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### **Greetings! Compatriots.**

Happy New Year!! We hope all have had a very Merry Christmas and are ready for all the good coming in the new year.

### **Chapter 310 Officers:**

Commander David P. McMahon  
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#### **SAVE THESE DATES:**

#### **February 18, 2023**

#### **Chapter 310 Winter Meeting**

Mark your calendars, the next meeting for the Major Benjamin F. Ficklin Chapter 310, will be **Saturday, February 18, 2023** at the Fort Concho Living History Stables Classroom. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10:00 am.

#### **May 4-6, 2023 National MOS&B**

#### **Convention, Doubletree Inn, Atlantic Beach, NC**

Log-in to national website  
[http://www.militaryorderofthestarsandbars.org/members\\_only.html](http://www.militaryorderofthestarsandbars.org/members_only.html) member section/ Go to convention/ download the forms and mail in with your payment. April 15 is the deadline!

#### **Texas Society Annual Convention – June 9-10, 2023 College Station**

Registration forms, schedule, hotel info are all found on the Texas Society website:  
[http://www.txmosb.org/\\_forms/2023\\_tx\\_registration.pdf](http://www.txmosb.org/_forms/2023_tx_registration.pdf)

### **Message from Commander McMahon:**

Happy New Year to all my fellow compatriots. I wish you and yours the best at this time of the year. I would like to challenge each of you to find a new member this year! Be it a brother, uncle, cousin, or friend, we can do more to change our communities by increasing in strength than anything else. Our chapter has grown to over twenty members and if we doubled, we could brush up to fifty. Remember it costs nothing to extend an invitation. Be that person that walks across the room and opens the door to exploring a person's ancestry and the joy that effort has brought to each of us.

If you have any questions, or need any help, I am only a phone call away. I already have my next member in mind.

Deo Vindice,

***David McMahon, DCS***

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## Veterans Day Memorial Service

First National Flags graced the graves of our Confederate soldiers' final resting places. A majority of our members participated in the Veterans Day Memorial Service at San Angelo's Fairmount Cemetery on November 11, 2022. Also participating were members from Goode's Light Artillery, Fort Concho's artillery crew, and General Tom Green Camp 1613 SCV.

## Dues Renewals = Chapter Growth

Renewal time has come and gone. We are pleased to announce 100% retention of all members. You are all congratulated for your dedication to the Cause of representing your Most Honorable Ancestors. We are pleased to welcome six new members!

### Chapter 310 renewing members are:

Ray Bunton – Buffalo Gap  
 Christopher Fiveash – San Angelo  
 Roy Fiveash – San Angelo  
 Lee Hise – Midland  
 David M. Johnson – San Angelo  
 Mack Johnson – San Angelo  
 Ray Johnson – Brownwood  
 David P. McMahon – San Angelo  
 Robert S. Melton – San Angelo  
 James G. Putman – Wolfforth  
 G. Darrell Rhea – Gatesville  
 Christopher Roque – San Angelo  
 William V. Scott – Lubbock  
 Rod R. Smith – Christoval  
 Arlie Sparkman – Sheffield  
 Charles Westbrook – San Angelo

## New members transferred in from another chapter:

Gary Bates – Menard; Will Bowen – San Angelo; Eddie L. Cox – Comanche; William S. Farrar – Arlington; Ward Slack – Houston; and Kevin Wilson – Brownwood.

## Real Great Grandson Medals, Have You Applied?

Within the MOS&B, qualifying members are eligible for either of the following medals: Real Grandson, Real Great Grandson, Real Great-Great Grandson, and/or Real Great-Great-Great Grandson.

The form is available online [www.txmosb.org](http://www.txmosb.org). Go to **DOCUMENTS** tab on the menu bar and select **FORMS**. For Real Grandsons and Real Great Grandsons, there is no fee for your medal/certificate. Real Great-Great and Great-Great-Great Grandson applications, there is a \$50.00 fee.

## Southern Cross of Honor Medal Presentation to Chapter 310 Lt. Cmdr. Robert S. Melton

Compatriot Robert S. Melton was the recipient of the Southern Cross of Honor medal for his service in the United States Marine Corps. Chapter Commander David McMahon made the presentation at the Texas Society Executive Council (SEC) meeting held in October 2022 in College Station. (L-R) MOS&B Commander General Johnnie L. Holley, Chapter 310 Commander David McMahon, Compatriot Melton, and Texas Society Commander Larry Joe Reynolds.



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## Texas Society Awards Program

At the Texas Society Executive Council meeting held this past October, a proposal to implement a Texas Star Awards Program was adopted. Preliminary qualifications for the Gold Award would be in recognition of special achievements by Society members at the State level (such as officer /chairman services) or National level, the Silver Award would recognize special achievements at the Society or Chapter level beyond which is normally expected of a member; the Bronze Award recognizes special achievements at the Society level as determined by the Society Commander and/or the SEC or Awards Chairman. The above picture is an example of the medals. It was approved that a décor or attachment be added to the ribbon to distinguish this medal as a Texas Society award. So, Gentlemen, get involved with our Chapter and the Society.