



Lone Star Dispatch

COMMANDER'S CORNER

by *Johnnie L. Holley*



We are having some trouble with the Reunion in Nacogdoches regarding costs. I am looking at two venues in College Station and I should have a definitive answer for you after the first of the year.

I hope all Chapters are pursuing dues collection. We must be aggressive and not lose members. I recently put out a training bulletin which covers the required reports and the timing on them. Dues are due on 31 August along with the Chapter report. This form can be found on the National and Texas web site and is fill able on line. National wants each Chapter to return a copy of the roster that was sent to each Chapter with any changes as per individual's information. This report should have a copy go to Texas Society Adjutant David McMahon, one copy to Army Commander Dennis Brand, One Copy to the COS National and one to MOS&B Headquarters. A copy should be kept by the Chapter. The address for the COS and National is:

MOS&B HQ
P O Box 18901
Raleigh NC 27619-8901

I recommend that each Chapter keep a copy of the member roster and the dues check for your record.

I will be visiting the Texas Chapter in Houston for their January meeting. Please call if you would like me to attend your Chapter meeting and maybe give a program.

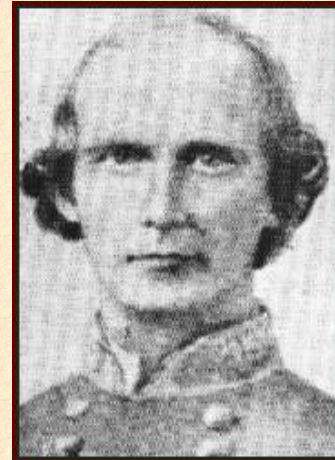
I want to wish each of you a most Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's all join

together and make 2020 a banner year for the Texas Society. Contact me at any time.



HAMILTON PRIOLEAU BEE

1822 – 1897



Hamilton P Bee was born in Charleston, SC on July 22, 1822, and is the older brother of Barnard Elliott Bee who served the CSA after graduating from West Point. Bee removed to Texas when he was a youth. He was secretary of the commission for establishing the boundary between the U S and the Republic of Texas in 1839 and then the secretary of the Texas senate in 1846. After service in the Mexican War as a 2nd lieutenant of the Texas Rangers, he was a member of the Texas legislature, and speaker of the house for one term.

Elected brigadier general of the Provisional Army of Texas commanding state troop on the Texas coast in 1861, Bee was appointed brigadier general in the Confederate Army to rank from March 4, 1862. He was placed in command at Brownsville, Texas,

where he handled importation of munitions from overseas through Mexico and the return exportation of cotton in payment. In this capacity he functioned largely in an administrative position until he took the field with Texas troops facing N P Banks in the Red River campaign of 1864. This was his initial field command and he was subject to some criticism. In February 1865 he was assigned to command a division of cavalry under Gen. John A Wharton and was later given a brigade of infantry in Gen. S B Maxey's division.

At the close of the war he went to Mexico for a time but returned to San Antonio in 1876 where he lived until his death, Oct. 3, 1897. He is buried in the Confederate Cemetery in San Antonio.



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!](#)



A noted Confederate cavalry general in the Trans-Mississippi Theatre of the war. In June 1865, rather than surrender, he took this sword and approximately 1,000 of his remaining troops south into Mexico. For their determination not to surrender, they were immortalized as "the undefeated." Among his troops were Jesse and Frank James. Shelby was a critical witness for Frank James during his trial later. When Mexican Emperor Maximilian was deposed and executed, the Shelby cavalymen ended their stay in Mexico. It is said that as they crossed back into the United States, Shelby had their unit flags sink into the Rio Grande rather than stand a chance at having to surrender them to Federal soldiers. He returned to Missouri where he lived life as a farmer before becoming the U.S. Marshal of the Western District of Missouri in 1893, a post he held until his death in 1897. He is buried in Forest Hills Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri. He is best remembered as one of the most intimidating leaders of the Confederate Army who brought great destruction on the Federal troops through his cavalry maneuvers and men.



MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS & BARS CHARTERED

Col. Briscoe Gerald Baldwin, Jr
Chapter #312
Byran, Texas

On Friday evening, 15 NOV 2019, we were honored with the presence of Commander General Byron Brady from NC to join us in our Chapter Chartering Dinner and Ceremony. We also had the Texas Society Commander Johnnie Holley, the Texas Society Adjutant David McMahon and their wives among our guests.

Commander General Brady presented the Charter to Lee Lance, Chapter 312's Commander. Commander Holley used a replica of the sword carried by General

Jo Shelby, the General who never surrendered to the Yankees, to "knight" each member of the Chapter. Following the "knighting", he then presented the sword to the Chapter to use when presenting memberships to future members.



MOS&B Chartering Ceremony - [L to R] - David McMahon (State Adjutant; Johnnie Holley (State Commander); Dave Burdett; Byron Brady (National Commander General); Bill Boyd (State Chief of Staff); Lee Lance (Chapter Commander); Dan Hilliard; Dan Wood; Jerry Nance; George Nelson; Henry Mayo (Chapter Adjutant); Mike Smith (Chapter Lt. Commander).

MEMBERSHIPS ENCOURAGED

We encourage anyone who thinks they may have an ancestor who was either a Confederate Officer or an Elected Official of any level of CSA Government to consider joining our ranks. If you're not sure, give me some of your info and I'll try to run it to ground-it doesn't have to be a direct ancestor; collateral ones work too!

Currently, we will work as a primarily social group of members meeting quarterly; however, once the chapter grows beyond 20 in membership, we envision becoming more standardized in our meetings and activities. In the meantime, we are all members of Sul Ross Camp and our information will be shared in this newsletter.

*Lee Roy Lance
MOS&B Chapter 312, Commanding*



Henry Mayo receives his "accolade" (a term for the ceremony to confer knighthood; the tapping of the flat side of a sword on the shoulders of the candidate) during the ceremony following swearing In of the new chapter members. [L to R]: Lee Lance, Dave Burdett, Bill Boyd [behind Dan], Dan Wood, Dan Hilliard, George Nelson, Jerry Nance [behind Henry], Henry Mayo and Mike Smith. Conferring the accolade is Texas Society Commander Johnnie Holley. Looking on is Adjutant David McMahon

Executive Council meeting

11 November, 2019

The meeting in Temple TX was called to order by Commander Holley at 0930. Members present besides Commander Holley were COS Bill Boyd, ATM Commander Dennis Brand, ADJ David McMahon, Lt. Commander Larry Reynolds, and genealogist/Chaplain Sanford Reed. A quorum was present.

Chaplain Reed led us in prayer, the pledges were made, and our rituals recited. Adjutant McMahon presented his financial report; a copy was captured for the file record. David has been working diligently since his appointment by Past Commander Hurley to fix numerous issues. Items include establishing a 501C (3) IRS designation and establishing a separate checking account. He reports that after much effort

and renegotiation of contracts by he and Tami Hurley, the TX society netted \$5.34 from hosting the National Convention in July. A good job was done by all involved.

State and national society dues are due in December. Larry Reynolds proposed that we set up an online dues paying method with a secure pay system via PayPal. The motion was tabled so that more detailed information may be gathered.

Commander Holley announced that the next state reunion scheduled for May of 2020 is a tossup between Nacogdoches and College Station. The Fredonia Hotel in Nacogdoches is being difficult and as an alternative possibility, the Philips Event Center in Bryan will be investigated. There was conversation about not having a Friday evening cocktail mixer.

Commander Holley raised the issue of the state society's communication organ, The Dispatch. The current editor is not returning contact attempts and a new editor needs to be found. Larry Reynolds volunteered to put together the winter edition and possibly the spring so that a new editor may be found.

Commander Holley said that the # 68 chapter had been dissolved by National headquarters.

10:45-10:55 break

Proposed changes to the state society constitution were discussed upon meeting resumption. In Article 4 section 3 a change needs to be made. It was proposed that the Constitution be amended to state: "The quorum shall be the Commander plus two (2) members."

In the Bylaws Article VI section 3 it was proposed that the 20 month membership rule for a potential office holder be removed. Other proposed changes agreed to are as follows: during his lifetime the Commander may serve two (2) two (2) year terms and that they may be consecutive; the cutoff date for voting rosters will be the first day of the month prior to the reunion; member transfers from chapter to

chapter will be frozen for the 60 days prior to the TX society reunion; the Commander will open nominations for offices 60 days prior to the convention; and the names of those nominated will then be forwarded to the nominations committee for evaluation.

The proposed changes to Bylaws Article 3 section 9, area as follows: all disciplinary charges shall be proffered by the executive council. David McMahon will forward to the committee a copy of the disciplinary process.

A graves committee report was forwarded by Sanford Reed. Yancy Swearingen has established a virtual cemetery. Sanford also reported that there are at least four (4) new memberships pending for the TX society.

Our next executive committee meeting will be held in Temple on 20 February 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.



Member Recruitment Needs You

by Sanford C. Reed, DCS, Texas Society Genealogist

We are definitely experiencing renewed interest and growth. Our new leadership is committed to assisting each Chapter with efficient genealogical research to help you get new members. After you get them, help them adopt a grave or put them to work on some of your chapter projects. Give new members the resources and desire to be successful and get interested.

Always remember that word of mouth is the best and least expensive type of publicity you can use. Each member should identify someone they know who may want to get involved and personally invite them to a meeting or to assist them in finding a CSA officer in their family tree.

Many of you are also active in other National Heritage Groups and these are excellent places to

find new members. Always wear your MOS&B membership pin and never hesitate to offer assistance in getting a friend in our great organization. Membership recruitment is about creating long-lasting relationships, engaging your friend or prospect and proving to them why they would benefit from membership.

As your Texas Society Genealogist I offer my full support and assistance, and hope to hear from you about assisting you in your recruiting efforts. Officers are not easy to find in a family tree, and we are all extremely blessed to be able to say we have one with pride. Let's help others feel the same way.



TEXAS SEC MEETING TEMPLE, TEXAS



For the first time in years the Texas Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars held a Texas SEC Meeting, GEC members and guests gathered in Temple, Texas on November 23rd, 2019. The meeting was fruitful, and we covered several items that needed addressing. The minutes will be sent out shortly for your information.

Among the items of Business discussed, and at the top of the list was changes to the By-Laws and Constitution. We spent much time going over various items and a revised edition will be submitted at our next meeting. A copy of the revision will be sent to each Chapter prior to voting on it.



2019 LEGACY FUND DRIVE FROM COMMANDER-GENERAL BYRON BRADY



Commander General Byron Brady, a University of NC alumni, enjoyed an evening at Midnight Yell & watched the Aggie BTHO South Carolina!

The 2019 Confederate Legacy Fund Drive is off and running. Letters were sent out to all active life members in October and to all non-life active

members in November. The current total of the fund drive at press time is \$9,965.00.

Donors from 17 states have contributed including Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

The goal set for the fund drive was \$15,000.

The fund drive will continue until the July 2020 National Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina.



Military Order of Stars and Bars Colonel Richard Bennett Hubbard - #261

Requests the Honor of Your Presence at a Very Special Birthday Party!

Please Join Us in Celebration of the Birthdays of General Robert E. Lee and General "Stonewall" Jackson

Saturday, January 11, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty

••• The Hubbard Chapter Charter Meeting was held March 24, 2001 •••

And ••• we are returning to The Potpourri House, 3320 Troup Highway, Tyler, Texas (Just off Troup Highway)-just north of the South Loop www.potpourrihouse.com)

We will gather at 6 :00 ... Celebration will begin at 6:30

Program Mr. Paul Ruark A Musical Celebration

Door Prizes, including a Reproduction Pistol, as Part of your reservation

Dinner Menu

Breaded Chicken Breast in pasta, wine cream sauce, bell peppers, onions, cheese

or

Smoked Beef Tenderloin - 6 oz. of aged medallions finished with Bourbon Sauce

Dinner includes drinks and dessert

\$25.00 per person payable to Johnnie Holley/R. B. Hubbard Chapter #261

Attendance is limited to persons with prepaid reservations, which are received no later than Saturday, January 4, 2020

Please include your preference for Chicken or Beef and first and last names for badges with your reservation and send to: Davidson, 10858 Mosswood Drive, Tyler, TX 75703

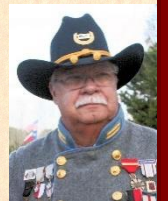
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Business Casual or Period Dress

MOSB, SCV, UDC, Friends and Family Welcome!



Lieutenant Commander's Comments



The Texas Society continues to grow with the Chartering of a new Chapter in Bryan, Texas and with additional new members across this great State.

I would like to encourage each of you that are a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to look at your camp membership. If you know of any member who has an officer or civil servant as an ancestor, talk to them about joining our great organization.

Look to your kinfolk, brother, father, son, cousin, don't just assume that they won't be interested, talk to them. You may just have more in common with them then you think.

While your recruiting, don't forget, Quality is more important than Quantity. Is this individual someone that you would be proud to serve with, someone you would gladly associate with in Public, and someone your ancestor would be proud to know?

Yes, we need to continue to grow, but we need to keep the Society in the highest standards. We want to continue to be proud of our great organization.

TEXAS' CARPETBAGGER POLITICIANS ATTACKING HERITAGE AGAIN

Not satisfied with having removed Confederate memorials earlier this year and last, wanna-be sportscaster turned Lieutenant Governor, Dan Patrick, has announced that he is forming a special committee to review artwork in the Texas Senate chamber to remove portraits of Confederate leaders.

Patrick, a Republican who oversees the upper chamber as Senate president, named seven senators — four Republicans and three Democrats — to the committee. They will be in charge of reviewing “the history and procedures for the placement of art and other decor” in the chamber, according to Patrick’s office.

No date has been set for the committee’s first meeting. Its members include Republicans Paul Bettencourt of Houston, Donna Campbell of New Braunfels, Bryan Hughes of Mineola and Charles Schwertner of Georgetown; in addition to Miles, Democratic members are Beverly Powell of Bureson and Kirk Watson of Austin.

The only comment we could obtain was from Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas who pointed over his shoulder at the larger-than-life sized painting of Albert Sidney

Johnston that hung on the chamber wall behind him. Johnston was a Confederate general who served in the U.S. Army and was secretary of war for the Republic of Texas before the Civil War.

“It’s a painful reminder of the history of Texas. I often wonder why a Confederate general hangs in the state Capitol, specifically in the Senate chamber.”



Sul Ross Chapter #184 San Antonio Christmas Party at The Petroleum Club. (l-r) Lt. Raymond Reeves, Chaplain Dale Tidwell, Texas Society Adjutant David McMahon, Sanford Reed, DCS (with Shelby's Sword)

2020 SPRING GEC MEETING SET

PRATTVILLE, AL

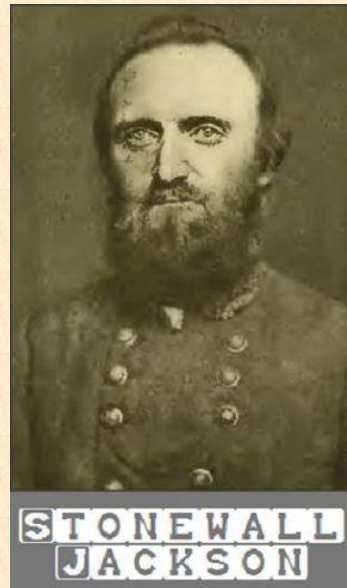
Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 2590 Cobbs Ford Road, Prattville. Listed below is a tentative two-day schedule for the meeting.

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.



“Should the steps be taken which is now threatened, we shall have no other alternative: we must fight. But do not think that all Christian people of the land could be induced to unite in prayer, to avert so great an evil. It seems to me that if they would unite in prayer, war might be prevented and peace preserved.”



No Cross, No Nativity

Romans 5:17 “For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.”

Due to a busy schedule and the ongoing ‘tyranny of the urgent,’ I was not home to join my daughters and wife in trimming the Christmas tree this year. When I arrived home, my daughters showed me “my section” of the tree. They had hung my ornaments—a Confederate officer, drummer, fifer, and two ensign bearers—into a rough line and they were surrounded with field drum ornaments. The setting and the tree displayed a refreshing break from the ballerinas, Barbies, and other ‘girly ornaments’ on the rest of the tree. My passion for History, the South, and the War Between the States is deep; however, the ornament

above my Confederate soldiers filled my heart with even greater joy and love. Above the soldiers hung a large wooden cross. For many this is an odd juxtaposition—an instrument of torture and death on a symbol of nativity and life. It is, however, the death of Jesus Christ on a cross, a perfect life given as a perfect sacrifice, then resurrected from the tomb that gives the nativity its import. The Perfect born to die for the imperfect.

Throughout the conflict, thousands of Southern soldiers experienced an ongoing revival. They embraced that instrument of torture and death—the cross—to lay claim to their own spiritual nativity. This revival was by no means universal, it was so significant most of the Southern armies heavily recruited minister, preachers, and chaplains to meet the spiritual needs of the many men committing their lives to the Lord. By no means do I claim that Southern armies were in any way were Christian crusaders. Instead, I am saying that God used the tragedy and horrors of the conflict to draw thousands of men into a relationship with Him and to seek the Lord and shape their lives as a quest for Christian principles.

During this Advent and Christmas, we should reflect on the importance of the season in the Divine Plan of Redemption. In addition, this is a good time to reflect on the sufferings our ancestors endured during the “Recent Unpleasantness.” Men lonely, exhausted, and often hungry longed for wives, children, and parents. They desired to return to hearth and home. On the often overlooked home-front, wives and children wished for the safe and quick return of husbands, dads, and brothers. On both the battlefield and at home loneliness drove families to their knees in prayer and to focus on the Divine. If Advent and Christmas can be a time of depression and mental anguish for many of us, consider what our men in gray and their families endured during the Christmases of 1861, 62, 63, and 64.

While the circumstances of the war were painful to endure, the end result of this suffering was thousands

of instances of men and women giving “Glory to God in the Highest.” May, during this Christmas Season, our hearts do the same. “To our God and Father be glory forever and ever.” (Philippians 4:20)

*James Newsom,
Chaplain, Texas Society, MOSB
Commander, Richard B. Hubbard Chapter, MOSB*



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*1st Lt. David Richard Reynolds Camp #2270
Sons of Confederate Veterans*



“The Union government liberates the enemy’s slaves as it would the enemy’s cattle, simply to weaken them in the conflict. The principle is not that a human being cannot justly own another, but that he cannot own him unless he is loyal to the United States.”
London Spectator in reference to the Emancipation Proclamation

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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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