



# The Charge



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Military Order of the Stars and Bars Houston, Texas*

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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.*





## Commander's Comments

I was excited for all of us to get together again after a long quarantine period. As the meeting started, Kathy had a hard time getting everyone under control because there was an abundance of laughter and catching up after such a long time of not being together.

It's a wonderful feeling to be a part of such a distinguished group as the MOS&B who's mission is to keep the true history of our Southern Heritage alive. We are proud to be Southerners. We are proud of our Heritage. The Houston Chapter # 5 is like a close knit family. It really showed in our meeting with all of the comradery and togetherness.

I'm honored to have my friend, Doug Collings, as our next speaker at our August meeting. He will be bringing a program about Texans in the Confederacy.

Let's continue to grow and add to our numbers each meeting.

**THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS IS ALIVE AND WELL IN HOUSTON, TEXAS!**

**Next Meeting**

**August 20, 2021**  
**11:30 am**

**Rudi Lechner's Restaurant**  
**2503 S. Gessner**  
**Houston, Texas**

**OFFICERS**

Commander - George Williamson  
 1st Lt. Commander - Shelby Stocks  
 2nd Lt. Commander - Dr. John Burdine  
 Adjutant - Kathy Stocks  
 Chaplain - Raymond Holder  
 Newsletter Editor - Shelia Williamson



Our Camp was ready to get back to meetings after the pandemic and we had 20 attendees filling up the dining table at Rudi Lechner's. Everyone was busy catching up on the latest news. The meeting was opened in prayer by Paul Waits and then we continued with our tradition by having the Ancestor Roll Call, Salute to the Flags and then our meal. We were so pleased to have six visitors join us.



Opening prayer  
Paul Waits



Presenting the Flags  
Phil Whitley



Toast to Robert E. Lee  
Dennis Giuffre'



This Day in History  
Done Stone



Bob & Sue Mennell



Freesie & Larry "Joe"  
Reynolds



Emily & David K.  
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Left: We were honored to have MOS&B Lieutenant Commander Larry "Joe" Reynolds give the program on the Military Order of the Stars and Bars standing by Commander George Williamson



Right: Commander George Williamson presents Bob Mennell with The Davis Guard Medal for his contributions to the Southern Cause



Commander George Williamson presents to the Camp new honorary member Kathy Stocks and new associate members - Bob Mennell & Paul Waits



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**Doug Collings, Speaker**  
**August 20, 2021**



**Program:**  
**Confederate Veterans**

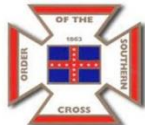
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**Order of the  
Southern Cross  
Members Attend  
the  
2021 Southern  
Heritage Ball  
at  
River Oaks  
Country Club  
Houston, Texas**



Left to right: Paul Waits, James Alderman - OSC Commander-In-Chief, Raymond Holder, George Williamson, John Burdine & Chuck Gossett







## This Day In History

by Don Stone

### May 19, 1828 - The tariff of 1828

On May 19, 1828, President John Quincy Adams during this session of the 20th Congress signed a protective tariff act that stirred up an outcry from Southern states especially South Carolina. Keep in mind that this event was many years before the War Between the States. Some called it the "Tariff of Abominations" because it tended to favor the Northern states over the Southern States.

The effect of the Tariff Act of 1828 was to raise money for the Federal government for special projects and the payment of debt. Northern manufacturing companies were helped in marketing their goods and Northern agriculture was not as penalized due to the differences in having dairy and different kinds of products than the South including cotton and tobacco.

Most states in the South would be required to pay more for manufactured goods due to retaliatory actions from other countries. John C. Calhoun's "Exposition" stated that the tariff was not constitutional and would require an amendment to the Constitution requiring a three-fourths favorable vote of the senate.

The passing of the Tariff Act of 1828 was a bitter pill not forgotten especially in South Carolina. Some ships sympathetic to the South in New York harbor put their American flags at half-staff. Many were already being raised in 1828.

# *In Memory of Our Compatriots*



Earle Freeman, August 9, 1927 - April 14, 2021. Earle was born in Shreveport, Louisiana. His family moved to Houston where he graduated from Lamar High School, graduated from Allen Military Academy in Bryan, attended the University of Texas in Austin and served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper with the 11th Airborne Division. He was a former director of the Houston Safari Club and member over 30 years. In 1950 he married Margie Morrow and they were married 71 years. They had four children, eight grandchild and seven great grandchildren. Earle was a member our of Texas Chapter # 5 MOS&B.



James Cantrell Jr, March 10, 1946 - October 15, 2020. Jim was born in Ft. Worth, Texas. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Texas Tech, Master of Science from the University of Houston at Clear Lake City and became a Licensed Professional Counselor and counseled at O'Connell High School in Galveston and Texas City. One of Jim's Passions was genealogy. Some of the organizations he belonged to were The Sons of the Republic of Texas, The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, The Jamestowne Society, Aztec Club, The Carter Society and he was a member of our Texas Chapter # 5 MOS&B.



*Please keep our compatriots friends and  
family in your prayers*

**Military Order of the Stars and Bars  
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Hilton College Station & Conference Center  
College Station, Texas**



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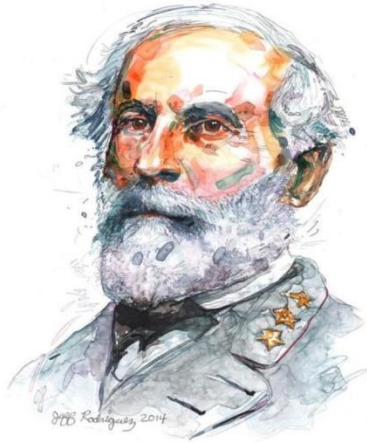
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Website: <http://www.txmosb.org/reunion.php>**



# Robert E. Lee

A poem written by Julia Ward Howe



A gallant foeman in the fight,  
A brother when the fight was o'er,  
The hand that led the host with might  
The blessed torch of learning bore.  
Thought may the minds of men divide,  
Love makes the heart of nations one,  
And so, they soldier grave beside,  
We honor thee, Virginia's son.

Mrs. Howe is best known for her 1862 poem Battle Hymn of the Republic, for which she was paid \$5 by the Atlantic Monthly. After the War she wrote a short poem honoring Robert E. Lee, which I think was admirable and in the best tradition of Lincoln's 'malice toward none' theme.