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A Great American

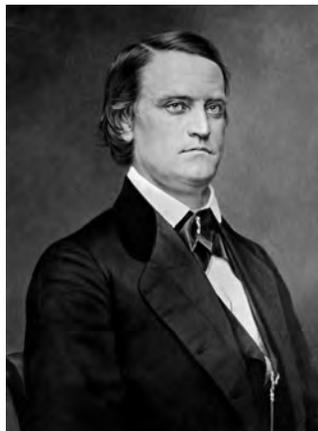
By Scott Barker

On October 17, 2017, in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, a memorial statue of the 14th Vice President of the United States was removed from the Old Lexington Courthouse, a place where it had stood for 130 years. There were no exigent circumstances associated with the removal of the statue, which had been erected and dedicated for the political leadership, military service, and service as a cabinet secretary of this famous son of the bluegrass state. Additionally, he had been an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United States in the election of 1860, having carried 11 states and receiving 72 electoral votes. Still, today, he is the youngest ever vice president in the history of the United States. Moreover, he had served in the Kentucky legislature and in both houses of the United States Congress from Kentucky. He was educated in Kentucky and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Centre College in Danville, and his Bachelor of Law degree from Transylvania University in Lexington.

So, what was the reason for the statue's removal, one might ask? Why would the City of Lexington remove a memorial that had been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1997, as part of the Civil War Monuments of Kentucky? Moreover, why would such an important figure in Kentucky's history be lighted in such a manner? Certainly, something of a most egregious nature must have been in the background of this person. Whatever could it be?

Perhaps the answer can be found in his United States military service record, which began in 1846, during the Mexican-American War, where he served as a major in a noncombat role with the 1st Kentucky Infantry. But, while his service was honorable, there was nothing particularly noteworthy in his performance.

Therefore, his politics must have been offensive in nature. An examination of his political background disclosed his membership with the Democratic Party, and election to the Kentucky House of Representatives in 1849. Subsequently, he



was elected for two terms (1851-1855) to the United States House of Representatives from Kentucky's 8th District, where he was considered to be an effective legislator. After his first term in the House, he was chosen by his colleagues to eulogize the great Whig leader, and fellow Lexingtonian, Henry Clay. His legislative record resulted in his election to the vice presidency, where he served for one term (1856-1861). Prior to the completion of his four year term as vice president, he was elected by the Kentucky General Assembly to the United States Senate. While still serving as Vice President he met with President-Elect Lincoln in an effort to avert the secession crisis, and was a supporter of compromise to avoid the impending conflict; moreover, being a cousin of Mary Todd Lincoln, he had often been a guest of the Lincolns. As president of the senate, he announced the victory of his political opponent in the vote of the electoral college. Likewise, he administered the oath of office to his vice presidential successor, who in turn administered to him the oath of office as a new senator. His term in the senate began on March 3, 1861, by which time seven states had already seceded. In the senate, he was regarded as a traitor because of his sympathies for the Southern Confederacy, and was the only member of the senate to vote against a resolution allowing Lincoln the entire resources of the government for the war.

On learning that he was to be arrested for treason by the Lincoln administration he departed for the South, where he was commissioned a brigadier general in the Confederate States army, and later advanced to major general. He was then expelled *in absentia* from the senate. On November 16, 1862, he was given command of the 1st Kentucky Brigade, otherwise known as the Orphan Brigade. As an officer in the Confederate army he was engaged in many of the significant battles in both the western and eastern theaters of war, being twice wounded. His involvement in the organization of his state's provisional Confederate government prompted Kentucky's admission into the Confederate States of America.

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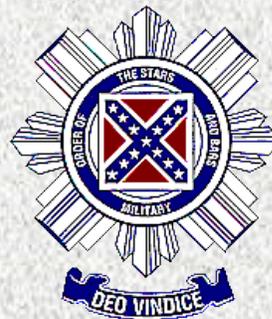
The Order of the Southern Cross, founded in 1863 by General's Polk and Cleburne of the Army of Tennessee, was originally created to provide financial assistance to the families of soldiers who had lost their lives in the service of the Confederacy.

The Order of the Southern Cross was re-established in 1979 as a philanthropic organization, dedicated to preserving our Southern Heritage through its Grants and Scholarship Programs. Since 1979, we have allocated more than \$500,000 to these endeavors.

If you are an MOS&B Chapter or a 501(c)3 organization and seeking financial assistance to help fund a Confederate Heritage project, we encourage you to contact us by visiting our website at www.orderofsoutherncross.com or by contacting James Alderman at alde711@aol.com.

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Commander General's Message Byron E. Brady



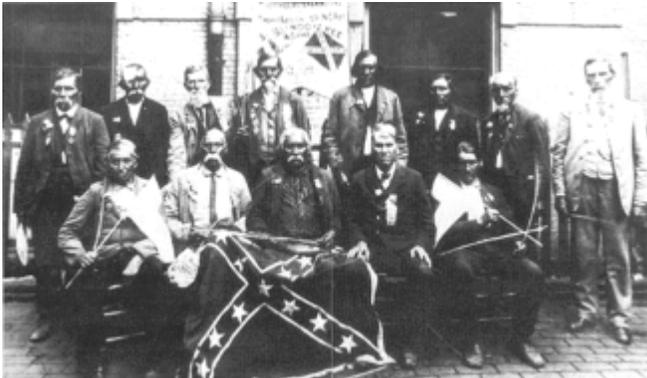
I want to first thank Indian Territory Society Commander and Past Commander General Jeff Massey for hosting a very productive Spring GEC Meeting in Oklahoma City over the weekend of April 5-6, 2019.

I am very excited about the rapid growth of our organization from the state of Texas. This growth is coming out of four chapters including our two newest ones. The leadership of the following chapters are to be commended for their recruitment abilities: The General Sul Ross Chapter 184, San Antonio; the Colonel Richard B. Hubbard Chapter 261, Tyler; the Waul's Texas Legion Chapter 308, Weatherford; and the Major Benjamin F. Ficklin Chapter 310, San Angelo. Our Annual Awards Luncheon at the Waco National Convention will reflect the great amount of activity coming out of Texas. The Texas Society will be conducting their 2019 Society Convention jointly with our national convention in Waco.

If you have not already registered for the Waco convention, please do so. The convention preregistration information is located on our national web page. The Texas Society is preparing a great three days of activities for us in late July in Waco. Please submit your preregistration as the deadline of June 15, 2019, will be here before you know it.

Our newly revised Chapter Handbook was approved at the Spring GEC Meeting. You can find this revised handbook on our web page. Please download and feel free to incorporate some of the new procedures and traditions into your chapter. Thanks to Handbook Chair Tommy Rhodes (Alabama), PCIC Edward Calliteau (Louisiana), Bev Leigh (Alabama) and Ron Perdue (North Carolina) for their help.

Congratulations to the three new chapters in the Order. ANV Department and Society Commander David Stringfellow chartered the Governor John Letcher Virginia Headquarters Chapter 309. Their charter was presented to them on May 4, 2019, at their 2019 Society Convention in Richmond. Mississippi Society Commander and Adjutant General William Michael Moore reactivated the Father Abram Ryan Chapter 63 in Biloxi. Their charter was presented to them April



27, 2019, at the Mississippi Society Convention held in New Albany. Georgia Society Commander Martin Bell reactivated the Lieutenant General William J. Hardee Chapter 143 in Fayetteville, Georgia.

The Order was saddened to hear of the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Ronald T. Clemmons at his home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on February 4, 2019. Compatriot Clemmons served the Order for almost 40 years and we are grateful to have known him.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Waco, Texas, in late July.

Sincerely yours in the bonds of the Old South,

Byron E. Brady

Commander General



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His political savvy and skill as a military officer resulted in his appointment on February 6, 1865, to become the Confederacy's secretary of war. Being a pragmatist, he recognized that at this stage of the war a negotiated peace was in the South's best interest, and was present and assisted in surrender negotiations at Bennett Place, North Carolina. Under indictment for treason, he fled the United States and only returned when former Confederates were pardoned.

Most people would likely agree that this Kentuckian had led a life of service to the greater-community and that his achievements had been for the benefit of his fellow citizens and were most commendable. Surely he was deserving of the recognition that the memorial statue bestowed on him. Moreover, the state government of Kentucky had provided for the funding and construction of the memorial statue, and its establishment had not been borne by a private group or entities.

The unceremonious shunning of this great American serves to illustrate the sad state of affairs in our country, where events routinely demonstrate that the underpinnings of our country are being eroded by minority race relations sensitivities. These sensitivities are contrary to those persons that established the greater part of the history of our country. To exemplify, as Marcus Garvey, Jr., a black nationalist once said, "A people without the knowledge of their past, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." In this vein, if we persist with the unwarranted and unnecessary censorship of the people and events of our past, then it is very likely that future generations of Americans will become a rootless society with little understanding or appreciation for events from our history, albeit a

history with some rough edges, but one that has nonetheless molded us into the people that we are today.

So, as many of you already know by now, this great American is none other than John Caball Breckinridge of Kentucky. His memorial statue was removed because of his Confederate past and a determination that it had been the embodiment of a racially charged postwar representation of the war. Therefore, the memorial statue was viewed as being racist and politically incorrect. This wholly disregards the evidence that Breckinridge was a principled person and a supporter of the Constitution. Moreover, in the period of 1861-1865, political differences had devolved into perceived acts of traitorous disloyalty; therefore, because Breckinridge defended the rights of the citizenry, and resisted an over-reaching Lincoln administration, he was falsely labeled a traitor. Likewise, the Constitution was no longer recognized as the guarantor of personal rights. The suspension of *habeas corpus*, and the suppression of press freedoms, with the arrest of editors and publishers alike, no one enjoyed the protection of the law—regardless of their stature, or their social standing.

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From the Chaplain General

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At the passing of General Robert E. Lee, tributes came from all across the remnant of the Confederacy. In our day we see General Lee's memory being sullied by those who elevate the immoral and denigrate character.

In *Memoirs of Robert E. Lee* by A.L. Long we find the record of Colonel Withers referencing the love of the men for General Lee. Withers rhetorically asked "and why was this the predominant sentiment of his soldiery?"

Withers then answered his own question "the answer is obvious: Because he loved his men. His military achievements may have been rivaled, possibly surpassed, by other great commanders. Alexander, Marlborough, Wellington, Napoleon, each and all excited the admiration, enjoyed the confidence and aroused the enthusiasm of their soldiers, but none of these were loved as Lee was loved." As we remember, the men slept on Monument Row in Richmond the night of the dedication of the Lee statue that they might spend one more night with their beloved General.

Withers went on to say "General Lee never forgot that his men were fellow beings, as well as soldiers. He cared for them with parental solitude." General Lee was known to visit sick soldiers and care for veterans in days after the War.

Jesus Himself said "by this shall all men know that you are my disciples, because you have love one for one another." As has been often referenced in Officers Call, General Lee was a godly man, an outspoken Christian, and a man with a pure reputation. But General Lee's Christian faith was not just evidenced by his church attendance and faithful living. General Lee had a heart of love and he loved his soldiers.

In July, in Waco, Texas, the Order will meet in annual business session. As always, conflicts arise as we discuss finances, positions, and awards. As descendants of the Officer Corps, may we find motivation from the leadership of General Lee. Our Cause is greater than any personal feelings or ambitions within our organization.

If the model of manhood, General Robert E. Lee, could know a heart filled with love, then we have a powerful example to move us toward honorable dealings, one with another. May I urge that all of us meditate on the teachings of Jesus and the example of our great leader, General Lee, as we come together for the greater good of our common heritage.

Spring GEC Meeting held in Oklahoma City

The Spring General Executive Council of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars met in Oklahoma City April



5-6, 2019. Twenty members and guest including Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Smith gathered together Friday evening for supper at Zios Italian Kitchen near the host hotel. On Saturday morning, the GEC meeting convened in the Board Room of the Oklahoma History Center adjacent to the Oklahoma State Capitol. Following lunch, Archivist General Jeff Massey gave a tour of the Order's Records and Archives in the Confederate Room located on the History Center's third floor.

Major items of business included Johnnie Holley of Texas describing his plans for a proposed MOS&B Leadership Seminar for future regional and national meetings of the Order. Members of his committee include ANV Department Commander David Stringfellow, ATM Department Commander Dennis Brand, Comptroller General Conway Moncure and Adjutant General William Michael Moore. These seminars will be presented at regional and national

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meetings in the future.

The revised MOS&B Handbook was approved and two proposed amendments were voted on by the Council to be voted on at the Waco Convention. Those amendments are included with this issue of *Officer's Call*.

The Order thanks Indian Territory Society Commander and Past Commander General Jeff Massey for hosting the Spring Meeting in Oklahoma City. He and the other members of the Oklahoma Society made those in attendance feel very welcome.



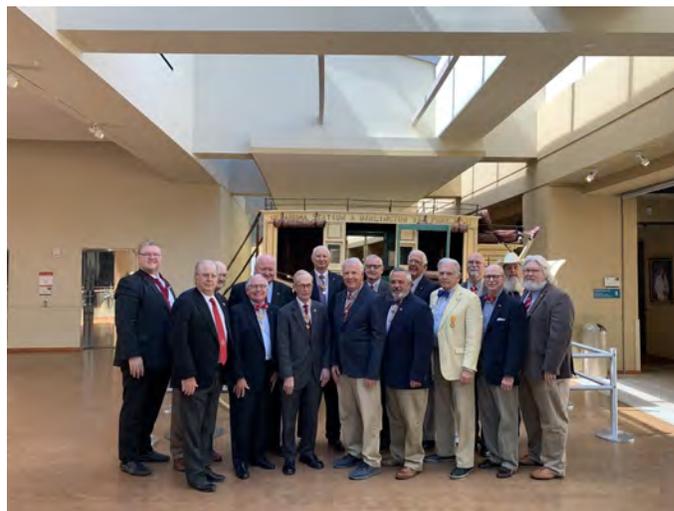
Friday evening supper at Zios Italian Kitchen in Oklahoma City



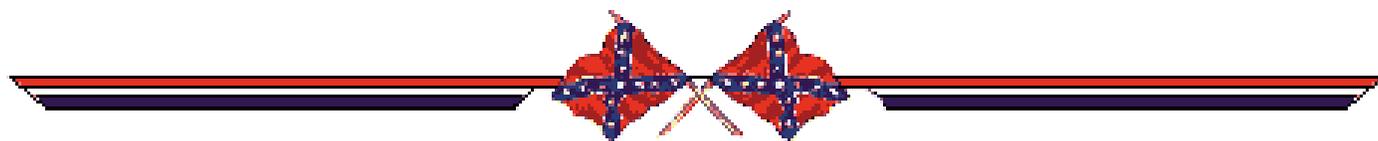
The Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City



The flags flying outside the Oklahoma History Center include three Confederate flags.



Shown from left are PCG Jeff Massey (OK), Johnnie Holley (TX), Treasurer General Gary Roseman (VA), PCG Harold Davis (SC), AOT Commander Rev. John Killian (AL), ANV Commander David Stringfellow (VA), ATM Commander Dennis Brand (TX), PCG Howard Jones (CA), CG Byron Brady (NC), Adjutant General Mike Moore (MS), Judge Advocate General Tarry Beasley (FL), LTCG JJ Smith (VA), ATM Councilor Devin Lindsey (TX), ATM Councilor Patrick Sohrwide (OK), Genealogist General Larry Martin (TX), and PCG Troy Massey (AR). Not shown is PCIC Beau Cantrell (OK) and TX Society Commander Michael Hurley.



AMENDMENT NO. 1**Article VII****Membership Applications**

Section 1. Applications for membership or supplemental membership in the General Society shall be submitted as a single original copy, complete with supporting documentation and required signatures, using the current form posted on the website or provided by the Genealogist General. Payment of the appropriate application fee will shall be enclosed with the application. A Chapter or State Society shall forward to the MOS&B General Headquarters Genealogist General all applications received. A Chapter or State Society shall forward to the MOS&B General Headquarters all applications received within thirty (30) days not deny any candidate for membership; however, recommendation for denial with specific cause(s) stated shall be submitted for consideration by the Genealogist General and Genealogical Committee. The General Executive Council shall be the final authority if the application is contested. An electronic application submitted from the website shall bypass the Chapter and State Society reviewing level.

Section 2. Where no State Society or Chapter is organized or, if an application submitted to a Chapter or State Society is rejected, application for

membership at-large shall may be made to another Chapter in the applicant's State or to the MOS&B General Headquarters Genealogist General.

Section 3. Where a State Society has been organized, application shall be made directly to one of the Chapters therein or to the State Society for assignment to a Chapter. If an individual does not desire to be a member of the State Society, he may make application directly to the MOS&B General Headquarters Genealogist General to be a member-at-large either on an annual basis or as a life member.

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Section 8 9. If a member wishes to transfer from one subentity of the Order to another, he shall complete the Transfer Form as prescribed by the Headquarters. Said Transfer Form shall contain four (4) sections, member information, demitting Chapter/Society information, receiving Chapter/Society information, and Headquarters information. Each section shall bear the signature of the member or officer, respectively, who is authorized of record to sign. If the demitting Chapter fails to forward the endorsed Transfer Form within thirty (30) days of receipt, the MOS&B Headquarters shall make the transfer without the demitting Chapter's action.

Section 10. All submitted applications and supporting documentation shall be considered confidential and privileged information and shall be unavailable for any purpose other than genealogical and historical reviews. Any completed applications may only be accessed by the member himself, Commander General, Adjutant General, Genealogist General and Archivist General. Such access may only be undertaken after a 30-day notice has been sent to the applicant/member.

IF AMENDMENT No. 1 is adopted, Article

VII of the Bylaws shall read as follows:

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This proposed amendment was approved unanimously by the MOS&B General Executive Council, at their April 6, 2019, meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The GEC recommends the general membership approve this amendment at the Waco, Texas, national convention.

Convention Event Schedule

Thursday, July 25th

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM - Convention Registration table opens
6:00PM to 8:00PM - Commander General's Reception.
The reception will be held in the Three Rivers Ballroom at

the Hilton Waco.

Friday, July 26th

7:30- 9:00AM- Forrest Cavalry Corps Breakfast. Sponsored by the Forrest Cavalry Corps, Reactivated. The breakfast will be held in the Three Rivers Ballroom at the Hilton Waco. Attire per the Standing Rules of the Convention is coat and tie.

8:00AM- Convention Registration table opens

9:30AM- 10:00 AM- Welcome/Opening Session. This event and the two Business Sessions will all be held in the Three Rivers Ballroom of the Hilton Waco. Attire per the Standing Rules of the Convention is coat and tie

10:30 AM to 11:45 AM.- Business Session I.

Attire per the Standing Rules of the Convention is coat and tie.

Afternoon is free to enjoy the city and dinner on your own.

Saturday, July 27th

7:30AM - 9:00 AM - MOS&B Prayer Breakfast. Held at the Three Rivers Ballroom Hilton Waco. To be presided over by the Chaplain General, this is a Memorial Service for Compatriots who have passed away since our 2018 General Convention. Attire per the Standing Rules of the Convention is coat and tie.

9:00AM- Noon- MOS&B Business Session II. Attire per the Standing Rules of the Convention is coat and tie.

9:00AM - Noon - Ladies Highlights of Waco Tour. Bus leaves and returns to the front lobby of the Hilton Waco. Ladies will visit Cameron Park, Waco's historic neighborhoods, Harp Design (from the HGTV hit show Woodwork), Baylor University, and Historic Lover's Leap.

12:00 PM-1:30PM- Awards Luncheon. Held in the hospitality room of the Dr. Pepper Museum. The museum is less than a 5 minute walk or 2 minute drive from the hotel and is located at 300 S. 5th Street in Waco, TX. Your admission to tour the museum is included with your ticket to this event. Dr. Pepper's inventor, Charles T. Pepper (1838-1903) was a Confederate surgeon from Virginia.

2:00PM-4:00PM- Texas Society Business/Elections- Held at the Three Rivers Ballroom Hilton Waco.

7:00PM- 9:30PM- Commander General's Banquet. The Suite Lounge, located atop the Baylor Club at McLane Stadium - Overlooking the Brazos River and Downtown Waco, TX. Attire is black coat and tie, or Confederate Uniform for gentlemen, and formal or period attire for ladies.

Suggested Tours

Oakwood Cemetery- (located just 5 minute drive from the hotel) at 2124 South 5th Street in Waco, TX. Oakwood is a 160 acre cemetery filled with tree lined streets. The cemetery boasts the graves of three Confederate Generals: Felix H. Robertson, Jerome B. Robertson, Lawrence Sullivan Ross. Find out more at: www.oakwoodwaco.com

Magnolia Table- No trip to Waco would be complete without a meal at the Magnolia Table. Owned and operated by Chip and Joanna Gaines of HGTV's series "Fixer Upper". Located on the famed Waco traffic circle at 2132 S. Valley Mills Dr, Waco, TX. They serve breakfast and lunch only. Hours are Monday- Saturday 6:00AM - 3:00PM. No reservations- first come, first served. Find out more at www.magnoliatable.com

Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum - located just a 3 minute drive from the Hotel. The Museum is located at 100 Texas Ranger Trail Waco, TX. 76706 The building sits on the banks of the Brazos River, sanctioned by the State of Texas, the Museum preserves the history of the Texas Rangers, a legendary symbol of Texas. The Rangers fought for the Confederacy, as a unit in the War for Southern Independence known as "Terry's Texas Rangers". Find out more: www.texasranger.org

The Magnolia Market at the Silos - Located just a 4 minute walk from the Hilton Hotel, 601 Webster, Waco, TX. The brainchild of Chip and Joanna Gaines of the hit TV show "Fixer Upper". The Silos offer a little something for everyone- shopping, games, a garden, and Bakery. The Market itself is designed and staged by Joann Gaines and set up with one goal in mind: to inspire you to own the space you are in. Find out More: www.magnolia.com/silos

The Texas Sports Hall of Fame- located next door to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame, the Sports Hall of Fame can be found at 1108 S. University Drive, Waco, TX. Open Monday- Saturday 9AM to 5PM. This museum houses the legends of Texas Sports, Find out more at: www.tshof.org

The Texas Collection located in the Archives of Baylor University - Houses several special collections, one of a kind manuscripts and other items that may assist in your genealogical research particularly ancestors from Texas. Located in the Carrolllibrary 1429 S. 5th Street, Waco, TX Hours are Monday through Saturday 8:30AM to 5:00PM. Find out more: www.baylor.edu/lib/texas.

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Thursday, July 25

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Friday, July 26

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Welcome New Members

On behalf of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, we would like to welcome the following members that have joined since August 15, 2018.

Oliver James Barr, V, North Carolina

William Reick Bates, Jr., South Carolina

Cecil Anthony Berleth, Texas

Michael Stanton Berleth, Texas

Matthew Mitchell Breen, South Carolina

John Raymond Broussard, Jr., Pennsylvania

Rayburn Eugene Bunton, Texas

Randall Hall Chandler, Tennessee

Richard Larry Clark, Tennessee

Carol Bryan Combs, Missouri

Glen Carl Cravens, New Mexico

James Daniel Crawford, III, Virginia

Frederick Lucas Daniels, Texas

Samuel Margarito Davis, Texas

Edward Burrell Dockery, Jr., Alabama

Tandy Hunter Dunavin, Jr., Texas

John Lloyd Eubanks, Louisiana

Brent Edward Feuerbacher, Texas

Jackson Pender Feuerbacher, Texas

Christopher William Fiveash, Texas

Roy Elbert Fiveash, Texas

Charles Alston Fox, South Carolina

William Rodney Udell Franks, South Carolina

Eddie Thomas Fulmer, Alabama

Allen Edward Gamble, South Carolina

Scott Travis Gates, Texas

Michael Philip Griffin, Oregon

Ronald Dean Hall, Georgia

Thomas Collier Hart, Georgia

Joseph Barry Henson, Jr., South Carolina

Lee Franklin Hise, Texas

Mark Eaves Holley, Tennessee

James David Hopkins, Sr., South Carolina

Evan Borroum Hume, Florida

Joseph Russell Huneycutt, North Carolina

David Mack Johnson, Texas

Ray Brent Johnson, Texas

Troy Elliott Johnson, North Carolina

Rufus Lee Larkin, Texas

James Warren Latham, Colorado

Jay Hampton Lindsey, Florida

Marc Antle Mabrito, Texas

Robert Stevens Melton, II, Texas

Andrew Heath Mills, South Carolina

David Hopkins Mills, South Carolina

Robert Atys Mills, Georgia

Robert Livingston Mills, Georgia

Cletis Murreald Millsap, Texas

Jimmy Dale Moore, Texas

Richard Lewis Neel, Texas

William Daniel Newsome, Kentucky

Howell Anderson Nicholson, III, North Carolina

Ronald Zane Perkinson, North Carolina

Leslie Darryel Perry, Texas

James Gordon Putnam, Texas

Jimmie Wade Putnam, Texas

David Charles Reavis, South Carolina

Paul Douglas Reddick, Georgia

Rev. Christopher Collin Roque, Texas

James Glenn Schaeffer, Ohio

Michael Joseph Schmid, Texas

Charles Frederick Sims, Georgia

Gregory Paul Skinner, Virginia

Jackie Harrison Smith, Texas

Roderick Richard Smith, Texas

Samuel Reese Smith, III, Georgia

Samuel Reese Smith, Jr., Georgia
 William David Smith, Georgia
 Arlie Dennis Sparkman, Texas
 Matthew Edmund Spence, North Carolina
 William Eugene Starnes, North Carolina
 Philip Graham Terry, Virginia
 Paul Charles Thacker, Texas
 Alexander Jackson David Vice, Mississippi
 David Joseph Vice, Mississippi
 Jerry David Walden, Texas
 Brandin Chase Warwas, Texas
 Charles Alexander Westbrook, Texas
 Todd Jefferson Western, Texas
 Dwight Tile Wier, Georgia
 George Charles Worsham, Illinois

History 101: The War Between the States

by Scott Barker

According to the Library of Congress, approximately 70,000 books have been published on the American Civil War—otherwise known as the War Between the States.(1) Therefore, one might deduce from this conglomeration of material that every aspect of the war has been examined in great minutiae and the results put into words. The question then presents itself: Is there anything remaining that has not already been written about the war? In consideration of this question, we must take into account the many genres of work that encompass this subject, to include: memoirs, diaries, after-action reports, autobiographies, biographies, newspaper articles, letters, and official government records and accounts.

To grasp an understanding of events that took place more than a century and half ago is not always easily accomplished, and with such an immense quantity of material at hand the truth can be elusive. And, to be sure, there are many reasons to skew history, especially a history as divisive as the War Between the States. Therefore, the challenge for researchers is to sift through, decipher, find the truth of events, and present their research in an honest and cogent manner. It is also important that consideration be given to problems that contribute to historical distortions. Chief among these problems are those of self interested people. This would include people that are prejudiced towards achieving a particular outcome, either for a chosen cause, or for themselves.(2)

Ultimately, the United States prepared a history of the war in a 70 Volume, 907,750 page compendium, *The War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies (OR)*, published over the period of 1881-1891, and

it serves as the United States government's official record of the war. Although the OR consists of raw data and draws no conclusions, the mere title, *The War of the Rebellion*, ascribes the nature of the conflict to a criminal enterprise that had been undertaken by the Southern states. By using the term "rebellion" in the title the government sought to impact the history of the war through its control of the instruments of government, thus defining secession as being something nefarious, rather than a Constitutionally permissible action taken by sovereign states. Moreover, if not for Confederate Secretary of War John C. Breckinridge, who on the fall of Richmond ensured for the intact preservation of the official records of the Confederate government and its armies, thereby ensuring for a full accounting for the Confederacy's posterity, there would have been no Confederate records.(3)

Our Confederate ancestors recognized that the memory of their cause would hinge on the truthfulness of history, and it was for that reason that once the incubus of martial law and reconstruction was thrown off, they began the process of creating a historical record from their perspective. Chief among those books was the two volume *Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government* by President Jefferson F. Davis, which was begun several years after he was released from imprisonment without trial. Davis acknowledges that his position within the Confederate government gave him a special insight into events related to the war and the Confederate government. A 1992 release of the book contained a Foreword by noted historian and author James M. McPherson. According to McPherson, the work "belongs in the library of anyone interested in the root causes, the personalities, and the events of America's greatest war."(4)

Other luminaries weighed in with memoirs that are worthy of consideration. Chief among these are the *Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant*, written by Grant himself. What the book provides to the reader is insight into Grant's remarkable skill as a writer and his ability at character assassination. According to Frank P. Varney, who has written in his book *General Grant and the Rewriting of History*, Grant had been guilty of being untruthful regarding Major Generals William S. Rosecrans and George H. Thomas, as well as many other Union generals. Varney articulates on the many inconsistencies attributable to Grant's account of events that are not reconciled in official records. Moreover, Grant's *Memoirs* are often cited as a trustworthy source often used by historians. Brigadier General Joshua Chambers reminds us that "Truth often suffers distortions by reason of the point of view of the narrator, some preoccupation of his judgment or fancy...or his facts..."(5)

To appreciate the sacrifices made by our Confederate ancestors, it is important that we gain insight into the events surrounding their experiences on the battlefield, and the consequences of mortality. In this regard, a must read book is *This Republic of Suffering: Death in the American Civil War* by Drew Gilpin Faust. Faust is president of Harvard University and a noted award winning author and scholar on the history of the American South. The book presents us with vivid insight into the

death, mourning, burial, and the counting of soldier casualties. Moreover the book evokes a strong impression in the reader of the enormity of suffering endured by both sides in the conflict.

As an organization with the mission to honor the service of our Confederate ancestors, and the cause for which many of them sacrificed their lives and liberty, it is of paramount importance that we familiarize ourselves with the prevailing scholarship on the war. It is also essential that we are able to recognize inaccurate and biased authorship. And, yes, there is more to be written on the war, but more importantly, there exists a need for discerning readers that recognize the lies, distortions, and prejudices that are prevalent in existing books. As award winning author, George Orwell said, "The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history." (6) In this regard, it would appear that Northern propagandists set about to create an alternate history, a history that castigated Confederate leaders and their cause, while exalting those of the North. Likewise, they are now attempting to erase the memory of the former Confederacy through the destruction of memorial monuments dedicated to the memory of our Confederate dead.

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Society and Chapter News

Mississippi Society Convention

The Mississippi Society held their 2019 Society Convention at the American Legion Hall in New Albany, Mississippi, on April 27, 2019. Adjutant General and Mississippi Society Commander William Michael Moore presided. Commander General Byron Brady presented the charter for the Father Abram Ryan Chapter 63, Biloxi, which was recently reactivated. Chris

AOT Department Commander and Chaplain General Rev. John Killian was the keynote speaker. Also in attendance were Alabama Society Commander Bev Leigh from Tuscaloosa, and Past MOS&B CIC John Echols from Southaven.



AOT Department and Chaplain General Rev. John Killian is shown delivering the keynote address at the 2019 Mississippi Society Convention held April 27, 2019, in New Albany.



Commander General Byron E. Brady is shown with Past MOS&B Commander-in-Chief John Echols at the 2019 Mississippi Society Convention.



Virginia Society meets in Richmond

The Virginia Society held their 2019 Convention at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond on Saturday, May 4, 2019. ANV Department and Virginia Society Commander David Stringfellow presided. Four of the Virginia Society chapters were present. Commander General Byron Brady presented the charter for the newly formed Governor John Letcher Virginia Headquarters Chapter 309 to the charter members present.

As shown herein are members of the Virginia Society with the portrait of General Robert E. Lee in the lobby of the Commonwealth Club in Richmond on May 4, 2019.



The General Jeb Stuart Birthday celebration was held at Hollywood Cemetery on Saturday February 2, 2018 at 11Am at his graveside. Carl Sell of the Stuart Mosby Society and author of the book "Major General James Ewell Brown Stuart" was guest speaker. Among the guest presenting memorials were Ms. Ginger Stephens, President Virginia UDC, Conway Moncure, Lt. Commander Virginia MOS&B, Jim Seaton, Commander Gen. George Pickett Chapter MOSB along with it's Lt. Commander Dr. Martin Lane. Also in attendance were Blair Perrow of the Longstreet Camp SCV, and Bill Jackson, Knibb's Battery which performed a musket salute.

With Deep Regret

Our beloved Compatriot Ronald T. Clemmons, who served as Commander-in-Chief of the Order from 1982-84, passed away Monday, February 4, 2019, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The link to his obituary is <https://www.smithfamilyfcs.com/obituaries/Ronald-T-Clemmons?obId=4086145#/obituaryInfo> A memorial service was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Murfreesboro on Saturday, February 9, 2019.

Texas Society



On May 16, 2019, the Waul's Texas Legion was invited by the City of Granbury, to participate in the General Granbury Birthday Festival Parade. We fielded a full 9 Man color guard and with wives and kids we had 22 riding the float.



Pictured herein is the Chartering of Waul's Texas Legion #308 and Major Ben Ficklin #310. Note that other MOS&B members present at this 2019 Lee-Jackson Banquet.



Members of Major Ben Ficklin # 310 at Charter ceremony.



CG Brady swore in L-R Larry Martin, Commander Waul's Texas Legion #308 and David McMahon, Major Ben Ficklin #310 as commanders of the new Chapters.

Commander General presented the Southern Cross of Honor to ATM Commander Dennis Brand at our Lee Jackson in which his wife, Rita, is pictured standing next to him.



Sanford Reed presented the two new Chapter Commanders a Shelbys Sword for use in the Chapter



Commander General Brady presented the Southern Cross of Honor to David McMahon, Commander of Major Ben Ficklin #310, San Angelo Texas.



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