



The Charge



*Newsletter of the Texas Chapter #5
Military Order of the Stars and Bars Houston, Texas*

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**Next Meeting:
Friday, August 19, 2022
11:30 AM
Rudi Lechner's
2503 S. Gessner
Houston, Texas**





**George W. Williamson
Commander**

Commander's Comments

We are excited about going to Pickwick Landing State Park in Tennessee for the National MOS&B Convention in July. I also excited about Johnny Holly becoming the Commander General. I've decided I am going to give the program for our August 19th meeting and I will give a Powerpoint presentation on General Robert E. Lee.

Phil and I attended the Texas Society MOS&B Convention in College Station. Our Chapter recieved two awards: Best Newsletter and the Texas Society Commander's Certificate of Appreciation.

I have programs secured for our November and February meeting which will be inspiring to us all. I really appreciate and enjoy being with the fine members of our Houston #5 Chapter.

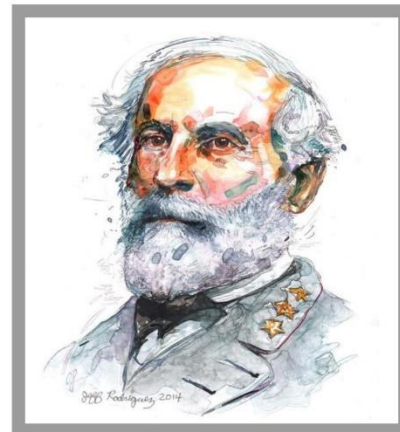
I reached out to Johnny Holly and told him that we were in need of a genealogist for those who need help in our chapter and also our newly formed Temple chapter. He put me in touch

with Mary Jean Goodson from Tyler and she is willing to help. If you have a prospective member who needs help in finding an officer, please contact me.

Trusting we will see everybody Friday, August 19, at our next meeting.

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**Program: Robert E. Lee
by
Commander
George Williamson**



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



May Meeting Happenings



Our Chapter gathered at Rudi Lechner's on May 27, 2022 for another meeting with 10 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. Our group enjoyed a delicious lunch and then we were led in the pledges to the flags by Phil Whitley. Commander Williamson reported on the Texas Society Annual Convention on May 20 - 21, 2022, in College Station. Commander Williamson and Compatriot Phil Whitley were in attendance. The minutes from our past February meeting were approved and seconded. Our Chapter's deepest sympathy goes out to Compatriot David Whitaker and his family at the passing of his dear wife, Dinah. After a wonderful program by our member Dennis Giuffre our meeting was adjourned with "Dixie" led by Shelia Williamson



Mary & Dennis Giuffre

Program - Italians in the War Between the States

Dennis Giuffre greatly enlightened us with his program to the fact that there were around 170 Italians who fought for the Confederacy. Most were from the state of Louisiana. Dennis informed us that there were more Italians in Louisiana during the War Between the States than in the state of New York at that time. The North also had Italians fighting in the Union. There were Italians physicians who tended both sides during the war. Dennis gave us great information to add to our knowledge of the War Between the States.

We were so thrilled that Dennis' wife, Mary, joined him for our meeting.



Shelia & Commander George Williamson

Texas Chapter #5 MOS&B Receives Award

Commander George Williamson presents newsletter editor, Shelia Williamson, The Best Newsletter Award from the Texas Society Military Order of the Stars and Bars, that was given to our chapter at the Texas Society Annual Convention.



Texas Society Lt. Commander George Williamson receives The Best Newsletter Award and ribbon from Texas Society Commander, Larry Joe Reynolds at the Texas Society Annual Convention in College Station, Texas.

2022 Texas Society MOS&B Annual Convention



Commander George Williamson honoring our Texas compatriots who passed away this past year



Seated are the officers of the Texas Society of the MOS&B
Back row are the officers of the National Society Daughters of CSA Officer Corps





The Sons Of Confederate Veterans

Stalwart sons of stalwart men
Standing for the cause of Sixty
Loyal sons of loyal men
Standing up for Dixie.

Noble men of noble sires
Carrying on tradition,
Loyal sons of loyal men
Filling their position.

Southern sons of Southern heroes
Fighting for the right,
Loyal sons of loyal men
Ready for the fight.

Bravest sons of bravest men
Facing problems of today,
Loyal sons of loyal men
Shirking not the fray.

Stalwart, Noble, Southern, Brave
Sons of men who wore the Gray
Loyal sons of loyal men
Ready at their post today.

- *John A. May*

Reprint from "Tall Pines"
Collection of poems of John A. May