



THE Clarion Call



TEXAS SOCIETY, MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS



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*In memory of those
whose spirit shines
in the darkness.*



GOD BLESS AMERICA by Irving Berlin

*God bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her,
and guide her,
Thru the night
with the light from above.*

*From the mountains,
to the prairies,
To the oceans,
while with foam -
God bless America!
My home sweet home.
God bless America!
My home sweet home.*

A BRIEF HISTORY OF

THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS

Most of us are familiar with the organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 1896 due to the fact that many of the active members of the United Confederate Veterans were growing old and passing from the scene. The UCV did last until the middle of the 20th century, and the SCV was also active in "the cause" since its inception. The SCV has grown in recent years to be the pre-eminent "Confederate" organization, growing in numbers and influence.

On August 30, 1938, a group of surviving Confederate officers met in Columbia, South Carolina. They were concerned that the unique contributions made by the Confederate leadership was not properly chronicled in our nation's history books. Seventeen former officers and 47 male descendants of Confederate officers organized the "Order of the Stars & Bars." The organization was made up of both former veterans who were officers and the descendants of officers. The organization planned for the offsprings to continue the organization as the actual veteran officers died. (That's us!)

Captain Homer Atkinson, of Petersburg, Virginia, who had served as the commanding officer of Company B of the 39th Mississippi Battalion, was elected the first Commander-in-Chief. He had also served two terms as Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans.

In later years eligibility qualifications were broadened to allow collateral male descendants of Confederate commissioned officers and of any elected or appointed member of the Executive Branch of the Confederate Government. The name of the Order was changed to "The Military Order of the Stars & Bars" in 1976, and the "Stars and Bars", the first National Flag of the Confederate States of America was accepted as the symbol of the Order.

Some might ask why do we have a separate organization for commemoration of the Confederate Officer Corps. The reasons are many -including the fact that these heroic men suffered unbelievable hardships for their honored cause. They assumed terrific responsibilities. After the war ended the officers were often singled out by their former adversaries for revenge. Through every test these Confederate officers and civilian Confederate Government officials stood tall. We owe them our respect and honor. Our Southern ancestors who withstood a vicious four-year struggle would hardly accept anything other than our dedication today to the cause for which they gave so much. Despite threats, abuses, and deprivations, these men of the Officer Corps and the Civil Government held the Confederacy together when lesser men would have capitulated.

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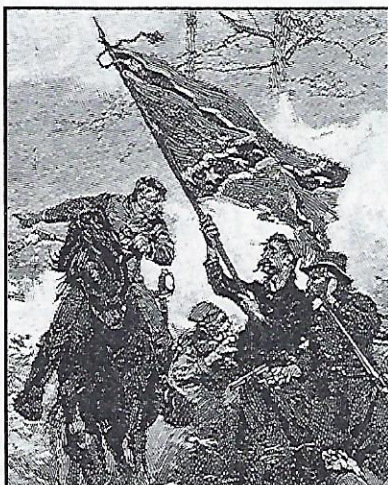
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A merit based MOS&B Scholarship Program for descendants of Confederate Officers, or descendants of the Confederate Executive or Legislative branches of the Confederate States' legislatures, judiciary, and executive branches of government has been approved by the Executive Council of the MOS&B.

Applications for the 2002-2003 academic year are available** from the Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1125, Raleigh, N.C. 27602-1125. All who are interested are encouraged to obtain Applications very soon and move forward as quickly as possible because all Applications and other required data should be returned to the Committee and postmarked by March 1, 2002. Scholarships awarded will be for \$1,000, and two recipients will be selected from each of the three Army Departments, Army of Northern Virginia, Army of Tennessee and Army of the Trans-Mississippi.

The purpose of this Scholarship Program is to help applicants who meet the criteria of descendancy attain their educational goals by receiving monetary help. Each Compatriot of the MOS&B is asked to do his part by informing eligible candidates and giving them guidance in completing the application.

** Your Texas Society Commander has copies of the Application and other General Information required from applicants. Feel free to contact him-G. Ronald Aldis, 1317 Richelieu Lane, Houston, Tx. 77018 - Phone: 713-688-5471 or E-mail: galdis@iopener.net. He will be happy to mail all forms direct to you.



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A "THANK YOU" TO ALL OF TEXAS!

I would like to express my Thanks for the Hard Work of former Society Commander Walter Nass and the current Officers and Members of the Texas Society and of all Texas Chapters. I received the Department Commanders Award-Plaque, due to the Army of Trans-Mississippi-MOS&B having established the most "NEW" Chapters in the convention Year 2000-2001!

Compatriots, this is really your Award; it is due to your dedication and southern devotion that made this possible. My humble "Thanks" to you all for your outstanding work that made it possible for our Department to win the award.

God Bless each of you. May we be as prosperous in the year 2001-2002. Please Keep Up The Good Work!

Curtis Hopper, Commander
Army of Trans-Mississippi
Sons of Confederate Veterans

OUR FRIENDS TO THE EAST IN LOUISIANA

It has been reported that the Louisiana Division of the SCV has now grown to include 31 Camps, the latest being the Caldwell Avengers Camp in Columbia, Louisiana. Other new Camps that have been started are the General Mouton Camp in Opelousas, the Claiborne Invincibles Camp in Homer, the Colonel James H. Beard Camp in Logansport, the Gen. Forrest Camp in Covington, and the Beouf River Rebels Camp in Archibald. The Sgt. Nicholson Camp in Ruston has been reactivated. Two additional new Camps in Jackson Parish and Union Parish are on the verge of being started.

Congratulations to all of the compatriots in Louisiana that have stepped up to the plate to do the work creating Camps and defending our heritage, and especially to Chuck Rand, the Louisiana Division Commander.

Is History Being Taught These Days??

A retired College Dean recently sent the following story about a book that he read telling of some answers given and recorded from examinations and term papers of some of today's "brightest" students. Some are awful—to the point that they are actually funny, in addition to being sad. I think that we have a generation where many are raised in ignorance and taught in bad schools and disengaged parents.

The 1906 "Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans" includes the fact that the SCV, and of course us also in the MOS&B, will be "given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history", among other important duties. After reading some of the following, perhaps we should re-double our efforts to see that the truth is taught about the Confederate States of America and the struggle for Southern Independence.

Here are some of the comments taken from this book —

History I after all, is nothing more than "the behind of the present", according to one student, who aptly added: "This gives incites from the anals of the past."

The once-mighty British Empire is in a "state of

recline. Its colonies have slowly dribbled away leaving only the odd speck on the map". Chairmar "Moo" has passed away, as has former President "Franklin Eleanor Roosevelt," and civil rights leader "Martin Luther Junior" was slain in the 1960s, shortly after making his famous "If I Had A Hammer" speech.

Hitler, a depressed "Nazi leader of a Communist Germany" who spurred a huge "anti-semantic" movement through a terrifying "Gespacho", launched "Operation Barbarella" while the English "vanely hoped for peas." The war began turning around, though, when the "Allies landed near Italy's toe and gradually advanced up her leg. Hitler ultimately "shot himself in the bonker."

"When the Davy Jones Index crashed in 1929 many people were left to political incineration. Some, like John Paul Sart, retreated into extraterrestrialism."

"The Boston Tea Party, by the way, was held at Pearl Harbor."

"Clashes between Israelis and Parisians, is the Gulf War in which, Satan Husane invaded Kiwi and Sandy Arabia."

The first airplane was flown by the Marx Brothers." "Spartacus led a slave rebellion in ancient Rome and then appeared in a movie about it later."

STOP AND THINK ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS AND THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS

The dues that we each pay to the SCV and the MOS&B are very small compared to the real value of our memberships. Our dues permit us to meet with like minded individuals who cherish their Confederate Ancestry enough to join with us. Membership demonstrates our commitment to preserve and defend the true history and heritage of our ancestors. The SCV and the MOS&B help us to be a voice of truth in our every day life about the 1861-1865 War for Southern Independence. Without our annual dues our SCV Camp and our MOS&B Chapter cannot continue.

In addition to the small financial contributions that we make by paying our dues, we can also contribute mightily by being willing to serve in some capacity when asked. The next time your Commander asks for assistance or volunteers, raise your hand if your time will permit. There are so many things to be done to have a successful Camp or Chapter. Each of us can do something. Be sure to pay your dues, and then look for other ways to help.

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Fresh new "incites" on history from "prehistoricle" times through "King Toot" and the birth of "monolithic" religion. ("Judyism had one big God named Yahoo").

One student goes on to "chronicle" the birth of Christianity ("Just another mystery cult until Jesus was born") and, his pronouncement, later, that "The mice shall inherit the earth."

There are many, many more such errors in history. The gravity of the misstatements and other errors fall into three major categories. Some are simply caused by bad spelling or a lack of proofreading, and come out funny. Some were prompted by a profound lack of preparation, while others just seem to be "really out to sea," the author said. Some state that Great Britain is composed of England, Scotland, "Whales" and Northern Ireland. Others talk about the "Automation Empire" in "Middle Evil" times. Nothing in this book covers any comments about the War Between The States. Thank goodness!

SUVCW AND MOLLUS IN TEXAS

I did not know until recently that "Yankee" veteran organizations are also active in Texas. The "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" (SUVCW) and the "Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States" (MOLLUS) both have a few camps and members in Texas. They, of course, do not have near our membership, which is understandable. In a few instances, SCV members are also SUVCW members as they had ancestors who fought on both sides. Stephen D. Forman is Commander of the Granbury's Texas Brigade Camp #1479, SCV, in Conroe, and also is the Commander of a Camp of SUVCW.

MOLLUS is similar to the MOS&B in that it is an organization of descendants of the Officer Corps of the Union Army and Navy. Larry A. Converse is the current State Commander of MOLLUS in Texas. We have been in contact by email and we both hope that we can find opportunities for our two organizations and members to interact more frequently. (It might be a good idea to have a speaker from SUVCW or MOLLUS at some of our SCV or MOS&B meetings—it might prove interesting -and perhaps we will not come to a fist fight—just joking—we might actually find a friend).

In looking at the web pages of the SUVCW I discovered that at their 119th National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan in August of 2000, they unanimously passed a Resolution of Support of the Display of the Confederate Battle Flag. I was somewhat surprised, but most pleased to read this Resolution. However, I should not have been surprised because that organization's National Commander has spoke at several of our SCV/MOS&B National Conventions, and they have always given the message that they agree and support our efforts to preserve true history, and not change history to be "politically correct." I really appreciate the support given to us by their passing of this Resolution.

MOLLUS has four types of members—Hereditary, Junior, Associate and Honorary. I found that interesting. All MOLLUS members must also be members of the SUVCW, just as all of us in the MOS&B must also be in the SCV.

I don't intend to search for any Yankee ancestors. My grandmother—my father's mother—was born during the war and lived into the 1950s. I remember as a child her telling me

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A FEW INTERESTING DATES

Dec. 6, 1889

President Jefferson Davis died in New Orleans.

Dec. 10, 1861

Confederate Congress acts to admit Kentucky to the Confederacy as the 13th State.



Dec. 20, 1860

South Carolina secedes, the first to do so.

Dec. 26, 1863

Yankees loot and burn Port Lavaca, Texas.

Dec. 30, 1863

Twenty CSA Marines freeze to death when Yankees swamp their boat and then fire on the survivors at Matagorda Peninsula, Texas.

Jan. 1, 1863

Battle of Galveston, Texas. General Magruder recaptures the port and city of Galveston and disperses the federal blockading fleet. (Called the first successful cavalry charge upon a naval fleet)

Jan. 9, 1861

Mississippi secedes. A large blue flag with a single white star is flown (Bonnie Blue Flag). The US Ship "Star of the West" is fired on in Charleston, South Carolina harbor by Cadets from the Citadel.

Jan. 10, 1861

Florida secedes. Louisiana State troops seize the US Arsenal and Barracks at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Jan. 11 1861

Alabama secedes. Louisiana troops seize Forts Jackson and St. Phillip. They also seize the USMC Hospital near New Orleans.

Jan. 18, 1862

The Confederate Territory of Arizona is formed.

Jan. 19, 1807

Birthday of General Robert E. Lee.

Jan. 19, 1861

Georgia secedes.

Jan. 21, 1861

Birthday of General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

Jan. 26, 1861

Louisiana secedes.



Feb. 1, 1861

Texas secedes.

Feb. 4, 1861

First session of the Provisional Confederate Congress in Montgomery, Alabama.

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ACTIVE MOS&B CHAPTERS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS: △

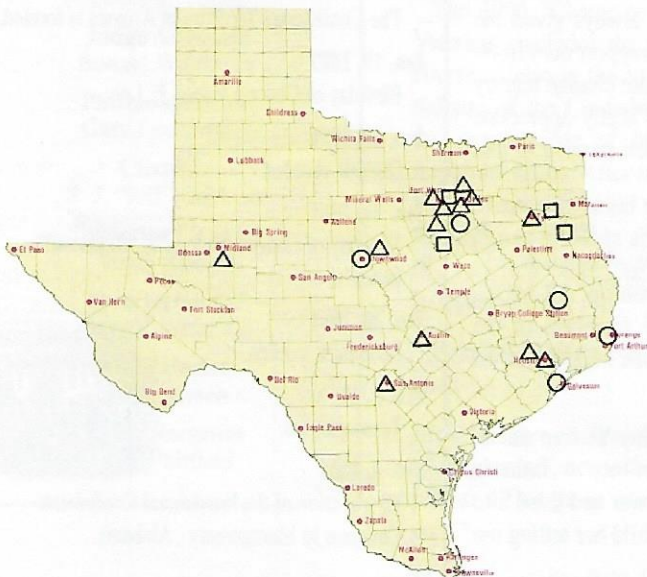
Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #5 -Houston
 Gaston Gregg Chapter #68 -Dallas
 Haley-Holt Chapter #121 -Midland
 John H. Reagan Chapter #127- Austin
 Lone Star Chapter #137- Dallas
 Lawrence Sullivan Ross Chapter # 184- San Antonio
 Texas Chapter # 186 -Houston
 Waul's Texas Legion Chapter #194 -Fort Worth
 Major Chatham Roberdeau Wheat Chapter #224 -Piano
 Captain Christopher Cleburne Chapter #241 -Cleburne
 Captain David Whitfield Snodgrass Chapter #254 -Fort Worth
 Colonel Richard Bennett Hubbard Chapter #261 -Tyler
 Major John Loudermilk Chapter #264 -Comanche

NEW CHAPTERS BEING FORMED IN THE STATE OF TEXAS: ○

(*** -Plus one former Chapter in process of being reactivated)
 Brownwood Area -Contact Carroll T. Lancaster, Jr., 6900 CR 261,
 Zephyr, Texas 76890 (915) 739-3034
 Ennis- Ellis County Area -Contact Jim Templin, 2500 Woodlawn Dr.,
 Ennis, Texas 75119- (972) 875-6155
 Galveston Area -Contact Barton M. Tate, 16 Maple Lane,
 Galveston, Texas 77551 -(409) 744-5459
 Orange- Godden Triangle Area -Contact Allen C. Connel,
 105 East New York St., Orange, Texas 77630- (409) 883-9790
 *** Livingston Area -Captain Ike Turner Chapter #211 -Contact
 Mack E. Neal, P. O. Box 303, Camden, Texas 75934- (409) 398-5163
 (NOTE: Any compatriot interested in forming a new MOS&B Chapter in
 Texas should contact Commander G. Ronald Aldis)

FORMER CHAPTERS NOW INACTIVE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS: □

(Any compatriot willing to work toward reactivation of any of these inactive Chapters should contact Commander G. Ronald Aldis)
 General Jerome B. Robertson Chapter #87 -Hillsboro
 Jeb Stuart Chapter #124- Tatum
 Robert E. Lee Chapter #175 -Longview
 General Tom Green Chapter #225 -Dallas

**BRIEF CHAPTER REPORTS****Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #5, Houston:**

This Chapter (and our ASJ Camp #67, SCV) is considered large by many. In fact we have been the largest in the Confederation from time to time. I have been asked how we have so many members. Of course we are in a large city surrounded by a large metropolitan area. That helps, but constant Recruiting is also a requirement for a Chapter to grow. We continue to take advantage of the wonderful recruiting resources afforded by our affiliate SCV Camp and other Camps in this area by cooperating fully with their Officers. Keeping up with new SCV members is most important -we are now in the process of contacting a number of new SCV members about joining the MOS&B. If there was ever a solid reason for requiring membership in the SCV as a requisite for membership in the MOS&B, this is it.

Potential new member inquiries and applications continue to pour into our affiliate SCV Camp resulting from the SCV National Website and/or The Camps' or Chapters' Own Websites. ASJ Camp #67, SCV, has a license through the donation of a member to create and maintain its own website. The nominal initial fee includes the cost of creating the website. Should any Commander feel that his SCV Camp or MOS&B Chapter would benefit from the added advantage of the more "regional appeal" of its own individual web page, please feel free to contact the author of this Chapter Report (Jim Giuffre') at 713-739-7900 for additional information.

Maintaining information Booths and participating in or observing at Reenactment Sites is excellent for One on One Recruiting of Reenactors. November 16, 17 and 18, this Commander was privileged to participate in the Civil War Reenactment at Liendo Plantation as the new appointed Judge-Advocate of the Texas Brigade. In meeting and talking with the participants, I was struck and encouraged by the number of new recruits in Infantry, Artillery and Cavalry that were under the age of 25 years who were unaware of our organizations. These young people are an excellent recruiting resource because of their obvious interest in history and the WBTS.

This recruiting process works both ways. The Texas Brigade successfully recruits enlistees from among SCV and MOS&B members just as we recruit from their Reenactors. Our ASJ Camp or Chapter did not have a Booth at this Reenactment but another SCV Camp did and they were recruiting new members, and conducting raffle ticket sales on a beautiful authentic reproduction of a side arm which represented their sole fund raising project for the year.

The SCV and the MOS&B are alive and well, if we will just continue to recruit and recruit and recruit at every available opportunity.

Submitted by James D. "Jim" Giuffre, Commander

Gaston-Gregg Chapter #68, Dallas:

The Gaston-Gregg Chapter hosted the local SCV meeting in November. Curtis Flatt gave a program on Wesley Dotson, a Confederate soldier who later designed many of the Texas courthouses. The program was very interesting. The Camp always enjoys Commander Flatt's programs. The Chapter gained one new member J Henry Goldwire.

Submitted by George A. Perry, Adjutant

Waul's Texas Legion Chapter #194, Fort Worth:

A "Confederate Officers Row of Honor" was the first project started by the current Commander of the Chapter. This program features larger than life color portraits, in gold frames, of many famous "Battle Leaders in Gray." These adorn the front wall at all of our Chapter meetings, and also at our annual Memorial Service at Oakwood Cemetery, where a portrait is placed on an easel at each officers grave as we speak about them during the service. Those included are General Thomas N. Waul, our Chapter's namesake, Major K.M. Van Zandt, and others. We believe the portraits help each of us to better visualize each of the Southern Patriots as we speak of each brave Officer and where he served and his accomplishments. We want to make sure that even though they are now gone, they are never forgotten.

Another Chapter project is the annual Jefferson Davis birthday celebration, on June 3rd each year. We gather to remember and honor the life of the only President of our Confederate States of America. The program includes a southern dinner and refreshments, and a Battle Flag Cake, featuring 13 candles, symbolic of each Confederate State. After the lighting of each candle, we unite in a champagne toast to His Excellency, President Davis. This is a festive Dixie Occasion.

This year on January 19th we also plan to have a Birthday Celebration for General Robert E. Lee. It is to be held at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Submitted by William Richard Morris, Commander.



Maj. Chatham Roberdeau Wheat Chapter # 224:

Because of it's size, this Chapter of MOS&B in Plano does not often pursue projects on it's own, but participates in activities of the parent SCV Wm. H. L. Wells Camp. In the past, Chapter members have assisted with the marking of over 100 graves at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney, staging of the Collin County Civil War Reenactment (under the leadership of past MOS&B Commander Dennis Todd), and fund-raising for a monument later placed there.

The Chapter maintains an "Adopted Highway" marker on a heavily-travelled stretch of Legacy Road in North Plano.

Chapter members Dennis Todd, Chris Tankersley, and Rodney Stell belong to the Wells Camp Honor Guard, which has participated in several cemetery functions, including the recent well-attended re-interment of Confederate General Johnston at Fairfield, Texas.

There has been discussion of a project to donate WSI books to the Plano Library, which will probably be started after the beginning of 2002.

Submitted by Sandy Keathley, Commander



Capt. David Whitfield Snodgrass Chapter #254:

We are to meet at the Betsill house in December. The exact date is at the discretion of Mrs. Betsill. This Winter meeting is during the Christmas holidays. Last year we had a "Tuxedo Affair" (just for fun) and hope to do so again this time. Nonetheless, the agenda was set for this meeting at the end of our SCV meeting last month, as follows:

#1 Headstones for graves of CSA vets. At this time we have 4 markers at our repository awaiting emplacement. 2 others are on order. (Our MOS&B Chapter has been handling this project for enlisted men as well as officers. In addition we handle ALL VETS markers at several cemeteries and have a very good relationship with numerous American Legion and VFW Posts for our projects).

#2 Discuss options for the site of a proposed Monument to SCV VETS to be presented later to the R. E. Lee SCV #239 site committee.

#3 Discuss an individual or Chapter (or combined) role in the MOS&B Legacy Fund.

#4 Select POC for working with Chapters who are near the areas of CSA Officer Corps grave sites in which we may have specific interest. These Chapters are confirmed to fit in that category: Waul's Texas Legion #194, Capt. Christopher Cleburne #241, and Maj. John Loudermilk #264.

#5 Open floor discussion.

We will close with a Toast to our ancestors.

Submitted by Gary Whitfield, Commander



Col. Richard Bennett Hubbard Chapter #261:

Thursday, Dec. 20th will find us having a good time at a joint meeting in the Woman's Bldg. in Tyler with the Capt. James P. Douglas Camp #124 SCV. A nice framed Mort Kuntzler print of Robert E. Lee will be the premier raffle prize and everyone will get a gift with our Confederate/Southern gift exchange.

After being chartered with 13 members, we are now at 15 with 2 new applications forwarded through channels and more in the works.

A limited number of presentations have been made and scheduled by our speakers bureau to various school and civic groups. Each has been well received and it is always nice to brag about our CSA heroes of whom we are so proud. We stress just what our CSA heritage means to us, heritage issues in courts and in the press, and the real history of the South. What a pleasure it is!

We generally meet quarterly and will have our next meeting in January. MOS&B members coming through Tyler would be welcome. Email Tylerfowlkes@aol.com for the time and date of the January meeting.

Have a bigger and better MOS&B / SCV New Year. We all have a lot of work to do!

Submitted by Dale Fowlkes, Commander



Maj. John Loudermilk Chapter #264:

Members stay in touch with each other mainly through the internet. Like all Americans, they feel the hurt and pain of our Country after the cowardly attacks on New York and Washington. As in all wars you can be sure Southerners will be overwhelmingly represented during the counter-attack.

One new member has been approved for our Chapter. He is Mr. Will Bowen, the Commander of the Gen. Tom Green Camp #1613, SCV, in San Angelo. Our Texas Society Genealogist currently has the paperwork for our new new member, Mr. Jim Fleming, also from San Angelo. Three more prospective members are currently completing their applications.

The Commander of our Chapter was asked to present the program at the September meeting of the Gen. Tom Green Camp, SCV. He discussed the role and duties of the MOS&B as well as briefing the Camp on the recent National Convention and providing some history on our Chapters Namesake, Major John Loudermilk. We have also been asked to present the program for the Comanche Evening Lion's Club and plan to do that in the near future.

Commander Loudermilk has prepared a brochure that briefly describes the MOS&B and what we do and why we are a separate branch of the SCV. Our local SCV Camp, the 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp #1904, formatted and printed the brochure on their color copier for us. It makes a great handout at presentations and at booths during local festivals, etc.

Our Chapter is considering what we can undertake as a significant event during March of 2002 as Commander Aldis suggested, but we have not made a final decision. If any other Chapters have plans or would like to have a joint event with us, please contact us.

Submitted by Gary M. Loudermilk, Commander

[Editor's Note - In addition to the above, Commander Loudermilk informs me that the SCV/MOS&B members met in November with the Comanche County Commissioners Court to request permission to place a Confederate Monument on the Courthouse lawn. They now know of over 400 Confederate Veterans buried in the County and expect to identify up to 100 more. After some prior planning and "laying the groundwork" before hand, the Court gave immediate and unanimous approval and the SCV was given the right to choose the location. Work has started on the design and location.]

[Editor's Note #2 -The committee chaired by Dan Hudson to erect a monument on the courthouse square in Stephenville, Erath County, had encountered some "behind the scenes" opposition, probably from the 'usual suspects' which unfortunately included the 'turncoat' Erath County Judge. After prior approval, the County Judge decided he didn't like the fact that the monument had both Texas and Confederate flags painted in color on the grey marble background. After obtaining a lawyer, a 'deal' was struck and the new monument was set on October 13, 2001, on the west side of the Erath County courthouse. Although this was not fully a SCV or MOS&B project, it is of great interest to all of us.]

TEXAS DIVISION/TEXAS SOCIETY 2002 CONVENTION

The weekend of June 15, 2002 our Texas SCV/MOS&B Convention will be held at the LaQuinta Inns & Suites, 825 North Watson Road, Arlington, TX 76011. Receptions and Registration will begin on Friday night, with the general sessions and meals to be on Saturday, with the Ball being held Saturday evening ending at midnight. These are the tentative plans as announced earlier. Watch for final facts which we should all receive in coming months. Discounted hotel rates of \$80 for a standard guest room and \$109 for deluxe two-room suites have been tentatively announced. Watch for registration materials and other information.

Things a True Southerner Knows:

- The difference between a hissie fit and a con-niption fit.
- Pretty much how many fish make up a mess.
- What general direction cattywampus is.
- That "gimme sugar" doesn't mean pass the sugar.
- When somebody's "fixin'" to do something, it won't be long.
- The difference between Yankees and damn Yankees.
- How good a cold grape Nehi and cheese crackers are at a country store.
- Knows what, "Well I Suwannee !!" means.
- Ain't nobody's biscuits like Grandma's biscuits! !
- A good dog is worth its weight in gold.
- When "by and by" is.
- How to handle their "pot likker".
- Real gravy don't come from the store.
- The difference between "pert near" and "a right far piece".
- The differences between a redneck and a good ol' boy.
- You may wear long sleeves, but you should always roll'em up past the elbows.
- You should never loan your tools, pick-up, or gun to nobody.
- Rocking chairs and swings are guaranteed stress relievers.
- Rocking chairs and swings with an old person in them are history lessons.

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN MEMPHIS

The historic Peabody Hotel in downtown Memphis, Tennessee, (is the headquarters for the SCV I MOS&B National Convention. Dates are Wednesday, July 30th thru Saturday, August 3rd. The Registration fee is \$50 if paid before June 1, 2002. Hotel special rates for our convention are \$99 per night. The sponsoring organization is the Nathan B. Forrest Camp #215, P. O. Box 11141, Memphis, TN 38111. Also, you may obtain information on the internet at www.SCVMemphis2002.org. Hotel reservations are recommended as early as possible by calling 1-800-833-2548. The actual mailing address of the Peabody Hotel is 149 Union Ave., Memphis, TN 38103. General information calls to the hotel can be made by calling 1-800-PEABODY.

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about "Reconstruction", and the days following the war. She was proud of her father having been a Confederate soldier. She was a true southern lady. I remember the first time I went to vote in a Republican Primary a few years back. I told the election clerk to beware—the walls might fall down because I know Grandma is turning over in her grave. In Grandma's time Republicans were not good. Yankees were Republicans—and in her time all Confederates were Democrats (how times have changed).

Now, if I should start looking for any Yankee ancestors to join any Yankee organizations, I know that Grandma would come out of that grave, and I would be in REAL TROUBLE. I'm not interested in being a part of SUCVW or MOLLUS, but I do think we might find some ways to be more involved once in a while. Just my opinion. I hope that some will agree.

G. Ronald Aldis



Some Thoughts About the September 11th Attack

On Monday there were people fighting against praying in schools;

On Tuesday you would have been hard pressed to find a school where someone was not praying.

On Monday there were people trying to separate each other by race, sex, color and creed;

On Tuesday they were all holding hands.

On Monday we thought that we were secure;

On Tuesday we learned better.

On Monday we were talking about heroes as being athletes;

On Tuesday we relearned what hero mean.

On Monday people were fighting the 10 commandments on government property;

On Tuesday the same people all said 'God help us all' while thinking 'Thou shall not kill'.

On Monday people argued with their kids about picking up their room;

On Tuesday the same people could not get home fast enough to hug their kids.

On Monday people were upset that their dry cleaning was not ready on time;

On Tuesday they were lining up to give blood for the dying.

On Monday politicians argued about budget surpluses;

On Tuesday, grief stricken, they sang 'God Bless America'.

On Monday we worried about the traffic and getting to work late;

On Tuesday we worried about a plane crashing into our house or business.

On Monday people went to work at the World Trade Centers as usual;

Tuesday they died.

On Monday some children had solid families;

On Tuesday they were orphans.

On Monday the President was going to Florida to read to children;

On Tuesday he returned to Washington to protect our children.

On Monday we emailed jokes;

On Tuesday we did not.

Happy Holidays

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My "Officer Ancestor" was not a General, Colonel, or Major. He started out as a Sergeant, but was later promoted to 2nd Lieutenant. I am as proud of 2nd Lieut. Horace Aldis, one of my Great Grandfathers, as much as I know the descendants of Generals and Colonels and Government Officials are of their ancestors. I don't know exactly why, but he died as a young man in 1869. I suspect that "the war" had much to do with his death at an early date.

The original dedication to preserve Southern history and other literary and scholarship programs are a part of the MOS&B organization. Also, members are encouraged to preserve their Confederate family history for posterity. Family history and traditions are important in the MOS&B.

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

With this "extra responsibility" that each of us in the MOS&B share, we need to rededicate ourselves to take an active part in our local SCV Camps. Likewise, we need to help enlarge our MOS&B Chapters. Do all that you can to enlist eligible members of the SCV to join with us. If at all possible please accept this challenge to help the Texas Society of The Military Order of the Stars & Bars to grow in both numbers and activities. This will be done if each of us will work to help our individual MOS&B Chapter to grow and prosper.

G. Ronald Aldis, Commander
Texas Society, MOS&B

A BIG TEXAS THANK YOU FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

I would be lacking a sense of duty and appreciation if I did not take this opportunity to thank several people. The printing and publication of "The Clarion Call" has really been started on an act of Faith. With Texas Society dues of only \$2 per year, there are not sufficient funds for a publication such as this. This small amount will barely pay for the postage, much less for paper, layout and design work, printing, etc. However, several people have helped in making it possible, and I wish to thank them.

First, without the help and knowledge of John David McClung, and his willingness to take his time to do this, we could not and would not have a quality publication such as this. John has been a good friend for many years. He is with a fine Advertising Agency here in Houston. He is not a member of the SCV or MOS&B, but he is as valuable in this endeavor as any member could be. I hope to be able to find some way to say thanks to him. I think I am going to force him out to search for his Confederate ancestry, and make him a member. God knows he ought to be.

Help with money to pay for these expenses has been forthcoming from several compatriots, including Lt. Col. William Forbes of Chevy Chase, Maryland, Joe Parker Harris of Carthage, Texas, and Kevin L. Adams of Lufkin, Texas. I appreciate their support. Without it I am not sure we would have this publication.

Any other person wishing to help in paying for this endeavor is invited to send a contribution to the Texas Society, MOS&B, in care of the Society Commander. Thank you very much.

35TH ANNUAL CONFEDERATE BALL HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #67, SCV, of Houston has sponsored this Confederate Ball. which has grown to become the largest in the nation. All interested SCV / MOS&B members and their families and friends are invited and will be welcome.

Friday evening -January 18, 2002

The Junior League
1811 Briar Oaks
Houston, Texas

Carriage Arrivals: 7:00 p.m.

Ball begins: 8:00 p.m.

Honoree: Compatriot Donald H. Gaucher
Past Commander, Albert Sidney Johnston Camp # 67, SCV

Proceeds from this Ball benefit various Confederate Causes (Recent beneficiaries have included the Confederate Statue at Anderson, Texas erected by the Grimes County Greys Camp #924; scholarships to the Children of the Confederacy; Flag Restoration Program of the UDC; the Museum of Southern History; Confederate Statue at San Marcos, etc.)

Ball Chairman -MacLeod (Mac) Smith
281-373-1356

Ball Co-Chairman -Mrs. Page Steele

For information contact: Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #67
P. O. Box 56263, Houston, Texas 77256-6263



As this is being written in November, Invitations are being prepared for mailing. If you are interested and do not receive an invitation, feel free to contact Mac Smith at 281-373-1356 or G. Ronald Aldis, Protocol Chairman, at 713-688-5471 (E-Mail: graldis@iopener.net).

CAPTAIN IKE TURNER CONFEDERATE BALL

January 19, 2002 -7 p.m. to 12 a.m.

(Fredonia Hotel -Nacogdoches, Texas)

(Hotel Reservation Deadline: December 18, 2001)

Hotel Phone: 800-594-5323 (Ask for Ike Turner Rooms)

Proceeds will benefit the C.S.S. H. L. Hunley Restoration Project
Tickets -\$45 per person (Payable to Ike Turner Camp #1275, SCV) Mail to: Mark Johnson, 2805 Ladd Lane, Longview, Texas 75604 (Deadline: January 6, 2002)

Featuring:

Roses & Lace Ladies Tea -2 p.m.

Social Hour (Hotel Lobby) -6 p.m.

The 12th Louisiana String Band

Presentation of Debutantes

A Southern Cuisine Buffet

Civilian and Northern Re-enactors welcome

Period Dress Required!

Photographer Available

Silent Auction/Door Prizes

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Feb. 7, 1861

Choctaw Indian Nation declares alliance with the CSA.

Feb. 8, 1861

Provisional Confederate Constitution is adopted (Confederate Constitution Day).

Feb. 9, 1861

Jefferson Davis elected by the Provisional Government as President and Alexander Stephens as Vice President of the Confederate States of America.

Feb. 15, 1861

CSA Provisional Congress provides for a Peace Commission to the US Government.

Feb. 17, 1864

Confederate submarine H. L. Hunley becomes the first submarine to sink an enemy ship in combat off Charleston.

Feb. 18, 1861

Inauguration of President Jefferson Davis of the CSA. All US military posts in Texas are surrendered to state authorities by General Twiggs.

Feb. 20, 1861

Confederate States Navy founded.

Feb. 22, 1862

Official date adopted by the second and permanent Confederate Congress for formation of the CSA to honor the 130th Anniversary of General and President George Washington's birthday. (who is featured on the Great Seal of the Confederate States)

Feb. 26, 1861

CSA Congress passes Act to organize a general staff of the Army.

Mar. 2, 1861

Texas admitted to the Confederacy.

Mar. 11, 1861

Confederate Congress adopts the Constitution of the Confederate States of America.



THE LITTLE SOUTHERN LADY AND HER KEYS

This little old Southern lady locked her keys in her car. She looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger on the ground. She remembered seeing someone use such a coat hanger to get in a locked car before. She quickly discovered she did not know how to use it for that purpose.

She bowed her head and asked God for help. Very soon an old beat-up car pulled up, driven by a dirty, greasy, bearded man with a biker skull rag on his head. The old lady thought, "Mercy! This is what you sent to help me, God?" Being desperate, though, she was thankful.

The man got out of his beat-up car and asked if he could help. She said "Yes, my daughter is sick and I have locked my keys in my car, and I really must get to my daughters house quickly. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure," and walked over to the car. In just a few seconds the car was opened. The little old lady actually took his hand and with a tear in her eyes said, "Thank you very much; you are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I ain't a nice man. I just got out of prison for car theft."

The lady thanked him again, and upon entering her car, cried out loud "THANK YOU GOD FOR SENDING A PROFESSIONAL!"