North Carolina. We are targeting members whose memberships have expired and encouraging them to reactivate their memberships. We also need to begin recruiting at state and national SCV Reunions and SAR Conventions. I plan to nurture a better relationship with these groups to accomplish that goal.

I ask for your support and promise to work to make the Order the organization our ancestors would be proud of.

Sincerely,

**Byron E. Brady**



***Adjutant General  
Announcement  
Joseph Judson  
Smith, III  
(2016-2018)***

Gentlemen of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars,

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the position of Adjutant General of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. Over the past two years, I have served as Adjutant of the Virginia Society and am now also responsible for the Time and Place Committee for the 2018 National Convention.

I was co-chairman of the 2015 National Convention held in Alexandria, Virginia, the first city occupied by Union troops in 1861.

I joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Military Order of the Stars and Bars in 2006. I am the commander of the General Samuel Cooper Chapter in Alexandria and was formerly its adjutant. I received the Distinguished Commander award at the Alexandria Convention. I am adjutant of the R. E. Lee Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and have served in that position for about five years.

I am a graduate of St. Albans School for Boys of Washington, D.C., Washington and Lee University with a *cum laude* degree in economics, and the Harvard Business School where I received my M.B.A. with a specialty in finance and marketing.

I served two years in the United States Army, Transportation Corps, where among my assignments were Fiscal and Budget Officer of the 4<sup>th</sup> Transportation Command, also known as the Army's Navy. My professional career has been in the investment-banking field for ten years and 20 years in the direct marketing industry. For 10 of those years, I owned and ran my own company with 80 employees for about 20 years. Most recently I have been a chair of a Vistage group in the Washington, D.C. area. Vistage is an international organization of CEOs and business owners. In my role as chair, I served as a confidential advisor and executive coach to CEOs and business owners as well as facilitating monthly all-day meetings of the group.

I am married to Joan Beverly Uhlenhaut Smith of St. Louis. I have two grown children, a grown step-

son, and six grandchildren. I play a lot of tennis, pickleball, paddle tennis, and try to train my bird dog, Rudy, a German shorthaired pointer. I have participated in the Northern Virginia Senior and the Virginia Senior Olympics in pickleball and track. I recently won gold medals in the 60-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. I have won gold, silver, and bronze medals in pickleball as well.

I am very proud of my southern heritage. My father's family is from Alabama. I have many ancestors from Alabama that served in the Confederate Army. I am a member of several heritage organizations: the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia, First Families of Alabama, the Antebellum Planters Society, Bench and Bar, the Order of Indian Wars, and the Society of Colonial Wars.

Today our southern heritage and history is under assault. We must remain true to the principles of liberty and freedom that our forefathers stood for. We must stress education that is based on scholarly research, not on political correctness. We have another challenge to overcome: heritage societies seem to have lost their appeal to the Millennium generation. It is a difficult problem to overcome, but we must be creative and diligent in our efforts to meet this challenge.

I ask for your support and if elected will give you my best effort to make the Military Order of the Stars and

Bars a viable order for many generations to come.

Sincerely,

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- James Scott Bowden - Texas
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- Timothy Whitney Courtney – South Carolina
- John Robert Dildy – Louisiana
- Richard Doak Field, Jr. - Texas
- Gregory Harrison Gillespie - Texas
- Kendall Ray Kent - Texas
- Christopher Garland Lusk, Jr. - Texas
- John Patrick Smallwood Quinn - Texas
- Jessie Clyde Pinson, III - Georgia
- David William Ray - Mississippi
- Dean Michael Reeves – Colorado
- Edward Michael Southwell – North Carolina
- William Christopher Bruce Yoran - Virginia

Your consideration of voting for me again as your Army of Trans-Mississippi Commander and your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Wayne Snodgrass**

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## ***AOT Councilor Announcement David L. Floyd (2016-2018)***

Gentlemen of the Order:

I am announcing my candidacy for the office of General Executive Council for the Army of Tennessee.

I have served as a Councilman for the past four years and faithfully attended all but one of the Executive meetings in the past four years and have attended the last six National Conventions, have a solid understanding of the operation and function of the Society. I have become familiar with the serving National Officers and have been able to work with and support their programs to advance not only the National Society but the Army of Tennessee.

As a Councilman for the Army of Tennessee I have supported the program by National to increase the National membership this past four years with positive result in the Army of Tennessee.

I have placed a priory on assisting all potential new members to make sure their membership applications are filled out properly and have the correct support documents.

I have also given total support to those former members who wish to renew their membership.

I feel that my service as Adjutant of the Georgia Society has given me a keen insight into the needs of not only the new members but also to those who wish to be reinstated in the Order.

I fully support the resolution passed at the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Alexandria, Virginia on July 10, 2015 in regard to protecting our Confederate heritage, flags and monuments from the actions of certain politicians and any other group would try to alter our Southern History.

Based on my contact with active members and Chapters, from this experience I feel I can bring to the members of the Army of Tennessee proactive solutions that will preserve our command bond of heritage with our ancestors who nobly fought for our Southern way of life.



## ***ATM Commander Announcement Wayne Snodgrass (2016-2018)***

Members of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars I am announcing my candidacy as a Commander representing the Army of Trans-Mississippi. Currently, I have served as the Adjutant General since February 2015. I previously served as the ATM Commander from 2014 to 2016.

One chapter level, I served as the Chaplain for the MOS&B Chapter # 297 (2014-2016). The positions I have previously held are Colorado Society Commander and chapter commander of the Major Chatham Roberdeau Wheat Chapter #297.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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**ANV Councilor  
Announcement**

**David J.  
Stringfellow  
(2016-2018)**

Compatriots of the Military  
Order of the Stars and Bars:

I am announcing my candidacy for the office of Councilor for the Army of Northern Virginia. I would be honored to serve in this capacity with the MOS&B to honor our members' Confederate ancestors and our Southern heritage.

I joined the MOS&B in 2013 and am the Adjutant for the General Samuel Cooper Chapter #105 in Alexandria, Virginia. I served as Co-Chair of the Executive Committee that planned and carried out the 2015 Annual Convention of the MOS&B in Alexandria. I joined the MOS&B on a close collateral ancestor Absalom Shacklett who joined the Confederate Army as a private but rose to the officer rank of Colonel and served during about the last 14 months of the War Between the States under General Nathan Bedford Forrest. I first joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 1980 and am a Past Commander of the Frank Stringfellow Camp #822 in Fairfax, Virginia.

I have been involved with other societies over the years including the Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge, District of Columbia Society of the War of 1812 (served as the President), Descendants of Mexican War Veterans, National Society Sons & Daughters of Antebellum Planters 1607-1861 (currently the Vice President General) among others.

I am a graduate of Iowa State University for my undergraduate degree, MBA degree from the Harvard Business School, and Juris Doctor degree from the University of Iowa. I am a CPA, in retired status. I worked for 23 years at the Edison Electric Institute in Washing-

ton, DC, working on electric utility industry issues and meetings throughout the United States.

The MOS&B must continue its mission to honor our ancestors who were the military leaders and public officials of the Confederate States of America. There are many potential members of our Order as we know through our genealogy work, and we should endeavor to increase the size of our membership and retain the current members though heritage activities. If elected to the position of Councilor for the Army of Northern Virginia I will work in support of the goals of honoring our ancestors and strengthening the Order to which we belong.

Sincerely,

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**AOT Councilor  
Announcement**

**O. David Denard  
(2016-2018)**

Gentlemen of the Order:

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the office of Executive Councilor for the Army of the Tennessee.

I would be honored to serve this Band of Brothers for another term and work to save the HONOR of all our Southern Men, Women, and Children.

I plan to keep our annual events to spend the truth about our Southern Cause and listen to along with teaching the other side about our just Cause to our save our Republic.

I will work with the National Officers and the Executive Council to help the Order to grow and move forward with ideas to retain our existing members.

I would be Honored Gentlemen to serve y'all again.

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**ANV Councilor  
Announcement  
Ronald (Kevin) Rorer  
(2016-2018)**

Kevin Rorer was born in Virginia, but lives near Conway, South Carolina. He is a life member of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars and currently the South Carolina Society Commander. He has served as Lt. Commander of the SC Society and the Commander of the B/G Gabriel & Colonial Rains Chapter Commander in Aiken from 2010-2013. He joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans and MOS&B in 1989. He served as Adjutant in four SCV Camps in Virginia & South Carolina; as well as, Lt. Commander and Chaplain.

He is married to the former Alissa L. Smith of Orlando, FL and they have four children and three grandchildren between them. He graduated from East Tennessee State University in 1984, and served five years as an officer in the U.S. Army. After the Army, Kevin worked in the District of Columbia and Cincinnati, OH for EG&G as a government contractor in Logistics. He

**Membership Dues**

Once again, we are at the time of the year in which Annual dues to the Military Order of Stars and Bars are due along with the respective State Society that you belong to. Please send your National dues in the amount of \$35.00 to the address shown on the front page.

If your State Society is Florida, the annual dues are \$10.00. Check with your Society Adjutant for the exact amount and send them to your State Society representative also as the State Societies also need to be remembered when it comes to dues payment!

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## *The Todd Family: Kentucky Confederates*

By Scott D. Barker

The battle flag of the Army of Tennessee and the National Flag of the Confederate States of America display thirteen stars: one star for each member state of the Confederacy. Although only eleven southern states seceded from the federal union, there were two states that established provisional Confederate governments, and thus earned a star. The Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Missouri were considered border states, they authorized the holding of slaves, and the people of the states held mixed loyalties. Moreover, the culture of Kentucky was decidedly southern.(1)

In the case of Kentucky, the state had initially established a policy of neutrality, which soon proved impossible to maintain. So, while the government in Frankfort opted to remain loyal to the United States, there were many prominent Kentucky citizens who chose the Confederacy, and were determined to lead their state out of the Federal union.(2)

The American patriarch of the Todd family, David Levi Todd, immigrated from County Armagh, Northern Ireland, in the mid-eighteenth century. He served in the Pennsylvania militia during the American Revolutionary

War, and following American independence, migrated to what is now Fayette County, Kentucky. David Levi Todd was both resourceful and successful, and his large family established themselves in the Kentucky bluegrass region of the state, and helped in the founding of Lexington.(3) The several sons that he sired also achieved success in personal life, they were large land owners, and were important military figures of the times. One son, Colonel John Todd, commanded American patriot forces at the Battle of the Blue Licks, in Robertson, County, where on August 18, 1782, he was mortally wounded. Another son, Brigadier General Robert Todd, was also a veteran of the revolutionary war, who had also fought at Blue Licks, as a major of militia. Additionally, a third son, Major General Levi Todd, who also served in the revolutionary war, fought at the Blue Licks, became the leader of all militia forces in Kentucky.(4)

An aristocratic and proud family, the Todds, with their exceptional wealth, and advantages in education and culture, held an enviable position in Southern society. Moreover, they were also unique in that one of their member's, Mary Ann Todd, was married to the President of the United States. Mary Ann Todd was one of fifteen children of Robert Smith Todd, and the offspring of the first of two marriages. Mary Ann, and six siblings from the first marriage were pro-union, with one exception, George Rogers Clark Todd, who was pro-Confederate. The family from the second marriage chose to go with the Confederacy, and all but one of the Todd men volunteered for Confederate service, where two of them, along with a brother-in-law, were mortally wounded.

Captain Samuel Brown Todd, son of Robert Smith Todd and Elizabeth Humphreys, became the family's first casualty of the war, when he was mortally wounded at the Battle of Shiloh, on April 5, 1862, in Hardin, Tennessee. Samuel Todd had, upon the death of his father in an 1849 cholera epidemic, moved to an uncle's sugar plantation near New Orleans. It was there that he volunteered for service in Company H, 21st Regiment, Louisiana Infantry.(5)

The second casualty, Captain Alexander Humphreys Todd, 1st Kentucky Brigade, and a brother to Samuel Brown Todd, was mortally wounded in a skirmish at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Captain Alexander Todd was an aide-de-camp to brother-in-law, Brigadier General Benjamin Hardin Helm, the husband of Emilie Todd Helm. The bodies of the two brothers were later exhumed, and were reburied in Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, Kentucky.(6)

Another brother, George Rogers Clark Todd, M.D., earned his medical degree from Transylvania University, Class of 1848, and served the Confederacy as a surgeon in Semmes Brigade. Surgeon (the equiva-

lent rank of major) Todd was engaged in the battles of the Army of Northern Virginia, and is mentioned in vignettes of the Gettysburg campaign. He survived the war and settled in Camden, South Carolina, where he died on April 1, 1900, as an unreconstructed rebel.(7)

Captain David Humphreys Todd, Company A, 21st Regiment, Louisiana Infantry, was a veteran of the Mexican War. He was considered the "Black Sheep" of the family, having ran away from home at the age fourteen to join the military. He briefly commanded Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia, fought at Shiloh, and served as an artillery commander at Vicksburg, Mississippi. Captain Todd's regiment surrendered on May 4, 1865, and he was paroled on May 15, 1865, at Meridian, Mississippi.(8)

There were two additional casualties in the War between the States that affected the Todd family. The first of these was Brigadier General Helm, the husband of Emilie Todd, and son of former Kentucky Governor John L. Helm. General Helm, a native of Bardstown, practiced law, was a Kentucky state legislator, and a graduate of the United States Military Academy, class of 1851. A year prior the start of hostilities he was assistant inspector general, under Adjutant General Simon Bolivar Buckner, of the Kentucky State Guard. Buckner was to later become a lieutenant general in the Confederacy. The development of internecine conflict forced Kentucky, in September 1861, to abandon its policy of neutrality. It was then that Helm, on a visit the White House to see his wife's brother-in-law, was offered a commission as paymaster of the union army, which he later said he thoughtfully considered, and then declined. On September 20, 1863, on the battlefield of Chickamauga, in northern Georgia, Brigadier General Helm, while leading the First Kentucky Infantry Brigade, (later known as the "Orphan Brigade") was mortally wounded.(9)

The final casualty of the War between the States, with a familial relationship to the Todd family, was Abraham Lincoln, President and Commander-in-Chief of the United States of America.

While the Todd men served military roles in the war, it was left to their women to sort things out at its end. In that respect, Emilie Todd Helm, who ensured the return of her brothers' bodies to Lexington, and her husband's to Bardstown, was active in the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She attended many of the Confederate veteran reunions, and was given the title "Mother of the Brigade" by the former soldiers of the First Kentucky Brigade.(10) Her older sister, Margaret Todd Kellogg, attended the inauguration of her brother-in-law, yet she wrote letters on behalf of Confederate prisoners of war, and her husband, Charles Kellogg tended Confederate wounded at Shiloh, and was suspected of being a Confederate agent. (11) Sister, Martha Todd White, who was unabashedly pro-Confederate, married an Alabama physician, and often received permission from her brother-in-law to travel

north, and was supposedly involved in smuggling contraband to the Confederacy. Kitty Todd, spent the war in Lexington, with her mother. After the war she married a former Confederate officer.(12)

The matriarch of the Todd family, Elizabeth Humphreys Todd, sided with the South. Three of her sons were Confederate soldiers, two of whom died during the war. When she died, she left money for a monument in Lexington Cemetery, to honor her sons service. The inscription on the monument reads "*In Memory of My Boys, Samuel B. Todd, David H. Todd, Alexander H. Todd. All Confederate Soldiers.*"

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## *Memo of Record*

**Subject:** Impact of Danville Court Ruling on Veteran Service Organizations, Hereditary Organizations and Virginia Monuments

Dear fellow veterans;

The Virginia District Court Judge in Danville ruled yesterday in favor of a demurrer by the City of Danville against the Heritage Preservation Association which was attempting to get the Third National Flag of the Confederacy returned to the monument on the grounds of the Sutherland Memorial Mansion, the Last Capitol of the Confederacy. I was called and certified by the judge to testify as an "expert in Military History and Veterans Affairs", specifically Virginia military history and memorial issues, and want to share my observations and concerns for all Virginia based veterans organizations and hereditary organizations.

The legal issues boiled down to interpretations of law, specifically three aspects, all of which should be understood in the American veteran and hereditary community. These are not limited to Danville or Confederate Memorials. It impacts all war and veteran memorials. I relay these as a layman and not as an attorney so there may be some nuances I missed but here's the gist of it with some recommended courses of action we can take. I urge your widest dissemination within the veteran and hereditary community.

**First**, a resolution by a local governing body is not binding and can be reversed by subsequent governing bod-

ies. In this particular case, everything that occurred (erecting and transferring to the City the memorial for perpetual care, etc.) was 'contract like' but was not, for legal purposes, a legal contract or recorded in Deed. **Recommended course of future action:** This suggests that any desire for veteran/war memorials to remain permanent in a locality should include a legal binding contract recorded in Deed.

**Second**, and the most important in my opinion. The judge ruled *the intent of the legislature* in passing Va State Code 15.2-1812, 'Memorials for War Veterans' *is subject to interpretation*. The City maintained the law only impacts memorials erected after the legislation was passed; that precedent states Virginia laws are not retroactive unless specifically stated. The monument/memorial in question was erected before the current state code was passed and the City argued it was not covered by Va State Code as a result. While logic suggests the law was passed to protect all memorials then existing, the City offered civil litigation precedent that laws are not retroactive and did not apply to monuments erected before the legislation was passed. While noting the intent of the legislature could be interpreted either way, he sided with the City. With this ruling in mind, all war memorials and veterans memorials in the Commonwealth of Virginia (erected before 1998) are now subject to removal, as the political winds of a time may dictate. Nothing before 1997 is protected and that includes everything on Richmond's Monument Avenue to the Yorktown Victory obelisk erected in 1876 to the small Peter Francisco memorial in rural Crewe erected by the DAR in 1932 to the American Legion and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridges, Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway, etc. While the likelihood of the removal or renaming of some of these monuments is remote in the immediate future, the simple fact remains the 'body politic' is fickle and ever-changing and anything could happen if adequate legal protections are not implemented. Who among us remembers the Enola Gay incident at the Smithsonian where the Japanese were originally portrayed as the 'victims', or more recently, a national news outlet attack on the POW/MIA flag as a 'racist' symbol followed up with a condemnation of American sacrifice in Vietnam? Who among us is not aware of the threats to war memorials across the country that have a Christian cross (Mt. Soledad, the Bladensburg War Mothers Monument, etc. -- Until yesterday's ruling, Virginia's law feasibly would have protected all of these had they been located in Virginia.) Anything can happen if we're not here to voice our concerns. What impacts one group of veterans impacts us all. Regardless of one's opinion of the politics of a specific war (be it Vietnam or the Civil War), we have an obligation to ensure those Virginians who bore the burden of fighting the war, are appropriately remem-

bered and respected for their sacrifice. All veterans are equal and entitled to the same protections and benefits. This includes their memorials and monuments of remembrance.

**A Recommended Course of Immediate Action:**

Veterans, Veterans Service Organizations and Hereditary organizations (like the DAR, SAR, 1812 Society, UDC, etc) need to request from their respective legislators and lobby for an administrative amendment to the Va Code 15.2-1812 that specifically stipulates the intent of the law was retroactive and designed to protect monuments and memorials throughout Virginia, regardless of when or by whom they were erected. This is the most important immediate action that can be taken.

**Third**, the verbiage on the monument was also subject to interpretation. Was the monument dedicated to the building (not covered by Va State Code 15.2-1812) or was it dedicated to a war, engagement or veterans? The judge ruled monument was dedicated to a building and therefore not even covered by state code.

**A Recommended future course of action:** Ensure verbiage on any future memorials specifically checks the verbiage block for state code.

I pass this for your information and action.

With warmest regards,

Greg Eanes

*'Black Confederate' Work  
Recognized by United Daughters  
of the Confederacy*



(Harrisonburg, Va) – The Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal was awarded to retired Air Force Colonel Greg Eanes, a Southside Virginia author and historian, for his work on Virginia's Black Confederates. The surprise presentation was made at the 120<sup>th</sup> Virginia Division United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) convention held recently in Harrisonburg.

Virginia UDC President Suzie Snyder made the presentation of the highest non-lineage award given by the UDC specifically for work "furthering the preservation of Confederate history through public speaking, research and writing." Eanes, of Crewe, was recognized for a culmination of these



**Photo Cutline:** DAVIS HISTORICAL GOLD MEDAL- Virginia United Daughters of the Confederacy President Suzie Snyder of Roanoke (left) presented Southside Virginia author and regional historian Colonel Greg Eanes, USAF (Retired) with the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal during a recent ceremony. The medal is awarded for excellence in history, essay writing, declamation and other points of special attainment in the preservation of Southern history. On the right is Mrs. Jo Ann B. Fickling, of Lancaster, the Virginia Division Historian. (UDC Photo by Richard Fickling)

activities but specifically for authoring Virginia's Black Confederates: Essays and Rosters which provides extensive public record and primary source data on 1,600 Confederates of color who served in military units and war industry jobs aiding the Confederate war effort. This employment later merited these African-American Virginians a Confederate veteran pension and in some cases allowed them to vote under the 'soldier's clause' of the discriminatory 1902 Virginia Constitution.

"The UDC Jefferson Davis Gold Medal is the 'Pulitzer' of recognition for historical and literary work in Confederate history," Eanes said. "To receive it, quite unexpectedly, is a tremendous honor."

Eanes' work has been used in UDC genealogical work to support African-American applicants and has been used extensively by Confederate heritage organizations in community outreach and educational efforts. Last year, Eanes was a panelist for the Georgia Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission's seminar on 'Minority Confederates'.

The Davis Medal is designed with a Maltese Cross in the center, bearing the UDC monogram, with a circular band of white enamel around the cross on which is etched above it Jefferson Davis' famous clari-on command at the Mexican War battle of Buena Vista, *Stand Fast*, and below it the phrase of no less important meaning to those with Confederate ancestors, *Our Heritage*."



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Please send your submittal to Jeff Sizemore (Editor General) at [swampeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:swampeditor@yahoo.com).