



# Clarion Call



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## **FROM THE COMMANDER**

*Dale Fowlkes, Commander*

This will be my last opportunity to communicate with the membership via this publication. I wish to express my deep admiration of the Society officers, and appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Texas Society MOSB. I have met and dealt with so many fine men who constitute our society. I would like to touch upon several subjects which should be of interest to our members.

## **DUES**

The MOSB fiscal year is the calendar year, so members should be receiving notices from the chapter adjutants. We would appreciate your response if your 2005 dues are not paid. Please be sure to advise of changes of address to keep your MOSB mailings coming to you.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Nationally, the MOSB reached 2007 members about a month ago, and is seeing unprecedented growth, with an additional 150 applications received. We should ever be on the watch for new members. Elsewhere is a listing of all the Texas Chapter commanders and adjutants, who will assist with member recruitment.

The Texas Society received an award for the greatest gain in members recently. Much of this is due to the new chapters instituted in Alvin, Arlington, Fort Worth, and Longview, but many chapters are on the grow, and grow we must.

## **MOSB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

There will be 7 MOSB scholarships awarded, in the amount of \$1,000 each. If you have a graduating child or other relative, application forms are available from your chapter commander/adjutant. THERE IS A MARCH 1 SUBMISSION DEADLINE SO MOVE QUICKLY.

## **POW MEDAL**

As a result of the last "Clarion" issue, application for this extremely attractive medal has taken a substantial increase. This is a joint project of our MOSB Chapter 264, SCV Camp 1904, and OCR Chapter 23, and worthy of our support if you have a POW ancestor. An order blank is again enclosed.

Allow me to express my personal appreciation and that of the Texas Society to the fine Texas Division SCV officers and staff. Gentlemen, you do us proud! The splendid cooperation and working relationship we enjoy together could be a lesson to many others.

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**EDITORIAL  
 FROM THE COMMANDER**

I am both saddened and astonished by the non-productive strife that still exists in the minds of some between the SCV and the MOSB. Daily many of us get a deluge of email over "those guys in the other organization". Nothing could be more detrimental and self defeating to both organizations, and all to the satisfaction of our loyal opposition who are better financed than we. How has this come about?

Strong personalities have been known to butt heads in all organizations and surely this has to be an element. Real "leaders", however, must expect others to have different ideas about tactics, goals, and strategy. Leaders of good will without bias should be willing and able to compromise taking the best points of all ideas. Our goals and objectives, however, are surely the same. Do we not have the same mission, salute the same flag, recite the same pledges? Both organizations are cut from the same cloth!

The general executive council of both organizations plays a critical role in guiding the day-to-day activities between national reunions. Included in this membership are past commanders who have a wealth of experience under their belt, from which to draw and influence reasoned and wise decisions. Virtually every organization with which I am familiar, has recognized this and makes good use of this resource, be that organization the Elks, Shrine, Masonic Order, etc. It appears that nationally we are seeing games being played to artificially change the GEC membership by arbitrarily suspending select GEC members at a given meeting. Such action is dangerous, unwise, and should not be permitted under any constitution.

As individual members of both the SCV and MOSB, what then do we need in our leaders? I recall a management class or two I have taken that stresses the image of an organization starts at the top. The shadow of the leader is also the shadow image of the group he leads. It seems to me, then, the leader must:

- 1) be polished enough to deal with public and press in an articulate and truthful manner, thereby projecting a positive image,
- 2) since we do not elect dictators, our leaders must be consensus builders and not dividers,
- 3) honesty and integrity with us is absolutely imperative. Nothing else can be successful,
- 4) be a good coach.

As individual members, we can contribute to both organizations by being active at the local level to the activities and projects of both. Put forth for leadership our best men, and personally work in support of their success. Our voices and ideas are not heard unless we send delegates to the reunions to cast informed votes in our behalf.



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WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE TEXAS SOCIETY

## Chatham Roberdeau Wheat Chapter #224 - Plano

The Major Chatham R. Wheat, MOSB, Chapter 224, Plano, Texas, under the direction of Commander Dennis Todd, have done the following projects and still undergoing.

Put down 6 markers of CSA veterans Plano Cemetery in Plano, Texas, and now checking other cemeteries in Collin County. The cemetery committee under Paul Mattoon and Rodney Stell, are looking at the cemeteries and are trying to catalog all veterans of the Confederate Army.

From March to the first part of April, 2005, the Wheat Chapter will be putting on presentations at the Old Post Office Museum in McKinney, Texas. The museum is under the direction of the Collin County Historical Society. Over three thousand students from 5th grade, from all over Collin County will be coming through the museum for artifacts of the War Between the States. In the basement, a tent and other articles are on display, flags, weapons, medical, etc. for the students to look at, and also hands on of the items. Re-enactors from the Wheat Chapter help in doing these presentations on certain dates. They are Paul Mattoon, Monty Matthews, and Rodney Stell.

The project committee under Commander Todd, still has other projects on discussion.

We are also in the process of selling off books to raise money to buy concrete, so that we can put the markers down.

We had new officers sworn in January 17, 2005, by Texas Commander Dale Fowlkes, Commander Dennis Todd, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Lester Prince, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Monty Matthews, and Adjutant Rodney Stell.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Monty Matthews is under the process of getting brochures made about the history of the Chapter and its namesake. These will be mailed to schools in Collin County, to where we can do presentations in class rooms and living histories.

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WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE TEXAS SOCIETY

## Colonel B.H. Norsworthy Chapter 276 - Orange

Our Chapter has undertaken the task of initiating the Robert E. Lee Leadership Award in our area. At the state convention in Nacogdoches last year, compatriot Shelby Little announced this program. It is to be awarded to the most outstanding cadet in a JROTC program. It is to be awarded to the cadet that most emulates the character of General Lee.

This is an SCV sponsored award, but it seemed appropriate that the MOSB should be part of an awards program to honor our future Military Officers.

The two local SCV camps in our area are Dick Dowling, of Beaumont, and Walter P. Lane, of Orange. We contacted both camps and proposed a joint venture between our MOSB chapter and the SCV camps. Not only will this program bring us closer together with the camps, but it will help the camps in the area to work closer with one another.

We contacted the three local high school JROTC programs, Ozan, Westbrook, and Central High Schools, all of which are in Beaumont. They were very receptive and are anxious for us to come to their award programs.

There are many possibilities to expand on this program with the schools. Some we have thought of are, presenting the award in uniform. This should promote photo sessions, which in turn will give our organizations more local publicity.

We also thought of presenting a book of our choice to the school for its library. This will place at least one book in their library that hasn't been screened through political correctness.

This program will give our MOSB chapter, along with our SCV camps, very good public exposure with very little effort or expense.

I recommend each chapter that hasn't already looked into this program to do so.

Granvel J. Block, Commander

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## Major John Loudermilk Chapter #264 - Comanche

**“Lord it’s one kind favor I’ll ask of you...  
See that my grave is keep clean.”**

The Confederate Cemetery in San Antonio needs our help. If you don’t know about the Confederate Cemetery in San Antonio, here are a few facts about it. It is the largest Confederate Cemetery in Texas. There are over seven hundred marked graves of Confederate veterans and their family members in it, and another 150 veterans in unmarked graves. It is the final resting place of four Confederate Generals, Hamilton P. Bee, John “RIP” Ford, Hugh F. Young (TST) and William H. Young.

Last October, I was there doing research for the second volume of *Texas Burial Sites of Civil War Notables*, and was shocked and shamed by the condition of it. The well-mowed and maintained grounds of San Antonio’s City Cemeteries 4 and 6 surround the Confederate Cemetery. Its condition is a stark contrast to them. Weeds and grass overrun the graves and plots. In some places, they are over three feet high, completely covering gravestones. In several places, I had to pull and cut tall weeds in order to even find headstones. I learned similar conditions were found in 2003 by a group of Texas Rangers. They could not find the graves of General John Salmon “Rip” Ford and Colonel G.W. Baylor after an hour of searching in the high grass.

Since then, I have been working to organize a Cemetery clean up in the short term, and help find a long term solution to keep the Confederate Cemetery clean and the graves maintained in the future. The first step on this long journey is a clean up scheduled by the Sons of Confederate Veterans’ Alamo Camp on March 19, 2005. This is to get the Cemetery clean and ready for Confederate Decoration Day events scheduled for April 24.

I would like to ask every Military Order of the Stars and Bars Chapter in Texas to try to send members to help in that clean up. If they cannot send people to help, they can send a donation to help with the clean up (send checks to: Alamo Camp #1325, 1423 N. San Jacinto St., San Antonio, TX 78207, make checks out to Alamo Camp 1325). For those planning to come and help, bring gasoline powered equipment and/or hand tools. We will have some riding mowers and heavy-duty weed eaters available. You’ll need to bring water and dress for outdoor work in the sun. The clean up will start at 9am, Saturday, March 19. The cemetery is located at New Braunfels Avenue and Commerce Street in San Antonio.

I look forward to meeting those who come and work to fulfill our pledge to honor those men resting there by seeing their graves are keep clean.

You can see the way the cemetery looked in October at my web site:

<http://www.tarleton.edu/~stovall/Photos/SACSA/SACCleanGraves.htm>.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me via email at: [johnastovall@earthlink.net](mailto:johnastovall@earthlink.net)

John A. Stovall, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander

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## Newest Texas MOSB Chapter Institution



L-R Dale Fowlkes, Robert Bailey, Robert Sullivan, Jim Benton

On January 22, 2005, the Major Henry Wynkoop Raquet MOSB Chapter 293 of Longview was instituted in Kilgore.

Organizing officers were Commander Robert J. Sullivan, Lt. Commander Jim W. Benton, and Adjutant Robert L. Bailey who was instrumental in the organizing effort. Other charter members of this new chapter include Bryan G. Christian, Collie Grey, Marshall Hall, and Jonathan Wayne Utzman. Additional members are imminent as several applicants are working on making application. Texas Society Commander Dale Fowlkes and Chief of Staff Bob G. Davidson were the installing officers, and administered the oaths of membership and office. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter for Texas in the last 18 months.

## Southern Leadership During The War For Southern Independence

*National MOSB Website*

When the War for Southern Independence erupted in 1861, the political and military leaders of the United States were forced to remain loyal to the Union or join the newly-formed Confederate States of America. Almost without exception Southerners chose to side with the Southern Confederacy. For four long years of warfare, deprivation, and sacrifice, the elected officials and the Confederate Officer Corps provided unparalleled leadership for a country hopelessly outnumbered militarily and lacking sufficient resources to carry out successful warfare. Historians have since expressed admiration and amazement at the tenacity of purpose and the spiritual resolve of the Southern people and their leaders. Robert E. Lee, Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and Raphael Semmes are but a few of the men whose names have become synonymous with courage, honor, and perseverance. On the political end of the spectrum, men like Jefferson Davis, Stephen A. Mallory, James M. Mason, Zebulon B. Vance, John Reagan, and Judah P. Benjamin are classic examples of civilian leaders who kept the Southern nation afloat against over-powering obstacles. Confederate officials and officers led from the front, not from the rear! Not surprisingly, Confederate generals had a 50% higher casualty rate in battle than did privates.

When the War for Southern Independence ended, Confederate civil leaders and military officers continued to guide the South through the dark in days of political and economic reconstruction. In the face of northern hostility and reprisal, the actions of the ex-Confederate officials are a study in patience and determination. No civilized nation has ever produced braver, more dedicated, or chivalrous leaders than those of the Confederate States of America.

*"It is our duty to keep the memory of our heroes green.  
Yet they belong to the whole country;  
they belong to America."*

*Jefferson Davis*

## 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Book-MOSB

Commander-General Daniel W. Jones requested that the IHQ send you a complimentary copy of the new, 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Book of the Military Order of Stars and Bars.

This book is being offered to the general membership of the MOSB for \$5.00 to help defray the printing, postage and handling costs. Please support this effort in your interaction with fellow members of the order.



Jefferson Davis and  
The Confederate Cabinet

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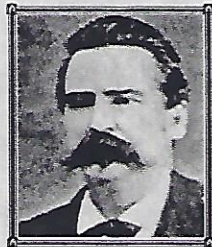


### Military Order of the Stars and Bars Pledge

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.

### ALEXANDER WATKINS TERRELL 1827 - 1912

Terrell was born in Patrick County, Virginia. In 1832 after the death of his father, the family moved to Boonville, Missouri. Terrell attended the University of Missouri, studied law, and practiced in St. Joseph, Missouri from 1849 to 1852. In that year he moved to Austin, Texas, practicing law there and becoming a judge.



Terrell was a close friend of Governor Sam Houston, and both men opposed secession and favored compromise. When Texas voted to leave the Union, Terrell went with them. The first two years of the war, in between his judicial duties, he served as a volunteer aide and as major of the 1<sup>st</sup> Texas Cavalry. For most of 1862 he was a captain and volunteer aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Henry McCulloch, who commanded Texas troops stationed in Arkansas. Terrell declined a colonel's commission in 1861, and was repeatedly recommended for an officer's commission. Texas Governor Francis Lubbock praised Terrell's service in Arkansas "without pay or rank, which was declined by him several times" and stated that Terrell "had one of the finest minds in the state". On March 31, 1863, Terrell was commissioned lieutenant colonel of a cavalry battalion that became the 34<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, with him chosen as colonel. In July, 1863, he was temporarily assigned to command the Northern Sub-District of Texas. The 34<sup>th</sup> spent the balance of 1863 in the District of Texas. In March 1864, the 34<sup>th</sup> along with most troops in Texas, were ordered to Louisiana to oppose the Union advance upon

Shreveport. At the battle of Mansfield, April 8, 1864, Terrell's troops attacked on the Union right. At the Battles of Pleasant Hill the next day, his dismounted troopers seized a Union position, but could advance no further. He led Arthur Bagby's veteran Cavalry brigade at the battle of Mansura on May 16. In September 1864, Terrell commanded a brigade of three Texas Cavalry regiments forming the advance line of Confederate positions in west Louisiana. Brigadier General Bagby returned and assumed command by the end of the year, with Terrell returning to the 34<sup>th</sup> Texas. In late April 1865, the brigade was drawn back to Texas, where the troops deserted their colors upon hearing of Lee's surrender in Virginia. On May 14, 1865, Terrell disbanded his remaining troop in view of the cause being lost, but General Kirby Smith, who was unaware of what had happened, named him brigadier general on May 16, 1865. This left Terrell with a title, but no troops.

Terrell fled to Mexico, becoming an officer in Maximilian's army. He returned to Texas and had a varied post bellum career as lawyer, politician, cotton planter, and was elected four times to the state senate, serving from 1876 to 1883. He also served three terms in the state house, was elected reporter to the Texas Supreme Court, and was an ambassador to Turkey in the Cleveland administration. General Terrell ran unsuccessfully for the U. S. Senate in 1887. His efforts in behalf of the state university, both in the legislature and as regent of the board of trustees, earned him the title "Father of the University of Texas". An historian, Terrell became president of the Texas State Historical Association. He lived in Houston in 1865, Robertson County 1865 to 1871, and then Austin. General Terrell died September 9, 1912, at Mineral Wells, Texas, and is buried in the State Cemetery in Austin.