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FIRST EDITION OF THE GAZETTE!

This is the first edition of ***THE LONE STAR GAZETTE***. Plans are for this to be a quarterly publication to go to all Texas Society members. Its purpose is to circulate news and information on the Texas Society and in doing so to build interest in the organization. The Gazette will be sent out either by regular mail or where possible, by e-mail. Obviously, the more distribution via e-mail, the more time and money will be saved. Copies will be sent in bulk to chapters for their distribution of the issues to save postage. Your reaction and comments will make this a more useful and valuable publication. Send them directly to the Editor by mail, e-mail, phone, smoke signals, note in a bottle or pigeon...but let us hear from you!

TEXAS SOCIETY HOLDS IT'S ANNUAL MEETING IN WACO

On June 11-13, 1999 the Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Texas Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars held their joint annual meeting at the Hilton Hotel in Waco, Texas. The convention was well attended with the opening event being held in the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Museum near the hotel. The museum is a tribute that gallant group of Texas lawmen who upheld law and order since the days of The Republic of Texas. A marvelous Mexican dinner was held there and the entertainment by the mariachi band was excellent!

Outgoing Texas Society Commander John Meadows of the John H. Reagan Chapter Number 127, Austin, Texas, having completed his term of office conducted the meeting and the election of officers for the coming two years.

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A NEW TEXAS SOCIETY NAME?

Several Societies in the Military Order of the Stars and Bars have adopted Society names that express their territorial name. In the Army of the Trans-Mississippi, which the Texas Society is a member of there are several. The Arkansas Society has adopted the name of the "Patrick R. Cleburne Society". The Oklahoma Society has the name of the "Indian Territory Society". Should we adopt the name of "**The Lone Star Society**"? Please write, send e-mail on your opinions to the Editor so your opinions will be known and it can be discussed at the next Texas MOS&B Society Convention in 2000 at Camp Allen. "**The Lone Star Society**" is just a suggestion. If you have a better one let us hear from you. We will discuss this at Camp Allen as to the member's wishes.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Two months ago I was given the honor and privilege of serving you as Commander of the Texas Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars for the next two years. This is a responsibility that I do not take lightly for I am proud to be a part of this fine organization and feel that, by working together, we can make it a larger, more effective, and more meaningful organization.

It is intended that this newsletter be published quarterly as has been described to keep everyone posted on those things taking place in the Texas Society and those issues of importance at the national level, to ask for your input on various recommendations and your opinion on questions and issues facing our group.

THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MOBILE

The National Convention of the SCV-MOS&B was held in beautiful Mobile, Alabama in the Adams Mark Hotel overlooking the Convention Center and historic Mobile Bay. The Texas Society was well represented in attendance! No Constitutional amendments or resolutions were voted on.

MORE NEW MOS&B CHAPTERS IN TEXAS!

We have several Camps trying to establish a MOS&B Chapter. The John Bell Hood Camp Number 50 in Galveston is almost there. Steve von Roeder of the Capitol Guards Camp Number 1262 in Austin almost has the required number to form a new MOS&B Chapter, the Granbury's Texas Brigade Camp Number 1479 in Conroe just needs a few more good men, Gary Whitfield at the Robert E. Lee Camp Number 239 in Fort Worth is actively working on a new chapter for their Camp and Past Central Texas Brigade Commander Tom Coppock is getting one formed in Central Texas.

Texas not only needs MORE Chapters, but we need MORE new members in our existing Chapters! Let's start the new millennium off right by winning the General William D. McCain Society Recruiting Award for having the most new members at the Annual MOS&B meeting on 2000 in Charleston South Carolina!

A TEXAS SOCIETY MOS&B ROSTER?

Do you want a roster to be published of all members of the Texas Society to be distributed by either e-mail or in bound or just stapled copies? Let your Editor know your thoughts on this!

A TEXAS SOCIETY WEB SITE?

The Georgia Society, Florida Society and the Major Graham Daves Society (Alabama) all have outstanding MOS&B Society web sites. Unfortunately, Texas does not. Commander Nass has tried to get some volunteer help but his requests have fallen on deaf ears. Do we have any brave computer people out there ready to help? The Texas Society has always been a leader in the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. This is something that we really need. Take a look at the beautiful web sites that these three fine Societies that can be accessed via the SCV web site <http://www.scv.com/>.

Two Texas Chapters do have web sites of their own: the Major Chatham Roberdeau Wheat Chapter Number 224 in Plano, Texas and the Sul Ross Chapter Number 184 in San Antonio, Texas. The Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter Number 5 in Houston has a web site ready to go on line shortly.