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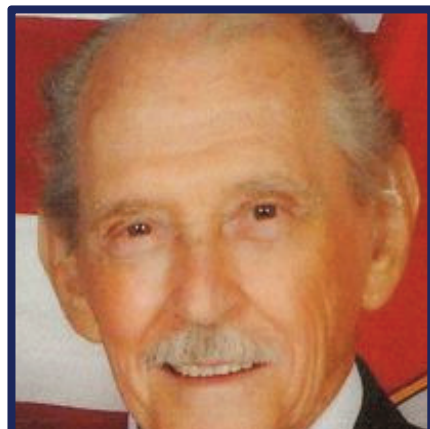
August in the Year of Our Lord 2015

### *Texas MOS&B Loses One of Its Finest*

Bobby Gene Davidson, age 83, crossed over the river on Sunday, June 7, 2015 in Tyler, Texas and now rests under the shade of the trees.

Bobby was born February 5, 1932 in Argyle, Texas to Joseph Elmer and Myrtie Mae Brockett Davidson. At age 14, he joined the U. S. Coast Guard; at 17 the U. S. Air Force and at 18, became a U. S. Marine. Bobby was a Korean War veteran. Bobby attended North Texas State University and worked for the Atomic Energy Commission Idaho Testing Laboratory. He was engaged in construction and architecture in Dallas, Idaho, Alaska and Hawaii.

In 1998, he and Lois moved to Tyler where they became active in the heritage community. Bobby was a charter member and first commander of the Colonel Richard B. Hubbard Chapter 261 in Tyler. In 2001, he became Chief of Staff for Texas Society Commander Ron Aldis and served every commander thereafter. Bobby edited the *Clarion Call* for ten years, winning three national awards for best state society newsletter. He was awarded Distinguished Commander Status and made Honorary Commander General for his service to the Order. Bobby was the originator of the annual Camp Ford Living History event. He served on the Board of Directors of the Smith County Historical Society, Camp Ford Historical Association and the Oakwood Cemetery Committee.



**Bobby Gene Davidson**  
**1932 - 2015**

***"To me, Bobby Davison will  
always be Mr. MOS&B."***

*Commander Dyess*

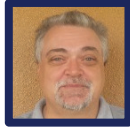
Needless to say, Bobby leaves a huge vacuum in the Texas Society MOS&B and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Until we meet again, rest in peace, dear friend.

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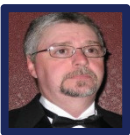
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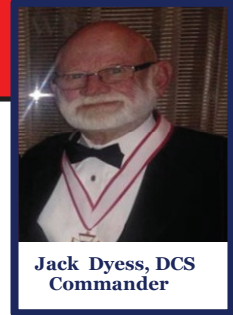
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## From the Texas Society Commander



Fellow Compatriots of the Texas Society of the MOS&B,

As this is the first issue of the *Clarion Call* published since the annual Convention last April, I want to begin my report by expressing my sincere appreciation for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me your Texas Society Commander for the next two years. I pledge to attempt, to the best of my ability, to earn this privilege and honor.

I also want to thank Larry Wilhoite for the excellent manner in which he performed the commander duties and the leadership he provided to us during the past two years. I hope to follow his example and call upon him frequently for advice and assistance -- and already have. Actually, he and I, in effect, simply changed hats with one another in that he graciously agreed to become our *Clarion Call* editor. I also want to thank his wife, Pam, who I suspect will do much of the work just as my wife, Diane, did previously.

At the Convention, we also elected Ewell Loudermilk as Lieutenant Commander. He has already proven the wisdom of that choice by the work he has since accomplished -- not the least of which organizing (including finding a site) our recent Society Executive Committee meeting and agreeing to chair the Time and Place Committee for our 2016 Annual Convention.



Society officers at the grave of Judge Thomas B. Lindsey following a recent Society Executive Committee in Comanche. From left to right are Gary M. Loudermilk, Jay Bowden, Larry Wilhoite, Ewell Loudermilk, Jim Templin and Jack Dyess. Judge Lindsey served as a private in Co. E, 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Alabama Cavalry.

Immediate Past Commander Larry Wilhoite and Adjutant Jay Bowden have agreed to serve on this committee with Lieutenant Commander Loudermilk. The committee has in fact already determined a date for the next Convention -- April 29 - 30, 2016. Please put that date on your calendar now and make every attempt to protect it. If our Society is to grow (even to continue to exist) we need to become revitalized and active in supporting our basic mission. Attending the State Convention is a goal all of us should achieve. The committee has discussed several sites but has not yet made a selection. We want our Society to reflect the desires of our total membership. Therefore, if you have a preference, or suggestion, for a convention location, please contact one of the committee members.

Because of the performance and effectiveness of last year's appointed officers, your new commander requested the current officers to

continue, at least temporarily, in their offices. I am greatly thankful and appreciative that each has agreed to do so. See page 2 for a complete list of your officers.

It is with tremendous sorrow and extreme sadness that all of us who knew him said our final good byes to Texas Society Chief of Staff Bobby Davidson. It was primarily through the actions of Bobby that I joined MOS&B and I cannot think of the organization without thinking of him. To me, Bobby Davison will always be Mr. MOS&B. Please see the obituary printed elsewhere in this issue.

What a difference a few weeks makes. Did you, or anyone else, have a clue that those things we hold so dear would be under such a violent attack in just a few weeks? What has happened to sanity in this country?

Fox News reported a man went to a bakery in the Walmart in Slidell, Louisiana and asked for a cake. He showed the woman working there a picture of a Confederate flag and stated he wanted the cake decorated with such. She responded that she was not allowed to decorate a cake with that image. The man then produced another picture. This one an image of the ISIS flag and asked if she would decorate the cake with this image. She immediately agreed to do so.

A good friend, Joy Jenkins, recently stated my exact feelings. However, her skill with words greatly exceed mine, thus I will quote her, *"I want our America back. I can see how our ancestors must have felt when government was pushed down their throats. I feel like the past few years must parallel 150 years ago. I can see why our ancestors rebelled. They did not want to split with America. They wanted to preserve their values and way of thinking. I feel like the devil is working hard making people think that what was wrong is now right and vice versa. I am sick of the left pushing their agendas on us. I still believe in marriage, pro-life, Christianity, our history, our values, our military. All of it has been attacked and is being dismantled. I wish people would learn their history. They are just being used as pawns to dismantle this country. I want our America back."*

Never, in my 76 years on this earth, did I ever expect to see such censorship in this country. I know of no example of such massive censorship since the burning of books by the Nazis in 1934. It seems that suddenly, in a country whose citizens supposedly have the freedom to think for themselves and freely express their thoughts; those citizens have that freedom only if they worship at the altar of political correctness. Please read the Resolution adopted by delegates to the 2015 MOS&B National Convention in Alexandria, VA in early July found elsewhere in this issue of the *Clarion Call*.

In the near future, I will forward you a full report of the 2015 National convention and the recent SEC meeting.

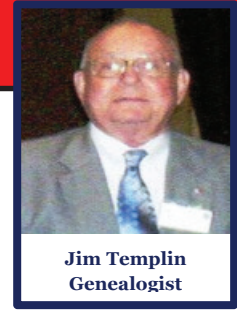
If I may be of assistance to you in anyway whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or telephone (817) 946-2099.

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## Request From the Texas Society Genealogist



I am requesting that three things be done when applying for membership in the Order:

1. All applications must have proper paper documentation for each generation. This may be birth, death, marriage records or wills, etc. They must be legal documents or copies thereof. There must also be proof of the ancestor's service. The application should be signed by the recommending member and the person approving the application at chapter level. These spaces are on the next to the last page of the application.
2. A check for National dues and state dues (\$10.00) should accompany the application. Please be sure to enclose the check for state dues to prevent delays.
3. The completed application should be mailed to me, Jim Templin, 2500 Woodlawn Drive, Ennis, TX 75119.

After I approve the application, it is sent to Headquarters. It is then electronically forwarded to the Genealogist General for his approval. Please be patient. This may take some time. Completing your application as indicated will speed up the process.

## From the Texas Adjutant

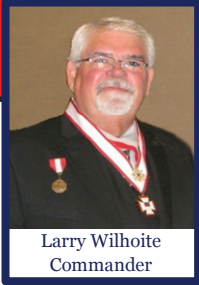


This is the first time that I have been asked to address the Texas Society as your Adjutant. My words will be brief and to the point.

It is the responsibility of the Chapter Adjutant to collect and accumulate all dues for his chapter. This includes the Chapter Dues (set by Chapter), the State Society Dues (\$10.00) and the National Dues (\$35.00). These dues must be listed and shown by member with their member number. Deposit the money in your Chapter's bank account.

With one check and the list, forward accumulated State Dues to me at 722 Nandina Way, Waxahachie, TX 75165. Write another check and with the list, send the accumulated National Dues to the MOS&B Adjutant at MOS&B IHQ, P.O. Box 18901, Raleigh, NC 27619-8901.

Dues are to be received and registered by not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of December for the following year or they are considered delinquent. Therefore, it is suggested that you begin collecting the dues about October. Please do not have your members send their dues in as individuals as this creates undue and excessive work and does not allow you to know for sure which of your members are active.



## 2015 Texas Society Convention

The 2015 Convention of the Texas Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars was held April 24 – 25 at the Homewood Suites in southwest Fort Worth. Twenty-two compatriots and sixteen guests attended from around the state. The Col. W. H. Parsons Chapter 273 served as the host chapter.

The convention was kicked off with the Commander's Reception on Friday evening. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soft drinks were served. The event was interrupted about half way through by reports from the hotel staff that a very dangerous storm was in the vicinity and we should take cover away from the windows. After several tense minutes, the reception resumed with great fellowship enjoyed by all.



Commander Larry Wilhoite Presides

Following a complimentary hot breakfast on Saturday morning, Commander Larry Wilhoite called the convention to order. Chaplain Jim Templin brought our invocation. Following the pledges, guests were welcomed and invited back for the program.

Commander Larry Wilhoite then presented Jack Dyess with his MOS&B War Service Award and medals. Jack, a retired army major, proudly served two tours in Vietnam. The award was well deserved.

Adjutant Jay Bowden reported on the financial status of the Texas Society. It appears the society is well funded and ready for any future events and/or projects. One of our problems, however, is payment and reporting of Texas Society dues. If one does not pay his society dues, he is not a member of the Texas Society.

Jim Templin, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, reported that no one applied for the \$500 Texas Society scholarship. After some discussion, it was approved that next year, the Texas Society would offer two \$500 scholarships. Please help promote this program so that we might help a deserving descendant of a Confederate officer or elected government official with their education.



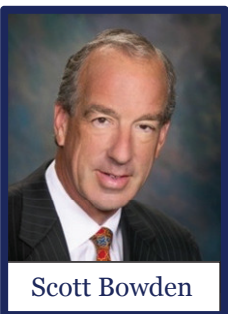
Commander Wilhoite Presents Jack Dyess  
a MOS&B War Service medal

With no further business to conduct, the delegates held an election for the 2015-2017 officers. Jack Dyess of the Richard B. Hubbard Chapter 261 in Tyler was elected commander and Ewell Loudermilk of the Major John Loudermilk Chapter 264 in Comanche was elected Lt. Commander. These gentlemen are well qualified to lead the Texas Society for the next two years. Commander Larry Wilhoite then swore in the new officers.

Save the Date  
2016 Texas Society  
Convention  
April 29 – 30, 2016



Outgoing Commander Wilhoite swears in Commander Jack Dyess  
and Lt. Commander Ewell Loudermilk.



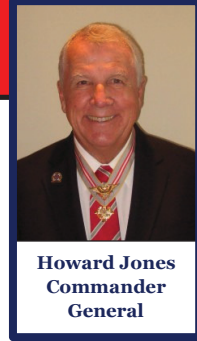
Scott Bowden

Scott Bowden, well-known author and expert on Robert E. Lee, brought our program entitled "Robert E. Lee at War: The Mind and Method of a Great American Soldier." Scott had his books available for purchase and autographing.

Following the program, a BBQ lunch was served, followed by a raffle of donated items. The raffle brought \$282 to our scholarship fund.

The convention was then adjourned with the attendees invited to tour the Texas Civil War Museum, one of the best in the country with many, many unique items.

## MOS&B National Resolution



In convention on July 10, 2015  
Alexandria, Virginia

Resolved that:

History should not be abolished or wielded in the pursuit of vengeance. It is a tool that is to be used to build a better future. The Confederate heritage community acknowledges that the battle flag has been inappropriately used and abused by certain hate groups. We will not surrender to hate, or abandon our heritage.

Politicians are using the Confederate heritage community as a target for government discrimination to sow the seeds of racial divisiveness. The vile public rhetoric and the campaign of discrimination have inspired recent vandalisms on war memorials. The Confederate soldier was an American soldier and recognized as such by Federal law, multiple Presidents. When the war was over all Americans joined hands to reunite and reconcile the nation.

The recent actions by certain politicians, without thinking of the consequences, are reprehensible and encourage destruction and disobedience of the law. They exploit racial strife for political gain.

Over 70 million American citizens descend from Confederate veterans and are a part of the nation's multicultural fabric. They are entitled to the same privileges as any other citizen. They are entitled to equal protection under the law.

The preservation of our American heritage is vital. All Confederate memorials and monuments must be protected as a part of history. The Military Order of the Stars and Bars is dedicated to the preservation of all aspects of history. We sincerely ask all Americans to join with us in this worthy goal.





## Texas Society Chapter News

### COLONEL W. H. PARSONS Chapter 273 Ennis

The Col. W. H. Parsons Chapter 273 Ennis was proud to be the host chapter for the 2015 Texas Society convention held in Fort Worth. Four of our members were present including Texas Society commander Larry Wilhoite, adjutant Jay Bowden, chaplain/genealogist Jim Templin and communications officer Glenn Toal.

Our chapter held our spring quarterly meeting on April 28, 2015. We now hold our meetings at Cancun's Ameri-Mex Restaurant in Waxahachie. Dr. Richard Lee Montgomery from Denton brought our program on *Confederate Chaplains*. The chapter members in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the program.

Memorial Day found chapter members joining the Daffan-Latimer 37, United Daughters of the Confederacy at the UDC plot at Myrtle Cemetery in Ennis for a memorial service. Jack Dyess, Texas Society commander, and his lovely wife Diane, were in attendance. Each member present identified the Confederate ancestor they wished to memorialize.

The grounds were too wet this year to place the 100 or so flags we usually put on the soldier's graves.

Following the memorial service, the attendees journeyed to the lovely home of Jim Templin for hot dogs with all the trimmings, sides, beer, wine, soft drinks and delicious desserts. It was a great time of Southern fellowship



Co. W. H. Parsons Chapter 273 members at Memorial Day ceremony. (L-R) Jay Bowden, Robby Keever, Commander Larry Wilhoite, Jim Templin, Texas Society Commander Jack Dyess, Glenn Toal, Craig Slayton and Lt Commander Tony Sinclair.



Susie Toal

At the Military Order of the Stars and Bars National Convention in Virginia, the Texas Society won the award for the best scrapbook. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Susie Toal for all her hard work in preparing our scrapbook. Outstanding job, Susie! Thank you very much.

In light of the current upheaval over everything Confederate, our chapter is joining with other Southern Heritage groups in Ellis County to protect Confederate sites, monuments and soldier's graves. Surveillance equipment has been purchased to deter vandalism at the Confederate Powder Mill marker. A monitoring system has been established for most Ellis County cemeteries. Volunteers are locating graves with markers identifying the soldier as a Confederate and monitoring periodically for signs of vandalism. Appropriate action will be taken against any perpetrators identified and repairs made as needed.



Glenn Toal monitors  
Confederate graves at  
Bristol Cemetery

## **Make Plans Now to Attend**

### **Military Order of the Stars & Bars Convention**

**May 19 – 20, 2016  
Fairhope, Alabama**

Hampton Inn  
23 North Section Street  
Fairhope, AL 36532

\$109 per night / \$119 for studio  
check in May 18  
call 251-928-0956

