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## Confederate Memorial and San Jacinto Day

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, was a day of remembrance of our Confederate soldiers and Texans who fought at the Battle of San Jacinto. The joint event was sponsored by the Tom Green County Historical Commission, Tom Green County Historic Honor Guard and Gen. Tom Green Camp #1613 with participants from Major Benjamin F. Ficklin Chapter 310 – MOS&B, General Tom Green Camp #1613 – SCV and



Fort Concho Infantry. Charles Westbrook was the MC of the Confederate Memorial and presented 'The Origins of Memorial Day'. Will

Bowen read the very moving 'Farewell Letter' of General Nathan Bedford Forrest to his troops after surrendering. (con't page 2—Tributes)

## Texas Society Convention

2023 Texas Society Annual Convention for the Military Order of the Stars and Bars will be held at the Hilton College Station and Conference Center June 9-10. The deadline for registering is May 10th. This

is an election year for our Society.

Information for registering can be found on the Texas Society website: [txmosb.org](http://txmosb.org), under the **CONVENTIONS** tab.

There are several attrac-

tions in the area, The Museum of the American G.I. and the Messina Hof Winery & Resort, to name a few and then there is Texas A & M University.

See y'all there.



## Tributes (con't)



*David McMahon and James Putman at the Historical Marker for Gen. Tom Green, CSA and Texas Revolution Veteran, Battle of Blair's Landing, Louisiana.*

Golda Foster, Chairwoman of the Tom Green County Historical Commission and MC of 'Battle of San Jacinto Veterans Tribute' spoke to the several Texas Battle flags flying at the gravesite and gave tribute to Tom Green, Daniel Millar and John Ingram, who all fought in the Battle of San Jacinto. Daniel Millar and John Ingram are interred in the Fairmount Cemetery. Golda also spoke of her recent



trip where she stopped by Gen. Tom Green's Historical Marker located in Louisiana.



*At Right: Will Bowen reading General Nathan Bedford Forrest's 'Farewell Letter' to his troops.*



# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 86th Annual National General Convention	5 86th Annual National General Convention	6 86th Annual National General Convention
7	8	9	10 <b>DEADLINE</b> to register for Texas Convention	11	12	13
14 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 	30	31			

# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Texas Society Annual Convention	10 Texas Society Annual Convention
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	





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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.*

## Message from Commander McMahan

As I am writing this, my wife and I have just returned from the MOSB National Convention in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. At the Awards ceremony luncheon on Friday Chapter 310 was honored as the second best chapter in the nation. I was very humbled to have our efforts so recognized by the national office and I hope that each and every one of you are as proud of this award as I am.

For my efforts as the national Chief of Staff, and

Communications General, I was awarded the Gold Star from the General Executive Council. All in all, we were recognized greatly for our efforts.

We had beautiful weather for the conference and spent time picking up sea shells on the beach. We were treated to a Low Country Boil on the hotel's dock that was the hit of the event.

In June we will be having our Texas Society Conference in College Station where we will be

electing new officers for the next two years. I have thrown my hat in the ring to run for Lieutenant Commander with George Williamson of Houston running for Commander. I hope to see some of you at the event on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the College Station Hilton.

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