



THE Clarion Call



TEXAS SOCIETY, MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS



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FEBRUARY 1ST MUSTER CANCELLED

It is with regret that Texas Society Commander G. Ronald Aldis has found it necessary to cancel the MOS&B Muster he had scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2003. It was to be held in Austin, Texas. Arrangements had been made that included a One Day Work Session to discuss various topics of importance to the MOS&B, including Membership recruiting, new membership possibilities such as "Associate Members" and/or "Honorary Members", the possibility of organizing the Texas Society into three "Brigades" (or to be different from the SCV we might want to call them "Regiments"), finances, the importance of good, well-planned meetings of our local Chapters, a new MOS&B "short-form" Membership application, a special Memorial Service, etc. Our MOS&B Commander General Jeff Massey of Oklahoma had committed to attend to work with us.

Commander Aldis has found it necessary to take steps that are probably to include at least one knee operation, and that precludes him from being able to host this Muster. Therefore, it is with regret that he has announced this cancellation

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, 1861 142 YEARS AGO IN TEXAS

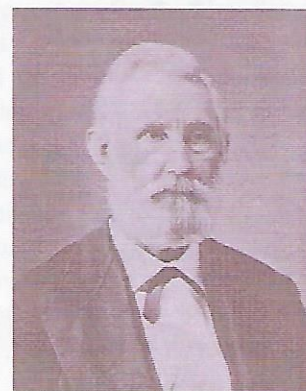
For most southerners, the election of Abraham Lincoln in Nov., 1860 was equivalent to a declaration of war on the south. Texas' aging Gov. Sam Houston argued against secession and urged compromise, and if we did secede, to return to the status of a Republic and not join the other southern states in the Confederacy. The Governor would not call the Legislature into session. His views were unpopular with the clear majority of the citizens of the State and the secessionists leaders, led by Oran M. Roberts, Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court, and several others called on the people of Texas to elect delegates to a Convention to meet in Austin to consider what action Texas should take on the secession issue. Elections, supervised by each County Judge, were held Jan. 8, 1861 and 177 delegates were elected, representing two members from almost every county, to meet Jan. 28th in Austin. Gov. Houston then called the Legislature into session in mid-January with the hope it would declare the secession convention illegal, but the legislators validated the calling of a convention, and turned over the House Chambers to the convention.

After opening with prayer on Monday afternoon, Jan. 28, 1861, Oran M. Roberts was elected the presiding officer. On Jan. 29th

At some point prior to our State Convention to be held in Bryan, Texas in June, a Texas Society Officers Meeting will be called for all State and local Chapter Officers. It might be scheduled the day before our SCV /MOS&B State Convention convenes. Details will be announced at a later date.

a motion passed 152 to 6 that it was the sense of the convention that Texas should secede. Other actions, all passing by overwhelming numbers, called for a popular referendum vote to allow the citizens to approve secession.

Just after 11:00 am on Feb. 1, 1861, with Gov. Houston in attendance, the convention passed the Ordinance of Secession by a roll call vote of



Oran M. Roberts

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LISTING OF TEXAS SOCIETY MOS&B CHAPTERS

ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON CHAPTER #5 - Houston - Meetings, 2nd Thurs. of Feb., May, Aug. & Nov. Next meeting, Feb. 13d1, at Rudy Lechner's Restaurant, 2503 S. Gessner, one block north of Westheimer. Social Hour, 6:30 pm, Meal & meeting, 7:00 pm. All members, SCV guests and friends, and the ladies, invited. In addition to the program and speaker, we are scheduled to swear in several new members.

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GASTON-GREGG CHAPTER #67 - Dallas - This Chapter has a program to mark Confederate Officer's graves. They have been working in response to the suggestions made by Past Commander General Joe Gay and the awarding of the Jackson Medal. They install the granite V.A. headstones with the 5" dia. Bronze Confederate flag holder at the left side of the stone and the big iron cross at the foot. All of this is put in cement and granite chipped rock.

Commander: Curtis Allen Flatt, 2867 Maydelle Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75234 -
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HALEY-HOLT CHAPTER #121 - Midland - Most of this Chapter's activities are held in conjunction with the Dunn-Holt-Midkiff Camp #1441, SCV. The Commander and Adjutant have expressed intentions to increase Chapter activities.

Commander: Gary E. Bates, 500 W. Jefferson, Suite 1000, Midland, TX 79701 -
Ph: (915) 683-1835 - gblsgrocks@aol.com

Adjutant: J. Evetts Haley, Jr., P.O. Box 2515, Midland, TX 79702 - Ph: (915) 687-0224

JOHN H. REAGAN CHAPTER #127 - Austin - This old Chapter was reinstated and reactivated this past fall. It had grown inactive. The new officers have plans to make this an active, prosperous group with members from several SCVCamps.

Commander: H. W. Irby, P.O. Box 840, Bertram, TX 78605 - Ph: (512) 355-2011 - secesh13@aol.com
Adjutant: Mark B. McMillan, 2000 Lobelia Dr., Cedar Park, TX 78613 - Ph: (512) 250-9032

LONE STAR CHAPTER #137 - Dallas - One of Texas' most consistent and out-standing Chapters. Meetings and activities are held along with or in conjunction with the Gen. W. L. Cabell Camp #1313, SCV.

Commander: Stephen J. Lucas, 11 Highview Court, Denton, TX 76205 - Ph: (940) 591-1863 -
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Adjutant: Ralph Green, 530 Hackberry Drive, Fairview, TX 75069 - Ph: (214) 544-0750 -
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LAWRENCE SULLIVAN ROSS CHAPTER #184 - San Antonio - meets the 2nd Wed. each month in San Antonio. This Chapter has presented "living history" programs in the past to area schools and scout troops.

Commander: John T. Fargason, HCR 81, Box 312, Junction, TX 76849-
Ph: (915) 446-2448

Adjutant: Rudolph C. Krisch, 111, 10478 Oakland Road, San Antonio, TX 78240 -
Ph: (210) 696- 4165

TEXAS CHAPTER # 186 - Houston - this Chapter is not now meeting as the long-time Commander is deceased and the Adjutant is no longer active. For several years activities has been limited to phone or mail contact between members, who are mostly very old and unable to attend meetings - with several in nursing homes.

Commander: Frank T. Harrowing (now deceased)
Adjutant: Michael F. Harrowing (no longer active)

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THE SCV AND THE MOS&B DEPEND ON US! IF WE DON'T DO IT, WHO WILL?

WAUL'S TEXAS LEGION CHAPTER #194 - Fort Worth - sponsors Memorial Services for Confederate Officers and soldiers buried in local cemeteries; participates in Confederate Heroes Memorial Service; also join SCV in parades and re-enactments.

Commander: William Richard (Bill) Morris, 5513 Amherst Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76114-
Ph: (817) 626-9039

Adjutant: Commander is also acting as Adjutant at this time.

CAPTAIN IKE TURNER CHAPTER #211 - Livingston - originally chartered in 1995, this Chapter has been reactivated through the strong efforts of Commander Mack Neal. He has brought the Chapter back to be in a current active status. Their activities are often in conjunction with the Ike Turner Camp #1275, SCV.

Commander: Col. Mack E. Neal, Ret. USAF, P.O. Box 303, Camden, TX 75934 -
Ph: (936) 398-5163 - Dixie@lcc.net

Adjutant: James B. Sterling, III, P.O. Box 50, Liberty, TX 77575 -Ph: (936) 336-3716 -
Jim@JimSterlingRealty.com

MAJOR CHATHAM ROBERDEAU WHEAT CHAPTER #224 - Plano - the meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month at Coulter's Bar-B-Q. After being somewhat inactive for a couple of years this Chapter is again active and a credit to "Wheat's Louisiana Tigers" and other Confederate officers & officials. The annual Candlelight Ceremony and Dinner was a well-attended success. A new project to place a WBTS related book in a Collin County elementary school library monthly has been launched and is on schedule. The Chapter also aids and participates in Living History presentations given by the Wm. H. L. Wells Camp #1588, SCV.

Commander: Dennis Todd, 2804 Canyon Creek Dr., Richardson, TX 75080 -
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Adjutant: Monty Matthews, 1613 Toddville Circle, Plano, TX 75025 - Ph: (972) 517-8603 mm86@air-mail.net

CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER CLEBURNE CHAPTER #241 - Cleburne - this Chapter has very few members still in Cleburne -most are now in the D/FW metroplex. Several former members have transferred to new Chapters nearer to their homes, leaving this Chapter in a state of change and fluctuation. They have strong leaders who will make the necessary decisions about the future and how to proceed.

Commander: James W. Dark, 816 Woodrow St., Arlington, TX 76012 -
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Adjutant: Phil E. Johnson, 5512 Valparaiso Trail, Arlington, TX 76017 -
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CAPT. DAVID WHITFIELD SNODGRASS CHAPTER #254 - Fort Worth - meetings are held at various times during the year "on call" by the Commander. A program of placing military markers on officers and enlisted men's grave sites continues. Months ago they were already in excess of 20 such marker placements.

Commander: Gary P. Whitfield, 3908 W. 4th St., Fort Worth, TX 76107 -
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Adjutant: Commander is also acting as Adjutant at this time.

COL. RICHARD BENNETT HUBBARD CHAPTER #261 - Tyler - normally two special meetings are held in April and July -other meetings are in conjunction with the Capt. James P. Douglas Camp #124 SCV. Several educational programs about the Confederacy are presented to public schools in the area.

Commander: Waymon Larry McClellan, 2810 Greenwood Lane, Tyler, TX 75701 -
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Adjutant: John D. Haynes, 2911 Amy Lane, Tyler, TX 75701 -
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GODS AND GENERALS

The novel "The Killer Angels" upon which the film "Gettysburg" was based, was written by Michael Shaara. His son, Jeff Shaara, has written "Gods and Generals"- now a major motion picture written and directed by Ron Maxwell. The movie was filmed in and around Sharpsburg, Maryland, the site of the Antietam Battlefield, and on actual historic locations in Virginia and West Virginia. Many of the actors from the movie "Gettysburg" have repeated their roles in the new film, which also features the new characters Stonewall Jackson, Mary Anna Morrison Jackson, Myra Hancock and Fanny Chamberlain.

The new movie is now scheduled to open nation-wide February 21, 2003. The December issue of "Civil War Times" was to have a cover story entitled "Hollywood Brings Lee to Life". Virginia historian James I. Robertson says the new film is "the greatest Civil War Movie I have ever seen".

I have not seen this new movie and this article is based on internet material. However, if the movie is as they say, I look forward to a good new film about "the war".

One item mentioned is the great song from the movie, entitled "Cross the Green Mountain," written by Bob Dylan expressly for the film. Some say this single song evokes the feelings of the entire war. Supposedly Dylan has in a sense returned to his roots as a folk-country balladeer - the same roots that nourished the mountain men of western Virginia, the home of Thomas Jonathan Jackson, and countless others who fought for both the USA and the CSA.

G. Ronald Aldis

MAJOR JOHN LOUDERMILK CHAPTER # 264 - Comanche - this Chapter serves the Comanche-San Angelo-Brownwood area and meets on call by the Commander - it has assisted with placement of 3 SCV monuments, 2 being on courthouse lawns - also is involved with grave re-dedications. One feature of the Chapter is "electronic meetings" via the internet due to long distances involved.

Commander: Gary M. Loudermilk, 280114111 St., Brownwood, TX 76801 - Ph: (915) 646-9324 - gmdl@bwoodtx.com

Adjutant: Royce Lesley, 5350 Hwy. 2318, Comanche, TX 76442 - Ph: (254) 893-6644 - rslesley@cctc.net

COL. W. H. PARSONS CHAPTER #273 - Ennis - our newest Texas Society Chapter, officially put to work on Sept. 7, 2002 with a dinner hosted by the new Chapter, with a "Swearing In" of new members and officers followed by a "Charter Presentation". Guests included Commander G.Ronald Aldis, Lt. Commander James W. Dark, Society Chaplain S. Jebb Cobb, and the "then" State President of the UDC, Mrs. Denna Dark. A special guest was Texas Div. 3rd Lt. Commander Gary Whitfield.

Commander: Robert L. Keever, 808 W. Knox, Ennis, TX 75119 - Ph: (972) 878-7673 - r.l.keever@aol.com

Adjutant: James C. (Jim) Templin, 2500 Woodlawn Drive, Ennis, TX 75119 - Ph: (972) 878-2752 - hjtemp@hpnc.com

COL. BENJAMIN H. NORSWORTHY CHAPTER - Orange / Beaumont / SE Texas area - the first organizational meeting was held at Noon on Saturday, December 14th at a Holiday Inn in Beaumont with 15 interested members and prospective members in attendance. A decision was made to apply for a Charter, and take all necessary steps to officially organize a new MOS&B Chapter - which will draw members primarily from the SCV Camps in Orange, Beaumont, Wallisville, & Woodville. We expect this Chapter to be Chartered and active in the next couple of months. Congratulations to all who have worked to make this happen. The Officers were elected and will be sworn in later.

Commander: Allen C. Connel, 105 E. New York St., Orange, TX 77630 - Ph: (409) 883-9790 - aconnel@exp.net

Adjutant: Robert E. (Bobby) Tisdale, 850 East Arizona, Bridge City, TX 77611 - Ph: (409) 735 5406 - bobby@exp.net

THESE CHAPTERS NO LONGER EXIST -WE WOULD HOPE TO REVIVE THEM AND BRING THEM BACK TO AN ACTIVE STATUS

[NOTE: Please remember that you can save having to pay a Charter Fee by "picking up" one of these old Charters]

GENERAL JEROME B. ROBERTSON CHAPTER #87 - Red Oak / Hillsboro area. Anyone interested in reviving this Chapter should contact Texas Society Commander G. Ronald Aldis.

JEB STUART CHAPTER #124 - Northeast Texas area - not active in several years. Interested compatriots should contact Texas Society Commander G. Ronald Aldis.

ROBERT E. LEE CHAPTER #175 - Longview area - some work has been done by Compatriot Barney Hilburn of Hallsville in an effort to reactivate this old Chapter. Anyone willing to assist in this effort is asked to contact Commander G. Ronald Aldis or Compatriot Barney Hilburn.

GENERAL TOM GREEN CHAPTER #225 - Dallas - not active in several years. Any people in the Dallas/Fort Worth area interested in starting a new Chapter can "reactivate" this one.

NEW CHAPTER POSSIBILITIES ? ? ?

THE TEXAS SOCIETY COMMANDER HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES REGARDING STARTING NEW CHAPTERS IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS. IF YOU WISH TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF STARTING A NEW MOS&B CHAPTER, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT COMMANDER G. RONALD ALDIS - (713) 688-5471 - graldis@mindspring.com.

\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAR. 1, 2003

The MOS&B has a scholarship program to honor genealogically proven descendants of Confederate Officers, or descendants of the Confederate Executive or Legislative branches of government. The scholarships awarded in the Army of Trans-Mississippi Dept. are the Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne scholarships. At least one \$1,000 award will be made in each of our three Army Departments - ANV, AOT, and ATM.

The completed application and all required attachments must be mailed together to the MOS&B Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402 no later than March 1, 2003. Let us be sure that applications are sent in from Texas.

Questions? Please contact:

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[YOU WILL NOTE THE APPLICATION FORM ON PAGE 5, WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK - PAGE 6.. IF YOU PREFER TO OBTAIN OTHER FORMS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT DANIEL W. JONES]

**General Patrick R. Cleburne, General Nathan B. Forrest and General Robert E. Lee
Scholarship Application Information Sheet**

Name: _____	Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____	Social Security No. : _____
City/State/Zip: _____	Telephone No.: _____
Parent's Name: _____	Email Address: _____

1. Educational institutions you have attended, with address of each and dates of attendance.

High School

Post-High School

(Two Year/Four Year College/University)

Graduate School

2. Academic honors/awards you have received; academic societies, clubs, offices held; papers/articles published

3. Have you applied for other financial aid elsewhere? Yes No

4. Have you been awarded other financial aid? Yes No

If yes, give name of award, address of fund/activity and amount or value of the award:

5. Institution you plan to attend and whether you have been accepted and are enrolled.

I declare the above listed information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I give permission to the Military Order of the Stars and Bars to verify and investigate all information provided on this application.

(Signature)

(Date)

MILITARY ORDER OF STARS AND BARS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (GENERAL INFORMATION AND DATA REQUIRED FROM APPLICANTS)

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants, for a MOS&B Scholarship, must be a genealogically proven descendant of a Confederate Officer or descendant of a member of the Confederate Executive or Legislative branches of government or descendant of a member of the Confederate States' legislatures, judiciary or executive branches of state government.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS:

The MOS&B scholarships shall be named as follows. *The General Robert E. Lee Scholarship* shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Northern Virginia. *The Lt. General Nathan B. Forrest Scholarship* shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Tennessee. *The Major General Patrick R. Cleburne Scholarship* shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Trans-Mississippi.

On recommendation from the committee, scholarship amounts shall be determined annually by the General Executive Council. Funding will be from available resources as determined by the Executive Council.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

TIME SCHEDULES: Scholarship applications must be submitted to the MOS&B Scholarship Committee by March 1 each year. Award winners will be notified as soon as they are selected and funds awarded for scholarships will be forwarded to selected institutions by July 1.

REVIEW: The committee will review all criteria and provisions and may request additional information or clarification from the applicant. The committee may waive a provision, if extenuating circumstances warrant such a waiver. The provision waived should not significantly affect the merits of the application. The committee's decision as to eligibility and merit is final.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS: Applicants awarded scholarships must be enrolled in an accredited two year or four year college/university, which is a degree-granting institution, before funds are disbursed. Scholarship funds will be placed on deposit at the institution where the person is enrolled, for the benefit of the applicant, and any unused portion shall be returned to the MOS&B by the institution.

SCHOLARSHIP LIMITS: Applicants may not receive a scholarship more than once. However, the committee may consider an award for a previously selected applicant who is entering graduate studies.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Scholarships awarded shall be merit based and applicants will be judged on academic performance, character, school and community activities, ability to express himself/herself in written form, personal motivation, leadership potential, and the strength of the recommendation. **JUDGING CRITERIA:** Extra Curricular -10%; Personal Statement -10%; Academic Performance -70%; Recommendations -10%

DATA SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

COMPLETED APPLICATION: Applicants must complete the printed application in its entirety. Signing of the application attests to the accuracy of ALL data submitted for scholarship consideration.

ANCESTOR PROOF: Applicants must be a genealogically proven descendant of a Confederate Officer or a descendant of a member of the national or state Confederate government branches. (see Eligibility).

PERSONAL STATEMENT: An applicant will submit a personal letter of application describing his/her academic and career aspirations and include other areas that have influenced the applicants development as a person committed to pursuing his/her educational goals. The applicant may use any approach to completing this assignment. The personal letter is limited to one page back and front.

ACADEMIC RECORDS: The applicant must submit an academic record of courses completed where currently enrolled, and include grade point average and class rank. Scholastic aptitude test scores and/or other pertinent test scores, if not in the applicants transcript, should also be included. Transcripts not released to the applicant should be sent to MOS&B Scholarship Committee, by the institution transcript officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant's character, ability, dependability and integrity. One of the letters shall be from a teacher, counselor, or principal from the last institution where the applicant was enrolled.

SPONSORSHIP: All applicants must obtain a letter of sponsorship from a MOS&B State Society or Chapter that will be submitted with application material.

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166 to 8. This action made Texas the 7th State - following South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana to withdraw with the intention of joining the Confederacy.

A committee on public safety was created and 7 delegates were sent to Montgomery, Alabama to participate in the establishment of the Confederate States of America. The Secession Convention adjourned Feb. 4th to await the popular vote, which was held Feb. 23, 1861, with 44,317 voting to leave the Union and 13,020 voting no - more than 3 to 1. The Secession Convention reassembled on Mar. 5th and reorganized the state government and approved an Ordinance accepting Confederate statehood. It also included a requirement of a loyalty oath to the Confederacy for all current officeholders. Gov. Houston refused and the convention declared the office of Governor to be vacant, instructed Lt. Gov. Edward Clark to assume the office of Governor. On Mar. 23, 1861 the convention adjourned, having taken Texas out of the Union and allied it with the Confederate States of America.

The Hon. Oran M. Roberts was the leading figure in the secession of Texas - the center of the pro-Confederate faction.

He was born in 1815 in So. Carolina - graduated from the Univ. of Alabama and later served in the Alabama legislature. He was a great admirer of John C. Calhoun. He moved to San Augustine, Texas in 1841 - was a successful lawyer - appointed District Attorney by President Sam Houston in 1844. After Texas joined the Union in 1845, Gov. J. Pickney Henderson named Roberts a District Judge. In 1856 he was elected to the Supreme Court of Texas. After leading the effort to take Texas out of the Union, Roberts returned to East Texas where he helped raise the 11th Texas Infantry Regiment of Walker's Texas Division. His military career was brief and he was returned to Austin to serve as the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court.

During Reconstruction he was elected United States Senator along with David G. Burnet, but they were denied their seats by the Radical Republicans controlling the U. S. Congress. He later returned to Gilmer, Texas where he opened a law school in 1868. After Reconstruction was ended Roberts was again elected to the Supreme Court, and in 1878 he was elected Governor on a platform of fiscal reform. He served two terms which included the increasing of public school funding and the contracting for the building of our present State Capitol Building. After his term as Governor ended, in 1883 The University of Texas opened in Austin and Roberts was named the first professor of law. He was instrumental, along with a few others, in the creation of the Texas State Historical Association and was its first President. All who believe in Constitutional Government need to honor the memory of Gov. Oran M. Roberts - named the "Old Alcalde" by his law students.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The current two-year term of office ends at our June State Convention and the By-Laws provide for a Nominating Committee to meet and make nominations for the 2003 - 2005 Texas Society Commander and Lieutenant Commander. The other Society Officers are all appointed by the Commander.

Commander Aldis has attempted to name committee members who do not plan to be a candidate for either office. All members of our Texas Society who wish to be considered for Commander and/or Lt. Commander, are encouraged to contact the Nominating Committee Chairman, or any committee member.

The following Nominating Committee has been named in accordance with the By-Laws:

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Think about this! I do not think there is anything which we humans use that is more damaging than our tongues. Yet it also controls the most beautiful music, the most powerful speeches, the most inspiring sermons, the most engaging poetry, the most intriguing drama, the most enchanting stories, the most romantic words, and the most wonderful expressions of love. What unbelievable capability we all hold in our mouths! It all depends on how we choose to use our tongues. It is easy for any of us to fall into the traps of gossip, backbiting, slander, judgment and boastful pride. Lets all start today to practice saying good things to and about others - especially our compatriots in the MOS&B and the SCV. May compliments, courtesy, respect, compassion, kindness, gentleness and love flow abundantly from our mouths this day and every day.

TEXANS IN OFFICIAL SCV AND MOS&B NATIONAL AND ARMY POSITIONS

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