



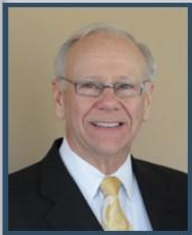
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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

by George W. Williamson

Welcome to the 2025 and our Winter Edition newsletter and as I write this, it is snowing in The Woodlands, which is very unusual. I'm believing for an exciting and successful year for the Texas Society of the MOS&B.

At our Texas Convention in June we will be electing a new Commander and a new Lt. Commander. Also we will be looking at our Constitution and By Laws to assure that our funds that were given to us by the Southern Heritage Ball will be kept safe.

We will be officially forming a Scholarship/Grants Committee and a Financial Committee at our Convention.

A big thank you goes to Commander Michael Gonzales of Chapter 318 and new Commander Camden McCulloch of Chapter 72 for the re-establishing and chartering of Chapter 72 in Ft. Worth. Everyone is welcome to attend the chartering of this chapter on March 15th.

The Texas Society has gained 12 new members for 2024. It is so important that the Commanders and Lt. Commanders take responsibility and do their part in recruiting. Recruiting is what keeps our organization healthy and alive.

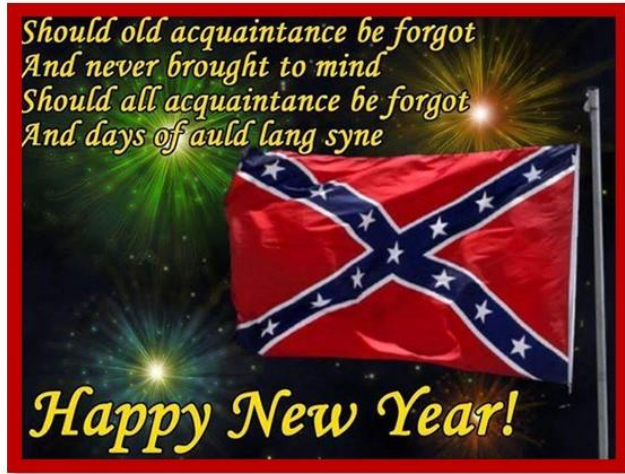
I appreciate each and every one of you and I am proud to be associated with such a great group.

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

TEXAS SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

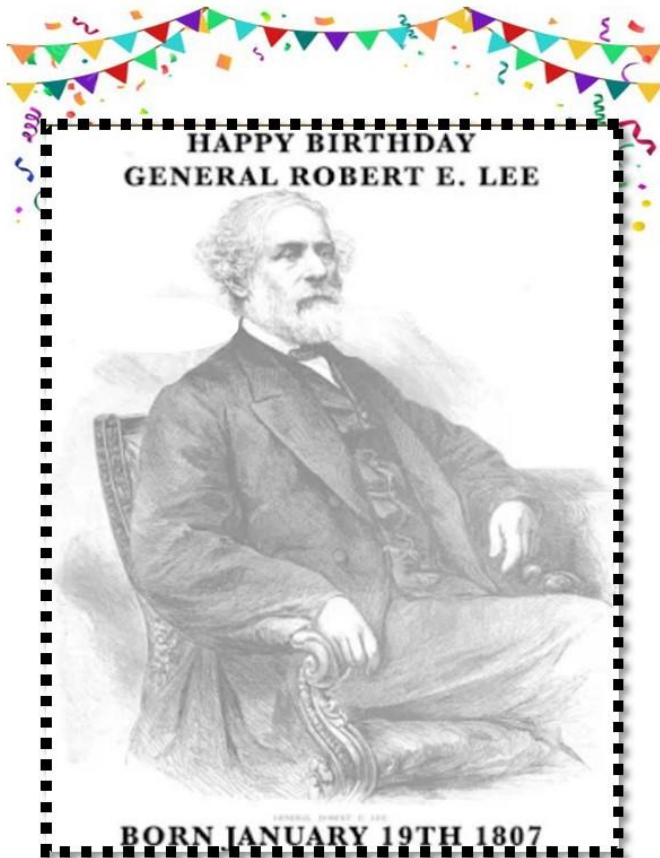
March 22, 2025
Hyatt Place
1100 University Drive East
College Station, Texas

86TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GENERAL CONVENTION

May 29—June 1, 2025
Hampton Inn 3152 Abbey Lane
Foley, Alabama

TEXAS SOCIETY MOS&B CONVENTION

June 20—21, 2025
Hilton Garden Inn of College Station
3081 University Drive East
Bryan, Texas



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CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

by Raymond Holder



THE NOBILITY OF WHO WE ARE

Since our founding as the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Military Order of the Stars & Bars, being the decedents of the Confederate army and navy, the greatest common challenge in each of our lives, in my opinion, has been the content and quality of our spiritual life, hence, our individual souls. I believe that we in the SCV and the MOS&B, above average in this. This is an underlying reason that propels us to unite as fellow souls to honor our Confederate ancestors.

Although our ancestors lost their and our war for southern independence, the character of our forefathers continues to shine brightly in us, as evidenced in our giving honor to our Confederate ancestors. One of my favorite Bible verses which reflects our nobility of cause is *Matthew 7: 13-14*, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it". In a well-known devotional by Oswald Chambers, named, All Noble Things Are Difficult, he writes:

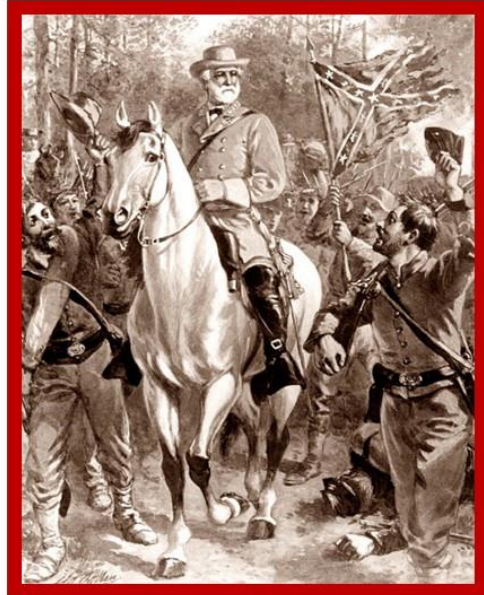
"If we are going to live as disciples of Jesus, we have to remember that all noble things are difficult. The Christian life is gloriously difficult, but the difficulty of it does not make us faint and cave in, it rouses us up to overcome, do we so appreciate the marvelous salvation of Jesus Christ that we are our utmost for His highest?"

God saves men by His sovereign grace through the Atonement of Jesus; He works in us to will and do of His good pleasure; but we have to work out that salvation in practical living. If once we start on the basis of His Redemption to do what He commands, we find that we can do it. If we fail, it is because we have not practiced. The crisis will reveal whether we have been practicing or not. If we obey the Spirit of God and practice in our physical life what God has put in us by His Spirit, then when the crisis comes, we shall find that our own nature as well as the grace of God will stand by us.

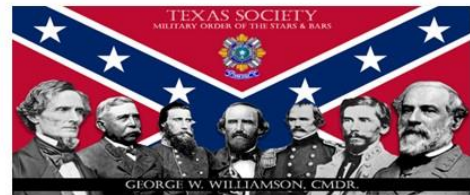
Thank God He does give us difficult things to do! His salvation is a glad thing, but it is also a heroic, holy thing. It tests us for all we are worth. Jesus is bringing many "sons" unto glory, and God will not shield us from the requirements of a son. God's grace turns out men and women with a strong family likeness to Jesus Christ, not milk sops. It takes tremendous amount of discipline to live the noble life of a disciple of Jesus in actual things. It is always necessary to make an effort to be noble."

As the great apostle Paul writes in *Romans 1:16* "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel", neither am I ashamed of who we are as descendants of the Confederate Officer Corp, but proud of who we are as Christian citizens of our beloved country. The key component of our ongoing lives and the best activity each one of us can do is to pray for each other, the MOS&B members, our families, and our country. Recently, I looked into the face of a dying 100 year old saint of the Lord, and asked her what the secret to her long life is? She answered, I prayed for others. Let us do likewise.

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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.





**The Brigadier General
Ben McCulloch Chapter
72**

**of The Military Order of
Stars and Bars
requests your presence
for the chartering
ceremony to be held at**

the Joe. T. Garcias restaurant, Ft. Worth, Texas

**The ceremony will begin at noon on Saturday, March 15th.
Recommended attire is a coat and tie for men and dresses
for women.**

Spouses and families are encouraged to attend as well.



**Please RSVP with the number of
guests in your party to Chapter
Commander Camden McCulloch
by March 1st.**

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2024 TEXAS SOCIETY NEW MEMBERS

John Richard Kuna	Chapter	261
Michael Shane Hubbard		318
George Ira Adams III		5
Dixon David Powell		184
Aaron Gragg		318
Marion Clifton Durden Jr		184
Loren Truman Johnston III		5
Tony Tremaine Williams		318
Micah Patrick Kimball		273
Jeffrey Mark Plummer		318
Christopher Ryan Crain, Dr.		318
Ernest Charles Kobs IV		5



LEADING CHAPTERS OF NEW MEMBERS

Chapter 318, Col. Andrew Jackson Nicholson, Temple, TX Commander Michael Gonzales	6 New Members
Chapter 5, The Texas Chapter, Houston, TX Commander George Williamson	3 New Members
Chapter 273, Col. W. H. Parsons, Ennis, TX Commander Robert Keever	1 New Member
Chapter 184, Lawrence Sullivan Ross, San Antonio, TX Commander Raymond Reeves	1 New Member
Chapter 261, Col. Richard B. Hubbard, Tyler, TX Commander William "Bill" Elliott	1 New Member



“What a cruel thing is war; to separate and destroy families and friends, and mar the purest joys and happiness God has granted us in this world; to fill our hearts with hatred instead of love for our neighbours, and to devastate the fair face of this beautiful world! I pray that, on this day when only peace and good-will are preached to mankind, better thoughts may fill the hearts of our enemies and turn them to peace. ... My heart bleeds at the death of every one of our gallant men.”

General Robert E. Lee



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

Robert E. Lee