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FROM THE TEXAS SOCIETY COMMANDER

First, I wish each of you a Happy New Year.

It will be an active year for the MOSB. The first thing we must stress is: **HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?** Remember that, under the new operating procedure, we are on a calendar year program, and dues for 2009 were due by December 31, 2008. If you have not paid, please do so now.

Here are a few things that are going on with the MOSB this year:

1. A proposal committee has been formed and is preparing a proposal to submit to the national organization to host the national convention in 2012. Texas has not hosted a national convention in many years, and this will be a chance to show what Texans can do.
2. Plans are being made at this time for the Texas Society Convention. This year is election year and new officers will be elected. Two sites are being considered. Although the place and date have not been finalized in time to get in this newsletter, you will be kept informed as things are finalized.

3. The National Reunion will be held in Columbia, South Carolina, June 11-13. If you have not attended a national reunion, you have missed a lot of fun and fellowship. You can go to the website www.mosbihq.org for full details on the reunion.
4. Texas, being so large, has many members who are not near enough to a local chapter to belong to one. They are, therefore, classified as "at-large" members. We are planning a state-wide Texas chapter for those members, so that they will at least be in a chapter located in Texas. Our main goal is to get chapters started in some of the larger cities and some of the chapters that are inactive to become active again.

This will be the last newsletter while I am commander, and I want to thank all of you who have helped me through my term. I especially thank Bob Davidson (and his right hand lady) Lois for all the work they did in getting the Clarion Call out.

Hope to see you at the state convention.

Jim Templin, Commander

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Texas Society Adjutant Report

The balance of the Texas Society account is \$2,069.68 as of January 9, 2009.

The following is a breakdown of which chapters have paid dues for 2009:

Chapter	Number of members paid
5	51
121	2
137	14
264	16
273	18
274	1
282	6

Chapters with one or two members paid are dues for new members. As you can see, many members have not paid their dues. Please do so promptly so that you can remain a member. Chapter Commanders and adjutants: Get Busy.

Glenn Toal, Adjutant



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Correction - John Gregg Photo

We have been informed that the photo which accompanied the article about Texas Confederate General John Gregg in the August 2008 issue of The Clarion Call was, in fact, not John Gregg, but South Carolina Confederate General Maxey Gregg. We apologize for the confusion.

Bob G. Davidson, Editor



**John Gregg
1828 - 1864**

Texas Confederate General
Killed in action October 7, 1864



**Maxey Gregg
1814 - 1862**

So. Carolina Confederate General
Killed in Action December 15, 1862

We Wish You Enough

Sent along by Larry & Elaine Ashburn

.....She began to smile. That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone. She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail and she smiled even more. "When we said, *'I wish you enough'* we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them." Then turning toward me, she shared the following, reciting it from memory.

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright
no matter how gray the day may appear.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate
the sun even more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep
your spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even
the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate
all that you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through
the final good-bye.

She then began to cry and walked away.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person,
an hour to appreciate them,
a day to love them
but then an entire life to forget them.

TAKE TIME TO LIVE.....

It has been our honor and privilege to publish
the Clarion Call for the past six years.

To all our friends and loved ones,

WE WISH YOU ENOUGH.....

Bob and Lois Davidson

MOSB Member Participates in Gettysburg Reenactment

Ewell Loudermilk, Adjutant of the Major John Loudermilk Chapter 264 of the MOSB participated in the 145th Anniversary reenactment of the Gettysburg Battle. He is third man from the right - seated, with a hat on.



Ewell was with 44 members of the "7th Texas Infantry," mainly men from West Texas, plus six from New Mexico who mustered in at roll call on Saturday morning, July 5th. The 7th represented the 5th Louisiana (Wheaton's Tigers) at Culp's Hill, and a Tennessee Unit in the attack on Little Round Top.



Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #5

Houston, Texas

2008 was a year of building and rebuilding for the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter Number 5.

The membership totals from our Adjutant, Ray Stocks, show an overall increase of eight new members to our chapter for calendar year 2008. ASJ #5 is committed to building our membership numbers to foster a sense of camaraderie and commitment to our cause.

Most of you are aware of Hurricane Ike which hit the Gulf coast of Texas this year, the hurricane directly affected a number of our members and because of the efforts of some of our members, everyone was able to weather the storm just fine. Some members are still in the rebuilding effort while others have decided to move on. Past Commander David Whitaker has decided to demolish his coastal home of 35 years and move a little further inland. Our prayers are with Compatriot Whitaker during this difficult time.

2009 will see some changes for ASJ #5, the membership has voted to amend our Chapter Constitution allowing our leadership duty tours to come into line with the National and State election cycles. Other changes include development of a web site that will allow the ASJ #5 to have a presence on the WWW.

As of this report we have "The Grandest Ball of All", The Southern Heritage Ball, in full swing and all three of our chapter officers are involved with the Ball this year. Lt. Commander, John Hoover is Co-Chairman of the Ball, Commander, Ward W. Slack and his wife Carol Slack are Silent Auction Co-Chairs and Adjutant, Ray Stocks along with his wife, Kathy Stocks are Co-Chairs for the Pre-Ball Party. The list of Chapter volunteers is too lengthy to list here but the Spirit of the South is alive and well here in Houston. The Ball celebrates the birthday of Robert E. Lee each year and is a fundraiser for Southern charities, most notable being The Museum of Southern History here in Houston. It also provides a grand venue for the Beautiful Daughters of the South to make their debut into society.

Work is also moving forward to presenting a proposal at the 2009 National Convention in Columbia, South Carolina for the national MOS&B convention in 2012. The hurricane devastated Galveston but the spirited Texans along the Gulf coast are pitching in and the convention locations are being rebuilt. Many of us had a great time in Arkansas last summer at the national convention they sponsored and it will be hard to top their hospitality.

Deo Vindice,

Ward W. Slack, Commander ASJ #5

Col. W. H. Parsons Chapter #273

Ennis, Ellis County, Texas

The Parsons chapter meets once a quarter on the fourth Thursday of the first month of the quarter. We enjoy a meal, fellowship, and program. Then we plan our projects. We often provide color guards for events, and will be providing one for the UDC District Four Confederate Heroes Day on January 17. We continue to seek new members and offer genealogical help as needed.

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In Flanders Fields [1915]

By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD
(1872-1918) Canadian Army

"In a nearby cemetery, McCrae could see the wild poppies that sprang up in the ditches in that part of Europe, and he spent twenty minutes of precious rest time scribbling fifteen lines of verse in a notebook."

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead.

Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie in Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Flanders Fields is the name of battlefields in the medieval County of Flanders, which spans southern Belgium and northwest France. From 1914 to 1918 a war known as *The Great War*, or the *War to End All Wars*, was fought. At the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918, an Armistice (Cease Fire) was signed. Our country remembered the end of that Great War by commemorating November 11 as Armistice Day. When the *Second World War* began, that first war was renamed *World War I*. As more and more wars were fought, the name of the day of remembrance was changed to Veterans Day, but the date of November 11 was retained. Red poppy boutonnières are distributed by the American Legion in memory of the men who fought among the poppies of Flanders Fields.

**A Brief History of
Colonel Richard Bennett Hubbard Chapter #261
Military Order of the Stars and Bars
Tyler, Texas**

Our Chapter was chartered February 6, 2001 with Texas Society Commander Walter Nass, Jr. and Past Commander General Edward Cailleteau doing the honors. Bob G. Davidson was the founding Commander, urged and assisted by Walter Nass and Ron Aldis; Dale Fowlkes was the driving force for the formation of the chapter, and was elected Commander of the Chapter, later going on to become Texas Society Commander, and then ATM Commander.

Commanders following Dale Fowlkes were Larry McClellan and Charles Hayes. The current officers are Commander Dan Horton, Lt. Commander Tom Clinkscales, Adjutant John Haynes, Chaplain Don Majors.

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Our Chapter requests the Honor of Your Presence at a very special Birthday Party! Please Join Us in Celebration of the Birthdays of **General Robert E. Lee and General "Stonewall" Jackson** on Saturday, January 24, 2009

We will gather at 6:00 - Celebration will begin at 6:30
At Joseph's Catering, 1721 S. Broadway, Tyler, Texas

Entertainment provided by The Three Majors
Three Door Prizes,
including one Navy Colt Replica, will be awarded.

Dinner Menu

Chicken Fried Steak Gravy Mashed Potatoes
Black Eyed Peas Salad Turnip Greens
Rolls Cornbread Iced Tea Coffee Peach Cobbler

Prepaid Reservations required.

Please remit **\$15.00** per person, payable to
Hubbard Chapter #261/John Haynes, to:
Bob Davidson, 10858 Mosswood Drive, Tyler TX 75703
no later than January 19, 2009

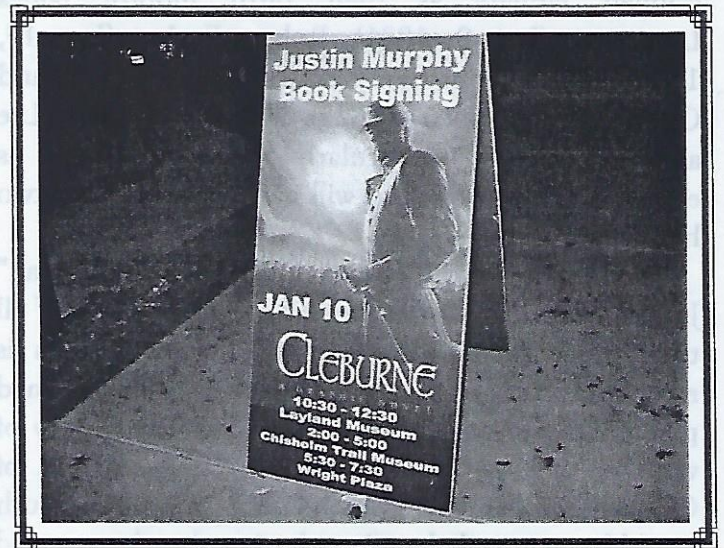
For information call
Dan Horton 903-833-5539
or Tom Clinkscales 908-567-4708
Period Dress encouraged, or Casual.
Friends and Family Welcome.

*Bob G. Davidson DCS
Texas Society Chief of Staff*

Col. Benjamin Morris Chapter #276

Tom Jones, 1st Lt. Commander

On January 10, 2009 Justin Murphy, author of "Cleburne: A Graphic Novel," was in Cleburne, Texas. "Cleburne: A Graphic Novel," recounts the last year of Gen. Patrick Cleburne's life.



A book signing scheduled from 5:30-7:30 p.m. took place at the Wright Plaza Building at 115 S. Main St. The Gen. Pat Cleburne SCV Camp #436 under Commander Thomas G. Jones hosted the signing. MOSB Col. Benjamin Morris Chapter #276 of Fort Worth, along with Commander Bill Morris and members, were co-host. Refreshments were provided by Paula Jones of the Julia Jackson UDC #141.



Praise For Lee And Jackson

by Chuck Baldwin

January 16, 2007

January is often referred to as "Generals Month" as no less than four famous Confederate Generals claimed January as their birth month: James Longstreet (Jan. 8, 1821), Robert E. Lee (Jan. 19, 1807), Thomas Jonathan Jackson (Jan. 21, 1824), and George Pickett (Jan. 28, 1825). Two of these men, Lee and Jackson, are particularly noteworthy. This is especially true, as this year will mark General Lee's two hundredth birthday.

Without question, Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson were two of the greatest military leaders of all time. Even more, the Lee and Jackson tandem is regarded by many military historians as having formed perhaps the greatest battlefield duo in the history of warfare. If Jackson had survived the battle of Chancellorsville, it is very possible that the South would have prevailed at Gettysburg and perhaps would even have won the War Between The States.

In fact, it was Lord Roberts, commander-in-chief of the British armies in the early Twentieth Century, who said, "In my opinion, Stonewall Jackson was one of the greatest natural military geniuses the world ever saw. I will go even further than that—as a campaigner in the field, he never had a superior. In some respects, I doubt whether he ever had an equal."

While the strategies and circumstances of the War Of Northern Aggression can (and will) be debated by professionals and laymen alike, one fact is undeniable: Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. Jackson were two of the finest Christian gentlemen this country has ever produced. Both their character and their conduct were beyond reproach.

Unlike his northern counterpart, Ulysses S. Grant, General Lee never sanctioned or condoned slavery. Upon inheriting slaves from his deceased father-in-law, Lee immediately freed them. And according to historians, Jackson enjoyed a familial relationship with those few slaves which were in his home. In addition, unlike Abraham Lincoln and U.S. Grant, neither Lee nor Jackson ever spoke disparagingly of the black race.

As those who are familiar with history know, General Grant and his wife held personal slaves before and during the War Between The States, and even Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation did not free them. They were not freed until the Thirteenth Amendment was passed after the conclusion of the war. Grant's excuse for not freeing his slaves was that "good help is so hard to come by these days".

Furthermore, it is well established that Jackson regularly conducted a Sunday School class for black children. This was a ministry he took very seriously. As a result, he was dearly loved and appreciated by the children and their parents.

In addition, both Jackson and Lee emphatically supported the abolition of slavery. In fact, Lee called slavery "a moral and political evil". He also said "the best men in the South" opposed it and welcomed its demise. Jackson said he wished to see "the shackles struck from every slave".

To think that Lee and Jackson (and the vast majority of Confederate soldiers) would fight and die to preserve an institution they considered evil and abhorrent is the height of absurdity. It is equally repugnant to impugn and denigrate the memory of these remarkable Christian gentlemen.

In fact, after refusing Abraham Lincoln's offer to command the Union Army in 1861, Robert E. Lee wrote to his sister on April 20 of that year to explain his decision. In the letter he wrote,

"With all my devotion to the Union and the feeling of loyalty and duty of an American citizen, I have not been able to make up my mind to raise my hand against my relatives, my children, my home. I have therefore resigned my commission in the army and save in defense of my native state, with the sincere hope that my poor services may never be needed . . ."

Lee's decision to resign his commission with the Union Army must have been the most difficult decision of his life. Remember that Lee's direct ancestors had fought in America's War For Independence. His father, "Light Horse Harry" Henry Lee, was a Revolutionary War hero, Governor of

Jefferson Davis with Confederate Military Leaders.
This composite picture was made in 1885 from earlier pictures. The group includes, left to right, Admiral Raphael Semmes, General John B. Hood, Confederate President Davis, and Generals

James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart, Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, Robert E. Lee, Nathan B. Forrest, Joseph E. Johnston, and Pierre Gustave Toutant de Beauregard. Semmes, the only naval officer of the group, commanded the Confederate warship *Alabama*.
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Virginia, and member of Congress. In addition, members of his family were signatories to the Declaration of Independence.

Remember, too, that not only did Robert E. Lee graduate from West Point at the top of his class, he is yet today the only cadet to graduate from that prestigious academy without a single demerit.

However, Lee knew that what Lincoln was about to do was both immoral and unconstitutional. As a man of honor and integrity, the only thing Lee could do was that which his father had done: fight for freedom and independence. And that is exactly what he did.

Instead of allowing a politically correct culture to sully the memory of Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. Jackson, all Americans should hold them in a place of highest honor and respect. Anything less is a disservice to history and a disgrace to the principles of truth and integrity.

Accordingly, it was more than appropriate that the late President Gerald Ford, on August 5, 1975, signed

Senate Joint Resolution 23, "restoring posthumously the long overdue, full rights of citizenship to General Robert E. Lee". According to President Ford, "This legislation corrects a 110-year oversight of American history". He further said, "General Lee's character has been an example to succeeding generations . . ."

The significance of General Lee's (and Thomas Jackson's) life cannot be overvalued. While the character and influence of most of us will barely be remembered two hundred days after our departure, the sterling character of these men has endured for two hundred years. What a shame that so many of America's youth are being robbed of knowing and studying the virtue and integrity of the great General Robert E. Lee and General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

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Desks...

Sent along by Gary M. Loudermilk DCS

A lesson that should be taught in all schools and colleges.

Back in September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a social studies school teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten.

On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks from her classroom.

When the first period kids entered the room they discovered there were no desks.

'Ms. Cothren, where're our desks?' She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me what you have done to earn the right to sit at a desk'. They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades'. 'No', she said. 'Maybe it's our behavior'.

She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. By early afternoon, television news crews had started gathering in Cothren's classroom to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came, and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom, Martha Cothren said 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he/she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniforms, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place, those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the 'right to sit at those desks' had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education.

Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story!!

Please consider passing this along so others won't forget that the freedoms we have in this great country were earned by U.S. Veterans.

Welcome Home - MOSB Annual Convention - June 11-13

South Carolina Society MOSB welcomes all members home to Columbia, South Carolina, birthplace of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOSB). The 48th Annual Reunion of United Confederate Veterans and 43rd Annual Convention of Sons of Confederate Veterans met at the Columbia Hotel. On August 30, 1938 an organizational meeting was held and the Order of the Stars and Bars, as it was known then, was created. The initial membership was composed of 17 former commissioned officers of the Confederate States military and 47 male descendants of Confederate officers.

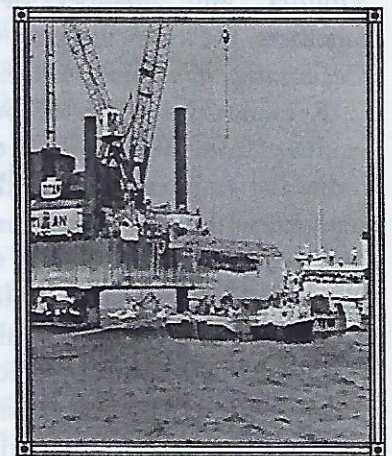
The Host Hotel for the 2009 National Convention is the Hilton Garden Inn, Harbison, located northwest of downtown Columbia, adjacent to Interstate I-26. Call the hotel directly for the MOSB National Convention room rate of \$109.

In addition to MOSB related meetings, there will be many outside events. The Commander's Reception will be an early evening cruise on beautiful Lake Murray. SCMOSB will be providing a lite dinner and refreshments for adults and children.

On Thursday Evening the South Carolina Society will host a family cookout for all at Chestnut Hill Plantation. South Carolina State Archeologist, Dr. Jonathan Leader, will be giving a special presentation on the recovery and reburial of the Second Hunley Crew whose remains were located under the Citadel Football Stadium.

At the Friday Awards Luncheon Mike Dawson (Col. U. S. Army Retired) of the River Alliance will be presenting an audio visual talk on the Battle of Congaree Creek, prelude to the Saturday tour.

Our Friday afternoon seminar will be about the discovery and recovery of the H.L. Hunley submarine and what it took (both physically and politically) to accomplish this historic task. State Archeologist Dr. Jonathan Leader and State Underwater Archeologist Chris Amer will conduct this seminar from a first hand perspective.



On Saturday, we will lunch at the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum. After lunch we will tour the Relic Room and then split into two touring groups: The Congaree Creek Tour and the General's At Rest Tour.

Full information at www.mosbihq.org

A Brief History of Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #5 Military Order of the Stars & Bars Houston, Texas

On August 30, 1938, seventeen former Military Officers of the Confederate States of America, and forty-seven male descendants of Confederate Officers, all members of Sons of Confederate Veterans Association, met in Columbia, South Carolina and chartered the Military Order of the Stars & Bars. This Order is a historical, patriotic, educational, non-political organization composed of male descendants of Confederate Officers and others who served the CSA government.

The Houston Chapter of The Military Order of the Stars & Bars was first organized in Tennessee where it was known as the William B. Bate Chapter #5. This appears in the 1966 General Convention Report. The William B. Bate Chapter #5 apparently failed and their Chapter number was transferred to the Houston Chapter. The Houston Chapter must have had some quality organization to have been the recipient of that low number. According to Past Commander Walter Nass, Jr., the gentleman that was the prime mover in getting the Houston Chapter started was Colonel Craig C. Watkins, the first Chapter Commander. Colonel Watkins was also a Commander of ASJ#67 as well as twice Chairman of the Southern Heritage Ball. The Houston Chapter had a strong affiliation with the Albert Sidney Johnston SCV Camp #67 which, incidentally, had emerged as one of the leading camps in the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization. The Houston Chapter obviously got their name from this affiliation.

In 1971, The Texas Society of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars was formed and became a member of the Army of Trans-Mississippi division of the MOS&B.

A "Texas Chapter #10" of Houston, Texas is listed in the 65TH Anniversary edition of the MOS&B (2003). In this edition Chapter #10 claims to be the oldest Texas Chapter. They were chartered on June 30, 1970 and had a Conroe Mailing address. This Chapter was affiliated with the now defunct Dick Dowling SCV Camp in Houston. The Texas Chapter #10 was a large Chapter and had many notable members that were active in the State Society and National organization. This Chapter eventually terminated and the #10 Chapter designation was transferred to Brigadier General Theodore V. Brevard Chapter in Florida, but this didn't happen until 10/19/89.

MOS&B Adjutant General (2008-2009), Toni Turk, was a member of the Texas Chapter and thanks to his efforts,

we have this information. Incidentally, AG Turk's membership number is #654 and he joined Chapter #10 on June 12, 1969. Today, the senior member in Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #5 (ASJ#5) is Forest Gary Spindle who joined the MOS&B April 24, 1974 and is still active. His membership number is #1149.

Based on the records that AG Toni Turk researched, his conclusion is that ASJ#5 predates the Texas Chapter #10 by approximately four years. This means ASJ#5 organized about 1966. Since the Charter document is lost and since IHQ in Daphne, Alabama does not have these records, the exact date ASJ#5 became a Chartered Chapter of the MOS&B cannot be confirmed, however, the year 1966 is close.

SCV PCIC Ralph Green recalls that there was quite a bit of "feuding" between the Dick Dowling SCV Camp and the ASJ#67 SCV Camp and he believes the Texas Chapter #10 of the MOS&B was organized by members who split from Albert Sidney Johnston Camp. This would tend to confirm that the Texas Chapter #10 is not the oldest MOS&B Chapter in Texas.

Today, ASJ#5 is the largest chapter in the MOS&B with some 55 plus members and growing. They meet quarterly and always provide a notable speaker. Honorary members include 2006-2008 UDC President General Janice Langford, MOS&B Lt. Commander Max Waldrop, WWII Veteran Wilbur Johnson, Real Son Marion Wilson of Amarillo, Texas, and Southern Heritage Ball Past Co-Chair (several times), Lasca Bourgeois-Burns. ASJ#5 members are very active in the Texas Society, the National Society and especially active in the Southern Heritage Ball, a successful fundraiser for over 40 years that celebrates the birth of General Robert E. Lee. ASJ#5 has a sizable "Friends of the Camp" group that is mostly UDC ladies who enjoy the camaraderie of the Chapter and attend the dinner meetings.

One of the beloved and honored members of the Chapter was Past Commander G. Ronald Aldis. Ron died February 12, 2008, the night before he was to present the first annual G. Ronald Aldis Award to a person, regardless of organization affiliation, who has made a great contribution either to the Chapter or to the preservation of Southern Heritage. The first recipient of this award was John L. Moncure PC.

This history is not complete and is a work in progress.

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Military Order of the Stars and Bars Pledge

We, the posterity of the Officer Corps and Civil Officials of the Confederacy, do pledge ourselves to commemorate and honor the service of leadership these men rendered in the Cause of the fundamental American principles of self determination and States' Rights and to perpetuate the true history of their deeds for the edification of ourselves, our society, and for generations yet unborn.

HIRAM BRONSON GRANBURY
1831 - 1864



Hiram Bronson Granbury was born in Copiah County, Mississippi, the son of a Baptist minister. He was educated at Oakland College. In the 1850's he moved to Waco, where he was admitted to the Bar; he served as Chief Justice of McLennan County from 1856 to 1858.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he recruited the Waco Guards, which became a unit in the 7th Texas Infantry in Brig. Gen. John Gregg's brigade. In November 1861 at Hopkinsville KY, the regiment elected Granbury as Major. He was captured with the command at the Battle of Fort Donelson in 1862, and was paroled that same year in an officers' exchange. Upon his release he was promoted to Colonel. In 1863 he was at Port Hudson LA, and at Raymond, MS. He joined Gen. Joseph E.

Johnston's army, assembled for the relief of Vicksburg. Granbury commanded the 7th Texas in Brig. Gen. Bushrod R. Johnson's Brigade of Gen. John B. Hood's Corps at Chickamauga, where he was wounded. He was at Missionary Ridge, under James A. Smith; shortly thereafter he succeeded to brigade command. During the retreat from that battle he was distinguished for his conduct at Ringold Gap, where he commanded his own brigade. Granbury was commissioned Brigadier General on February 29, 1864. During the ensuing Atlanta campaign, he served in Cleburne's Division of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's Army of Tennessee and was again distinguished at the Battle of New Hope Church. After the fall of Atlanta, Granbury led his brigade in Hood's disastrous invasion of Tennessee, and at the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864, he was killed in action.

Granbury was first buried near Franklin, Tennessee. His body was later re-interred at the Ashwood Church Cemetery south of Columbia. On November 30, 1893, his remains were removed to Granbury, Texas, seat of Hood County, as the town was named in his honor.

The correct spelling of the General's name has been debated. His descendants insist that it is Granberry, as is written on his gravestone, but most books and historians continue to spell it Granbury.



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