



# The Charge



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**We Are Honored To Have Our Own Member  
Dennis Giuffre  
As Our Speaker At Our Next Meeting**



**Friday, May 27, 2022  
11:30 AM  
Rudi Lechner's  
2503 S. Gessner  
Houston, Texas**





**George W. Williamson  
Commander**

## Commander's Comments

It was good to get together with our patriots at our last meeting. A big thank you goes to Chuck and Andrea Gossett for inviting us to their home to see their war collection. I believe that was the very first time our group had ever had a field trip and I must say it was spectacular! The Gossetts were wonderful hosts and we thank them for opening their home to us.

I would like to inform you on the upcoming MOS&B events. There will be MOS&B Executive Council meeting at College Station March 25 - 25 and Lt. Commander Dr. John Burdine and I will be attending. I'm honored that the Daughters of the American Revolution have asked me to have a table at their state convention representing the MOS&B on March 17th. I will also be recognized at their business meeting as the Lt. Commander of the Texas Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. Then the MOS&B Texas Reunion will take place at College Station May 20 - 21, 2022.

The MOS&B was represented at The Dawn At The Alamo by our members Marshall Brown, Dennis Giuffre, Rich Giuffre, George W. Williamson and our future member, Doug Collings. We are all members of The Sons of the Republic of Texas.

I really appreciate and look forward to Dennis Giuffre's program he will be giving at our upcoming meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you all in May.



**OFFICERS**  
 Commander - George Williamson  
 1st Lt. Commander - Shelby Stocks  
 2nd Lt. Commander - Dr. John Burdine  
 Adjutant - Kathy Stocks  
 Chaplain - Raymond Holder  
 Newsletter Editor - Shelia Williamson



## February Meeting Happenings



Our Chapter gathered at Rudi Lechner's on February 18, 2022 for another meeting with 13 in attendance. The meeting was opened with a welcome from Commander George W. Williamson and the prayer before our luncheon was led by Chaplain Raymond Holder. Everyone introduced themselves as we went around the table with the Ancestor Roll Call. The pledges to the flags were led by Phil Whitley. Commander Williamson said our meeting would be changed to May 27th as the Texas Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars will be having the state convention at College Station on May 20th. We had a short meeting with lunch because we left for a field trip to Chuck & Andrea Gossett's home to view his collection of war memorabilia.



Left to Right: SRT President of the Lone Star Chapter Marshall Brown, Sir Dennis Giuffre, Rick Giuffre, Doug Collins & George W. Williamson

### Dawn At The Alamo

Our MOS&B Chapter was well represented at the Dawn at the Alamo ceremony on Sunday, March 6th, 2022.

George W. Williamson, Sir Dennis Giuffre, Rick Giuffre, President Marshall Brown & future member Doug Collings are proud Sons of the Republic of Texas members and belong to The Lone Star Chapter of The Woodlands.



Elaine Collings, wife of Doug Collings & Shelia Williamson, wife of George W. Williamson also attended the event in San Antonio

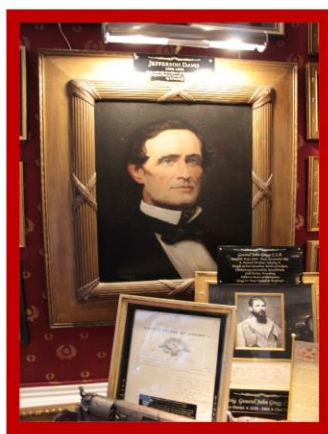


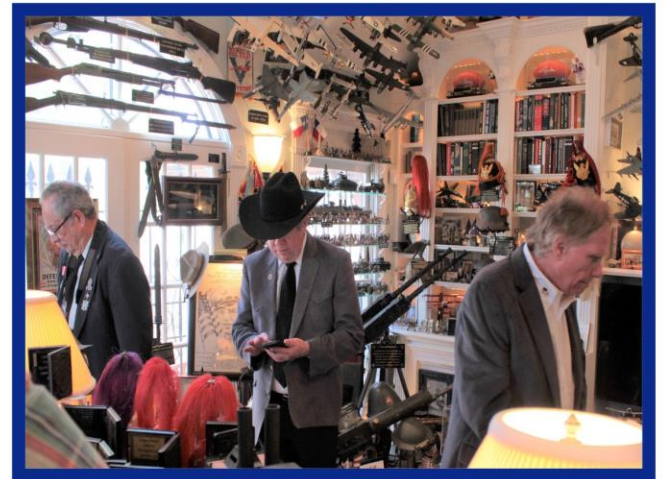
## Houston Chapter #5 MOS&B Field Trip February 18, 2022

Our chapter was invited to Chuck & Andrea Gossett's home to view his private collection of Texas & Confederate memorabilia and more. We were greeted at their home by the sidewalk filled on both sides with Confederate Flags. Each room in his home was filled with wonderful sights from America's wars from The American Revolution to World War II. Andrea had cookies ready for us. They also had a room above their garage that was amazingly displayed with more war collections. We can never thank this generous couple enough for sharing all of these treasures with us.



Chuck & Andrea Gossett





# Lt. Colonel Isaac E. Avery

by David Whitaker

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On July 3rd, 1863, 34 year old Lt. Colonel Isaac E. Avery of the 6th North Carolina State Troops died from mortal wounds received the previous day. Shot in the neck and partially paralyzed during the Battle of Gettysburg, he was unable to speak. Colonel Avery fell while leading his men in an attack on Cemetery Hill. Avery had taken command of Colonel Robert F. Hoke's 21st North Carolina Infantry Regiment after Col. Hoke was himself wounded at Chancellorsville. Colonel Avery was actually leading both the 6th and the 21st. (My Great Great Grandfather King David Whitaker was in the 21st and was in this charge up Cemetery Hill). Colonel Avery was the only one fighting on horseback when he was shot and he had to be carried from the field. Clutched in his hand was a small bloodstained piece of paper. Though right-handed, he was forced to write with his left hand. His letter, said, "Major, tell my fahter that I died with my face to the enemy." This famous letter has become known as the leftter from the dead.

