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COMMANDER'S CORNER

by George W. Williamson

I was very pleased on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at our Texas Society Executive Council meeting in College Station with the large turnout. My message to the Council was that my focus will be growing the Society. As I'm writing this, I see that growth is already taking place. Assistant Genealogist, Charles Hand, informed me he has 18 applications he is working on at present. Jon Trent, Executive Director, said that Genealogist Hawkins has his plate full with new applicants. I'm asking every Commander and Society Officers to do their part in the job of recruiting.

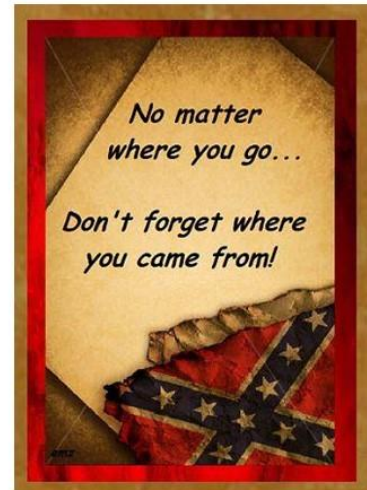
I feel people want to become a part of this great organization with our values and honoring our forefathers.

Another way we will grown and expand is with new chapters. These chapters can bring in new ideas and fresh enthusiasm.

As the holidays approach us, I want to wish you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

I'm so proud to be your Commander.

In Southern Pride,
Texas Commander George W. Williamson

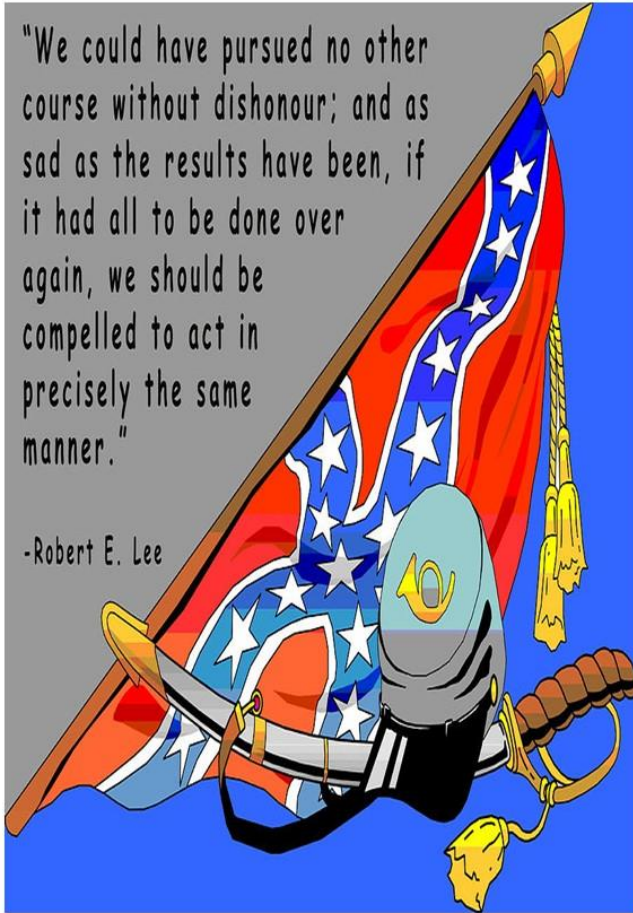


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"We could have pursued no other course without dishonour; and as sad as the results have been, if it had all to be done over again, we should be compelled to act in precisely the same manner."

-Robert E. Lee



UPCOMING EVENTS

GEC SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

March 14 - 17, 2023
The Lodge at Pickwick Landing
120 Playground Loop
Counce, Tennessee 38326

TEXAS SOCIETY SEC MEETING

March 22, 2024
Hilton College Station & Conference Center
801 University Drive East
College Station, TX 77840

2024 87TH ANNUAL GENERAL CONVENTION

May 16—19, 2024
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel
2431 North Glenstone Avenue
Springfield, MO 65803

TEXAS SOCIETY MOS&B CONVENTION

June 6 - 9, 2024
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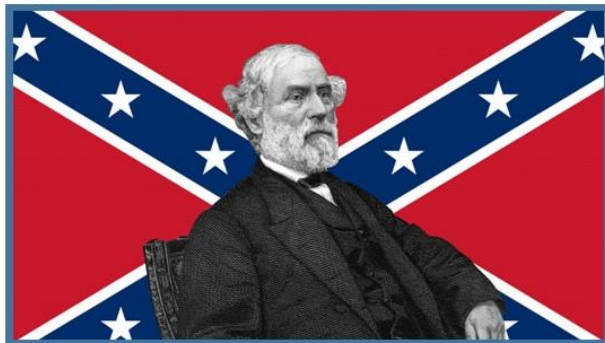
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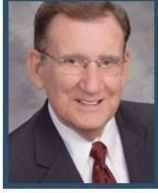


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CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

by Raymond Holder

GOD'S DEVINE PLAN



"All the world's a stage, and all men and women merely players; they have their exits and their entrances, and one man in his time plays many parts", is a sentence from Shakespeare's pastoral comedy, "As You Like It". As God ordained (appointed) the moon and stars in their place in this vast universe, God ordained you and me in this time and space upon the earth.

As these few words are composed, Christians around the world are commemorating "Good Friday". This was not a good Friday for the followers of Jesus as they witnessed their hope die an agonizing death on a Roman cross. Not only that, if that wasn't enough, Jesus's tomb was sealed with Roman soldiers standing guard with the understanding that if anyone either attempted to steal the body of Jesus they would be killed and if the body was stolen the Roman guards would also lose their lives.

God's Devine plan is shown through out recorded history and the point here are the Roman guards attempt to keep Jesus from coming out of His tomb was as fruitful as trying to turn off a gushing fire hydron with a screwdriver. Those governments and countries who have gone against God's divine plan and direction for His people have ended on the trash heap of history. Realizing this, what is our part in God's divine plan for us? I believe is put forth in Jesus's sermon on the Mont in the 5th chapter of Matthew. One of the most profound and beautiful prayers of the medieval church was that of St. Francis of Assisi is shown here as a supreme example of what our Gjod would have us to do.

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace

Where there is hatred, let me sow Love.

Where there is injury, pardon. Where is doubt, Faith.

Where there is despair, Hope. Where there is darkness, Light.

And where is sadness, Joy.

O Devine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be loved as tp Love.

For it is in Giving that we Receive,

It is in Pardoning that we are Pardoned.

And it is in dying that We are Born to Etemal Life.

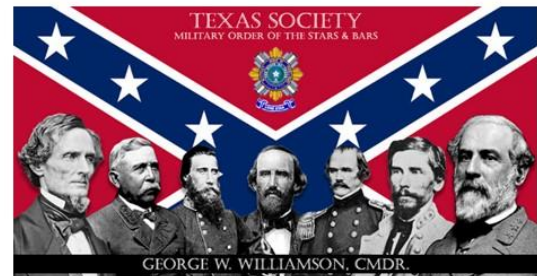
We have been appointed (ordained) to play a part in the history we are living in. Our lines as Christians where written thousands of years age in our Holy Bible as the words we live by. Cut and paste those lines that are appropriate for us these days.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS cont...

Job 19:25, "I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end He shall stand upon the earth."



NEW FACEBOOK PAGE



We encourage you to join our new Face-

book page, set up by

Commander Michael

Gonzales! You can

type in Texas Soci-

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of the Stars and

Bars, click to join

and answer the ques-

tions. You will wait to be approved by the

Page Administrators. Also, our Military Or-

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website will include the link to our new Fa-

cebook page. We have 323 member of our

Facebook page at this present time.

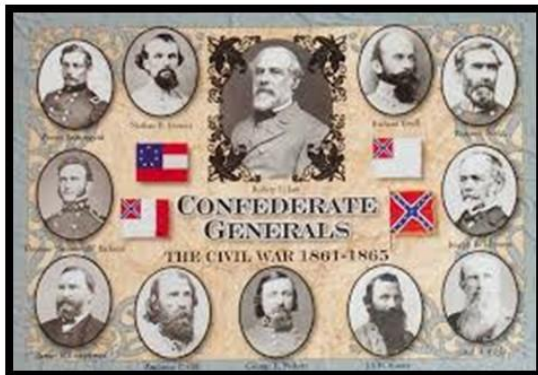


CHAPTER VISITS



Chapter 5, The Texas Chapter Houston, Texas

My home chapter, where I am the Commander, A packet was presented to our new member, awards and an inspiring speaker completed the meeting.

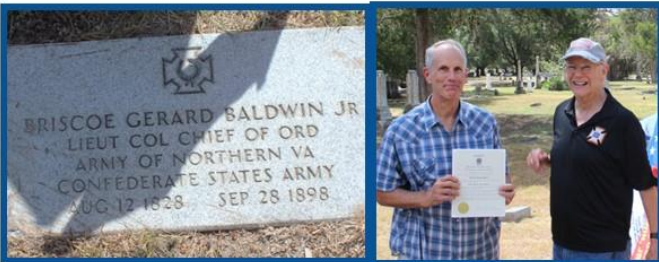


Chapter 318, Lt. Col. Andrew Jackson Nicholson Temple, Texas

Our newest chapter met in person as well conducted a Zoom meeting and awards were presented.



CHAPTER VISITS



**Chapter 312, Col. Briscoe Gerard Baldwin, Jr
College Station Texas**


The chapter's namesake was honored with a canteen salute at the Bryan City Cemetery.



**Chapter 310, Major Benjamin F. Ficklin
San Angelo, Texas**

The Ft. Concho Museum was the setting for the chapter's quarterly meeting. A program was given and a group of the Daughters of CSA Officers Corps were represented.





1st Gathering of The Texas Society of
MOS&B at the Confederate Reunion
Grounds State Historic Site in Mexia,

Update for the 2024 Texas Muster

On the 20th of April 2024, the A.J. Nicholson Chapter 318 of Temple, will be hosting a "Muster" of the Texas Society MOSB membership.

The 2024 Texas Muster will be held at the Confederate Reunion Grounds State Park in Mexia, TX. Camping is available for the night of the 19th. There are also three hotels in Mexia. Two food trucks, BBQ & Mexican, as well as a "period" ice cream vendor will be on hand on the 20th.

The main point of the muster will be for the various chapters around the state to come together for a social event where they can spend the day getting to know one another and collaborate on events to further the cause of remembering the Confederacy and our ancestors. There are plans for a guest speaker and a ladies event. We recommend each attendee bring their own folding chair as the ones provided by the park will be staged for the guest speaker.

Each chapter will have a table available to set up information or just as a gathering point. It is recommended that chapters bring a pop up canopy for their table.

Please see the Chapter 318 FB page or the State Society website for the registration form.

Guy Kirby, Lt Col. Andrew Jackson Nicholson Chapter 318 Temple



CONFEDERATE DOG, SAWBUCK

Like wars before it, the Civil War had no organized canine corps. (The first canine corps for the U.S. did not come about until World War II.) But if men were going to war, so were lots of dogs. Some were pets the men brought from home; others were stray pups that joined a regiment along the way. All were happy to fight for which ever cause their newly-made friends were fighting for. Sawbuck was a dog who traveled with the Confederacy. Unlike many of the men and some of his four-legged counterparts, he made it through the entire war and was able to go home. Sawbuck was described as a medium-sized bird dog with black and white spots.

During a battle, Sawbuck was known to race up and back along the front lines, barking at the enemy. He was at Gettysburg where Stafford's men succeeded in taking Cemetery Hill, holding the position during the twilight of July 2 before being forced to retreat.

At some point during the war, Sawbuck was shot in the right foreleg. He recovered, and after that, the men encouraged him to remain behind the lines where he continued to cheer them on.

Lost Dog?

In the chaos of war, one of the challenges faced by both men and dogs was not knowing what came next. If

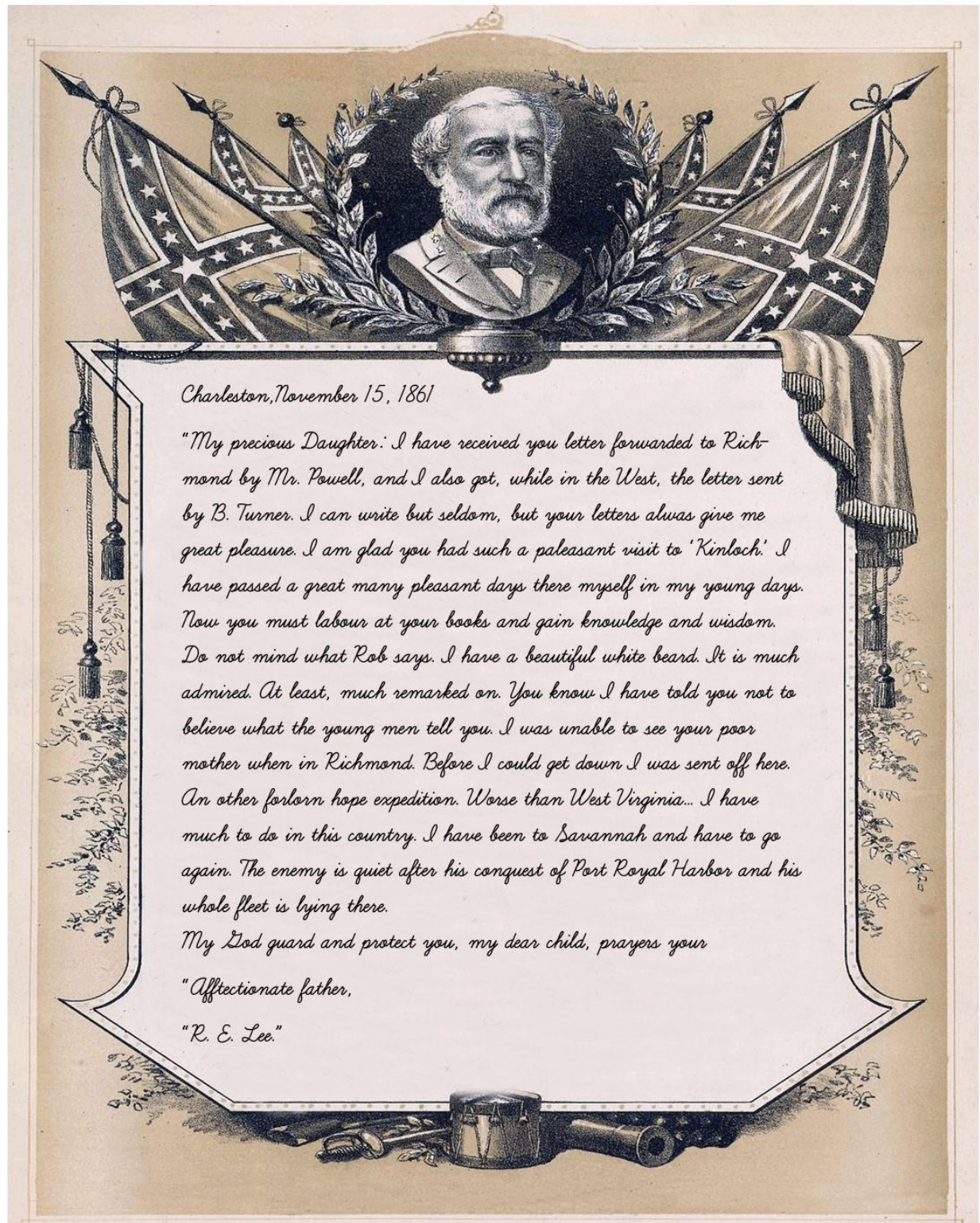


you were injured or separated from your regiment during a battle, where were you supposed to go?

In Sawbuck's case, he knew what to do. John O. Casler, a Confederate who wrote *Four Years in the Stonewall Brigade*, wrote a letter to the *Confederate Veteran* magazine, to report that Sawbuck survived the war. His letter told how the dog stayed with his company:

"Sawbuck knew every man in his brigade. If a battle ended and Sawbuck was separated from his group, he waited at the side of the road as Confederate soldiers marched by. When he saw one of his men, he dashed over to the fellow, bounding and kissing in excitement. Then man and dog joined together to go off to find their unit, no longer alone anymore."

The letter below was written, by General Robert E. Lee, to his youngest daughter, Mildred, who was at school in Winchester, Virginia




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“Do your duty in all things.
You cannot do more, you
should never wish to do
less.”

Robert E. Lee