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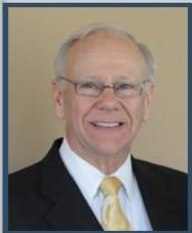
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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

by George W. Williamson

We are about to enter my most favorite time of the year where we will be celebrating

Thanksgiving with our families and our focus will be on how much we truly have to be thankful for. I'm thankful for the new friends I've made by being the Commander of the Texas Society. The MOS&B is truly one of my favorite heritage organizations. Right around the corner from Thanksgiving we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Christmas is always a special time of year.

I have been talking over a year about establishing a scholarship/grants committee for the Texas Society through the receiving of funds from the recently dissolved Heritage Historical Corporation/Debutante Ball Association/Southern Heritage Ball. I have received these funds so now we can officially form this committee along with an investment committee. The agreement that I established with the Heritage Historical Corporation is that the principal would be invested in a 'no risk' certificate of deposit and the interests in these funds would be designated for scholarships or grants.

I would like to thank the Heritage Historical Corporation for choosing the Texas Society MOS&B for these funds.

I've said from the very beginning as Commander, one of the most important things was to grow our Texas Society and to keep it number one. I feel our growth this year hasn't been as great as our growth from last year but we are still growing.

We should be very excited that a new chapter in Ft. Worth is being formed. Additional information is to come.

As our dues are now being excepted, let's make sure that

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS *cont...*

every chapter has a goal of 100% retention. We truly value every single one of our members and we want to make sure we loose no one.

God bless the MOS&B,
George W. Williamson
Texas Society Commander



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UPCOMING EVENTS



TEXAS SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

November 2, 2024

Hilton Garden Inn—College Station, Texas

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March, 2025

Hilton Garden Inn—College Station, Texas

88TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GENERAL CONVENTION

May 29—June 1, 2025

Foley, Alabama

TEXAS SOCIETY MOS&B CONVENTION

June, 2025

Hilton Garden Inn—College Station, Texas

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving,
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year



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CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

by Raymond Holder

NECESSARY ENDINGS



I have a book in my collected named "Necessary Endings" by Dr. Henry Cloud, a popular author and psychologist. It is mostly a book about life transitions and in my ministry of being a chaplain, this is one of many themes in which I converse with people in their life journey. Jesus, in His earthly ministry, had to make a number of those transitions and His disciples also had to transition with Him. The most life changing transition Jesus had to make was to be crucified on a Roman cross which was the most horrific death anyone could have. The Cross since this time has become the one symbol of our Christian faith. There is an old gospel hymn of which I have not heard sung lately, "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone", and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me. Jesus's disciples thought that it was the end of their world and in a real since it was. The disciples own transition was in process also. The second chapter of the book of Acts describes vividly this when they received the Holy Spirit with a reborn fever, thus the birth of the Christian church. The cross that Jesus bled and died on went from a very tragic symbol to a symbol of the ultimate Hope for you and me.

The Cross WAS HIS OWN

They borrowed a bed to lay His head.
When Christ the Lord came:
They borrowed the ass in the mountain pass

But the crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore
Were His own
He borrowed the bread when the crowd He fed
On the grassy mountain side,
He borrowed the dish of broken fish
With which He satisfied.

But the crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore
Were His own.

He borrowed the ship in which to sit
To teach the multitude;
He borrowed a nest in which to rest-
He had never a home so rude:

But the crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore
Were His own_

He borrowed a room on His way to the tomb

The Passover Lamb to eat;
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave,
They borrowed a winding sheet.
But the crown that He wore
and the Cross that He bore
Were His own
The Cross was His own.

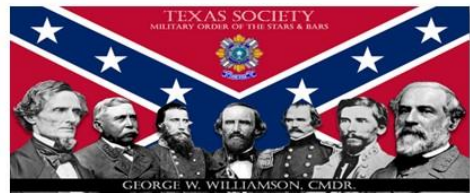
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The good news in necessary endings implies to me that necessary endings imply that new beginnings follow. Let me say that most endings are not pleasant but they are often very necessary. Think of our revered confederate ancestors and the painful transitions they made. The best example to me is the transition Robert E. Lee made. Abraham Lincoln and U.S. Grant do not have a national cemetery named after them that uphold the high ground surrounding our nation's capital. The Cross of Jesus Christ is our high ground.

Raymond Holder
Chaplain, B.S., M'Div, B.C.C.



**MOS&B TEXAS SOCIETY
FACEBOOK PAGE**



We encourage you to join our Facebook page, set up by Commander Michael Gonzales. Type in Texas Society—Military Order of the Stars and Bars, click to join and answer the questions. You will wait to be approved by the Page Administrators. Also, our Military Order of the Stars and Bars—Texas Society website will include the link to our new Facebook page.





AWARDS CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

By Joe Reynolds
ATM Executive Concilor



Compatriots,

Our Fall Society Executive Committee meeting is upon us and I plan to suggest a couple of idea to the SEC. Neither of these ideas are new, we've talked about them in the past, but I think it's time that we did more than just talk.

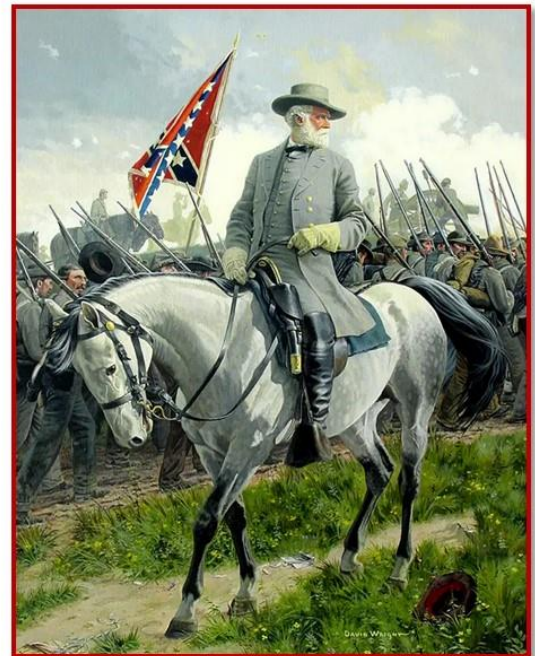
I plan to suggest that the Texas Society, like many other Societies in the MOS&B, have done and create a Society Life Membership. We have a National Life Membership, so why not take it to the next level and also have a Society Life Membership?

The second thing that I'm going to suggest is that the Texas Society also follow in the footsteps of other societies and form a State At-Large Chapter. This is one way that Missouri has shown a high rate of increase in members for the past couple of years. At this time, Texas has some 75 At-Large members that does not count as Society Members. I feel that if we had a Society At-Large Chapter, many if not all of these members would be willing to join. This could give us an increase of 75 new members almost overnight.

When a Compatriot joins as an At-Large member, they get the Officer's Call Magazine, however they do not receive any other communications from us until we send them their renewal notice at the end of the year. What I'm proposing is that the At-Large or Headquarters Chapter be like any other Chapter – The elect Officers, Hold Meetings (Virtual Meetings per Zoom), and be treated like any other MOS&B Chapter. I'll lay out my full plan at the SEC Meeting on November 2nd.

The last item that I would like to discuss is the need for someone to step up and assume the duties as the Society Awards Chairman. June is fast approaching and we need someone who can make sure that our members are recognized and awarded for the excellent work that they do. If anyone has an questions about this position, I'll be happy to answer them, and to also work with you for as long as you need. Please contact me at any time you have any questions.

Larry "Joe" Reynolds, DCS
Past Society Commander
ATM Executive Councilor
Webmaster General
Texas Society Webmaster
Texas Society Awards Chairman



*"You must be careful
where you walk and
where you go, for
there are those follow-
ing you who will set
their feet where yours
are set."*

Robert E. Lee



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MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS
Announcement for Candidacy 2025 - 2026

Candidate for Commander - Michael Gonzales

My name is Michael Gonzales. My friends call me Speedy. After much thought and deliberation I have decided to throw my hat in the ring for Commander of the Texas Society of the Military Order of Stars and Bars.

Just a little background information on me, I am married to the love of my life, Patty, and have three daughters, Shana, Sherry, and Elizabeth; and six grandchildren, Victoria, Savanna, Lacey, Colston, and Livia. I graduated from Loyola University majoring in Political Science and am a Fellow of the Loyola Institute of Politics. I am the 6th member of my family dating back to 1786, to serve as a police officer with the city of New Orleans. Afterwards I was asked to join Texas artist Dalhart Windberg to handle his marketing and public relations, and settle in Pflugerville. My responsibilities included handling every aspect of his original work, setting up art classes, and public appearances. I also managed his art gallery in Austin. After a few years with him, I decided to go back home to open my own gallery. The 4,000 sq foot gallery, in which we carried artists from around the world, was located next to the Super Dome.



Eventually, I made my way back to Texas in 2020 and found our forever home in Temple. Here, I am involved with committees with the City of Temple, and am a proud member of the MOSB, SCV, Former Texas Rangers Foundation, General Society of the War of 1812, Descendants of Mexican War Veterans, and Sons of the American Revolution, and the Texas Navy. I will be applying for membership in the Order of the Southern Cross, as well as the Descendants of San Jacinto and Sons of Dewitt Colony. Currently, I am the Commander of the Lt Col. Andrew Jackson Nicholson, Chapter 318 of Temple, which I started two years ago, and President of the George W. Tyler Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. I am also on the Board of the Samuel B. Stewart Foundation in New Orleans.

As I said earlier, I founded the Temple Chapter of the MOSB with 6 members, and have grown it to 16, waiting to swear in 4, and have 5 getting their information together to submit. To date I have recruited 34 new members. I started the Texas Society MSB Facebook page about a year ago and have 552 members from around the country, including four other countries. We will be chartering a new chapter in Ft. Worth that I helped to form.

My hobbies include collecting fine art, numismatics, antiques, history, gardening, and metal detecting. My favorite hobby is, of course, my grandkids.

I feel I have the background working with people, as well as the energy and ideas to grow the MOSB. My goal, other than increasing the overall membership is to add two new chapters, in north and west Texas.

Michael "Speedy" Gonzales

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MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS
Announcement for Candidacy 2025 - 2026

Candidate for Commander - Mike Smith

I would like to officially announce that I will be running for the office of Commander of the Texas Society. My platform will be to grow our organization in numbers and in strength and to increase public awareness of, and appreciation for, the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. Our organization does some very good things to benefit our communities, yet most people have no idea that the MOS&B even exists. If I am elected, we will work on correcting that.



My GGG Grandfather, Captain James Tyrie Wright, of Company C, 8th Division, Missouri State Guards, was the ancestor who qualified me for membership in the MOS&B. He died during the War, and MOS&B Chapter 6, in Harrison, Arkansas, is named after him. I am immensely proud of his service and of the work that this organization does.

Five years ago, I became a charter member of the Briscoe Gerard Baldwin Chapter 312 in Bryan/College Station, and I have served as the Chapter's Lieutenant Commander since its founding. I also served as Chief of Staff of the Texas Society from 2021 to 2023 under Commander Larry "Joe" Reynolds. I was proud to serve the MOS&B in that office, and I would like to continue that service as Commander. If elected, I will serve the interests of the MOS&B to the best of my ability, and I will appreciate your vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Smith

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MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS
Announcement for Candidacy 2025 - 2026



Candidate for Lt. Commander - Raymond Byron Reeves

My name is Raymond Byron Reeves. I was born November 18, 1953 in San Antonio, Texas to W.R. and Dorothy N. Reeves. My sister, Elizabeth Ann, unfortunately passed away at 10 months old. I attended Agnes Cotton Elementary, Mark Twain Junior High, and graduated from Thomas A. Edison High School in 1972. I am married to Judy A. Reeves. I have two sons, two step daughters, and 10 grandchildren.

We have lived in the same home in Bulverde, Texas for 39 years. At the local Baptist Church I sang in the choir and was the interim choir director. I served in the Texas State Guard until my wife was badly injured in a car accident. Later I served 19 years in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. I am a Past Division Commander of Division 7 of the Eight Coastal Region. I hold a Retired Status.

My ancestral heritage begins in 1400's on my Maternal side and 1600's on my Paternal side. My ancestors served in the American Revolution, the Army of the Republic of Texas, the War of Northern Aggression, and several GG Uncles and cousins served as Texas Rangers in the 1800's. I am a member of the Association Of Texas Pioneers, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Republic of Texas, and the Former Texas Ranger Association and Foundation. I currently am serving as Camp Commander of Hood's Texas Brigade Camp #153, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Commander of Lawrence Sullivan Ross Chapter #184 of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, in San Antonio, Texas. I was reelected as Commander of the Sul Ross Chapter for 2025 and will serve as Past Commander at Hood's Texas Brigade for 2025.

It would be an honor to serve as Lieutenant Commander of the Texas Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

Raymond Byron Reeves

Commander,

Lawrence Sullivan Ross Chapter #184 Texas

Military Order of the Stars and Bars

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MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS
Announcement for Candidacy 2025 - 2026

Candidate for Lt. Commander - Camden Loch McCulloch McCulloch

My name is Camden Loch McCulloch, and I'm from Frisco, Texas, and would like to add my name to run for the position of Lt. Commander of the Texas Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. I have always loved Civil War history and sympathized with the Confederate States of America. I graduated from the University of North Texas with a bachelor's degree in international business and economics with a minor in Spanish in 2022.



I attended Oklahoma State University for a master's degree in international agriculture. I work for Preston Trail Community Church in Frisco, but I am applying to become a police officer so I can afford to attend Texas A&M Law School in Ft. Worth. After finishing law school, I aspire to be an agricultural lawyer and serve as a judge advocate in as many Confederate organizations as possible. In addition to being a member of the Military Order of Stars and Bars, I am a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

When not busy with school, I improve my foreign language skills by learning Italian, French, and Portuguese, hunting, or playing video games.

Some Confederates of interest in my family include:

Pvt. Daniel Troupe Stringer (5th Florida Regiment Co. K) had served in the Army of Northern Virginia under General Lee until the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse.

Brig. Gen. Ben McCulloch (Trans-Mississippi Department) led troops from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Indian Territory. Unfortunately, he was killed in action at the battle of Pea Ridge on March 7th, 1862.

Camden Loch McCulloch McCulloch


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“Do your duty in all things.
You cannot do more, you
should never wish to do
less.”

Robert E. Lee