



# Clarion

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### FROM THE COMMANDER

Dale Fowlkes, Commander

Based on the annual reports submitted by the Texas Chapters and my most recent printout of August 12 from International Headquarters, our membership is reflected as follows:

Albert Sidney Johnston #5, Houston	52
Gaston Gregg #68, Dallas	11
Haley Holt #121, Midland	11
John H. Reagan #127, Austin	10
Lone Star #137, Dallas	22
Sul Ross #184, San Antonio	14
Chatham Roberdeau Wheat #224, Plano	09
David Whitfield Snodgrass #254, Ft. Worth	09
Richard Bennett Hubbard #261, Tyler	14
John Loudermilk #264, Commanche	15
W. H. Parsons #273, Ennis	13
Benjamin H. Norsworthy #276, Orange	09
NEW Benjamin Morris #279, Ft. Worth	08
TOTAL 197 in 13 active chapters	

The Waul's Legion Chapter #194 in Ft. Worth is undergoing reorganization, but expected to be in business shortly. Chapters of Ike Turner #211 in Livingston, and Christopher Cleburne #241 in Cleburne, have folded. This reflects a slight loss of membership, which is a disappointment, and is the only bad news I must share with the membership. Our situation is really better than this appears, as several former members have been transferred to the Jefferson Davis Headquarters Chapter #1; and there are the usual clerical/administrative errors between the chapter submissions and IHQ getting them on the rolls; and a number of new applications have cleared the Texas Society on the way to being placed upon the MOSB rolls. To arrest this loss in membership, commanders and adjutants of all chapters have been supplied with a list of the at-large

members and those who have been dropped by virtue of delinquency. I trust these will be worked aggressively to get these men back on the rolls and again be contributing members to a chapter of their choice. If you are asked to assist your chapter officers, please do so.

I want to give you the good news which is always welcome.

1) The Texas Society Officers listed herein (*see Page Two*) are a blue chip group of proven leaders who have a track record of getting the job done. It will be my honor and privilege to work with them as we collectively endeavor to serve you well.

2) While we have lost a few chapters, capable men are on the ground working.

- The Waul's Legion is expected to be up again and running soon. Members interested in that chapter should contact James P. Hobbs, jameshobbs@mfire.com, 205 Dana Ct., Weatherford, TX 76086, phone 817-677-5004.
- A new chapter is expected to be chartered by the end of the year in Galveston. This effort is being led by Henry Seale, Henryseale@aol.com, 17 Seaside Ln, Texas City, TX 77590, phone 409-948-3254.
- A new chapter may soon develop in the Arlington, TX area where a number of the former Cleburne chapter members reside. This effort is being led by James Dark, execdir@tsra.com, 816 Woodrow St., Arlington, TX 76012, phone 817-261-0241.
- An additional chapter in the Longview area in East Texas is being pursued by H.M. "Mac" Meredith, meredithstwo@cox-internet.com, 231Fairlawn Dr, Lindale, TX 75771, 903-881-0537.

EACH MOSB member should always be on the hunt for additional members, for the SCV AND MOSB. Every new member makes us stronger and brings to us new ideas, increased participation, and the opportunity to make a new friend with whom we have much in common.



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## FROM THE LT. COMMANDER

Gary M. Loudermilk, Lt. Commander

Our Commander planted a seed in my mind regarding the functioning of our Chapters and I would like to address this issue. I believe this topic is very relevant at this time because we have lost some members and even entire Chapters, and some other Texas Chapters seem to be growing stale.

I have had an idea for some time regarding the Texas Society becoming the largest in the MOSB. We are second only to Virginia, and at one time trailed them by only about 30 members. I not only think it would be interesting and fun to challenge the Old Dominion, but a rivalry like this could be an extremely healthy thing for overall MOSB membership.

With the above information in mind, I ask each Chapter and each individual member to consider how we can make this happen, not just for the contest with Virginia, but to keep our Texas Society and Chapters active and growing.

What I see happening with the most active Chapters is that they continually strive to have good interesting programs and activities, that keep their membership involved. These progressive Chapters do not have to have a large membership or a great amount of funds. On the contrary, a Chapter with only five members and virtually no money can have projects and programs that are the equal of any of the larger Chapters.

How can a small Chapter put together an outstanding program or undertake a major project? There are several ways, but one thing often overlooked is that we are not alone in our Chapter. Every MOSB member is also a member of an SCV Camp, and also probably has contacts in the OCR and UDC, and other heritage groups. These are invaluable resources upon which you can draw. My own local Chapter has members from four different SCV Camps and we have a wealth of talent in these Camps.

What it essentially comes down to is selecting an event or activity that is of high interest to many people, and building a ceremony or program around it. You can choose to celebrate the life of a Confederate Hero, or a particular battle that is related to your Chapter, or any number of other possibilities.

The key is that each and every one of our Chapters should do at least one such event a year. This keeps us active, makes attending meetings more than a "meet and eat" affair, and attracts more members.

I have seen an outstanding program put together by only one dedicated person, so I know that it doesn't take a lot of people to organize and present an event.

At your next Chapter meeting, consider having one person to arrange for a presentation (guest speaker, etc.) and do the necessary printing of a Program. Have another member to coordinate with other heritage groups, another to arrange for a color or honor guard if it is needed, and another to arrange for refreshments (remember the OCR?). Perhaps one other member can take photos, etc. for your Chapter scrapbook. As you can see, only four or five members can develop and present an interesting and pertinent ceremony.

In conclusion, we must keep our Texas Chapters viable and growing and I sincerely ask for each member's help in achieving this Goal.



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## FROM THE COMMANDER GENERAL

Jeffery W. Massey, Commander General

Greetings!

It is an honor to again address the men and officers of the Great Lone Star State. The men of the Texas Society were sterling examples of Confederate progeny at the Asheville Reunion. I am always heartened by the exceptional amount of comradery, gentlemanly conduct and sincere desire to do what is "right" as opposed to what is "coveted." I have to confess that Texas has and continues to contribute mightily to the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

There are inevitable changes in every organization. Several by-laws and Constitutional Amendments were adopted by the assembled delegates. Probably the most "talked" about provision, post-convention, appears to concern the deletion of the provision which required SCV membership in order to have an MOSB membership.

First, let me say that the first order of business for the MOSB General Executive Council (Wednesday), and the First Session of the MOSB General Convention (Friday), was the enactment of Resolution No. 1. This resolution boldly declares and reaffirms the MOSB's commitment to its long standing formal affiliation with the SCV. The Resolution plainly states what our membership firmly believes and embraces: Southern Culture is worth fighting for and the SCV and MOSB are the historical, genealogical organizations to wage the fight. There is no separation, divorce, discourse or division between the organizations. The MOSB has reaffirmed its commitment to the SCV, and I hope that the SCV will reconsider its position with regarding the Order. (See page Seven.)

Second, I would note that there are some financial changes coming also. Membership dues are technically "due" on the first day after the last day of the convention (so 2003-2004 dues became due on August 3). Our largest costs are from printing the Officers Call newsletter and from the United States Post Office. It is important to note that the annual dues of the Order have not changed in 9 years (1993). In that time paper costs have tripled and postage has increased 27.5% (First Class was \$.29). Additionally, it appears that the SCV will increase their capital expenditures on Elm Springs, and the Order will be asked to contribute at least 10% of those capital costs. Consequently the following financial matters have been reviewed:

(1) Effective for convention year 2003-04 change the dues structure to a calendar year with the dues deadline of December 31. Adjutants would initiate dues collections starting in November (or earlier) and dues collection would occur thru the December 31 deadline. (Editor's note: Implementing instructions will be issued upon adoption of this change after approval by the GEC.)

(2) An increase in national annual dues from \$20.00 to \$25.00. Rationale: Currently we run a "deficit" of approximately \$18 per member from August to July. We are literally "betting" that they will renew their membership, otherwise we are at a loss for each member. This is our biggest loss for each fiscal year.

(3) Life Membership will have a tiered-cost from the present \$200.00 to \$300.00:

a: Age 12 to 59 at \$300.00 for Life Membership

b: Age 60 to 69 at \$200.00 for Life Membership

c: Age 70 and up at \$100.00 for Life Membership

Currently LM's are set at \$200 and are NOT paying for themselves. The average life member has been a LM for between 8-10 years. That is a tremendous financial commitment to continue to service their accounts.

(4) Continue with Abatement of New Chapter fees, and No Reinstatement fees. This has been a highly successful marketing tool for us. We have 15 more chapters which have activated or restarted since July 2002. Currently we have 73 chapters listed as "active".

The Real Grandson and Real Great Grandson Medals and certificates are now available to all SCV and MOSB members. The Scholarship Committee announced \$6,000.00 in scholarship moneys were distributed to our Confederate sons and daughters. The Books For Beauvoir programming continues to gather needed books for the President Jefferson Davis Library in Biloxi. The Real Sons program continues to honor the Last Real Sons of Confederate soldiers. The Confederate Legacy Endowment Program continues to gather resources from compatriots who are committed to winning the Heritage fight. We are updating and upgrading our membership services registry and MOSB commissary products at International Headquarters, including new golf and t-shirts.

Gentlemen, each month the Order continues to outperform its previous benchmarks. It is indeed a wonderful and honorable time to be a member of the SCV and MOSB. Keep up the great work and I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Jeff Massey, Commander General, MOSB



### Confederate History

"All that was, or is now, desired is that error and injustice be excluded from the text-books of the schools and from the literature brought into our homes; that the truth be told, without exaggeration and without omission; truth for its own sake and for the sake of honest history, and that the generations to come after us not be left to bear the burden of shame and dishonor unrighteously laid upon the name of their noble sires."

Rev. James Power Smith,  
Last Survivor of the Staff of "Stonewall"



## A True Story: "When the Yankee Band Played Dixie"

The Civil War News- August 2003

Kathryn Jorgensen

Mercersburg, Pa. - When Confederate cavalymen held a ceremony last October for three confederate soldiers who were buried in Mercersburg in 1863, few people knew about another service 97 years earlier.

Col. K.C. Wilt led the ceremony during the 140<sup>th</sup> reenactment weekend of Gen. J.E.B. Stuart's raid on Mercersburg. He thanked townspeople for maintaining the graves, which were decorated with a wreath during the service. There is more to the story of the deceased Confederates. It was told by Archibald Hamilton Rutledge, a South Carolinian who headed the English department at Mercersburg Academy for 33 years. Rutledge, who died in 1973, was a prolific author and poet. He was South Carolina's poet laureate and elected to the State's Hall of Fame in Myrtle Beach, where a memorial park honors him.



Cavalymen hold memorial service at the Confederate

One of Rutledge's most popular books was *Life's Extras*, first published in 1930, which sold more than a million copies and was translated for overseas readers. His popular story "When the Yankee Band Played Dixie", told about the Confederate dead in Mercersburg.

Archibald Rutledge described the Mercersburg of 1904, when he joined the Mercersburg Academy staff. Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic were alive and he assumed that memories of the war and the Confederate raid and burning of nearby Chambersburg were still fresh. "I was the son of a Confederate colonel and I was scared, knowing that this was enemy territory and that wounds of that cruel war were still new and bleeding," he wrote.

"Yet the school year passed without any untoward incidents, except the somewhat bewildering graciousness of the old Union soldiers toward me. We used to talk for hours.

That winter one of them died, and left me his entire library."

Everyone called Rutledge "Johnny Reb," but he was not sure it was an affectionate appellation. On the eve of his first Memorial Day in Mercersburg, Rutledge walked to the cemetery where graves were marked with flags and flowers. There he found the Confederate graves.

"Kneeling in the twilight at the three Confederate headstones I read the names: J.W. Alban, W.H. Quaintance, and Unknown." I recognized Alban and Quaintance as Virginia names. I wondered if the families and friends of these three soldiers of the South knew what became of them"

The Presbyterian minister, Dr. James G. Rose, told Rutledge that the unknown soldier was killed during the Oct. 10, 1862, raid in Mercersburg. Alban and Quaintance were mortally wounded at Gettysburg in July 1863 and left in Mercersburg during the Confederate retreat.

Rutledge was referred to Miss Alive Fenwick, then in her late 60s, who had helped nurse the Gettysburg wounded in Mercersburg. You know in those days we had so little medicine of any kind, and nearly all our doctors were with the armies," she told him. "I did all I could, but it was not enough. John was stoical, but Will did not want to die. Toward the end he was delirious and kept calling in the most pleading voice for Hallie. I never discovered who she was."

Rutledge wrote a "little article" about the Mercersburg graves for the Confederate Column of the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

A few days after its publication he received a letter from Hallie Quaintance of Bristol, Va. "When I was a young bride, my husband disappeared on the Gettysburg campaign.

From your article I am sure you have found his grave.

I would like so much to come to see where he is lying," she wrote.

Arrangements were made through Dr. Rose for Mrs. Quaintance to take the train to Mercersburg. Rutledge was to meet her and Miss Fenwick to entertain her. Rutledge tells what happened: "Since the tiny station was usually a desolate and deserted place I was filled with amazement when I approached it that day. The whole town was there. There was the G.A.R. band. There were all the old G.A.R. veterans, in uniform. There was a special carriage for the arriving guest of honor. There were scores of little flower-girls with bouquets. People filled the streets by the station, and overflowed across the tracks. I could feel the air of a loving welcome.

"The train rounded a curve, chugging toward the station. At once the G.A.R. band began to play 'Dixie', and all the old Federal soldiers, their caps covering their hearts, stood at attention." Rutledge escorted Mrs. Quaintance to her carriage through the cheering crowd.

The band led the procession to the cemetery.

"As we drew near the three Confederate graves, in reverent silence, all the more impressive because unrehearsed, the crowd formed a great circle. Across this to the grave of the one she loved walked Hallie Quaintance. On the sacred mound she laid a wreath of flowers and knelt there briefly. When she rejoined us, her face had upon it a light of loving gratitude and spiritual peace.

"For me, this reception of a Confederate soldier's widow by Union veterans and their friends and families meant, in truth, the end of the Civil War. It meant Cease Firing, and the Burial of the Guns.

It meant I could feel at home in what I had thought was an alien land.

Indeed, I no longer wanted to be a mere Southerner.

I had learned how much greater it is to be an American"



## The Mint Julep

The Mint Julep, a distinctive Southern drink, popular in the antebellum South right up through modern times, is a mixture of water, sugar, mint leaves and, above all, bourbon whiskey. While it can be purchased today in modern drinking establishments in the South, those served there bear little resemblance to those served in the home. The serving of this elixir to family and guests on a hot summer afternoon was, and is, accomplished with the greatest fanfare and flourish to show respect for those receiving it. It is as much of a ceremony as it is a drink.

The following is a copy of a letter from Lieutenant General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., USA [VMI-1906, West Point-1908] killed on Okinawa June 18, 1945] to Major General William D. Conner, [Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point] dated March 30, 1937. Buckner, Jr. was the son of General Simon Bolivar Buckner of the Confederate army who surrendered Fort Donelson to General Grant, thus giving Grant his nickname of "Unconditional Surrender" Grant. This letter clearly demonstrates the esteem in which a "Mint Julep" is held.



*My Dear General Connor,*

*Your letter requesting my formula for mixing mint juleps leaves me in the same position in which Captain Barber found himself when asked how he was able to carve the image of an elephant from a block of wood. He said that it was a simple process consisting merely of whittling off the part that didn't look like an elephant.*



*The preparation of the quintessence of gentlemanly beverages can be described only in like terms. A mint julep is not a product of a formula. It is a ceremony and must be performed by a gentleman possessing a true sense of the artistic, a deep reverence for the ingredients and a proper appreciation of the occasion. It is a rite that must not be entrusted to a novice, a statistician, nor a Yankee. It is a*

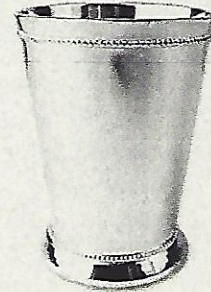
*heritage of the Old South, and emblem of hospitality, and a vehicle in which noble minds can travel together upon the flower-strewn paths of a happy and congenial thought.*

*So far as the mere mechanics of the operation are concerned, the procedure, stripped of its ceremonial embellishments, can be described as follows:*

*Go to a spring where cool, crystal-clear water bubbles from under a bank of dew-washed ferns. In a consecrated vessel, dip up a little water at the source.*

*Follow the stream thru its bank of green moss and wild flowers until it broadens and trickles thru beds of mint, growing in aromatic profusion and waving softly in the summer breeze. Gather the sweetest and tenderest shoots and gently carry them home.*

*Go to the sideboard. decanter of Kentucky distilled by a master mellowed with age, vigorous and An ancestral sugar of silver goblets, some some ice, and you are start.*



*Select a Bourbon hand, yet still inspiring. bowl, a row spoons, and ready to*

*Into a canvas bag pound twice as much ice as you think you will need. Make it fine as snow, keep it dry, and do not allow it to degenerate into slush. Into each goblet, put a slightly heaping teaspoonful of granulated sugar, barely cover this with spring water, and slightly bruise one mint leaf into this, leaving the spoon in the goblet.*

*Then pour elixir from the decanter until the goblets are about one-fourth full. Fill the goblets with snowy ice, sprinkling in a small amount of sugar as you fill. Wipe the outside of the goblets dry, and embellish copiously with mint.*

*Then comes the delicate and important operation of frosting. By proper manipulation of the spoon, the ingredients are circulated and blended until nature, wishing to take a further hand and add another of its beautiful phenomena, encrusts the whole in a glistening coat of white frost.*

*Thus harmoniously blended by the deft touches of a skilled hand, you have a beverage eminently appropriate for honorable men and beautiful women.*

*When all is ready, assemble your guests on the porch or in the garden, where the aroma of the juleps will rise heavenward and make the birds sing.*

*Propose a worthy toast, raise the goblets to your lips, bury your nose in the mint, inhale a deep breath of its fragrance and sip the nectar of the gods.*



*Being overcome with thirst, I can write no further.*

*Sincerely,*

*Lt. Gen. S.B. Buckner, Jr.  
VMI Class of 1906*



## Confederates Win in New Orleans

Gentlemen,

*I have just gotten off the line with Ms. Pat Ricci, director of the Confederate Museum in New Orleans. The story is self-explanatory, and you can drop notes of Good Will to her at Memhall@aol.com. with great regards, Jeff Massey, Commander General MOSB*

### Dispute Over Confederate Museum Ends, Assembly Cancelled - New Orleans

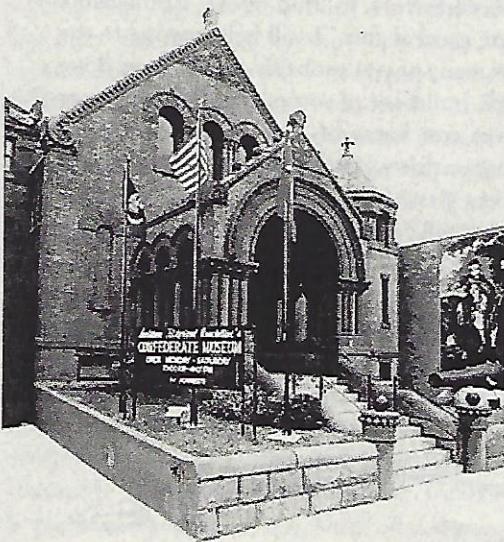
By Cain Burdeau - The Associated Press - 8/21/2003

A three-year dispute ended on Thursday over ownership of a building housing a highly valued Confederate museum which had bedeviled plans to expand a new Southern art museum, officials said.

The University of New Orleans Foundation claimed it bought Confederate Memorial Hall from Tulane University for \$425,000, but the Confederate museum disputed that and sued. "We intend to be good neighbors and to contribute to the historical flavor and cultural richness of the Lee Circle area," said Patrick Gibbs, president of the UNO Foundation. "We're pleased with the resolution of the problem and we're looking forward to a successful and long, long co-existence," said L. Eades Hogue, a lawyer for the Confederate museum. The agreement eventually would give the title of the red-brick building to the Confederate collection. It also would allow construction of a passageway through the Confederate museum building's basement that would connect two sections of the new Ogden Museum of Southern Art, officials said. The UNO Foundation is a financial backer of the Ogden Museum. A state judge and appellate court sided with the UNO Foundation while out-of-court talks got underway that included Gov. Mike Foster's office. The Confederate museum alleged that the backers of the Ogden Museum were anti-Confederate and wanted to kick the Confederate collection out. Foster said heads would roll if the museum was given the boot.

Officials with the UNO Foundation and Ogden Museum have insisted that they never intended to evict the museum.

Under the deal, the UNO Foundation would hand over ownership of the building after the passageway is built or after 10 years, whichever



comes first. The agreement also stipulates that the building continue to be used as a Confederate collection. In the interim, the UNO Foundation would lease the premises to the Confederate museum.

The Ogden Museum needs to build a passageway from a five-story modernist building housing its 20th century collection of art works, to another building that will house the museum's 18th and 19th century collections. The 20th century collection opens on Saturday and the older display is slated to open next year. But before the older display can open, the passageway needs to be built.

Backers of the Confederate museum had threatened to protest the opening of the Ogden Museum, said James Carriere, a lawyer with the Confederate museum. "The dispute is all over and any protest the museum people were going to make is off," he said. Carriere said New Orleans oilman Pat Taylor helped broker the deal after Foster's office failed earlier this week.



## Texas MOSB on the Web

Two of our chapters now have web pages of which we can all be proud, even though there will still be additions and modifications to them.

Col. Richard Bennett Hubbard Chapter 261 in Tyler has one at [www.b17.com/mosb](http://www.b17.com/mosb) on which there is a biography of EVERY general officer from Texas, 33 of them. Webmaster Charles Hayes, who also maintains Tyler's Camp 124 web page, was honored in Asheville by being given a Judah P. Benjamin Award.

Major John Loudermilk Chapter 264's webmaster is Gary L. Loudermilk who has a most excellent site with music and motion and well worth visiting at [members.aol.com/mosb264/](http://members.aol.com/mosb264/). Reliable sources report webmaster Loudermilk will undoubtedly be recognized at the forthcoming reunion in Dalton, GA for his most excellent work.

Another site recommended for those who wish they had visited more Civil War Battlefields, is at [civilwaralbum.com](http://civilwaralbum.com). Just type this in the search block and then the home page will be the first listing to be highlighted. This site covers a massive number of battlefields and sites with stunning panorama pictures, and even includes a written script to tell you what you are seeing, what happened there and when, etc. It is the next best thing to being there, and has no fire ants or poison ivy. There is continuous instrumental music of "The Battle Cry of Freedom" which will not bother us Southerners who know that song was copyrighted in 1862 in New Orleans by a Mr. Barnes with Southern lyrics. The tune was also popular in the South - especially since we were fighting for our freedom, too, from a hostile and overbearing central government which was a threat to the South.



**Military Order of the Stars and Bars**  
**General Executive Council**  
 Asheville, North Carolina  
 July 30, 2003

**RESOLUTION**

**Whereas**, the Order of the Stars and Bars (OSB), was founded in 1938 by Confederate Veterans assembled during the meeting of the United Confederate Veterans association in Columbia, South Carolina, and these chartering members were former Confederate Officers and descendants of members of the Confederate Officer Corps, Confederate States of America; and

**Whereas**, the MOSB continually met with the United Confederate Veterans in Convention from 1938 to 1951, when the last UCV meeting was held in Norfolk, Virginia; and

**Whereas** the MOSB has continually met with the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) from 1938 through 2003, for 66 consecutive conventions; and

**Whereas**, the SCV and MOSB have secured, maintained, and remained loyal to the Preambles of both Constitutions, and have kept safe the sacred memory and honor of the Confederate Soldier and Confederate Statesman during their cooperative, supportive and pleasant relationship; and

**Whereas**, the MOSB is a Tennessee corporation doing business in and from the state of Tennessee, and is a duly recognized independent tax-exempt corporation, and

**Whereas**, the SCV is a Mississippi corporation with its primary place of business being Elm Springs, and is one of the most pre-eminent hereditary societies, and the most pre-eminent proponent of Confederate heritage, in the United States of America today; and

**Whereas**, many of the MOSB's officers have served with high distinction in the SCV's ranks and General William D. McCain preserved the assets of both corporations, serving both organizations, simultaneously, as corporate secretary/treasurer; and

**Whereas**, many of the SCV's early commanders-in-chief were, themselves, the sons of Confederate Officers, including J.E.B. Stuart, II, and Nathan Bedford Forrest, II; and

**Whereas**, the MOSB and the SCV have for more than 65 years formed a strategic partnership, creating a united front in the defense and advancement of Confederate heritage and culture.

**NOW THEREFORE**, all the premises considered, the MOSB's General Executive Council, by *unanimous* vote, adopts this Resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that, without qualification, the MOSB hereby reaffirms its Affiliation Policy and strategic partnership with the Sons of Confederate Veterans and stands united with the SCV in the defense and advancement of Confederate Heritage and Culture; and

**RESOLVED**, that, without qualification, the MOSB supports the SCV in the preservation and enhancement of all assets held in Columbia, Tennessee, and elsewhere, including the Elm Springs Mansion and grounds and the Gen. William D. McCain Library; and

**RESOLVED**, that it is the intent of the MOSB to continue to meet in joint convention with the SCV; to enjoy the shared aspects of future joint conventions including accommodations, programming and festivities and without qualification, the MOSB supports the SCV's public relations outreach to the general public; and

**RESOLVED**, that, without qualification, the MOSB will urge its members to maintain a membership in the SCV at all times; and

**RESOLVED**, that, without qualification, the MOSB endorses the SCV's long-term strategic plan to restore the Confederate soldier to his rightful place among the pantheon of America's heroes.

DONE this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003.

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 Jeffery W. Massey  
 Commander-General

K Patrick Schrwade Adjutant General

*FROM THE HISTORIAN*

Allen C. Connel, Historian

**Texas Society Scrapbook**  
**"Let's Hunker Down and Barter"**

Compatriots, I have been asked to serve in the capacity of State Historian by Texas Society Commander Dale Fowlkes. I cheerfully accepted this appointment and fully intend to serve to the best of my ability and capacity. I give each of you my commitment to bring forward to the National Convention in 2004 the best and most professional "Texas Society Scrapbook" that has ever been created. I need to obtain every activity each of your Chapters has accomplished. I prefer to have these activities as they happen so to organize this Scrapbook as it should be organized and presented.

I need the help of EVERY Chapter of the Texas Society MOSB through a designated Chapter Contact, preferably with e-mail, so I can stay abreast of the work your Chapter is doing on a regular basis. Items I need are: Grave Dedications or Memorial Data with Programs and pictures (if available), Grave Registration Programs, Information about School Programs, Chapter Social Events, Newspaper Articles pertaining to your Chapter or anything else that shows "Texas Society" is the best! Pictures and other data can be scanned in a jpeg format and forwarded by e-mail to [aconnel@exp.net](mailto:aconnel@exp.net), or mailed to: Allen C. Connel, 105 East New York St., Orange, TX. 77630-7445. Pictures can be scanned and returned by mail, if need be.

The reason for the scrapbook is to showcase the good work many of our chapters are doing, and give us an index of successful projects that we can share with chapters who need ideas. In addition, winning the Best Scrapbook Award will give us an opportunity to do a little honest Texas bragging. I will add a little "to boot" or "ante" if it's your will to this trade. Each of you help me accomplish this "award winning" task, and I will in turn, help any of you if you have endeavors to find more Confederate Heroes; frankly, I am quite good at this. I will help anyone to the best of my ability. I know many of you probably already have done extensive Genealogy Work, but some of you may only have one or two Confederate Ancestors you know of; most people that have one or two . . . have twenty or thirty. I will always place Genealogy requests of New Members first. I cannot provide the actual documentation, but, I can tell 'em where to find it! Try me Compatriots!

In defense of OUR Confederate Ancestors  
 "Honor" and "Good Name", I remain, Allen C. Connel





## New Chapter in Fort Worth

Saturday, August 9, was the occasion of the institution of the Col. Benjamin Morris Chapter 279. The Chapter has 8 charter members with more in works. Prospects are excellent for additional growth.

Chapter 279 Commander Bill Morris and Lt. Cmdr. Tom Jones were sworn into office by Texas Society MOSB Commander Dale Fowlkes, assisted by Texas Society Chaplain Gary P. Whitfield, and Texas Society Inspector-General Dennis Todd.

Congratulations to Chapter 279.

You are a welcome addition to our growing ranks.



L to R . . . . . Dale Fowlkes, Bill Morris,  
Picture of Namesake, Col. Benjamin Morris,  
Gary P. Whitfield, Dennis Todd

## MOSB Scholarship Winner

The Texas Society can be very proud that the General Patrick Cleburne Scholarship Award of a \$1,000 grant has gone to one of our Texas own. This award was the winner from all entries within the Army of the Trans-Mississippi area.

The winner is Miss Amy Bounds of Henderson, who is the granddaughter of Tyler Chapter 261 Charter member Joe Parker Harris of Carthage. Miss Bounds will attend Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, LA majoring in biology. Her goal is to obtain a Ph. D to enable her to pursue DNA research. Having graduated 4th in a class of 234 with Distinguished Honors, it would surely appear this young lady has every likely chance to achieve her career goals. She was the recipient of several other academic scholarships, and we may see her if LA Tech appears on the fall TV football schedule, as she will be a featured twirler.

## FROM THE GENEALOGIST

Jim Templin, Genealogist

Although those of you who receive this "Clarion Call" are already MOSB members, allow me to share with you the new rules for making application for MOSB membership. This will be of particular interest to chapter adjutants and for you when discussing MOSB membership with a prospect. I suggest that each chapter designate a member, such as the adjutant or a member with experience and aptitude for assisting prospects. What follows is a list of the things we all need to know.

- 1) If a person joined the SCV prior to 11/1/2002 under an officer ancestor, he need fill out only page 1 of the application. He should submit a copy of his membership certificate showing the date of admission to SCV and the name and rank of his ancestor if available. If certificate is not available, the SCV camp adjutant can probably determine this off his application unless he knows the approximate date. It is suggested that he fill out page 2 (genealogical section) also, for posterity, but this is not required.
- 2) If an applicant does not qualify for the above method of application, he must fill out all pages of the application and submit proof of the ancestors rank and military service. The genealogical proofs must be listed as to SOURCE, but copies do NOT have to be submitted with the application. Proofs must be specific such as Ellis Co., Texas census, marriage license, etc. General terms such as family records will not suffice. The genealogist may request copies of the documents listed if there appears to be a question.
- 3) Joining on a relative who is already a current member of MOSB requires the relative's name and MOSB ID number on the application. The applicant will fill out page 1 of the application and provide proof of Confederate service of the officer ancestor.
- 4) Applications do not have to be typed, must be legible, neat, and readable, or they will have to be returned. ALL MOSB forms are available on the web at [www.mosbihq.org/forms1.htm](http://www.mosbihq.org/forms1.htm) and can be completed on line, thereby making this the very easiest way.
- 5) Old applications can be used, but all should be on acid free/cotton/linen paper and not cheap copy paper.
- 6) Once the forms are completed, signed, and proof is attached, two checks should be attached (a) Texas Soc. MOSB for \$2, and (b) MOSB IHQ for \$30 and all sent to the State Commander along with the application.

Application for MOSB membership has never been easier than at present. It is my pleasure to serve as your Texas Society genealogist, and I want to help all chapters and applicants all I can. If there are questions, feel free to contact me.

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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.

## ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON 1803 – 1862

Johnston was born in Washington, Kentucky, February 2, 1803. He was educated at Transylvania University and at West Point, from which he graduated in 1826. He served in the army for a number of years and saw action in the Black Hawk Wars before resigning in 1834. In 1836 he went to Texas and enlisted as a private in the Revolutionary army. Within a year he rose to be the senior brigadier general and chief commander. He was secretary of war of the Republic of Texas from 1838 to 1840. After Texas was admitted to the Union, he became colonel of a regiment of Texas volunteers in the Mexican War and fought at Monterrey. He was reappointed to the U S Army in 1849 and served on the Texas frontier, becoming colonel of the 2nd Cavalry in 1855, and was in command of the Department of Texas from 1856 to 1858. He led the Utah expedition against the Mormons in 1857, and was made brevet brigadier general for his services. From 1858 to 1860 he commanded the department Utah.

When Texas seceded from the union, Johnston was commanding the Department of the Pacific. He resigned his commission on May 3, 1861, and was appointed a full general in the Regular Army of the Confederacy on August 31, 1861, to

Rank from May 30, 1861. Placed in command of all Confederate troops west of the Alleghenies, he strove to implement the current Richmond strategy of holding all points of the invaded states with isolated detachments.

After concentrating an army at Corinth, Mississippi, he successfully attacked Grant at Shiloh, but was mortally wounded in the engagement, and bled to death on the battlefield, April 6, 1862. It has been determined that the site of his death at Shiloh is actually about 100 yards north of where his marker is currently placed. Johnston's military capabilities are a matter of some controversy. Confederate President Jefferson Davis had implicit confidence in him and, after some entreaties to remove him from command after the loss of Forts Henry and Donelson, stated that "if Sidney Johnston is not a general . . . we have no general". He is buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin, Texas.

