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### COMMANDER'S CORNER

by *Johnnie L. Holley*



As Spring approaches, I hope all are well and ready for a Great year in the Texas Society MOS&B. We sit at 200 members and numerous applications are coming in. You are all to be congratulated but we must continue to work hard.

I was honored to be invited to Texas 5 in Houston to address their Chapter. I was pleased to present them with an engraved Shelby sword for their use. My wife Norma was also extremely honored to receive the Davis Guards medal from Commander Williamson. I also presented an engraved Shelby sword to the Col. Richard B. Hubbard Chapter at their Lee-Jackson dinner. I hope to be invited to more Camps over the next year.

We moved the 2020 Texas Society Reunion to the Hilton in College Station. They were happy to have us and have been very accommodating. This move saved the Society around \$1000 and the facility is great. There are numerous outstanding restaurants very close and the A&M Campus, the George Bush Presidential Library, the American GI Museum, along with many other things to visit. should make for a Great weekend. All the forms are attached to this dispatch.

When signing up for the Texas Society Reunion, please note the cutoff dates. We must have meal counts early for the hotel and no more meals can be purchased after the cutoff dates.

The Society Executive Council will meet 29 February in Temple, Texas at The Quality Inn on General Bruce Drive. It would be great if each

Chapter had an observer at the meeting. We will start at 9:00 and cover Constitution changes and several other issues. Please contact COS Bill Boyd if you desire time or have anything to present.

I want this 2020 Reunion to be a good time for all. It will be a time to renew old friendships and make new ones. We will have items to cover in the business meeting and you will be receiving copies of any proposed amendments before April 1, to discuss and be prepared to vote. If you have any proposals, please send them to COS Bill Boyd before March 10, so he can distribute to the Bylaws Committee for inclusion.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for your great work this last year and ask that you continue to help the Society grow. Please attend the Reunion and let's make it a GREAT SUCCESS!

God Bless the MOS&B.

Respectfully,  
Johnnie Holley, Commander  
Texas Society MOS&B

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Gentleman of the Order,

I need your assistance on some very important issues. As many of you know, our records are now in Oklahoma City and I recently attended the G.E.C. Meeting there and went through some of the file cabinets. Some of the individual member files are simple, some are overstuffed with paper! This comes

from applicants sending everything they feel is relevant to the application.

The G.E.C. has chosen the Commander General, Adjutant General, Genealogist General, Archivist General and Head Quarters as the only members who can access the records. The one exception to the rules is Researchers and Scholars who are learning about the very heroes we are honoring and how they still live today through us, their descendants. They are supervised when in the records room. Once an individual submits an application to a Chapter and the Chapter forwards it to the State Society, the Chapter is not allowed to keep a copy of the complete application. Once the State Society has signed the application, the State society may not keep a copy of the application. Indeed, the Genealogist General is not allowed to keep copies once they are approved. So, if you have been keeping copies please destroy them at once.

Next, before you sign the application, please make sure the application is filled out completely by;

(1) Typing the applications. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. Handwritten applications once scanned and emailed can be very hard to read. The forms are auto fill...please follow the directions.

(2) Print them on standard 8 ½ X 11 copy paper, single sided please! Headquarters must scan them, so please make sure the application is clear and legible. Double sided and legal-size paper applications and proofs will be returned to the sender untouched.

(3) Before you sign the application make sure all dates and names are filled out. Do not use "About" or "Before" dates on the application. Make sure it is complete! Proofread it several times, when we are tired, we miss things!

(4) Make sure you have (1) one primary proof per generation. That means a Birth Certificate, Death Certificate, Census Records (1850-1940 only), Family Bible records, or a Book on the Family Genealogy printed prior to 1970. The Primary proof

must show 2 generations, Child to Parents. Please do NOT send Me your Ancestry Pages, Other Genealogy website pages. The primary proofs from a website are fine. Your personal pages are not. Find a Grave is also not a primary proof. Headstone pictures are not either, unless your family bible matches it! Headquarters receives applications with 5-6 pages per generation. This is a lot for HQ to sort through. Keep it simple, please. One Proof per Generation!

(5) Make sure the contact information for the applicant is correct. I sometimes need to speak to the applicant.

(6) State Society Genealogists, please send Me your contact information as well. It makes it easier to discuss issues if we work together.

(7) For legacy applications, they too need to be completely filled out and proofs for all generations enclosed as well. Each member has their own file and the files are stored by year approved. This practice keeps the applications complete.

(8) When doing an application using our Collateral Database you only need to prove your lineage from you to the Most Recent Common Ancestor listed on the database.

But you MUST complete the application for every generation from you to the ancestor. Again, a complete application must be submitted, or it will be returned to you.

I am here to assist your Chapters grow! I have been privileged to be appointed your Genealogist General for the last 6 years. I have served 4 Commander Generals and have a good relationship with each of them. They served our Order well and like them, I want to see our Order grow and prosper with new members. If you need help with Genealogy, simply ask me. It is my privilege to assist you.

If you have any questions, I will be very happy to help you!

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**RECOGNITION FOR MAINTAINING  
 A VETERAN'S GRAVESITE  
 "JACKSON MEDAL"**

Adopt a Confederate officer's grave, commit to its care and you might wear the "Jackson Medal". This is not a commitment to be taken lightly, nor was it intended to be. If you accept this challenge, do so with two thoughts in mind: 1. It is a year-to-year commitment 2. Your efforts should be towards perfection Certificates and medals are awarded on a point basis. For more information see the [details here!](#)

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# TEXAS HEROES

**MATTHEW DUNCAN ECTOR**  
 1822 – 1879



Ector was born in Putnam County, Georgia, on Feb 28, 1822. He was educated at Centre College in Kentucky. After admission to the Georgia bar in 1844, he served one term in the legislature and then

moved to Henderson, Texas, where he was served one term in the legislature in 1855.

Ector enlisted as a private in 1861 and was appointed adjutant of Gen J L Hogg's brigade which he accompanied to Corinth, MS. Shortly thereafter he was elected colonel of the 14th Texas cavalry. This regiment, dismounted, he led through Gen Bragg's invasion of Kentucky and distinguished himself by hard fighting at the battles of Richmond and Murfreesboro. He had meantime been commissioned Brigadier General to rank from August 23, 1862, commanding the 10th, 11th, 14th, and 32nd TX Regiments of Dismounted Cavalry. He was present at Chickamauga and returned to Mississippi to take part in the Atlanta campaign, during which he had a leg amputated. This injury put an end to his active field service although he participated in the defense of Mobile during the latter days of the war.

Ector returned to Texas to resume his law practice and was later elevated to the bench. He died in Tyler, October 28, 1879, while serving as presiding justice of the Texas court of appeals. He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Marshall, Texas. Ector County, Texas, is named in his honor.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

If your chapter has held a banquet, chapter project, or any other pictures or news that you would like to share with the members of the Texas Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, please forward your pictures, and articles to Editor [Joe.Reynolds@txmosb.org](mailto:Joe.Reynolds@txmosb.org). Announcements of upcoming activities in your area are also welcomed. Your submittals will greatly be appreciated.

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**2020 SPRING GEC MEETING SET  
 PRATTVILLE, AL**

Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 2590 Cobbs Ford Road, Prattville. Listed below is a tentative two-day schedule for the meeting.

Friday, April 24th

- Suggested tours of the First White House of the Confederacy and the Alabama State Capital, Montgomery.
- 2:00 PM: Viewing of the Jefferson Davis Bible he used to be sworn in as President of the Confederacy on February 18, 1861, Alabama State Archives (adjacent to the First White House).
- 5:00 PM: Meeting of the MOS&B Nominating Committee, host hotel
- 6:30 PM: Friday evening supper gathering at a local restaurant to be announced at a later date.

Saturday, April 25th

- 9:00 AM: GEC Meeting, host hotel
- 10:00 AM: Ladies Historical Program with a speaker to be announced at a later date, host hotel.
- Noon: Catered lunch at the host hotel courtesy of the Order.
- 1:00 PM: Resumption of the GEC Meeting if necessary
- 1:00 PM: Daughters of the CSA Officer Corp Springboard Meeting, host hotel.

The Confederate Memorial Park State Historic Site will hold their Spring WBTS Living History at their site just 25 miles north of Prattville.

Members of the Sul Ross Chapter in San Antonio have been very busy.

Compatriot Dale Tidwell Is especially deserving of special recognition for his work toward identifying and marking the graves of Confederate officers. He has adopted ten officer graves to date and visits them regularly.

1st Lt. Benjamin Franklin Ritter  
Mt. Bethel Cemetery, Gary, Panola Co., TX

Lt. William B Jackson  
General & Staff Officer Corps.  
Bandera Cemetery, Bandera County, TX

2nd Lt, James B. Davenport, Jr.  
Uvalde County Militia  
Bandera Cemetery, Bandera County, TX

1st Lt. James Alexander Ventress Pue  
Co. A, 1st Maryland Cavalry  
Bandera Cemetery, Bandera County, TX

Captain Bladen Mitchell  
Texas State Troops  
Bandera Cemetery, Bandera County, TX

2nd Lt. Robert Perry Reeves  
Co. C, Texas Cavalry  
Camp Verde Cemetery, Kerr Co. TX.

Dr. Charles Ganahl  
CSA Surgeon, 3rd Texas Infantry  
Center Point Cemetery, Kerr Co. TX.

Maj. Thomas Henry Price  
Bandera Cemetery, Bandera Co., TX

Capt. Charles Michie Richards  
Oak Rest Cemetery, Medina, Bandera Co.

2nd Lt. George Wilson Banta  
Co. I, 18th Texas Cavalry  
Oak Rest Cemetery, Medina, Bandera Co.



**REPORT FROM**  
**LAWRENCE SULLIVAN ROSS CHAPTER #184**  
**SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

Dale has purchased three Confederate Iron Crosses for marking the graves of Confederate these officers and plans to do more.

Compatriot John McCammon continues as President of the San Antonio Confederate Cemetery Association. Their work is tireless and honorable in protecting our history. Numerous members of our Chapter also belong to the Cemetery Association here in San Antonio. He also serves as Commander of the Texas Lone Star Greys SCV Camp.

<https://www.findagrave.com/virtual-cemetery/827120>

Commander Reed continues to serve as an appointed SCV National Officer on the National Genealogy Committee and confirms lineage for new SCV applicants all across the nation.

In addition, he has established a MOS&B Virtual Cemetery containing over 530 Confederate Officers buried in Texas. The list also contains some notable union soldiers, and several famous Confederates who served in the Congress and other public positions. If you wish to adopt a grave, this is a good place to start looking. The graves can be sorted by Cemetery, so Officer graves will come up in your area. If you have additions, let Commander Reed know so he can keep the listing updated. If you find a grave you want to adopt, let me know.

<https://www.findagrave.com/virtual-cemetery/1104646>

Cannoneer Bill Manuel and his wife, Joyce, and their dedicated cannon crew deserve special mention. He makes the cannon available for special SCV and MOS&B events whenever possible. His trained crew include our members Kenny Wright, Rodney and Dustin Seiler.

Pictures of our Varina Howell Davis Awards Ceremony are included elsewhere in this issue. Jo Ann Seiler is the 2020 recipient and well deserving.

*2nd Lt. Yancey Swearingen  
Chapter Chief of Staff and Texas Society Graves  
Chairman*

## LAWRENCE SULLIVAN ROSS CHAPTER #184 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

In other news from the Chapter, Jo Ann Seiler receives the prestigious Varina Howell Davis award at the Sul Ross chapter meeting.



*left to right Are Dustin Seiler, Commander Reed, Jo Ann Seiler, past recipient Phyllis Tausch, chief of staff Yancey Swearingen, first Lieutenant Commander Raymond Reeves, and Chaplin Leon Steiner*

### Lieutenant Commander's Comments

As we start of the Year of 2020, I would like to see the Texas Society have one of its best years ever. In order to do this, we will also have to make sure that our Recruiting efforts are also at it best.



We have a wealth of potential new members in the local SCV camps that we can reach out to. I would like to encourage each of you to visit at least one camp each month, other than your own. Ask the Camp Commander for a few minutes to speak and then inform the camp about the SCV.

Don't forget to take some blank applications with you.

I would also like to encourage each Society to establish a Facebook page. We all want to attract new and younger members, and all marketing sources tells us that the newer generations thrive on Social Media. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube etc. Are all free, Use Them!

I also feel that a website is a wonderful tool for a Chapter to use, as well as a newsletter. Think about it, a Chapter meets only once per quarter, if a member misses just one meeting – that is one half of a year that he is out of touch with his Chapter. Keeping members informed and involved is the key to a successful Chapter.

On the Texas Society page, I have a link to some Commander and Adjutant Training files, just some information to help those in command with their duties. I would like to expand this by having our local chapters to take some videos and send them to me so that I can include them. Perhaps the next time you swear in a new member, have someone tape it, even if it's on their I phone, then send it to me so I can get it on-line.

By working together we can continue to make this the best Society in the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

changed from Nacogdoches to save a significant amount of money. The first of May is a slow time, so the Hilton was eager to have us and worked with us very well. The National MOS&B General Convention will be in Nacogdoches July of 2021.

When I took office, I promised to make the MOS&B relevant and fun. I want all of you to plan on attending the 2020 Reunion in College Station and to plan on meeting old friends and making new ones. Let us leave controversy at home and enjoy a weekend of good times and good friends.

The Hilton hotel room cutoff is April 10, 2020. The cutoff for meal events will be Monday, April 20, 2020. Please reserve your rooms early and get your registration and meal event orders to our Society Adjutant before April 20. There will be no refunds on registrations or meal events after April 20.

*Respectfully,  
Johnnie Holley  
Commander*

### Schedule of Events

Friday, May 1, 2020

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Registration

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Commander's Reception North Forty Ballroom

Saturday, May 2, 2020

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 – 12:00 a.m. Business Meeting

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Luncheon

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Business Meeting (as needed)

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**TEXAS SOCIETY CONVENTIONS**

Compatriots:

We have confirmed the MOS&B Texas Society Convention sites for 2020 and 2021. The 2020 Texas Society Convention will be held at the Hilton College Station & Conference Center (801 University Drive East) in College Station on May 1–2. This was

### **CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS TEXAS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

We're looking for a volunteer to serve as the Newsletter Editor of the Texas Society "Lone Star Dispatch". This is a quarterly publication that needs to be published once each quarter. If interested,

please let Lt. Commander Joe Reynolds know, he can be reached at: [Joe.Reynolds@txmosb.org](mailto:Joe.Reynolds@txmosb.org) or (903) 575-8791.



## LEE – JACKSON BANQUET KERRVILLE, TEXAS

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars had a good showing at the Sons of Confederate Veterans Hill Country Camp #1938, Lee – Jackson Banquet in Kerrville, Texas on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.



*Dennis Brand, David McMahon, Joe Guinn, Joe Reynolds and Johnnie Holley at the Lee-Jackson Banquet in Kerrville, Texas.*



## AS THE YEAR 2020 BEGINS— SOUTHERNERS TAKE STOCK *By BOYD CATHEY ON JAN 13, 2020*

As 2020 commences it is perhaps appropriate that we take stock—that we take a look globally at just where we are, politically, culturally, religiously.

All our basic and fundamental social institutions are under tremendous stress, if not outright attack, not just legally and politically, but far more insidiously, in how they are defined and how they affect us. Our very language is altered to reflect this radical transformation: words and phrases are banned, old

words are recast and redefined, implicit (and often explicit) speech codes have more effect than anything that the older “less free” society of our grandfathers experienced. And this linguistic terrorism—for that is what it is—is inculcated into our young from the very beginning, in the primary grades, via television and Hollywood, by unthinking parents, by friends.

And the family? Has not our society redefined that also? Any two people who “love” each other for a while and who cohabitate (shack up) for a time, with or without children? No matter what sex, or any “intermediate” sexual orientation. No permanency, and certainly nothing sacred or sacramental. Very little sense of responsibility: if a fetus happens because the necessary birth control didn’t work, very simply abort it. No problem; nothing must stand in the way of the pleasure, the sexually stimulated moment. How many tens of millions of lives has our society, in its lust for pleasure, snuffed out since 1972?

All the nations of Western Europe protest proudly how “democratic” they are. In the United States we never cease talking about how precious “our democracy” is (just witness the ceaseless verbiage spewed forth during the recent impeachment hearings). In the rest of the world no country ever boasts of being an authoritarian state: when was the last time we heard a nation’s leaders waxing eloquent about how totalitarian they were? Even the most autocratic Islamic state now declares itself “democratic.”

Has not that word lost its savor and meaning altogether?

Democracy—the rule by the populace, as defined by the ancient philosophers—does not exist anywhere, save perhaps still in a few Swiss cantons, or on the lowest levels of governance in some faraway communities in Wyoming or Idaho. The rest is fraudulent, bought and paid for by major financial interests and lobbies, and on a supra-national level by the likes of globalists such as George Soros, whose Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) now reach into nearly American city and county of

any size, handsomely funding candidates who will do his bidding. Just ask the voters of Virginia.

The established church—at least in America and Western Europe—seems to have surrendered to the most diabolical and anti-Christian forces: the major Protestant denominations have all joined in the mad rush to become more “woke” and more revolutionary, adopting the slogans and platforms of the Progressivists who seek nothing less than the abolition of historic Christianity and the civilization which is based on it.

In large part, the visible Catholic Church—once the stalwart opponent and beacon of Christian counter-revolution against demonic Progressivism—has followed the leftist course mapped out at the Second Vatican Council, with its present supposed head acting as a cheer-leader for revolutionary change on every level. Opposition to his lunacy is rising, but the formal elements of power are now in the hands of Progressivists.

Perhaps only in Eastern Europe and in Russia do we see a coherent resistance, religiously and politically, to the madness that afflicts us. Ironically, it was the separation from America and from Western Europe—the Iron Curtain—that in a way saved those countries from the poisonous infections coming from our nation which was dominated in large part by the victors of 1861-1865, and which had become the “Typhoid Mary” of Progressivism.

For the defeat of the Southern Confederacy on the field of battle was not just a military reverse; it signaled the defeat of a major outpost of Western civilization and its vision of society which was distinctly connected to and annealed by 1,500 years of traditional Christianity. This was the realization of thousands of European volunteers to the Confederate cause—from Naples, from Spain, and from other countries of the old continent. What they saw in the Confederate crusade was a continuation of the struggle against liberalism which raged throughout the nineteenth century. The Southern cause was the cause of legitimacy, of tradition, of the old established order, of the survival of a Christian

inheritance vouchsafed to those warriors at Manassas and Gettysburg.

And now, after more than 150 years of subjugation and indoctrination by the scions of the Yankee victors, there is perhaps “a light coming from the East,” a message of resistance telegraphed to the descendants of the heroes of Chancellorsville. Hope exists always as long as there are men standing forthrightly for it, willing to go to battle, willing to teach others, willing to pass it on. As the Spanish philosopher Miguel de Unamuno once wrote: “our life is a hope which is continually converting itself into memory and memory in turn begets hope.”

Thus, when the yoke of Communism was lifted in Eastern Europe, it was to the wellsprings of national identity, to national heritage, to pre-Communist religious faith, that many of these nations turned. They had largely escaped the forty-five years of “Americanism”—in the worst cultural sense—that Germany, France, and Italy had experienced.

Yet, it is this same narrative, this same globalist “Americanism” that today’s conservative movement—Neoconservatism—continues to push on the rest of the world, just like their uncomfortable bedfellows a bit further to the Left. Both the Establishment conservatives AND the open Left share the same postulates and objectives, differing only in degree and expression.

As Southerners the lessons we glean, then, may come from Eastern Europe and from Russia, and they remind us of who we were as a people, of the inheritance which in so many cases we have discarded. Those former Eastern Bloc nations, in particular Russia and Hungary, stand as “signs of contradiction,” and offer to us lessons, if we would only examine them.

Despite the Swamp and the Deep State—despite the future technological tyranny which stares at us in the face—despite the assaults in every aspect of our lives—despite it all there is Hope and the vague but very real awareness that we are human, creatures made by God, and that our role is to stay the course, remain true to the faith and to our inheritance.

My favorite Psalm is number 26, in particular these words (vs.3): “*Si consistant adversum me castra, non timebit cor meum. Si exurgat adversum me praelium, in hoc sperabo*”: Even if entrenched armies were to stand against me, my heart would not fear. If a battle would rise against me, I would have hope....

A very happy and blessed New Year in the Hope that never dies!

#### About Boyd Cathey

Boyd D. Cathey holds a doctorate in European history from the Catholic University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, where he was a Richard Weaver Fellow, and an MA in intellectual history from the University of Virginia (as a Jefferson Fellow). He was assistant to conservative author and philosopher the late Russell Kirk. In more recent years he served as State Registrar of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History. He has published in French, Spanish, and English, on historical subjects as well as classical music and opera. He is active in the Sons of Confederate Veterans and various historical, archival, and genealogical organizations.

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“...We must forevermore do honor to our heroic dead. We must forevermore cherish the sacred memories of those four terrible but glorious years of unequal strife. We must forevermore consecrate in our hearts our old battle flag of the Southern Cross – not now as a political symbol, but as the consecrated emblem of an heroic epoch. The people that forgets its heroic dead is already dying at the heart, and we believe we shall be truer and better citizens of the United States if we are true to our past.”

*Confederate Veteran Rev. Randolph Harrison McKim*

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## REPORT FROM THE TEXAS CHAPTER #5 HOUSTON, TEXAS



Texas Society Commander Johnnie Holley  
Presents an engraved Shelby sword  
To Chapter Commander George Williamson

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“All that the South has ever desired was that the Union as established by our forefathers should be preserved and that the government as originally organized should be administered in purity and truth.”

*Robert E. Lee*

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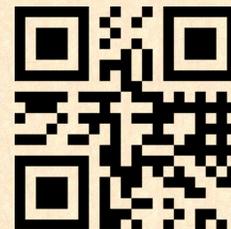
## MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS

*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.*



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