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Preserving our Southern Heritage and Honoring the Courageous Service of the Confederate Officers Corps and Civil Officials.

Pledge of the 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."



Robert E. Lee is better known than his counterpart, Ulysses S. Grant. He elected

to become part of the confederacy, not because he agreed with their values, but because he

had such a love for his home state of Virginia.



Major General John "The Prince" Bankhead Magruder

Chapter Meetings

The Major General John B. Magruder Chapter 258 was chartered by the Virginia Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars on the 9th of August 2000.

Chapter meetings scheduled for 2016:

Location: Salem Church Library
2607 Salem Church Rd
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Dates: 4 April
6 June
1 August
3 October
December – Meeting/Dinner

TBA

Time: 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.



**2016 International
Headquarters News**

The MOS&B's 79th Annual General Convention will be held at Fairhope, Alabama from 19 through 21 May 2016. The registration form is in the latest Officer's Call, page 9. If interested, you can read more at the below listed link:

<http://www.militaryorderofthestarsandbars.net/pdf/officercall/OfficerCall201602.pdf>

IHQ Article Submittal Request

If you have an article that you would like to be considered for publication, please send your submittal to Jeff Sizemore (Editor General) at swampeditor@yahoo.com. Chapter and Society News is also welcome.

Please email to the address. The preferred submittal is one in which the articles are in MS Word format and that all pictures are in jpeg format as this makes it easier to format to the proper scale within

this publication. If there is any question, please feel free to contact me. Thanks.

If you need assistance creating or researching, please feel free to contact me:

Christofer2@verizon.net, The Prince's Dispatch Editor.



2016 Virginia Society Officers

Commander – Joseph H. Wright, Jr.

Lt Commander -- Conway Moncure

Adjutant -- Joseph Judson Smith, III

From the Virginia Society Commander

Greetings Friends and Compatriots

The Virginia Society of the MOS&B, established in 1977, contains eight Chapters with 180 members and we are growing still. The Virginia Society is exceptionally active, and is positioned to remain active and relevant in the 21st Century. We welcome your participation in our efforts to represent our Confederate ancestors with historical accuracy and with the dignity they deserve.

Commander, Virginia Society, MOS&B
Joseph H. Wright, Jr. (804) 449-6567





Fredericksburg City, Virginia Flag. "The blue saltire is from the Battle Flag of the Confederate Army, as a memorial to Fredericksburg's epic role in the War Between the States."



Commander's Message

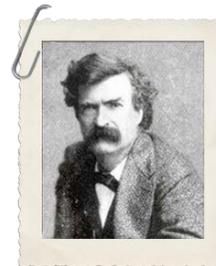
Our next meeting is April 4th.

This is the beginning of our most active time of year and we will have many event opportunities. It is because of what we do that our ancestor's history, stories, and other endeavors live today. We stand in their honor because they cannot be here today. I hope to see our Chapter brotherhood on-the-field proudly commemorating and honoring their service and sacrifices.

See you on the 4th.

Your humble servant,

Chris Ezelle
Commander



**2Lt Samuel Langehorn
Clemmons, CSA, Ralls County**

2016 - 2018 Chapter 258 Officers

Commander	Christopher H. Ezelle
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Sgt-At-Arms	Louis Buttgen, III
Chapter Genealogist	Dr. Robert "Bob" Massey
News Letter Editor	Christopher H. Ezelle
Appt. Webmaster/ Historian	H/M Daniel "Big French" Pierre Janzegers

Fame Frame

Chapter member Dr. Robert "Bob" Massey was recently named the Colonel Sherod Hunter SCV Camp 1525's Distinguished Member. His photo is in the March/April Confederate Veteran, page 41. Dr. Massey is our Chapter Genealogist and lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Congratulations, Bob.

Rangers, Missouri, a.k.a Mark Twain, Fired One Shot and Then Left

At least, that's what he claimed in "The Private History of a Campaign that Failed," a semi-fictional short story published in 1885, after *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, but before *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*.

In it, he recounts a whopping two weeks spent in 1861 with a Confederate militia in Marion County, Missouri. But he introduces the tale by saying that even the people who enlisted at the start of the war, and then left permanently, "ought at least be allowed to state why they didn't do anything and also to explain the process by which they didn't do anything. Surely this kind of light must have some sort of value."

Twain writes that there were fifteen men in the rebel militia, the "Marion Rangers," and he was the second lieutenant, even though they had no first lieutenant.

After Twain's character shoots and kills a Northern horseback rider, he is overwhelmed by the sensation of being a murderer, "that I had killed a man, a man who had never done me any harm. That was the coldest sensation that ever went through my marrow."

However, his grief is slightly eased by the realization that six men had fired their guns, and only one had been able to hit the moving target.

Reference:

<http://www.cnn.com/2009/LIVING/06/12/mf.civil.war/>



The Unusual

After Abraham Lincoln was assassinated what was found in his wallet besides other things was a Confederate States five dollar bill.

Reference:

<http://www.americancivilwarstory.com/strange-and-interesting-civil-war-facts.html>

Flora Stuart, Widow of Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart

Remained in heavy mourning for 59 years after the 1864 death of her husband, wearing black until she died in 1923. By contrast, a widower was expected to mourn for only three months, simply by displaying black crepe on his hat or armband.

Ref: <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/8-obscure-facts-you-didnt-know-about-the-civil-war-178230/#KmR5Cho6irSReFos.99>





Upcoming Chapter Events 2016

16 April, Saturday, Cross of Honor Ceremony for General John D. Imoboden, address is 1400 Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia. Period dress for men (if you have uniforms).

25 April, Monday, Fredericksburg UDC Chapter 163 will hold its annual Ancestor's Night at the Ruritan Club on Route 3 at 6:30 p.m. Uniforms are worn at this awards ceremony.

28 May, Saturday, the Fredericksburg UDC Chapter 163 will be holding its annual Luminary at the Fredericksburg Confederate Cemetery. Set up is at 9:00 a.m. and the ceremony will be held from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m.

11 June, Saturday, will be the 125th anniversary commemoration of the Sentinel at the center of the Fredericksburg, Virginia Confederate Cemetery. This is a proposed event. Time is To Be Announced.



The "Other" Jefferson Davis

There was a Union General named Jefferson C. Davis (not to be confused with Confederate President Jefferson F. Davis). His name is not known to have caused too much confusion, but on one occasion it did lead to the capture of some Union troops.

During the night at the Battle of Chickamauga, approaching Confederate troops said they were "Jeff Davis's troops." Thinking they were General Davis's men come as reinforcements, the Union troops allowed them to come on in and did not realize their mistake until they were told to surrender.

Ref: <http://www.americancivilwarstory.com/strange-and-interesting-civil-war-facts.html>



4 April 1861

On in March 1861 that the members of the Virginia Convention spent much of their time debating various proposals to settle the sectional crisis and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of seceding. In the evening session on April 4, 1861, Delegate Lewis Harvie, of Amelia County, introduced a resolution "that an ordinance resuming the powers delegated by Virginia to the Federal Government" be drafted and submitted to the

voters for ratification. As recorded in the official convention journal, the resolution failed by a vote of 90 to 45. Of 17 convention members who did not vote that day, 4 are known to have favored the resolution and 7 were known to have opposed it.

When the question faced by the delegates was whether secession was wise or desirable, 63 delegates from west of the Blue Ridge Mountains, where in many areas there were very few enslaved African Americans, voted to remain a part of the United States, while only 15 delegates from the same area voted for secession. In the counties east of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the vote was almost equally divided, with 30 delegates voting for secession and 27 voting against it.

Five days after the Virginia Convention defeated the motion to secede; the editors of the *Daily Richmond Enquirer* printed a long editorial entitled "What Should Virginia Do?" In the first paragraph, they offered a summary of their opinions, expressed in loud italic type, "*Virginia should unite her destiny with that of the Confederate States of America.*"

Edwin Barbour of Stevensburg, in Culpeper County, a relative of two brothers who were members of the Virginia Convention of 1861 wrote to Christopher Yancy Thomas, who represented Henry County in the Senate of Virginia, and in a postscript to his April 8, 1861 letter, he said, "The political skies instead of getting fairer as I had hoped rather seem to grow darker. The only alternative now left is to quit the damn north. The longer we stay with them the more oppressed & degraded we will become."

Ref:
http://edu.lva.virginia.gov/online_classroom/union_or_secession/unit/7



New Members

This is a new area for any new member joining the Chapter. The new member will be required to provide Chapter Members with a short biography of his qualifying relative.



BUY, SELL, TRADE

If you have something you want to buy, sell, or trade, you can have it

listed here. If a supplement is issued, it will be included in it.



FACT

General Davis is most well-known, however, for getting away with murder. Literally. He served briefly under General William "Bull" Nelson at Louisville, Kentucky; but after a disagreement Nelson dismissed Davis from his command. Soon thereafter, Davis was ordered to return to Louisville and meet with Nelson's superior. Upon doing so, Davis and Nelson met in the lobby of a hotel and had an altercation. Nelson slapped Davis across the face with the back of his hand, and Davis retrieved a pistol from a friend and shot and killed Nelson. Davis was imprisoned and charged with murder; but, due to the need for experienced field commanders, his superiors got the charges dismissed. He never faced prosecution for his crime.

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Double Dipping

In 1861 the American Banknote Company of New York City was

printing the first issue of the new United States of America "greenbacks." At the very same time, they were also printing the first issue of Confederate States of America currency. The US government soon prohibited American Banknote from continuing this practice. To overcome this, they just moved a portion of their operation to New Orleans and continued producing Confederate currency under the *nom de guerre* of Southern Banknote Company.

Ref: <http://www.americancivilwarstory.com/strange-and-interesting-civil-war-facts.html>



Take the Generals

Robert E. Lee's impulse to personally lead a counterattack during the Battle of the Wilderness in May 1864 (his troops held him back) would not have surprised his men if he were a bit lower in rank. That's because many top officers, including generals, literally led their troops into battle, a rare occurrence in modern wars. For this reason, generals were 50 percent more likely to die in combat than privates. At the Battle of Antietam alone, three generals were killed and six wounded—on each side. At the Battle of the Wilderness,

Confederate General James Longstreet took a bullet to his shoulder and throat, though he would be one of the lucky few: He returned to command and outlived many generals and privates, dying in 1904, just short of his 83rd birthday.

NOTICE

If you have ideas for our Newsletter, please share them. I'll do the research and build a short story, or change the character of the newsletter.

Forward to Chris Ezelle, Editor, at christofer2@verizon.net



***Fredericksburg,
Chancellorsville, The
Wilderness, and
Spotsylvania Court House
Medals***

All specially designed, one of a kind, medals are available through the Chapter/Editor; please contact the editor for more information. Cost is only \$15.00 per medal. We will mail one medal, singly for \$20.00.



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Family Members!**



Ref: World Atlas Travel: worldatlas.com

Interested in joining the MOS&B? Contact the editor. Membership in the Military Order of the Stars & Bars is limited to male descendants, either lineal or collateral, of the officers who served honorably in the Army, Navy and other commands of the Confederate States of America and male descendants of the elected and appointed civilian officials of the Confederate States; the national Confederate Government; and the Five Civilized Tribes which allied with the Confederacy. All members must be at least twelve years old. Ancestral documentation must accompany all applications for membership.

Reference:

<http://www.militaryorderofthestarsandbars.org/join-us/>



Web Shopping?

Remember: The **MOS&B** **Web Store** is where you can purchase *Member Only* items. There are also items available to anyone.



Corner Clips



Officers of the Corps – Chapter 258, January 2016 after the Change of Command.



Swearing In Chapter 258 Adjutant, Vic Cole, Feb 2016.