



Major's Orders

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Special points of interest:

**14 February—
Valentine's Day!!!!**

**18 February 2023—
Major Benjamin F. Ficklin Chapter 310 Meeting @ 10:00 am, Ft. Concho Living History Stables. Coffee at 9:30 am, see you there!**

Message from Commander McMahon:

Last month I challenged every member to find a new member so that we might double our ranks. This month I attended the Lee-Jackson Luncheon in Kerrville, hosted by the Hill Country Camp of the SCV. In talking to the members of the camp I soon learned that little is known about the Order.

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars is the only Confederate heritage organization founded by Confederate Veterans. In 1938 in Columbia, South Carolina, fifteen former Confederate officers,

twenty-six sons, and twenty-one grandsons of Confederate officers gathered to organize the Order. It is not that we are the same as the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, but from our organization we are a fundamentally different type of organization.

We are mindful of the nearly one-million Americans who died in this conflict as well as those who survived it. Our mission is to perpetuate the idealism that animated the Confederate Cause and to honor the courage, devotion, and endur-

ance of those who dedicated their lives and services during four years of devastating war, and who, throughout the dreadful decade of reconstruction, labored heroically for the restoration of self-government as the most precious heritage of the American Revolution. It is good for each member of the MOS&B to remember that the mounted figure on the great seal of the confederacy is none other than the father of our democracy, George Washington.

**David McMahon,
DCS
Commander, Chapter 310**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

National MOS&B Convention

86th Annual National General Convention/Vacation that will be held on **May 4 - 6, 2023** at Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. Go to the MOS&B website: www.militaryorderofthestarsandbars.org, go to the **Members Only** tab and login. Under the Conventions tab you will find downloadable forms to fill out and mail in with your payment.

Texas Society Annual Convention

June 9-10, 2023. The Hilton College Station & Conference Center 801 University Drive East College Station, Texas 77840 (979) 693-7500

Forms, schedules and activities' information can be found at txmosb.org, go to **Conventions** tab.

April 1, 2023 Deadline to Submit MOS&B Awards Nominations

If you desire to nominate an MOS&B member for recognition for service in 2022, please go to the MOS&B website/ Member Section and check out the Manual for Awards Originators and the Awards Manual. Absolute deadline for submitting nomination online is prior to midnight, April 1, 2023.

Lee-Jackson Luncheon in Kerrville Draws MOS&B Texas Society Executives



(L-R) Member Arlie Sparkman, Commander David McMahon, Texas Society Commander Larry Joe Reynolds, and member Gary Bates.

Hill Country SCV Camp 1938 celebrated their annual Lee-Jackson Luncheon on Saturday, January 21 in Kerrville. Dignitaries attending included Cmdr. Joe Reynolds, MOS&B Texas Society, and David McMahon, Texas Society Adjutant. McMahon, a Past Texas SCV Division Commander, conducted the induction of the 2023 camp officers. MOS&B Chapter 310 members Arlie Sparkman and Gary Bates attended. Bates was the guest speaker. Bates presented an outstanding program on “Texas Regimental Flags.”



Texas Confederate Heroes Day

Chapter member, Steve Melton, attended the Texas Confederate Heroes' Day Ceremony sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans Dunn-Holt-Midkiff Camp 1441 at the Fair-

view Cemetery in Midland, January 21, 2023. The ceremony included the laying of the Wreath, a Roll Call of all Confederate Veterans buried in the cemetery and a Firing Line Salute. Afterwards, several participants attended lunch at Dos Compadre's Mexican Restaurant.

“Roll Call of all Confederate Veterans “



(Left) Chapter member Steve Melton, Camp Adjutant, Floyd Rountree, Camp members Calvin Oglesby and Sam Hutchins with re-enactors David and Matthew Carol.

(Right) Camp 1441 Commander Josh Hutchins.



The 2023 MOS&B Scholarship Program is Open til March 1

The Military Order of Stars and Bars has established a college scholarship program for genealogically proven: (1) descendants of Confederate Officers; (2) descendants of the Confederate Executive or Legislative branches of government; and (3) descendants of members of the Confederate States' legislatures, judiciary, and executive branches of government.

The MOS&B Scholarship Program annually awards the merit based scholarships to worthy individuals who meet eligibility requirements and have been judged on infor-

mation submitted by the applicant.

The General Executive Council has determined that each Department scholarship awarded will be in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). The number of scholarships awarded each year will be determined by the GEC.

The Scholarships are named as follows:

The General Robert E. Lee Scholarship shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Northern Virginia.

The Lt. General Nathan B. Forrest Scholarship shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Tennessee.

The Major General Patrick R. Cleburne Scholarship shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Trans-Mississippi.

More information can be found on the Website:
www.militaryorderofthestarsandbars.org/scholarship.html

Be In The Know:

A uniqueness of the Major Benjamin F. Ficklin Chapter 310 is our membership's locations. We have members from Lubbock to Houston and Iraan to Brownwood. We cover West Texas and beyond. That is the driving force behind Our Newsletter, "Major's Orders", to inform our members of what is going on in the Chapter and Societies, both State and National.

Other ways you, the Member, can stay informed is by going to the

State Society or the National Society's websites. There is ample information located in each website as well as a MOS&B Store at the National site. There is a **MEMBERS ONLY** section on each website that contains items available only to members. It is very easy to setup your user name and password to gain entry to the **MEMBERS ONLY** section.

National website:
www.militaryorderofthestarsandbars.org

Texas Society website:

www.txmosb.org

Our Chapter also has a webpage that you can go to:

www.txmosb.org/310/index.html

I highly encourage each member to visit these websites to explore all that is available to them. In particular are the registration forms and schedules for the upcoming **Texas Society Annual Convention** in College Station, Texas, June 9-10, 2023. May 19, 2023 is the deadline for hotel reservations, so start surfing Dude!

Special Fort Chadbourne News!

March 18 Confederate Monument Re-dedication

Saturday, March 18, Fort Chadbourne will commemorate the restoration and relocation of the Confederate Memorial Monument originally located in Gainesville, Texas. The ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m. Reenactors are invited to arrive early to dress out

for a firing line and the artillery crews.

Following the monument ceremony, the **Fort Chadbourne Soldiers Memorial** marker will be unveiled "honoring the troops who were stationed at Fort Chadbourne and

lost their lives while serving on the frontier."

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Ft Chadbourne Enlisted Men's Quarters



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Military Order of the Stars and Bars Pledge



We, the posterity of the Officer Corps and civil officials of the Confederacy, do pledge ourselves to commemorate and honor the service of leadership these men rendered in the cause of the fundamental American principles of self-determination and states' rights and to perpetuate the true history of their deeds for the edification of ourselves, our society and for generations yet unborn.