

MOS&B Chapter Handbook



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This newly revised Handbook is for the use of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars Chapters and general membership. Using a web-based format not only makes it more accessible to our membership, but it can quickly be updated as needed. By placing it on the web site a Chapter may choose to download the entire Handbook, print it and place in a three-ring binder to easily accept revisions or choose to simply download individual sections and print as needed.

Individual sections are devoted to our history, membership, our rituals and ceremonies, Chapter committees and officers, organizational structure as well as a description of our awards, certificates and medals. A brief guide to the correct protocol of wearing our medals is also included for use of the membership.

The Handbook is not meant to be comprehensive in nature, but to give general information that might be useful and interesting for Chapter building. Please feel free to make suggestions for any future additions that would be helpful to our Brotherhood.

Richard Rhone

Lt. Commander General

A Brief History of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars

On June 10th, 1889, in New Orleans, Louisiana, a group of proud surviving soldiers of the Confederate States of America organized an association called the United Confederate Veterans. Its goals were to protect and defend the honor and dignity of the memory of the Confederate soldier. As the ranks of the aged veterans of the UCV began to thin with the passage of time, a group of the surviving Confederate officers met in Columbia, South Carolina on August 30th, 1938 to discuss their concerns that the unique contributions made by the Confederate leadership were not properly chronicled in our nation's history books. They felt a particular duty fell to them as members of the Officers Corp.

This first meeting of what they named the "Order of the Stars & Bars" was convened with a great deal of enthusiasm by seventeen former Confederate officers as well as an additional forty-seven male descendant of Confederate officers in attendance. These dedicated men were unanimous in voting to begin a new CSA veteran society that would hold annual meetings. The OSB was unique in that the organization was made up of veterans and their descendants with the understanding that as the original Confederate officers died that it was the sacred responsibility of their male offspring to continue to carry on the purposes of the Order.

Our first Commander-in-Chief was Captain Homer Atkinson, of Petersburg, Virginia, who served the Southern nation as the commanding officer of Company B of the 39th Mississippi Battalion. He served as the chief officer of the Order from the beginning until his death in 1945. In addition to commanding the new Order, Captain Atkinson served two terms as Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans.

Other successful leaders assumed the role of commander including Gen. Robert E. Lee's grandson Dr. George Bolling Lee. In later years of the Order, eligibility qualifications were broadened to allow collateral male descendants of Confederate commissioned officers as well as of any elected or appointed member of the Executive Branch of the Confederate Government. This brought additional members and new vigorous leadership to the Brotherhood.

The name of the Order was changed to "The Military Order of the Stars & Bars" at the 39th General Convention held in Memphis, Tennessee in 1976. The first National Flag of the Confederate States of America, the Stars and Bars, was accepted as the official insignia of the Order and the commanding officer would be called the Commander General of the Military Order of the Star and Bars.

Today the fraternal Military Order of the Stars & Bars, a non-profit 501(c) 3, non-political educational, historical, patriotic, and heritage group continues its dedication to the preservation of Southern history and remains the only heritage organization actually founded by Confederate veterans. A wide range of programs have been added to reorganize outstanding contributions in the fields of history, fine arts and journalism. College scholarships and monetary awards are offered to emphasize the need for truth in Confederate history. Prestigious literary prizes are awarded to authors and publishing houses. Monuments are being erected to the CSA soldiers. Journalists who practice ethical and fair reporting of local and Southern history are recognized. An emphasis is placed on American Patriotism and the honoring of all American veterans.

The Order works with other like-minded heritage and patriotic groups such as the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Order of the Southern Cross, the Museum of the Confederacy and the Sons of the American Revolution to promote a truthful history of Confederate States as well as general American history. We partner with Washington and Lee University in the preservation and interpretation of Lee Chapel.

The Order also emphasizes family tradition and encourages our membership to preserve their family's Confederate history for posterity. To that end, each MOS&B membership application with its genealogical records becomes a permanent historical record and is kept on file at the National MOS&B Archives in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. All MOS&B Headquarters files are all being digitized.

Members are leaders in the collecting of data, documents and relics that preserve the history and heritage of the Southland and the War Between the states, but also in the preserving of the history of America's Colonial, Revolutionary and Federal periods. The Order remains fervent in its Patriotism and support of the basic principles of the United States Constitution.

As in decades past, the Military Order of Stars and Bars continues to cultivate the ties of friendship and create Brothers united in their common purposes. The friendship and fellowship of individuals united in a shared heritage and history remains of prime importance to the membership. Meetings and annual National Reunions are times of education and learning, but also opportunities for the good times shared by the Compatriots of the Order.

"Everyone should do all in his power to collect and disseminate the truth, in the hope that it may find a place in history and descend to posterity. History is not the relation of campaigns and battles and generals or other individuals, but that which shows the principles for which the South contended and which justified her struggle for these principles " - Robert E. Lee



General Robert E. Lee and his Generals
Chromolithograph by W. H. Matthews, 1907

Some Photographs of Early United Confederate Veterans Gatherings



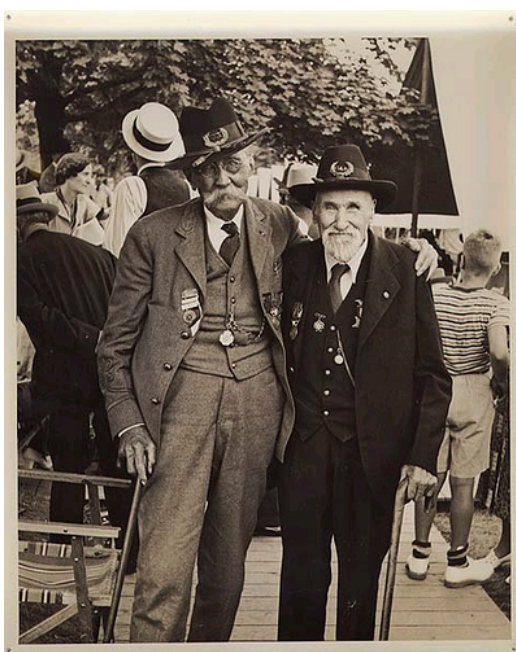


MEMORIAL DAY 1905 — The Thornton-Pickett Camp, of United Confederate Veterans, organized April Court Day (third Monday) 1895, held annual reunion in May until 1925. The picture above was made at one of the annual reunions, probably about 1905. We are interested in identifying mem-

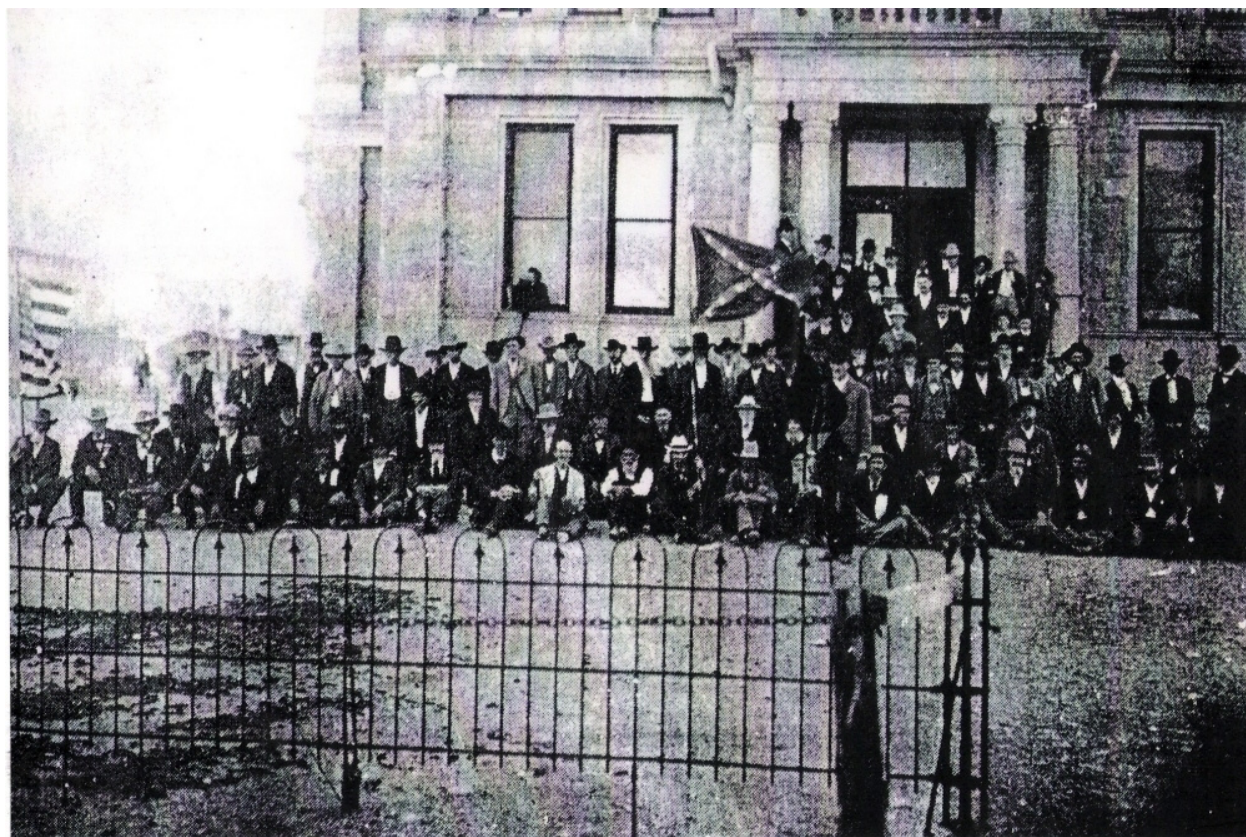
bers of this group. Capt. Sam Paulett, the "Old Reb," holds the flag on the left and Capt. Bob Miller on the right. Readers who recognize other veterans may assist us by drawing a ring around the face, number, and include name on a separate sheet.



Civil War veterans reminisce during the 1911 reunion.







Comanche County Confederate Veterans

Basic Organizational Structure

The membership of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars is composed of legitimate male descendents, lineal or collateral, of those who served as officers in the Confederate Army or Navy to the end of the War, or who died in prison or while in actual service were killed in battle, or who were honorably retired or discharged, and descendents of elected and appointed officials of the Executive or Legislative branch of the civil government.

The MOS&B National Constitution, Article V divides the General Society into three Departments, State Societies and Chapters. In addition, it prescribes the organization and duties of MOS&B Chapters. The Chapter is the basic unit of the Society. Chapters may be formed in states where State Societies already exist, in which case they become part of the State Society and remain assigned thereto. National Headquarters will also maintain the Jefferson Davis Chapter #1 for members who are not part of a State Society or a local Chapter.

Five National members are required to form a new Chapter. When fifteen MOS&B members residing in the State where a State Society has not been formed create one or more Chapters and then application may be made to form a new State Society to the General Executive Council (Art. V, Sect. 3). Such application should be made to:

The Commander General
IHQ, Military Order of the Stars and Bars
P.O. Box 1700
White House, Tennessee 37188-1700

The three Departments that State Societies are assigned to are; (1) Army of Northern Virginia, (2) Army of Tennessee Department and (3) Army of the Trans Mississippi.

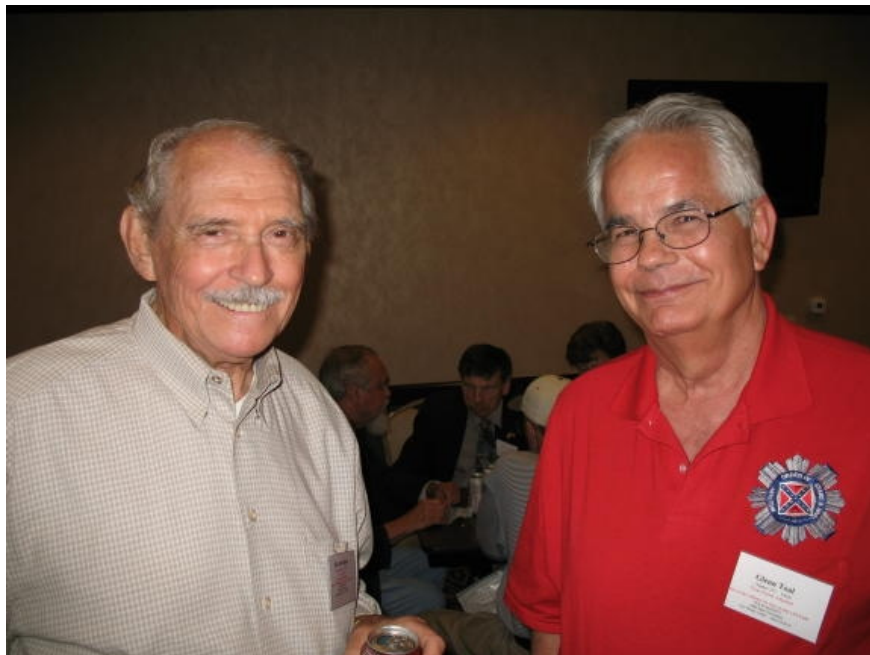
The *Army of Northern Virginia* Department consists of the following State Societies: District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia and all States east of the State of Ohio and north of the State of Virginia.

The *Army of Tennessee* Department consists of the following State Societies: Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and those States not included in the other two Departments' regions.

The *Army of the Trans Mississippi* Department consists of the following State Societies: Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and States West of the Mississippi River.

A National Convention, or National Reunion, is held annually. Reunions are held in cities throughout the United States. Upcoming Reunions are planned for Jacksonville, Florida in 2011 and San Antonio, Texas in 2012. These National reunions are family events that allow members to gather in a fraternal body to conduct the business of the General Society as well as to attend educational sessions, visit historical sites and informally meet with new and old compatriots. The Reunion includes a prayer breakfast, Awards banquet, business sessions and concludes with a black tie or period dress Grand Ball.

Throughout the Order, the State Societies and local Chapters have regular meetings and conventions, hold Jefferson Davis Banquets, Lee-Jackson Banquets, sponsor historical War Between the States lectures and participate in patriotic memorial events. While heritage preservation and education are the primary function, the gathering of compatriots is always a social event enjoyed by those sharing a common Southern heritage.



General Membership Application Procedure

An Applicant for membership in the Military Order of the Stars & Bars has two options: (1) membership in a Local Chapter, or (2) membership in the National At-Large Chapter.

The advantage of membership in a Local Chapter is the personal association that a Chapter provides. Local Chapter adjutants or other designated persons will assist in the preparation of the membership application. Most Chapters are located in State Societies, which provide additional opportunities for fellowship at the State level.

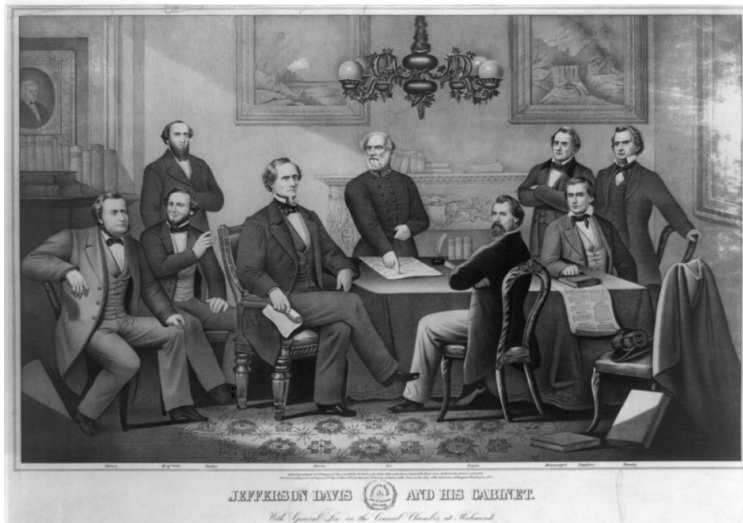
Those choosing a Local Chapter affiliation will submit the application through the designated Local Chapter officer, who will then forward it to the State Genealogist for further review and approval. The final level of required approval is the National Genealogist General. The applicant will be informed of any Local Chapter and State Society dues. The National new member fee is \$50. The appropriate fees should be forwarded along with the completed application. The National new member fee covers the cost of a membership certificate, a lapel pin, and a membership card. The fee also covers National dues for the current year and the succeeding year.

Should the application have deficiencies, it will be returned to the individual through the same chain of approval with required improvements indicated.

Applicants choosing to join the National At-Large Chapter will deal directly with the Genealogist General. Upon final approval, the application will be forwarded to IHQ, which will issue the new member's certificate, card and pin.

Life Memberships are available. A one-time fee is determined by the applicant's age. Details are available on the National website: <http://www.mosbihq.org/>. State Societies, in some cases, also offer Life memberships. Interested members should communicate with their State Society.

Questions regarding membership should be addressed to the Genealogist General.



Chapter Officers, Duties and Responsibilities

It is understood that every Chapter may not have every position listed here simply because of Chapter size. However, all Chapters are required as a minimum to have a Commander, Lieutenant Commander and Adjutant. As Chapters numbers and activities increase, more positions will be needed not only to carry out the goals and purpose of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, but also to train new leadership for the future.

Chapter Commander: He has a unique responsibility to provide leadership, to encourage, assist, guide, maintain esprit de corps, and above all, to work to achieve harmony within the Chapter, State Society, National MOS&B as well as other organizations and groups with which the Chapter has a relationship. The Chapter Commander presides at all meetings or delegates his subordinates to preside. He appoints all committees with input from others that he feels necessary to help run the Chapter.

First Lieutenant Commander: This officer is second only to the Commander in responsibility. He presides in the absence of the Commander. Upon resignation or death of the Commander, the First Lieutenant Commander automatically becomes Chapter Commander. He also serves as the program chairman for the Chapter. In most Chapters it is assumed that he will succeed the Commander if he has proven himself equal to the task in the eyes of his fellow members.

Second Lieutenant Commander: This officer is third in responsibility and upon a vacancy in the position of First Lieutenant Commander succeeds to that post. He may serve as the publisher of the Chapter newsletter, direct activities of the editor, and coordinates the printing of Chapter publications such as a Chapter Handbook. He develops ideas and programs to raise funds for the Chapter treasury and for special purposes and projects which he may be assigned.

Adjutant: The Adjutant maintains all Chapter records, prepares Chapter rosters with the assistance of the Chapter Treasurer, prepares and submits all reports such as the Annual Chapter Report to the various Society, Department and National Headquarters. He records the minutes of all Chapter meetings, submits approved Applications for membership in the Chapter to the Society Genealogist, maintains current membership Applications, MOS&B information pamphlets, prospective members list, grave location forms, etc. He also conducts Chapter correspondence as required.

Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for the Chapter's financial records and reports. These responsibilities include the receiving of all monies paid to the Chapter, such as dues and dispersing them to the right channels, paying all bills incurred by the Chapter, keeping an account of all financial transactions of the Chapter, and handling all banking business for the Chapter. In many Chapters these treasury duties are combined with the Adjutant.

Chaplain: The Chaplain offers prayers at the opening of the Chapter Meeting and the MOS&B Benediction at the close of the meeting, serves at Memorial Services, Roll of Honor Services, graveside services, grave markings, and other occasions when it is appropriate, to ask for Divine Guidance.

Historian: The Historian is responsible for maintaining the Chapter scrapbook and acting as the recorder of Chapter history. He may be asked to submit the Chapter Scrapbook for the National Convention. The position may be combined with another officer in some Chapters.

Judge Advocate: The Judge Advocate is the Chapter legal advisor and acts as parliamentarian at official Chapter sessions. If an attorney is a Chapter Member then it would be useful for him to fill this role.

Genealogist: The Chapter Genealogist should be available to help any new potential member in filling out his Application for Membership or any current member doing the same with a Supplemental Ancestor. He should be familiar with local, state and national archives and libraries where genealogical research is found. He should be competent in using the Internet and be familiar with sources to help in genealogical research.

Color Sergeant: The Color Sergeant serves in Memorial Services, Roll of Honor, special programs and parades as the arranger and/or principal color bearer for the National and Confederate flags. He will lead the membership at Chapter meetings in the Pledges/Salutes of Allegiance to the National, State and Confederate flags. At all Chapter functions he acts as Sergeant at Arms with the responsibility to maintain order and decorum.

Quartermaster: The Quartermaster is responsible for the care and maintenance of the Chapter flags, supplies and equipment, and ensures its availability as necessary at Chapter meetings, Memorial Services, Roll of Honor, funerals, parades, and other functions in which the Chapter takes part.

Executive Council: The Executive Council is composed of all elected Chapter Officers as well as the Past Chapter Commanders for the previous four years. Working as a team under the commander's leadership, they shall be responsible for the overall long range direction of the Chapter and are deeply involved in planning the Chapter's programs and activities. Matters of major importance concerning the Chapter's future should be brought before this council before presentation to the Chapter.

Succession: Every officer has a unique and special responsibility to preserve and maintain custody of all Chapter records generated during his term of office or entrusted to his care. Upon his departure from office, he is required to turn over to his successor, in good order, all records in his possession. In the absence of an immediate successor, such records shall be turned over to the Adjutant until a new officer is selected as in the case of elected Chapter officers.

Possible Chapter Committees

In the beginning, with new Chapters, with possibly as few as five members as is the minimum required for a Charter, the few will be asked to do more than in the case of our larger Chapters. These are some committees that the Chapter should have as their membership grows and activities increase.



A New Chapter Celebrates Its Chartering

1. Membership Committee: If a Chapter does not continue to grow, most likely, it will not survive. Growth comes by recruiting and retaining Members by having regularly scheduled interesting programs and activities to keep everyone involved.

The Committee should be present to hand out Applications at all appropriate meetings, stay in contact with the Camp Adjutant to find out if any new members had ancestors making others eligible for the MOS&B, and promoting the Legacy Program to recruit Sons and Grandsons of current Members. Attending genealogical seminars, UDC, SAR and other appropriate patriotic and heritage meetings with MOS&B Applications available is also recommended.

2. Finance (Ways and Means) Committee: This committee is responsible for any Chapter fundraising activities, sales and the development of any other financial programs. They should help develop a yearly budget with the Officers to budget for supplies, refreshments, speaker donations, and decorations for the annual Jefferson Davis Banquet held in June.

3. Auditing Committee: Once per year it is advisable to appoint an Auditing Committee to investigate the use of Chapter funds for the protection of the Officers as well as the members. Chapters may have a Certified Public Accountant or bookkeeper in their Chapter who will volunteer. Before administrations change, the finances should be reviewed.

4. Nominating Committee: Three months prior to the election of Chapter Officers, a Nominating Committee should be appointed by the Commander, Executive Committee or as specified in the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws. This Committee should attempt to include one of the Past Chapter Commanders. They should present to the Chapter a slate of officers for the Chapter's approval on a set election date as provided in the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.

5. Heritage Committee: This Committee is responsible for marking, repairing and decorating Confederate graves. They should work closely with responsible governing agencies to insure historical sites and graves are maintained and protected. They may also monitor activity in the community so that heritage violations can quickly be identified and the information provided to the local, State Society and National membership as soon as possible for an appropriate response.



Chapter Members repair a broken CSA Officer's headstone and add a protective fence



A new tablet marker is placed by a Chapter to honor a local Confederate Nurse who saved countless soldiers lives.



Local Chapter Members Pose after a Memorial Service for an Unknown TN CSA Soldier.

Initiation Ceremony for New Members

All new members should be inducted and welcomed into the Order with an appropriate and dignified ceremony. Below is the Official Initiation Ritual of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

The Chapter Commander, or his designate, shall ask all new members admitted to the Chapter since the last meeting to come before the members, raise their right hand, place their left hand on the Chapter's Holy Bible (or the shoulder of the person in front of them) and repeat following with the Commander:

"I, (full name of the new member), pledge allegiance to the United States of America. I also pledge, to the best of my ability, to live up to and support the Constitution, Bylaws and principles of this organization, the Military Order of the Stars and Bars."

"I salute the Confederate flag with affection, reverence, and undying devotion to the cause for which it stands."

The MOS&B Pledge will be repeated by all new and old members:

"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 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."

At this point, Membership Certificates may be given and pins placed on the new members.

The Commander concludes:

"By the powers vested in me as Commander, I declare you a member of the (Chapter name) Chapter. We welcome you within the ranks of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars."

The Chapter Commander shall lead the applause welcoming new members into the Order referring to them as *Compatriots*.



Installation Ceremony for New Chapter Officers

Chapter Officers should be installed in a dignified ceremony that impresses upon them and the members of the importance of their responsibilities. All Chapters are encouraged to possess a Chapter Holy Bible for use in ceremonies and rituals.

The person installing the new Chapter Officers may install the Commander, Lieutenant Commander and Adjutant separately or as a group. Other Chapter Officers shall be installed as a group. The Installing Officer shall ask all to raise their right hand and place their left hand over the Chapter's Holy Bible and repeat after him:

"I, (full name), pledge to support and uphold the Constitution, Bylaws and principles of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars; to carry the responsibility of my office with honor, and to defend the right to Free speech and the heritage we have."

Installing Officer continues:

"By the powers vested in me as (MOS&B title of Installing Officer), I declare you duly installed as (Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant or Officers of the Order.) We welcome you to your leadership role in the (state Chapter name) Chapter and pledge to you our support."

The Installing Officer will then lead the applause for the newly installed officers.

Note that at all MOS&B functions it is traditional to refer to members by Officer Title or by Compatriot.



A New Chapter Is Chartered

Pledge and Prayers for MOS&B Meetings

Please note that it is traditional that at all MOS&B functions members will refer to each other by *Officer Title* or *Compatriot*

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Salute to Individual State Flag:

Salute to the Flag of the Confederate States of America:

"I salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence and undying devotion for the Cause for which it stands."

Pledge of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars

"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."

It is recommended that the members of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars commit the Pledge to memory and utilize it as a part of the opening of any meeting of the MOS&B

Military Order of the Stars and Bars Benediction

Leader: *I ask God for strength, that I might achieve,*

Members: *I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.*

Leader: *I asked for health, that I might do greater things,*

Members: *I was given infirmity that I might do better things.*

Leader: *I asked for riches, that I might be happy,*

Members: *I was given poverty, that I might be wise.*

Leader: *I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,*

Members: *I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.*

Leader: *I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,*

Members: *I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.*

Leader: *I got nothing that I asked for - but everything I had hoped for.*

Members: *Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered.*

ALL: *I am, among all men, most richly blessed.*

-Prayer of an Unknown Confederate Soldier

It is recommended that this Prayer be used as the Benediction of each meeting of the MOS&B.

Honor Roll Ceremony for Our Ancestors

1. As each MOS&B member enters the event, he is given a card and asked to place on it the following:

- (a) Name of Ancestor
- (b) Rank or Title
- (c) Military Organization or Government Service
- (d) Any Special event of his ancestor to be noted

The completed card shall be returned to the distributing officer prior to being seated.

2. Upon returning his completed card to the distributing officer, he will be provided with a white candle to keep with him during the event.

3. At the appropriate time, the Commander will ask each member to light his candle as the house lights are slowly dimmed. During this time, large white candles (one for each name as indicated) on a central table at the front of the dais will be lighted by the Commander or his designee.

4. When all candles are lighted, the Commander or his designee will call the Roll of Honor from the information placed on the cards. As a member's ancestor is intoned, the member will stand and extinguish his candle and say what he wishes about his ancestor for a minute or so. He will then be seated.

5. After all cards have been read, the large white candles on the central table will be extinguished one by one as the following names are called by the Commander or his designee: "President Jefferson Davis, General Robert E. Lee, etc" and any other officers of the Confederacy, State or local that the sponsoring body may wish to intone. The names and candles will be equal, but one candle will be left burning on the table.

6. The Commander will point to this one candle stating that "This is dedicated to the Confederacy and will never be extinguished."

7. If glassed drinks are available, the Commander will ask all present to stand. He will then propose a toast to all Confederate ancestors and to the Confederacy.

NOTE: *If it is impractical to have candles or to lower the house lights, the program may be held with all parts relating to candles or lights eliminated. If at all possible, candles should be provided for use in Item 5 whether other candles can be provided or whether the house lights can be turned down.*



Graveside Ceremonies for Departed Members

This service is designed to either precede or succeed the regular burial service at the grave side of the departed member if desired by the family. The wishes of the officiating clergy and the family should be determined in what order the Military Order of the Stars and Bars Service will be conducted.

Prior to the beginning of the service it is desirable that the coffin be covered with the First National Confederate flag (The Stars and Bars). If at all possible a uniformed firing party of uniformed soldiers and a bugler will be present. All the members will assemble at a short distance from the grave so that they may approach in military step preceded by a flag of the Confederacy (this should not be the battle flag; one of the versions of the Confederate national flag should be used). When all have arrived at the graveside, the Commander will take his place at the head of the casket, the Chaplain at the foot, and the service will commence.

Commander: We are here today to pay the last tribute of friendship in the presence of the honored dead. We are to commit to the grave the body of a comrade whose life aside from its other ties of friendship and sociability was drawn very close to our lives by a bond of love which was formed amidst a common dedication to that great heritage and responsibility which is ours as descendants of a Confederate Soldier in the Confederate States of America.

Chaplain: We have heard with our ears, Oh, God - our fathers have told us - what work thou didst in their days, in the time of old. Surely I will never forget any of their works. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. We call upon you, Lord, in the day of trouble as thou sayest,
“I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify me. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the fountain of the world. Amen.

Lieutenant Commander: He was an honored member of our great Order, true and tried, a gallant spirit who by his steadfastness held up the immortality of Southern Arms. He fought a good fight and has left a record of which we, his surviving compatriots, are proud, and which is a heritage of glory to his family and their descendants for all time to come. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Commander: Once more the bugle call has sounded and another compatriot, obedient to the signal, has laid down in his sleep. No more shall the sound of martial music, the measured tramp of marching legions, the crash of arms, or the roar of conflict arouse in him the warrior's resolve "To do, or die." His battle of life has been fought, he has been relieved from his post of duty in our great Order, and he has crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees. Let us leave him to his rest, and as the earth will hide him from our sight forever; Let us bury in oblivion any recollection of his human frailties, commemorating only the virtues of one who was our friend. Yet a little while, and we, too shall fold our hands in peaceful repose, from which there shall be no awakening until the last great Reveille shall rouse the slumbering millions to answer to their names before the great Captain of the Universe.

Lieutenant Commander: Compatriots, let us engage in the battle of life with an unfaltering resolve to do our duty. Let our vicissitudes, however trying, no pleasures, however alluring drive or tempt us to abandon our post; and when at last we approach the Sentinel that keeps eternal guard over the great golden gate, let us be prepared with the countersign that will admit us to the company of those who have been tried and not found wanting, those choice spirits who, holding their conscience unmixed with blame, have been in all conditions true to themselves, to their country, and to their God.

Chaplain: God, Creator of the universe and Commander of the hosts of heaven, to thy care we commit the spirit of our departed comrade. While by day the sun makes its round, and by night the stars keep watch and ward above the bivouac of the dead. We commit his body to the earth. Dust to dust, ashes to ashes in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the dead through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercies of Christ rest in peace. Amen.

NOTE: At the conclusion, the firing party will fire three volleys. The bugler will then play taps. The Commander and Lieutenant Commander, or other appointed members of the Chapter, will fold the flag and present the sacred banner to the widow or other family member. The members will then withdraw and be dismissed by the Commander.



Memorial Service for Departed Compatriots

This Service is suggested when a Chapter, Society or Department desires to memorialize a departed member or when it may wish to remember several departed comrades at an Annual Memorial Service. It may be varied to suit special circumstances and the terminology changed when more than one comrade is memorialized. It is not intended to be used in place of regular church or grave side service.

When all are assembled at the appointed meeting area one of the flags of the Confederacy or the Chapter Flag is brought forward and presented. The Commander ties a black cord or ribbon at the top of the flag, which will remain on the flag throughout the service and during any meeting which may follow and the Charter of the Chapter is draped in black cloth. After the flag and Charter are appropriately decorated the Commander begins the Service.

Commander: *We are here today to pay the last tribute of friendship to our honored dead. We, the descendants of the Officers of the Officers Corps and civil government of the Confederate States of America, have assembled in loving memory of our friend and compatriot in the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.*

Chaplain: *"Man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not. As the waters fail from the sea and the flood decayeth and drieth up; so man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not wake, nor be raised out of their sleep. For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth and though this body be destroyed yet shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold and not another."*

Lieutenant Commander: *Compatriot (Member's name) was a good soldier and faithful member of our Chapter, tried and true. He has fought the good fight. The bugle has sounded taps and he is at rest. He will sleep until the reveille of Heaven calls him to take his place in the ranks of the immortal legions of the Great Commander.*

Chaplain: *"God, Creator of the universe and Commander of the hosts of heaven, to thy care we commit the spirit of our departed compatriot. While by day the sun makes its round, and by night the stars keep watch and ward above the bivouac of the dead, grant that we may have the life and example of our departed comrade so in remembrance that our years may be years of usefulness and honor; and that at last when we have crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees with Lee and Jackson and Davis, we may find our names inscribed upon the rolls of thy celestial Hosts. Amen.*



MOS&B Awards and Medals

Important Note: *Annual National Awards are presented once a year at the National Convention. Most are submitted by a member of the GEC, Departmental Commanders or Society Commanders. These individuals will be notified when nominations are due. Forms for submission will be furnished or made available on the National web site. All nominations for awards must be submitted with written documentation that lists specific reasons for the nomination.*

Chapter Commanders who wish to make nominations for National Convention Awards should work through their Society Commanders and use the Chapter forms available on the web site to submit to the Society. Nomination deadlines are important as certificates must be printed and medals prepared. All interested parties should familiarize themselves with the nomination forms and deadlines published on the National web site to insure participation in the awards process.

Work and activities performed while carrying out the duties of an elected or appointed office are not reasons for award nominations as such duties are the requirements of office. Likewise, the normal requirements expected for all members of the Military Order of Stars and Bars are not qualifications for Awards.

Robert E. Lee Chalice

The highest award presented by the GEC, the Lee Chalice is an engraved silver chalice which is presented annually to a member who has served the Military Order of the Stars & Bars with long and distinguished service. It is an Annual National award. All recipients must be past recipients of The Gold Star. It may be awarded only once to a member. The Chalice is accompanied by a gold medal suspended from a gold ribbon and a miniature.

Nominations for the Robert E. Lee Chalice are solicited from voting members of the General Executive Council. Nominations must be accompanied with a written narrative on the nominee. The narrative should be at least fifty (50) words and not more than one hundred fifty (150) words.

The list of nominees, with accompanying narratives, are distributed to the voting members of the General Executive Council. The individual receiving the largest number of votes will be declared the recipient. In case of a tie, another ballot with the two individuals receiving the largest number of votes in the initial balloting will be submitted to the General Executive Council to select the recipient. The recipient is named at the annual National Convention by the Commander General.

The Gold Star

This Annual National award is presented by voting members of the GEC to an outstanding member from each of the following departments: Army of Northern Virginia, Army of Tennessee, and Army of Trans-Mississippi. It is the Order's second highest award. Each recipient receives a gold medal as well as an appropriate certificate reflecting the Confederate hero for which it is named. The awards are presented at the National Convention.

Army of Northern Virginia

General Samuel Cooper Award

Army of Tennessee

General Joseph E. Johnston Award

Army of Trans-Mississippi

General Albert Sidney Johnston Award

The Distinguished Commander Medal

This Annual National award is presented by the Commander General to senior members who have demonstrated long, dedicated service to the Military Order of the Stars & Bars. The Award is a gold medal inlaid with red enamel and suspended from a yellow gold ribbon. A certificate signed by the Commander General and a miniature medal is also given.

Recipients are also authorized to indicate this distinguished status by using the letters "DCS" (*Distinguished Commander Status*) after their names on all official correspondence and records. It is generally presented by the Commander General at the National Convention.

Honorary Commander General

The General Society in convention assembled may elect Honorary Commander Generals from among those who have rendered distinguished and notable service to the Society, or to the state or nation. A Past Commander General cannot receive this award. The acceptance of this award prohibits the recipient from being elected Commander General.

The Confederate Legacy Citation of Honor

The Confederate Legacy Endowment is presented to MOS&B members who by their Sacrificial Giving have denoted their Special Confidence and Esteem in the Order. Recipients receive a certificate signed by the Commander General and Adjutant General and are entitled to wear the Confederate Legacy Drop. Complete details regarding membership are on the National web site.

The Col. John Pelham Legion of Merit Award

This is an Annual National award presented by the Commander General for exceptional work by an individual member on behalf of the *General Society*. Candidates must have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and personify the leadership of the Confederate Officers Corp. The award is both a miniature gold medal suspended from a red ribbon for first time recipients and a certificate. Recommendations for this award should be made in writing to the Commander General.

Lt. Charles Read Meritorious Service Award

Presented and approved by the Commander General, this Annual National award is given in recognition to an individual member for work promoting the General Society at the *Chapter* level. Nominated members should have demonstrated the highest work ethic and proven themselves in promoting the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. First time recipients receive a miniature medal suspended from a light blue ribbon along with a certificate. Recommendations for this award should be made in writing to the Commander General.

The Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne Meritorious Service Award

The Commander General presents this Annual National certificate to members who have performed meritorious acts for furtherance of the National Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

The Commander General's Award

The Commander General awards this Annual National certificate to individuals who have rendered outstanding personal service to the Commander General in the performance of his duties.

The Varina Howell Davis Award

A gold miniature medal with the likeness of the First Lady of the Confederacy, this one time National award is presented by the Commander General to ladies who have demonstrated unusual support for the Military Order of the Stars & Bars and its goals. A certificate comes with the medal. Medals are numbered and International Headquarters must be advised of the recipient, date of presentation and the medal number. This information is maintained in a log at IHQ. This is the highest award the MOS&B gives to a lady for continued unusual support of the Order. Recommendations for this Award should be made in writing to the Commander General. Nominations should include a narrative of not less than fifty (50) and not more than two hundred fifty (250) words.

The Joseph Evan Davis Award

This Annual National award is a gold medal with the likeness of Joseph Evan Davis, son of President and Mrs. Jefferson Davis. It comes with a certificate. Recipients must be a member in good standing of the Children of the Confederacy or the Military Order of the Stars & Bars between the ages of 12 and 18 years of age. Presented and approved by the Commander General upon recommendation to him by a Military Order of the Stars & Bars member, this award requires a narrative of not less than fifty (50) and not more than two hundred fifty (250) words.

The Winnie Davis Award

This Annual National award is a beautiful certificate bearing the portrait of “The Daughter of the Confederacy” and is presented to ladies who have demonstrably supported the purpose and goals of the MOS&B. This award requires recommendations to be made in writing.

Judah P. Benjamin Award

A multicolored certificate signed by the Commander General, this award is presented in behalf of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars, to a non-member, either male or female, in the promotion and preservation of Southern Heritage and History. This is the highest award presented to a non-member.

The Rebel Club

Because recruiting of new members is vital to the Military Order of the Stars & Bars, the Rebel Club was created to recognize individual members who excel in the recruitment of new members. Certificates as well as miniature medals depicting the Great Seal of the Confederacy are presented by the National Society to individual members who have demonstrated successful membership recruiting for the Order in the past year. Those who sponsor 3-4 new members receive a certificate while a Bronze miniature medal is awarded for 5 new members, a Silver miniature for 7 and a Gold miniature for 10 or more. The Rebel Club is an Annual National award.

Law and Order Medal

The Law and Order Medal is an Annual National award presented by the Commander General to a law enforcement officer, local, state or federal, for conspicuous gallantry and dedication beyond the call of duty. The recipient is presented a full size medal.

General Thomas Jackson Medal

The Stonewall Jackson medal program is an Annual National award administered through PCG Josiah Gay, III and the Jackson Committee. Awards are presented to MOS&B members who have maintained a Confederate Officer's grave for a minimum of two years, placed a bronze marker and a Confederate Cross of Honor. All information is provided on the National web site.

Honorary Membership

The certificate bears the signature of the Commander General and is awarded following approval for honorary membership. Honorary membership may only be bestowed upon a gentleman who is ineligible for membership in the Military Order of the Stars & Bars. Honorary memberships carry all rights of participation, but do not have a vote. The person must be nominated by a voting member of the General Executive Council or the General Convention and must receive a majority of acceptance by this body. Currently, (1) all surviving sons of a Confederate veteran, regardless of rank, have been approved for honorary membership as well as (2) all surviving veterans of World War I.

Henry Timrod Southern Culture Award

This Annual National award is given for outstanding contributions by a current Military Order of Stars and Bars member towards the understanding, appreciation and explanation of our Southern Heritage and Way of Life. In addition, one non-member per year may be honored with this award. The award may be given for contributions in the form of fine art, literature, scholarly articles, cinema, art, theatre, poetry, architecture, etc. Submissions must demonstrate a positive reflection and contribution to Southern culture. Nominations should be made in writing to the Awards Chairman by April 1 of each year.

Colonel Walter H. Taylor Award

This Annual National award is presented to the Military Order of the Stars & Bars State *Society* that regularly publishes a newsletter judged to be the most outstanding in the Order. Points are awarded based on:

Format.....	15
Society and Nat'l News.....	30
Historical Content.....	20
Regular Publication Schedule	15
Overall Interest and Appeal.....	20
Total.....	100

To be considered for competition, three copies of each newsletter published must be submitted together to the Awards Chairman by April 1st of each year. Decisions of the judging are final.

The publication schedule for competition purposes is National Convention- April 1 of the following year. Winners receive a certificate noting their achievement.

Captain John Morton Award

This Annual National award is presented to the *Chapter* publishing the newsletter selected as the outstanding Chapter publication in the Military Order of the Stars & Bars. To be considered for competition, three copies of each newsletter published must be submitted together to the Awards Chairman by April 1st of each year. Decision of the judging are final. Points are awarded based on:

Format.....	15
Society and Nat'l News.....	30
Historical Content.....	20
Regular Publication Schedule.	15
Overall Interest and Appeal.....	20
Total.....	100

The publication schedule for competition purposes is National Convention to April 1 of the following year. Winners receive a certificate noting their achievement.

The J.E.B. Stuart Award

This Annual National award is presented to the *Society* whose scrapbook has been judged best in the Order. It should document the activities of the Society in the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the Order. Scrapbooks are judged on attractiveness and uniqueness of appearance, documentation of current activities and meetings of the past year, theme and overall interest. Societies who wish to enter scrapbooks in the competition must send the scrapbook to the Awards Chairman no later than April 1st of each year. It is suggested that submissions be insured for shipping. Submitted scrapbooks will be available to be picked up after the competition at the National Convention and will not be mailed back if not picked up. Winners receive a certificate noting their achievement.

The T. J. Fakes Award

This Annual National award is presented to the *Chapter* whose scrapbook has been judged best in the Order. The award is presented at the National Convention. It should document the activities of the Chapter in the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the Order. Scrapbooks are judged on attractiveness and uniqueness of appearance, documentation of current activities and meetings of the past year, theme and overall interest. Chapters who wish to enter scrapbooks in the competition must send the scrapbook to the Awards Chairman no later than April 1st of each year. It is suggested they be insured for shipping. Submitted scrapbooks will be available to be picked up after the competition at the National Convention and will not be mailed back if not picked up. Winners receive a certificate noting their achievement.

Col. Walter Hopkins Distinguished Chapter Award

This award is presented by the Commander General to the Chapter that best exemplifies the purposes and principles of the Military Order of Stars and Bars as exhibited by its activities, services, membership and leadership. The completed *Chapter Annual Report* must be submitted with the nomination along with any other documentation.

The Lt. Gen. Simon Buckner Award

This certificate is presented as an Annual National award to those Chapters that can document the retention of the same number of paid members from the preceding calendar year or an increase in the number of paid members from the preceding calendar year. This is determined and submitted by State Society Commanders and/or Adjutants no later than April 1st prior to the National Convention. All information submitted must be approved by MOS&B IHQ.

War Service Medal

The WSM is presented to an active member of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars who has served honorably in combat for our nation. Service must have been in a combat zone for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty or have drawn Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger pay. Please see the Veterans of Foreign Wars Eligibility requirements for full criteria that must be met. Applications must be approved by the MOS&B War Service Committee. Applications and costs are available on the National MOS&B web site.

Southern Cross of Military Service

This Medal is presented to an active member of the Military Order of Stars and Bars who has served honorably in our nation's military without participating in combat. Applicants must be approved by the MOS&B War Service Committee. Application and costs are available on the National MOS&B web site.

Real Grandson Medal

The Real Grandson Medal may be presented to a real documented linear grandson of a documented Confederate Veteran. Application must be made to the Real Grandson Committee using the approved application with submission cost that is available on the National web site.

Real Great Grandson Medal

The Real Great Grandson Medal may be presented to a real documented linear great grandson of a documented Confederate Veteran. Application must be made to the Real Great Grandson Committee using the approved application with submission cost that is available on the National web site.

Real Great Great Grandson Medal

The Real Great Great Grandson Medal may be presented to a real documented linear great great grandson of a documented Confederate Veteran. Application must be made to the Real Great Great Grandson Committee using the approved application with submission cost that is available on the National web site.

Eagle Scout Certificate

The Eagle Scout Certificate is presented on behalf of the Commander General to deserving Boy Scouts, MOS&B members or non-members, in recognition of achievement of the status of Eagle Scout. Application for the certificate may be made by Chapters, Societies or members of the GEC. Application information is available on the National web site.

Gen. Robert E. Lee Leadership Award

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars offers this certificate award to JROTC and ROTC cadets that most reflects the leadership values personified by General Robert E. Lee. Commanding Officers of Senior ROTC and Junior ROTC units are responsible for determining recipients of this award. Minimum qualification criteria follow.

1. Cadet is a college or high school junior;
2. Possess a minimum 3.0 Cumulative GPA;
3. Ranked in the top 5% of in his or her military class; and
4. Administration of awards is the responsibility of local MOSB Chapters.

Local MOS&B Chapters should, at their own expense and discretion, present a saber or other suitable accouterment to an award recipient.

The MOS&B State Society may elect to manage this program for state chapters and may choose to identify and award a state level cadet recipient. The award for the state recipient must be differentiated from any chapter recipients. The local MOS&B Chapter will coordinate permission to present the award from the Commanding Officers of individual SROTC programs. The same will apply for coordinating permission from individual JROTC programs and its high school principals or area school superintendents.

Wherever possible, awards should be presented by a member of the local MOSB Chapter.

The Chapter or Society may provide at their expense an additional award to the recipient at either Chapter or Society level.

Membership Certificate

Every man accepted for membership in the Military Order of the Stars & Bars will be issued a multi-colored certificate of membership stating his name, membership date and number and the name and rank of his ancestor. This certificate is signed by the Commander General.

Replacement and Supplementary Ancestor Certificates are available through IHQ.

Last Commission

Upon the death of a current member of the Order, Chapter Adjutants should complete the Last Commission form located on the web site and forward to IHQ. If possible, a copy of the obituary should accompany the form. IHQ will print a Last Commission certificate that the Chapter or Society Chaplain or other designated member may deliver to the family members. If personal delivery is not available, the Last Commission will be mailed to the next of kin.

Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate may be presented to any non-member, male or female, for their contributions to the protection of Southern Heritage and/or the advancement of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars.

MOS&B Scholarships

The Military Order of the Stars & Bars awards college scholarships of \$1000 each. These Scholarships are appropriately named for Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee, Patrick R. Cleburne and Nathan Bedford Forrest. The number of Scholarships awarded is determined annually by the GEC. All applicants must be a genealogically proven descendent of a Confederate Officer or descendant of a member of the Confederate Executive or Legislative branches of government or descendent of a member of the Confederate States legislatures, judiciary or executive branches of state government.

Three separate Letters of Recommendation attesting to the applicant's character, ability, dependability and integrity are required with the application package. At least one recommending letter must be from an educator. Letters from relatives are not acceptable. All applications must have a support letter from a Chapter or Society. All requirements being equal, preference is given to current MOS&B members and close relatives of current members. All current information, forms and deadlines may be secured on-line at the national MOS&B web site.

The Douglas Southall Freeman History Award

The award shall be made for the best published book of high merit in the field of Southern history beginning with the colonial period to the present time. The award shall be given only to works of high merit. If no work is submitted that meets the high standards of the Freeman History Award regulations, no award shall be given that year. The award shall be in the amount of \$1,000 paid directly to the author. The winner also shall receive an engraved trophy denoting that he was the recipient of the award. All books to be considered for this year's award shall be submitted to the Freeman History Committee by the publisher. All entries must be accompanied by a letter from the publisher giving the official date of publication. All entries must be accompanied by a biographical sketch of the author.

If the winning book goes to a second printing, it shall contain the acknowledgment that it was selected as the winner of the Freeman History Award plus stating the year it was awarded. The book shall also list the previous winners with additions as necessary.

In response to the educational and historical charge set forth in the national Military Order of the Stars & Bars constitution, the Douglas Southall Freeman History Award was established. The award was named in honor of the premier historian of General Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia.

The General Basil W. Duke Award

This annual award shall be given to encourage the re-issuance of out-of-print books that accurately present history of the War for Southern Independence. The Award shall be in the amount of \$1,000 presented directly to the publisher of the reprinted volume. The publisher shall receive an engraved trophy denoting that he was the recipient of the award all books to be considered for this award shall be submitted to the Judging Committee by April 1st by the publisher. Invitation to participate in the competition is extended to any publisher who issues a

book between May 1st of the previous year and April 1st of the current year, that has not been republished since the expiration of the original copyright. All entries must include a letter from the publisher stating the year the book was published originally, and the date the reprint was issued. The judges shall consider the quality, accuracy, style and value to Confederate historiography when selecting the winning book. Regimental histories, autobiographies, memoirs and biographies of noted Confederate leaders are among the types of books to be considered for this award. If the winning book goes to a second printing, it shall contain an acknowledgment that selected as the winner of the General Basil W. Duke Award, plus stating the year it was awarded.

The John Esten Cooke Fiction Award

The award shall be given annually to encourage writers of fiction to portray characters and events dealing with the War Between the States, Confederate heritage, or Southern history in a historically accurate fashion. The award shall be in the amount of \$1,000 paid directly to the author. The winner shall receive an engraved trophy denoting that he/she was the recipient of the award. All books to be considered for this year's award shall be submitted to the John Esten Cooke Fiction Award Committee by April 1st.

Invitation to participate in the contest is extended to any person who has written a book-length work of fiction published between May 1st, two years prior and April 1st of this year. All entries must be accompanied by a letter from the publisher stating the official date of publication. Each entry must be accompanied by a biographical sketch of the author. The judges will consider the effectiveness of research, accuracy of statement, and excellence of style in selecting the winner. All entries must be book length. If the winning book goes to a second printing, it shall contain the acknowledgment that it was selected as the winner of the Cooke Fiction Award along with stating the year the award was made.





MOS&B Awards and Medals (May 2010 Update)

Priority of Awards

1. Robert E. Lee Chalice (large & miniature medal) (chalice trophy)
2. Gold Star (miniature)
3. Distinguished Commander Medal (large & miniature) (certificate) (DCS)
4. Law and Order (large)
5. The John Pelham Legion of Merit Award (miniature) (certificate)
6. Lt Charles Read Meritorious Service Award (miniature) (certificate)
7. War Service Medal (large & miniature) (numbered)
8. Southern Cross of Military Service (large & miniature numbered)
9. GEC & General Staff Member Medal (miniature)
10. Henry Timrod Medal (miniature)
11. Rebel Club (gold, silver, bronze) (miniature)
12. Real Grandson, Real Great Grandson, Real Great Great Grandson (large) (certificate)
RGGGS (large & miniature numbered) (certificate)
13. Confederate Legacy Medal (large with neck ribbon) (certificate)
14. General Thomas Jackson Medal (large)
15. Lee Chapel Medal (large & miniature) (certificate)
16. Joseph Evans Davis Award (large) (certificate) (age 12-18 years only)
17. Member Medal (large & miniature) (certificate)

General Society Certificates for Members

Individual - Meritorious Service Award
Commander General's Award
Henry Timrod Southern Culture Award
Eagle Scout
Life Member Certificate
Member Certificate

Chapter - Captain John Morton Award
T. J. Fakes Award
Lt Gen Simon Buckner Award

General Society Certificates for Non-Members

Judah P. Benjamin Award
Varina Howell Davis Award (large) (numbered) (certificate) (female only)
Winnie Davis Award (female only)
Henry Timrod Southern Culture Award (plaque)
Eagle Scout Certificate
Honorary Membership
Certificate of Appreciation

Protocol for Wearing of MOS&B Medals

Medals are worn only with suit and tie, black or white tie or period dress.

Large and miniature medals should not be worn at the same time; use either all large or all miniatures. When more than one medal is worn, all must be of the same size; miniature and full size insignia are not worn together.

Medals should be in one horizontal line on the left lapel or breast of the coat. More than one row of medals may be worn and the decision is a matter of personal taste. Each horizontal line should not include more than five medals. The top row of medals may have the membership medals of all the appropriate organizations to which the wearer belongs. Starting closest to the middle of the chest, one should wear the medal of the organization hosting the event. At MOS&B functions it would be the MOS&B membership medal. Going to the left should be the medals of the other organizations if worn in the order of their founding date (i.e. Magna Charta before SAR before War of 1812, etc.).

The award medals are in a row under the top row in the order they were awarded.

Medals should not be worn on the wearer's right side.

Neck Ribbons may be worn, but not more than two at a time, one above the other. The MOS&B drop should be on top with any other appropriate drop (i.e. Confederate Legacy Legion of Merit or Order of the Southern Cross) below the MOS&B drop

MOS&B Rosette*

The official MOS&B Rosette is worn alone on informal occasions in the left lapel of a blazer.

MOS&B Blazer Patch*

The blazer patch is correctly worn on a traditional blazer only. It is placed on the left jacket pocket of the coat and is not worn with that of another group.

MOS&B Tie*

An official MOS&B striped tie is available in regular and bowtie styles.

** Official ties, the rosette as well as official blazer patches and pocket identification badges are available at the Military Order of the Stars and Bars store.*

Military Order of the Stars and Bars

Confederate Legacy Endowment Fund

Shortly after the war for Southern Independence was over, the patriotic women of the South banded together to care for their honored dead by moving them from the battlefields to cemeteries, seeing that their graves were properly marked and building monuments to their memory on town squares and courthouse lawns throughout the South. We now face a different culture that would like to destroy this last vestige of tribute to our courageous ancestors.

Unfortunately, this attitude has even become pervasive in the South. Paying homage to our Confederate dead by erecting cemetery markers and monuments is not "politically correct" either. More and more The cemetery markers and monuments to our Confederate Soldiers are defaced and destroyed by acts of vandalism.

That is why the Confederate Legacy Endowment Fund needs your help and support.

Through the Confederate Legacy Endowment Fund, the Military Order of the Stars and Bars is undertaking to restore and rebuild Southern memorials and monuments and providing scholarships to our young men and women. We are emphasizing to our Southern Youth that the Confederacy is not accurately portrayed by the media or by many educational institutions.

The MOS&B has formed the Confederate Legacy Endowment Fund to fight the battle against "political correctness" and apathy. Our long-term goal is to raise One Million (\$1,000,000.00) to promote our Confederate Heritage.

We need your help.

Specifically, the Confederate Legacy Endowment will:

- 1) Obtain land acquisitions and right-of-ways in/around Confederate memorials/monuments.
- 2) Establish a perpetual Confederate monument and memorial maintenance fund.
- 3) Fund Academic Scholarships.
- 4) Construct statuary for our Confederate heroes.
- 5) Publish Pro-Confederate books and treatises.

Compatriot, we are asking that you pledge \$1,000 to the Confederate Legacy Endowment.

Your pledge can be ascribed over a period of four years (\$250/year). The Order is a registered 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization and your financial gift is tax deductible.

Confederate Legacy Endowment Fund Pledge

Name _____ Telephone Number _____
Address _____ Zip _____

_____ YES, I want to help. Enclosed is my gift of: \$250 ____ \$500 ____ \$1,000 ____ other \$ _____

Make Gifts Payable to:

MOSB CONFEDERATE LEGACY FUND

Print, fill out and mail to:

Adjutant General MOSB

C/o Military Order of Stars and Bars International Headquarters

PO Box 1700

White House, Tennessee 37188-1700

(877) 790-6672

Completed Members will receive the prestigious Confederate Legacy Legion of Merit drop to wear as well as a beautiful certificate for display.

Military Order of Stars & Bars

Constitution

A Society of the descendants of Confederate Officers as adopted in General Convention
Orlando, Florida, August 6, 1983 and amended in General Conventions through July 2007.

Preamble

The War Between the States produced some of the most outstanding civil and military leaders in the history of mankind. To perpetuate the idealism that animated the Confederate Cause and to honor the courage, devotion and endurance 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, male descendants of the officers who honorably served in the Army, Navy and other commands of the Confederate States of America and male descendants of the elected and appointed officials of the Confederate Executive and Legislative branches of government unite to establish The Military Order of Stars and Bars, a patriotic Society. This Preamble shall not be subject to amendment or change.

Article I Name and Governance

Section 1.

The name of this organization shall be The Military Order of Stars and Bars.

Section 2.

The Military Order of Stars and Bars shall be incorporated as a not for profit corporation.

Section 3.

The Military Order of Stars & Bars shall be governed by the written provisions of its Constitution, its Bylaws and its Policy and Procedures Manual.

Article II Purposes and Principles

Section 1.

The General Society shall be literary, historical, benevolent, patriotic, educational and non-political. It shall strive:

- (a) To cultivate the ties of friendship among descendants of those who shared the responsibilities of Southern leadership in The War Between the States.
- (b) To provide leadership in the collecting and assembling of data, documents and materials relating to the Confederacy; however, the organization should also preserve the history of the Colonial and Federal periods of our history since the antecedents of The War Between the States are to be found in these periods.
- (c) To provide for future generations of the descendants of Confederate officers and civilian officials in the Executive and Legislative branches of government an organization to commemorate and honor the leadership of their forefathers.
- (d) To consecrate in our hearts the Flags of the Southern Confederacy, not as political symbols, but as emblems of a heroic epoch for which our forefathers fought and died.
- (e) To maintain a united front against doctrines subversive to the fundamental principles set forth in the Bill of Rights which, as a part of the Federal Constitution, guarantees freedom of speech and the press, together with all other rights and privileges therein provided for the protection of political minorities and of individual citizens.
- (f) To encourage and support true loyalty to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Article III Eligibility and Membership

Section 1.

All candidates eligible for membership in this Society shall be descendants of:

(a) Legitimate male descendants, lineal or collateral, of those who served as officers in the Confederate Army or Navy to the end of the war, or who died in prison or while in actual service, or who were killed in battle or who were honorably retired or discharged; or

(b) Elected or appointed civilian officials of the Confederate States and local governments; the national Confederate Government; or the Five Civilized Tribes which allied with the Confederacy, provided that the first generation descendant was the legitimate child of a Confederate ancestor and that no member shall be admitted under twelve (12) years of age.

Section 2.

The term "collateral" as used in Section 1 hereof shall be defined as a legitimate relative by blood whose relationship to an ancestor of the same generation in the applicant's direct line, maternally or paternally, that can be proven.

Section 3.

Memberships shall be of the following Classes:

(a) Regular shall include members of 12 years of age or older who otherwise meet the requirements for membership, remitting annual membership dues.

(b) Life Members shall include members of 12 years of age or older who otherwise meet the requirements for membership, who request to become Life Members, remitting in totality the cost of the Life Membership fee or according to alternative payment provisions.

(c) Real Son Life Membership, having submitted proof of membership qualifications and lineage, Real Son Life Membership shall be bestowed along with all rights and privileges attendant within the Chapter through which membership is held. Further, Real Sons shall be exempt from payment of all recording fees, per capita taxes and dues at the National, Society and Chapter levels.

(d) Honorary, Junior, Cadet, Associate, Memorial and such other memberships as may be adopted by the Board of Directors or the General Convention.

Section 4.

All members of all classes shall be citizens of good repute within their community, and of good moral character, and do not advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence, and are subject to the governing provisions of the Military Order of Stars and Bars.

Article IV General Officers, Directors and the Board of Directors

Section 1.

Officers

(a) The General Convention shall elect the following "General Officers" of this Society:

- (i) Commander General
- (ii) Lieutenant Commander General
- (iii) three (3) Department Commanders
- (iv) six (6) Department Councilors

(b) The Board of Directors shall elect the following the "General Officers" of this Society:

- (i) Adjutant General
- (ii) Treasurer General
- (iii) Judge Advocate General
- (iv) Chief of Staff
- (v) Comptroller General

(c) The Commander General, with the Advice and Consent of the Board of Directors, shall appoint all other "Staff Officers" of this Society, as may be deemed necessary by the Commander General to carry out the work of the Society. The Commander General may remove any appointed Staff Officer At Will and at his sole discretion.

(d) All Officers shall be charged with the general duties and responsibilities prescribed under the governing documents of the Military Order of Stars and Bars. All Officers shall also be charged with the day-to-day operations of the Military Order of Stars and Bars. All work and work product of all officers shall become the immediate proprietary property of the Military Order of Stars and Bars corporation.

Section 2.

Corporate Board of Directors

(a) Between conventions, the corporate Board of Directors shall be vested with authority to conduct all regular and special business operations related to the Military Order of Stars and Bars.

(b) The Board of Directors shall work with the General and Staff Officers in such matters as may be brought to the attention of the board.

(c) The Board of Directors may generally rename or redesignate the name of the Board of Directors without necessity of amendment to this Constitution, but shall so designate in the Bylaws, Policy and Procedures Manual and other legal corporate records and documents.

Section 3.

Directors

(a) The following officers shall serve on the Board of Directors:

- (i) Commander General;
- (ii) Lieutenant Commander General;
- (iii) three (3) Department Commanders;
- (iv) six (6) Department Councilors;
- (v) Adjutant General
- (vi) Judge Advocate General
- (vii) Chief of Staff
- (viii) Treasurer General

(b) All Past Commanders General and Past Commanders-in-Chief shall serve on the Board of Directors and shall sit as legally designated directors.

Section 4.

Tenure of Office

(a) Any Staff Officer may be removed by the Commander General or the Board of Directors.

(b) Any General Officer may be removed by the Board of Directors.

(c) Any director may be removed by the Board of Directors.

Article V

Organization: Departments, State Societies and Chapters

Section 1.

The General Society shall be divided into Departments, State Societies and Chapters

Section 2.

Departments

There shall be three Departments, to be called: Army of Northern Virginia Department, which shall include and be formed of the states of Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, the District of Columbia and those states located east of the State of Ohio and north of the State Virginia; Army of Tennessee Department, which shall include and be formed of the states of Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Florida and those states not included in the other two departments; and the Army of the Trans-Mississippi Department, which shall include and be formed by the states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma and states located west of the Mississippi River.

Section 3.

State Society

Authority to organize a State Society shall be granted upon the written application of at least fifteen (15) members of the General Society residing in the state in which the State Society is proposed to be organized. The form of the charter for a State Society shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors. Upon the issuance of a charter, the Commander General shall designate the time and place for the organization of the State Society. The officers shall then be chosen, and shall enter upon their duties at once and hold office for two years or until their successors, at the annual meeting following, shall have been invested.

Section 4.

Chapters

Chapters may be formed at the local unit upon the application of five members of the General Society. Chapters shall be formed or designated within the geographic boundaries of states of the United States.

Article VI

General Conventions

Section 1.

The Legislative Body of the General Society shall be the General Convention which shall meet annually at a designated time and place.

Section 2.

Notice of the time and place of each General Convention shall be published at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for it to convene, with such notice being provided to each member of the Society at their last known mailing address.

Article VII

Use of Seal and Insignia of the General Society

Section 1.

The Seal of the General Society shall be two (2) inches in diameter and shall reproduce the Great Seal of the Confederate States of America, having lettered upon the circumference the legend "General Society, Military Order of Stars and Bars" between the wreath and margin.

Section 2.

The use of the seal, insignia, diploma or good name of the General Society for political purposes is prohibited.

Section 3.

The flag of the General Society shall be the First National Flag of the Confederate States of America commonly called the Stars and Bars.

Section 4.

The member's insignia of the General Society shall be a badge pendant. The design shall be that now in common use and which has been formerly adopted by the General Society.

Section 5.

The General Executive Council may authorize other badges, insignia, medals and awards that it deems proper, subject to change by the voting delegates of the General Convention.

Article VIII Dissolution Clause

Section 1.

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of The Military Order of Stars and Bars shall be turned over to an organization which is then officially recognized as a tax exempt organization, qualified to receive donations which are deductible by the donor under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the board of directors shall determine. Such distribution shall only be made after said General Executive Council has paid or had made provision for the payment of all liabilities of The Military Order of Stars and Bars.

Article IX Amendments

Section 1.

No amendment shall be made to this Constitution except at a duly constituted annual General Convention of the General Society and by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all delegates present in good standing. Prior to any amendment being considered it shall have been sent to each Chapter in the General Society at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the General Convention at which it will be considered.