

# MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS & BARS



# AWARDS MANUAL

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## **INTRODUCTION**

**Purpose** - This manual is designed to assist members of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars (MOS&B) at all levels to understand the MOS&B Awards Program. It provides basic guidance for each MOS&B award and the criteria/procedures for recommending and approving awards. It is meant to help members of the MOS&B to identify which awards both themselves, their chapters / societies and others may be eligible.

**Important Changes, effective February 2024** include: **(1)** the Awards General has a new email specifically for MOS&B Awards business – ***awards.mosb@gmail.com*** – ALL awards communications should be directed to this email only; **(2)** all award nomination forms have been revised and marked “Effective February 2024” – all previous editions will not be accepted; they all have picture of appropriate medal in top right corner; **(3)** location of awards nomination forms are now posted on new website and instructions provided; **(4)** award nomination period opens at 0001 on 01MAR2024 and closes at 2359 on 01APR2024 due to the early scheduling of 2024 Annual Convention; **(5)** Edward Cailleateau top-recruiter award updated to include award cash stipends for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners; **(6)** minor corrections to medal descriptions were necessary (wrong color ribbon noted, miniature vs large medal, etc); **(6)** “Combat Service Device” formally introduced for Military Service Award, and **(8)** lastly, the list of certain medal recipients has been revised through 2023 award cycle.

**General Guidelines** – Individual, Chapter and Society award nominations should be routed through Society Awards Coordinators and/or Commanders for review prior to submission to the National Awards General for consideration and processing. Certain awards, such as the Military Service Award and the Real Grandson/Great Grandson Awards, are processed directly through the designated Committee Chairman via the Executive Director rather than through the National Awards General.

It is the responsibility of the nominating party to read the applicable portions of the on-line award-related manuals and to provide all information, on the correct electronic nomination form, including recipient’s name, Chapter/Society, and other information required by the form. All nominations should provide sufficient justification for the level of award proposed; however, be aware that some award nominations have limits allowed for the written justification – do not exceed those limits. With the advent of electronic form submission to the National Awards General, submission cut-off dates will be strictly enforced; tardy submissions will be returned without further consideration. **No hand-written or hard-copy forms will be accepted.** Supplemental information such as photos may be added on extra pages should the nomination not contain limits to length. If a deserving compatriot spends significant time and effort supporting the Chapter, the Society and/or the IHQ of the MOS&B, it is a reasonable expectation for the nominator to spend the time to properly prepare the award nomination to enhance the possibility of approval of said award nominee.

The completed nomination form should be submitted via e-mail to the National Awards General for processing and consideration in accordance with the Awards Calendar. **As of 01FEB2024, the Award General’s e-mail address is *awards.mosb@gmail.com*. Telephone or other verbal or hard-copy written requests cannot be accepted.** Electronic submissions save time and costs involved with mailing for all.

Fillable PDF forms may be obtained on the National website. To access the files, follow these instructions (picture on next page): (1) click “Resources” at top of main page; (2) Select “Documents” for the drop down box which appears; (3) Select either “General Executive Council Award Nomination” or “Award Nomination Forms”; (4) Then select whichever form you desire (however, it is suggested that you

download each of the forms to your personal files for future use). NOTICE: Always check that you have the most current form. The latest forms are currently designated “Effective February 2024” on each page.

Remember, these **awards are for EXCEPTIONAL and CONSISTENT PERFORMANCE**, above and beyond what is expected of every member, and nominations should be limited to maintain the prestige of these awards. These awards should reflect consistent contributions at the Chapter, Society and/or IHQ levels, not just “time in service” or “participation” awards.

Even those who are deserving of higher awards are expected to work their way up the levels, such as LT Read > Col Pelham > MG Cleburne meritorious awards. The National Awards General will not unilaterally “cull” excessive nominations but reserves the right to return nominations back to the originator and request that consideration be given for a different level of award and/or change the justification to warrant such level of award.

There is no rule that an officer cannot nominate himself if an award is otherwise deserved. Since they are often reluctant to do so, higher level commanders should assure that commanders under his purview are considered for any warranted recognition.

Rebel Club awards are generated in cooperation with the Executive Director’s office and are based on members recruited as noted on original application forms. The National Awards General will provide appropriate certificates and medals for recipients.

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The Robert E Lee Chalice and the three Army-specific Gold Star Awards will be made strictly by the General Executive Council and not through the National Awards General. Nominations for these awards should be presented in writing via the nominator’s Army Commander to the attention of the GEC or directly to a member of the GEC. The CG and the Executive Director should also receive a copy of each nomination form. Again, the nominations must be made via electronic means and not via hard-copy or verbal means.

Members are encouraged to nominate worthy recipients of the Law and Order Award, especially considering these troubled times in which we live. Law Enforcement Officers willingly put their lives on the line every day for our membership. This is the one way that we can recognize their willingness to go into the danger zone rather than to run from such trouble to protect and serve our states and our nation.

**Awards Calendar** – the MOS&B Awards Calendar is simple – all nominations are due into the National Awards Chair or the GEC, as appropriate, **no later than 2359 on 01 April** of each calendar year. As previously noted, there will be no exceptions made for late submissions as your emails are all date-stamped by your email service as they are transmitted. **Because the 2024 Annual Conference is being held prior to 01JUN (i.e. 16-19MAY), 2024 nominations will only be accepted between 01MAR2024 and 01APR2024.**

The fact that no prior reminders are sent out by the IHQ and/or the National Awards General is not an excuse for failure to submit nominations on time. They are simply due on 01APR of each year; mark your calendars accordingly. Generally, the Awards General requests that no nominations be submitted prior to 01MAR of the current calendar year lest they become “lost” in the multitude of emails he receives/sends; however, Military Service Medals may be submitted at any time of the year.



## **SECTION 1: INDIVIDUAL AWARDS – MEMBERS**

Any member of the MOS&B at any level may be recommended for a National Award by a colleague, his Chapter Commander or Society Commander or his Army Commander or even a member of the National Command Staff or General Executive Council. Recommendations shall be made on the applicable form and submitted to the National Awards General via at least one level of the Command structure for concurrence and information. General guidelines for writing effective nominations are outlined in the MOS&B Manual for Award Originators (Feb 2021).

### **Robert E Lee Chalice Award**

**Purpose:** The Robert E Lee Chalice Award is the highest award that is bestowed by the General Executive Council (GEC) to an individual. It is presented annually to a member in good standing who has served the Military Order of the Stars & Bars (MOS&B) with outstanding and exemplary work during the past year. The recipient should exemplify the leadership, daring and courage of General Robert E Lee.



**Number of Awards:** Only one award may be granted annually, but there is no requirement that the award must be presented each year.

**Eligibility:** The nominee must be a current member in good standing of the MOS&B at the time of their nomination and award presentation. All recipients must be past recipients of The Gold Star. An individual may receive this award only once in his lifetime (See Appendix A for past Lee Chalice and Gold Star recipients). An individual cannot nominate himself for this award.

**Selection Process:** Nominations for the Robert E. Lee Chalice are solicited from voting members of the General Executive Council. Nominations must be received at General Headquarters (GHQ) and the Commander General (CG) on official electronic forms by email; deadline will be March 1 of each year to enable ballot forms to be generated by the GHQ prior to Spring GEC meeting. It is highly recommended that originators prepare their nominations on the proper form and return as soon as practical. Narratives should be at least fifty (50) words and not more than one hundred fifty (150) words (see Manual for Award Originators for suggestions regarding wording).

The list of nominees, with accompanying narratives, are then distributed to the voting members of the Spring General Executive Council meeting. The individual receiving the largest number of votes will be declared the recipient. In case of a tie, another ballot with the two individuals receiving the largest number of votes in the initial balloting will be submitted to the General Executive Council to select the single recipient. The recipient is named at the annual National Convention by the Commander General.

**Form of Award:** Engraved silver chalice accompanied by a gold medal suspended from a gold ribbon and a miniature medal.

### **Gold Star Award**

**Purpose:** This Annual National award is selected by voting members of the GEC and is the second highest award bestowed on an individual by the MOS&B. Candidates should be members who exemplify the highest work ethic and outstanding leadership principles of the Confederate Officer Corps.

**Number of Awards:** Three awards (one from each of the departments: Army of Northern Virginia, Army of Tennessee, and Army of Trans-Mississippi) may be awarded annually. The Gold Star may be received only once in a lifetime by any individual.

**Eligibility:** The nominee must be a member in good standing in both the MOS&B and his unit/society in the Army for which he is nominated at the time of nomination and award presentation. Nominees must have been a prior recipient of the Distinguished Commander Service Award (see Appendix A for past Gold Star and DCM recipients). An individual cannot nominate himself for this award.

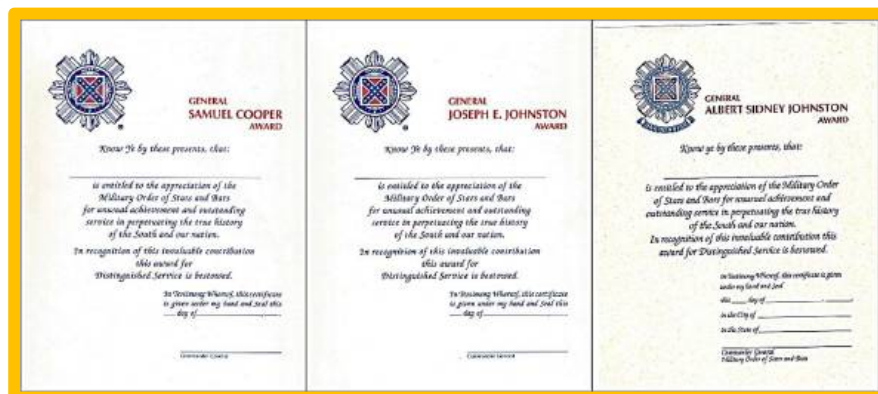


**Selection Process:** Members of the GEC may nominate one candidate from each Department for this award. GEC members may nominate members from other Departments for this award as well as from their own. Although non-GEC members may not submit nominations for this award, they may submit recommendations to a voting member of the GEC for consideration.

Nominations for Gold Stars of Service are solicited from voting members of the General Executive Council. Nominations must be received at General Headquarters (GHQ) on official forms either by USPS or by email. The email deadline will be March 1; nominations sent via USPS must be postmarked NLT February 20. It is highly recommended that originators prepare their nominations on the proper form and return as soon as practical. Narratives should be at least fifty (50) words and not more than one hundred fifty (150) words (see Manual for Award Originators for suggestions regarding wording).

The list of nominees, with accompanying narratives, are then distributed to the voting members of the General Executive Council. The individual receiving the largest number of votes will be declared the recipient. In case of a tie, another ballot with the two individuals receiving the largest number of votes in the initial balloting will be submitted to the General Executive Council to select the single recipient. The recipient is named at the annual National Convention by the Commander General.

**Form of Award:** Each recipient receives a miniature Gold Medal suspended from a yellow gold ribbon as well as an appropriate certificate reflecting the Confederate hero for which it is named. The recipients are named at the National Convention by the Commander General.



**General Samuel Cooper Award – Army of Northern Virginia**  
**General Joseph E. Johnston Award – Army of Tennessee**  
**General Albert Sidney Johnston Award – Army of Trans-Mississippi**



**Distinguished Commander Medal**

**Purpose:** This award is presented by the Commander General to members who have demonstrated exemplary, dedicated service to the Military Order of the Stars & Bars.

**Number of Awards:** A maximum of three (3) awards, one per Army, may be awarded annually. Effective 01JAN2023, each Army Commander may authorize one (1) additional award to worthy candidates with approval of the Commander General. Under no circumstances will the total exceed six (6) overall.

**Eligibility:** The nominee must be a member in good standing in both the MOS&B and his unit/society in the Army for which he is nominated at the time of nomination and award presentation. He must also be serving as a Commander of a Chapter, Society or Army Department to be considered. This award may be received only once in a lifetime.



**Selection Process:** Nominees are submitted on official nomination forms by email via the originator’s Army Commander for screening prior to being forwarded to the National Awards General. Nominations will only be accepted electronically by the National Awards General and must arrive NLT 2359 hours on 01APR of the year nominated.

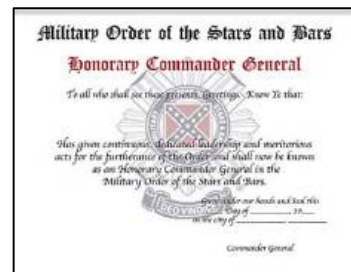
**Form of Award:** The Award is a gold medal inlaid with red enamel and suspended from a yellow gold ribbon. A certificate signed by the Commander General. [Large medals are no longer available; thereafter, effective with the 2023 awards year, we began issuing only the miniature format of this medal.]

Recipients are authorized to indicate this status by use of “DCS” (Distinguished Commander Status) after their names on all official correspondence and records. This award is generally presented by the Commander General at the National Convention Award Banquet only.



**Honorary Commander General**

The General Society in convention assembled may elect Honorary Commander Generals from among those who have rendered distinguished and notable service to the Society, or to the state or nation. A Past Commander General cannot receive this award. The acceptance of this award prohibits the recipient from being elected Commander General. This award shall consist of a certificate only.



**Confederate Legacy Citation of Honor**

**Purpose:** This award is presented by the Commander General to individuals in recognition for generous personal contributions in support of the MOS&B.

**Number of Awards:** No limit; however, there is no requirement for this award to be proffered each year.

**Eligibility:** Any member of the MOS&B may be a recipient who by their Sacrificial Giving have denoted their Special Confidence and Esteem in the Order.

**Selection Process:** Not applicable; this award is in recognition of generous giving by an individual.

**Form of Award:** Recipients receive a certificate signed by the Commander General and Adjutant General and are entitled to wear the Confederate Legacy Drop consisting of a silver Maltese cross superimposed with the MOS&B logo.



**Major General Patrick R. Cleburne Meritorious Service Award**

**Purpose:** This Annual National award is presented by the Commander General to members in recognition of meritorious acts of service for furtherance of the National Military Order of the Stars and Bars and the Southern Cause for which it stands. This award commemorates the leadership and courage of Major General Patrick R Cleburne, known as the “Stonewall of the West”, who was considered one of the South’s finest commanders in the Western Theater. The meritorious service of recipients to the MOS&B should emulate the devotion and loyalty of this Irish-born general to his newly adopted country. It is the highest of three available awards to recognize individual meritorious service to the organization.



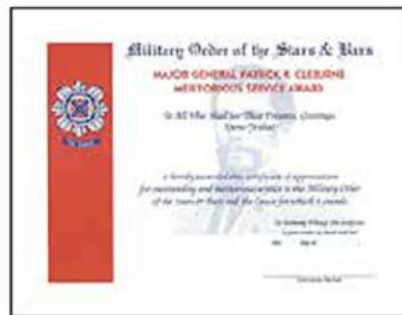
**Number of Awards:** This award is limited to three (3) nominations per Society per year and to no more than one (1) nomination per Chapter per year. Should any Society not have three (3) nominations, the Society Commander may authorize a Chapter within the Society to provide more than one (1) nominee provided the total nominees does not exceed the Society’s allowance of three. Army Commanders may submit one (1) additional discretionary nomination each year.

**Eligibility:** The nominee must be a member in good standing in both the MOS&B and his unit/society in the Army for which he is nominated at the time of nomination and award presentation.

**Selection Process:** Nominees are submitted on official nomination forms by email directly to the National Awards General. Nominations will only be accepted electronically by the National Awards General and must arrive NLT 2359 hours on 01APR of the year nominated.

The Awards General will review all nominations received to ensure each nominee's service rises to the level of said award. Should an excess number of nominations be received for any one Society, those will be presented to a non-partisan group of persons (usually military veterans or business owners) who will review the forms and select the requisite number of awardees allowed. Should the group not be able to draw a definite conclusion, the five (5) top-ranked nominees will be referred to either the Society Commander or the Army Commander for final consideration.

**Form of Award:** The award shall consist of a miniature silver medal suspended from a green and gold ribbon honoring General Cleburne's Irish heritage for first-time recipients and a certificate. Subsequent awards shall be by certificate annotated with sequence of award, e.g., Second Award, Third Award, etc.



### **Colonel John Pelham Legion of Merit Award**

**Purpose:** This Annual National award is presented by the Commander General for exceptional work by an individual member on behalf of the General Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. The award commemorates the leadership and dedication of one of the South's youngest artillery commanders, Colonel John Pelham, who led his commands with distinction and tenacity. Candidates must have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and personify the leadership of the Confederate Officers Corp.



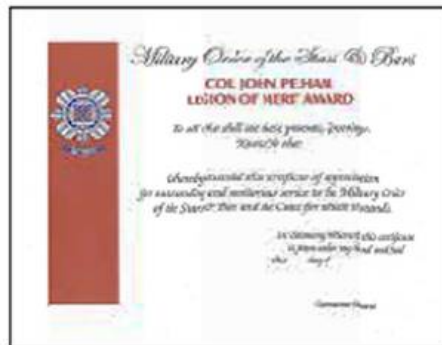
**Number of Awards:** This award is limited to 1% of Society membership or six (6) nominations, whichever is the lesser, per Society per year and to no more than one (1) nomination per Chapter per year. Should any Society not have said allowable nominees, the Society Commander may authorize Chapter(s) to submit additional nominees provided the nominee total does not exceed the Society's allowance as noted. Army Commanders may submit one (1) additional discretionary nomination each year to each Society.

**Eligibility:** The nominee must be a member in good standing in both the MOS&B and his unit/society in the Army for which he is nominated at the time of nomination and award presentation.

**Selection Process:** Nominees are submitted on official nomination forms by email via Society Commander directly to the National Awards General. Nominations will only be accepted electronically by the National Awards General and must arrive NLT 2359 hours on 01APR of the year nominated.

The Awards General will review all nominations received to ensure each nominee's service rises to the level of said award. Should an excess number of nominations be received for any one Society, those will be presented to a non-partisan group of persons (usually military veterans or business owners) who will review the forms and select the requisite number of awardees allowed. Should the group not be able to draw a definite conclusion to fill allowable awardees, the six (6) top-ranked nominees will be referred to either the Society Commander or the Army Commander for final consideration.

**Form of Award:** The award shall consist of a miniature bronze medal suspended from a red ribbon honor and a certificate. Subsequent awards shall be by certificate annotated with sequence of award, e.g., Second Award, Third Award, etc.



**Lieutenant Charles S. Read (CN) Meritorious Service Award**

**Purpose:** This Annual National award is presented by the Commander General to an individual for outstanding contributions to his Chapter or Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. The award commemorates the diligence and leadership of young Lieutenant Charles "Savvy" Read of the Confederate Navy. Nominees should have demonstrated the highest work ethic and proven themselves in promoting the MOS&B.



**Number of Awards:** This award is limited to 10% of Chapter membership or three (3) nominations, whichever is the lesser, per Chapter per year. Should any Society not have an amount equal to three (3) nominations per Chapter, the Society Commander may authorize Chapters within the Society to provide one (1) additional nominee provided the total nominees does not then exceed the Society's allowance for the year. Army Commanders may submit one (1) additional discretionary nomination per Society provided those nominees do not cause the total submitted to exceed such Society's allowance for the year.

**Eligibility:** The nominee must be a member in good standing in both the MOS&B and a unit in the Army for which he is nominated at the time of nomination and award presentation.

**Selection Process:** Nominees are submitted on official nomination forms by email via Society Commander directly to the National Awards General. Nominations will only be accepted electronically by the National Awards General and must arrive NLT 2359 hours on 01APR of the year nominated.

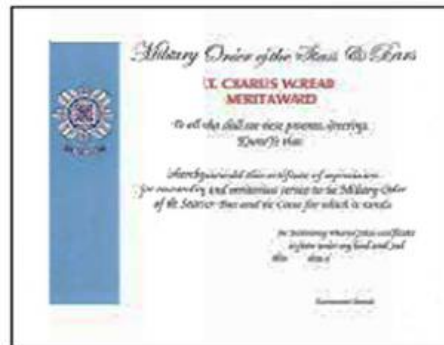
The Awards General will review all nominations received to ensure each nominee's service rises to the level of said award. Should an excess number of nominations be received for any one Society, those

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will be presented to a non-partisan group of persons (usually military veterans or business leaders) who will review the forms and select the requisite number of awardees allowed. Should the group not be able to draw a definite conclusion, the ten (10) top-ranked nominees will be referred to either the Society Commander or the Army Commander for final consideration.

**Form of Award:** First-time recipients receive a miniature medal depicting crossed cannon suspended from a light blue ribbon. The color and cannon commemorate LT Read's service in the confederate navy and his expertise in leading the gunnery crews of his ships. The medal is accompanied by a certificate. Subsequent awards shall be by certificate annotated with sequence of award, e.g., Second Award, Third Award, etc.



## **SECTION 2: SPECIAL AWARDS**

This category of awards include meritorious awards to junior members of MOS&B and special recognition of members for such things as contributions to the organization that don't warrant other awards, service to our country's military whether in combat or not, care of CSA officer graves, recruiting efforts and the "Grandson" program.

### **Commander General's Award**

**Purpose:** The Commander General may award this Annual National certificate at his discretion to individuals (both members and non-members) who have rendered outstanding personal service to the Commander General in the performance of his duties.

**Number of Awards:** The number of awards is at the Commander General's discretion. No awards are required to be given each year.

**Eligibility:** Anyone whose assistance, in the opinion of the Commander General, better enabled him to carry out the duties of his office during his tenure.

**Selection Process:** The Commander General will provide a list of names to the National Awards General in sufficient time to print certificates for awardees prior to the National convention.

**Form of Awards:** The award is by personal certificate only.



### **Joseph Evan Davis Award**

**Purpose:** This Annual National award is presented by the Commander General to a youth who by his/her actions perpetuates the attributes of our Southern Heritage. Commemorating Joseph Evan Davis, the third child of President Jefferson Davis, who fell to his death at the White House of the Confederacy at the age of two, this medal represents the qualities of our youth who would be missed dearly should they no longer contribute to Southern Heritage values.



**Number of Awards:** There is no set number of this award which may be presented in order to further encourage our youth to continue their participation in either the Children of the Confederacy or the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. This should be the primary MOS&B award presented to a youth before being considered for other individual awards listed in Section 1 of this manual.

**Eligibility:** Recipients must be a member in good standing of the Children of the Confederacy or the Military Order of the Stars & Bars between the ages of 12 and 18 years of age.

**Selection Process:** Any MOS&B member may nominate a youth for this award. The electronic nomination form must be emailed to the National Awards General NLT 2359 hours on 01APR of the year nominated. This award requires a narrative of not less than fifty (50) and not more than two hundred fifty (250) words. Deviations from these limitations will be returned to the originator for revisions.

**Form of Award:** This award shall consist of a large gold medal with the likeness of Joseph Evan Davis, son of President and Mrs. Jefferson Davis. It comes with a certificate. Subsequent presentations of this award shall be by certificate along with a gold star to affix to the drape of the medal.



### **General Thomas Jackson Award**

**Purpose:** The Stonewall Jackson Medal is an Annual National Award created by PCG Josiah Gay, III (1921- 2012). Commemorating Lieutenant General Thomas J “Stonewall” Jackson’s deep religious values, this medal honors those who take the extra step to honor our Confederate heroes’ gravesites.

**Number of Awards:** No specific limit on number of awards as this is based strictly upon qualifying acts.

**Eligibility:** The awardee must be a member in good standing in both the MOS&B and his Unit/Society in the Army for which assigned at the time of application and award presentation.

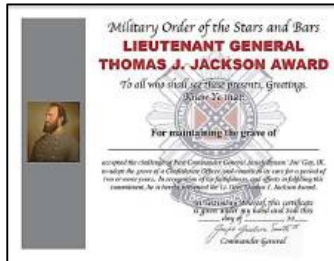


**Selection Process:** This award application with supporting photos is reviewed by your Society Commander and then submitted to the Jackson Award Committee for final approval. Awards are presented to MOS&B members who have:

- (1) maintained a Confederate Officer’s grave for a minimum of two years [Up to 50 Points for Maintenance and Appearance of Grave,
- (2) placed a bronze marker [25 Points], and
- (3) placed a Confederate Cross of Honor [25 Points].

All information related to this award is provided separately on the National web site.

**Form of Award:** A certificate [minimum 72 Points] and a gold medal [75-100 Points] with likeness of Gen Jackson suspended from dark blue drape (both large and miniature medals will be awarded while large supplies last). Medal sets will only be presented with first award; thereafter, recipient will receive certificate only annotated with series number, e.g. Second Award.



**Henry Timrod Southern Culture Award**

**Purpose:** This Annual National award is given for outstanding contributions by a current Military Order of Stars and Bars member towards the understanding, appreciation and explanation of our Southern Heritage and Way of Life. This award is named in commemoration of Henry Timrod, a bookbinder, poet and newspaperman known as the “Poet Laureate of the Confederacy”.



**Number of Awards:** One (1) MOS&B member and one (1) additional non-member may be honored with this award annually. There is no requirement that any of this award be presented.

**Eligibility:** The MOS&B member recipient must be a member in good standing in both the IHQ and his Chapter/Society at the time of nomination and award presentation. In addition, one non-member per year may be honored with this award who has shown significant positive contributions of furtherance of our Southern Culture and/or Southern Heritage and Public Image.

**Selection Process:** Nominations are submitted on official nomination forms by email to the National Awards General. Nominations will only be accepted electronically by the National Awards General and must arrive NLT 2359 hours on 01APR of the year nominated.

The award may be given for contributions in the form of fine art, literature, scholarly articles, cinema, art, theatre, poetry, architecture, etc. Submissions must demonstrate a positive reflection and contribution to Southern culture.

**Form of Award:** This one-time award will consist of a certificate and a miniature gold medal suspended from a dark brown drape.





**Rebel Club Recruiting Awards**

**Purpose:** These Annual Awards are presented by the Commander General to members in recognition of recruiting efforts during the past year. Because recruiting of new members is so vital to the Military Order of the Stars & Bars, the Rebel Club awards were created to recognize those members who excel in the recruitment of new members.



**Gold Medal**



**Silver Medal**



**Bronze Medal**

**Number of Awards:** Based on annual statistics kept by the Executive Director of MOS&B. These awards are fact-based and nominations are not necessary. The number of awards will vary according to recruiting efforts of our membership.

**Eligibility:** Any member in good standing in both the MOS&B and his Unit/Society who recruits another member is eligible.

**Selection Process:** There is no selection process. Names of awardees are provided to the National Awards General by the Executive Director on/before 01APR of the year presented.

**Form of Award:** Certificates as well as miniature medals depicting the Great Seal of the Confederacy are presented by the National Society to individual members who have demonstrated successful membership recruiting for the Order in the past year.

Those who sponsor 3-4 new members receive a certificate while a Bronze miniature medal with a red ribbon is awarded for 5 new members, a Silver miniature medal with a red and white ribbon for 7 and a Gold miniature medal with a gold ribbon for 10 or more. The Rebel Club is an Annual National award.



**Edward Cailleteau Award**

***[Pronounced – Kay-Toh]***

**Purpose:** This award recognizes the top recruiter MOS&B-wide for the 12 month period since the last Annual Convention.

**Number of Awards:** This award is limited to only one “top recruiter” per annum as determined by the Executive Director records. This award is fact-based and nominations are not required. Should no person meet the minimum requirements, there is no requirement that this award be presented each year.



**Eligibility:** Any person who recruits at least ten (10) new members may be considered for this award; however, only the person who recruits the most new members will be the recipient. Persons designated as IHQ, Society or Chapter Genealogists may only be credited for those members personally recruited by said genealogist; any new recruits made via website or IHQ generated leads will not count.

**Selection Process:** There is no selection process. Name(s) of awardee(s) are provided to the National Awards General by the Executive Director on/before 01APR of the year presented.

**Form of Award:** All recognized recipients will receive a certificate. Additionally, the “top recruiter” will be awarded a check for \$100.00; second and third place recruiters will receive a check for \$50.00.

### **Military Service Medal**

**Purpose:** As an organization which seeks to honor the Officers and Elected Officials of the Confederacy, it is only fitting that we also honor those of our number who have honorably served in the Armed Forces of our United States. These awards are two of the highest individual awards offered by the MOS&B.

**Number of Awards:** These awards are presented by the Commander General (or a close acquaintance of the recipient) at the National Convention following approval of applications to the Military Service Award Committee. Unlike other meritorious service to the MOS&B, these medals recognize the member’s military service contributions to our Nation; the cost of the award is borne by the recipient or his sponsor. Therefore, there is no set limit on number of awards authorized each year.



**Eligibility:** Any MOS&B member in good standing at IHQ as well as his own Chapter/Society who served honorably as a member of the US Armed Forces. The Military Service Medal is awarded for faithful and devoted service to our country’s armed forces. The Combat Service Device, a small CSA Maltese Crosse shall be provided for display on the cloth drop in recognition of service which includes a tour within a recognized combat zone as outlined by the VFW’s Eligibility List. This award reflects favorably upon the recipient and his Confederate ancestry.

**Selection Process:** The applicant provides written proof of honorable service in the Armed Forces (such as DD-214) and, if applicable, proof of service during times of conflict in a combat zone as listed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Applicant submits official application form, supporting documentation and **\$70 fee** to Executive Director, IHQ, PO Box 697, Nixa, MO 65714-0697. The ED will relay the info to Chairman, Military Service Committee for approval. Approval will be forwarded to National Awards Committee Chairman for processing and distribution of appropriate certificate and medal set.

**Form of Award:** The award consists of a certificate and both a large and miniature medal with or without Combat Service Device, as appropriate. NOTE: These medals may be applied for at any time of the year.



**NOTE:** In Circa 2009-15, these medals and designations transitioned, i.e. the Southern Cross of Military Honor medal was renamed the War Service Medal and vice versa. Some confusion exists regarding the reason for the change; however, records are annotated appropriately at IHQ. All medals are engraved with the recipient's name, service branch or war zone as appropriate, and serial number of the medal.

As of 01JAN2023, The former War Service Medal (identified at left as "Obsolete") has been retired; however, wear by recipients is authorized AND, if issued for war service, a Combat Service Device may be worn on it to identify such service (combat devices may be requested by email from Awards General free of charge during CY 2023 only).

**Real Grandsons / Great Grandsons / Great Great Grandson Award**



**Purpose:** Special recognition of MOS&B who are some of the closest lineal descendants of our Confederate Ancestors is recognized by this award.

**Number of Awards:** These awards are presented by the Commander General (or a close acquaintance of the recipient) at the National Convention following approval of applications to the Real Grandson Award Chairman; the cost of the award is borne by the recipient. Therefore, there is no set limit on number of awards authorized each year.

**Eligibility:** Any MOS&B member in good standing who is a lineal descendant of the correct sanguinity may receive this award with proper proofs of lineage.

**Selection Process:** The member makes proper application directly to the Real Grandsons Chairman along with appropriate supporting documentation and payment. Upon review of the proofs of lineage, the Chairman may approve the award which may be presented at the next Society or IHQ Convention.

**Form of Award:** These awards consist of a silver medal suspended by MOS&B ribbon with GG wreath from appropriate bar and certificate. This medal identifies the wearer as a verified direct descendant of a Confederate soldier, sailor, marine or civil servant. The award is available for various levels of Confederate ancestors. NOTE: These medals may be applied for at any time of the year.

**Senior Life Member**

Life membership is bestowed upon any member who attains the age of 90 and has been an active member for a minimum of 20 years. Recognition is by special certificate only.



### **SECTION 3: INDIVIDUAL AWARDS – NON-MEMBERS**

The MOS&B is a viable part of the Society of these United States of America. As such, we cannot operate efficiently without interaction with outside persons and organizations. Thus, a certain number of awards have been established to recognize such persons or organizations for their significant contributions to the success of the MOS&B.

#### **Varina Howell Davis Award**

**Purpose:** This is a one-time National Award presented by the Commander General to ladies who have demonstrated unusually significant support for the Military Order of the Stars and Bars and its goals.



**Number of Awards:** No more than three (3) awards may be presented in any given year; however, there is no requirement that the award must be presented each year.

**Eligibility:** Any lady who by her actions demonstrates unusually significant support to the mission and goals of the MOS&B may be considered for this award.



**Selection Process:** Recommendations for this Award should be emailed using on the appropriate electronic award nomination form to the National Awards General for screening no later than 2359 hours on April 1st. Nominating narratives should not be less than fifty (50) nor more than two hundred fifty (250) words. The Commander General reserves the right to select these award winners.

**Form of Award:** A gold full-size medal with the likeness of the First Lady of the Confederacy and a certificate. Each recipient's name, home state and nominating Society is maintained in a log by the Awards General. This is the highest award the MOS&B gives to a lady for continued support of the Order. If the awardee cannot be present at the Annual Awards Luncheon, the contact person or his representative must be present to accept the award on behalf of the award winner.

#### **Winnie Davis Award**

**Purpose:** This Annual National award is presented to ladies who have demonstrably supported the purpose and goals of the MOS&B.

**Number of Awards:** Limited to no more than six (6) per year and no more than two (2) nominations per Society per year; however, there is no requirement that the award must be presented each year.

**Eligibility:** Any lady who by her actions demonstrates support for the purpose and goals of the MOS&B may be considered for this award.

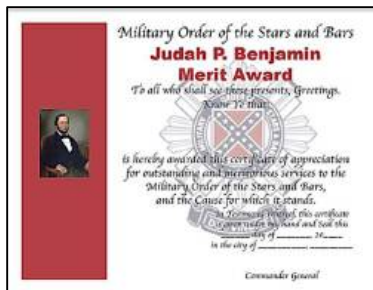


**Selection Process:** Nominations must be made on official electronic nomination form and submitted to the National Awards General via email no later than 2359 hours on April 1st. If additional information is

required in support of the narrative, it should be sent as a PDF file if possible; however, MS Word and JPG documents/images are acceptable.

**Form of Award:** The award consists of a beautiful certificate bearing the portrait of “The Daughter of the Confederacy”, Miss Winnie Davis. These awards are presented at the Annual Awards Luncheon during the National Conference; if the awardee cannot be present, the contact person or his representative must be present to accept the award on behalf of the award winner.

### **Judah P. Benjamin Merit Award**



**Purpose:** This award is presented on behalf of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars to a non-member, either male or female, who by his/her actions promotes and preserves our Southern Heritage and History. It honors Judah P Benjamin, the first CSA Attorney General, the second Secretary of War and the third Secretary of State. It is the highest award presented to a non-member.

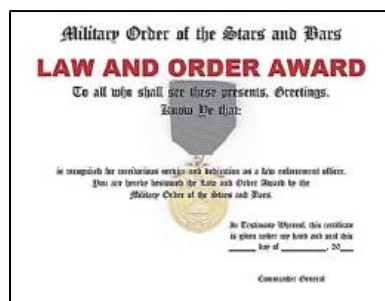
**Number of Awards:** There is no limit to the number of awards that may be proffered; however, due to the significance of the nominee’s actions, the number is usually fairly limited.

**Eligibility:** Anyone who promotes and preserves our Southern Heritage and History may be considered for this award.

**Selection Process:** Nominations must be made on official electronic nomination form and submitted to the National Awards General via email no later than 2359 hours on April 1st. If additional information is required in support of the narrative, it should be sent as a PDF file if possible; however, MS Word and JPG documents/images are acceptable.

**Form of Award:** The award is a multicolored certificate signed by the Commander General.

### **Law and Order Medal**



**Purpose:** The Law and Order Medal is an Annual National award presented by the Commander General to a local, state or federal law enforcement officer for conspicuous gallantry and dedication beyond the call of duty.



**Number of Awards:** There is no limit on the number of awards that may be presented each year; however, there is not requirement that an award be made.

**Selection Process:** There is no set submission date for this award as it is intended to be awarded as soon as possible to the worthy recipient or their next-of-kin. The nomination should be made on the electronic nomination form and emailed to the National Awards General as soon as possible following the event that

highlighted the nominee's actions. If additional information is required in support of the narrative, it should be sent as a PDF file if possible; however, MS Word and JPG documents/images are acceptable.

This award may be presented by any member of the MOS&B in order to expedite its delivery to the awardee or next-of-kin. However, if the award is to be presented at the national convention, the deadline is April 1st.

**Form of Award:** The recipient is presented a full-size medal as well as multicolor certificate.

### **Honorary Membership**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this special award is to grant honorary membership into the Military Order of the Stars and Bars to worthy gentlemen who are otherwise ineligible for membership.

**Number of Awards:** There is no limit; however, there is no requirement to present such awards each year.

**Eligibility:** Any worthy gentlemen who exemplifies the virtues of the Confederate Officer Corps and the membership of the MOS&B may be considered for this special award.

**Selection Process:** The person must be nominated by a voting member of the General Executive Council or the General Convention and must receive a majority of acceptance by this body. Currently, (1) all surviving sons of a Confederate veteran, regardless of rank, have been approved for honorary membership as well as (2) all surviving veterans of World War I.

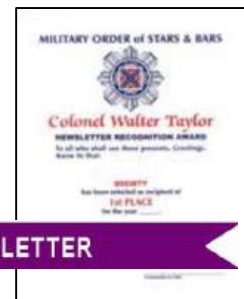
**Form of Award:** Certificate signed by the Commander General is awarded following approval for honorary membership. Honorary membership may only be bestowed upon a gentleman who is ineligible for membership in the Military Order of the Stars & Bars. Honorary memberships carry all rights of participation, but such honorary members do not have a vote in business proceedings nor in elections.

## **SECTION 4: CHAPTER AND SOCIETY AWARDS**

The purpose of these awards is to foment excellence within the structure of the MOS&B. These awards will include an appropriate certificate of achievement and, beginning with the 2022 award cycle, an accompanying streamer authorized for display from flagstaffs of the Chapter or Society. Also, effective 01JAN2022, the J.E.B. Stuart and T.J. Fakes Awards for scrapbooks at the Society and Chapter levels, respectively have been changed to recognize the best websites and/or social media sites within the MOS&B. Certificates and streamers for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Chapter and Society Award Winners will be presented to the respective Commanders on behalf of said units/editors.

### **Colonel Walter H. Taylor Award – Society Award for Best Newsletter**

**Purpose:** This Annual Award is presented by the Commander General to the Society publishing the newsletter judged to be the most outstanding in the MOS&B. Entries for this award shall be judged on format (including color, photos and graphics), news content (including current Chapter, Society and National news), historical content (including history of the War for Southern Independence, biographies of Confederate veterans, and review of applicable books), editorials and general interest.



**Number of Awards:** First, Second and Third Place awards shall be given annually, providing sufficient award-quality newsletters are submitted.

**Eligibility:** Any Society within the MOS&B publishing a newsletter at least quarterly in the year prior to cutoff for submittal. Societies are encouraged to post electronic versions of their newsletters on some form of “password protected” website or social media page.

**Selection Process:** Points are awarded based on:

Format	15	Society and National News	30
Historical Content	20	Regular Publication Schedule	15
<u>Overall Interest and Appeal</u>	<u>20</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>		

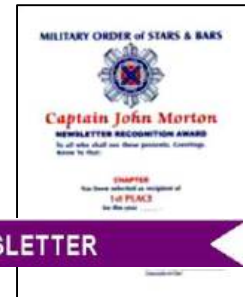
To be considered for competition, electronic copies (preferably in PDF format) of each newsletter published must be submitted along with the completed nomination form to the Awards General by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Three non-partisan professionals will review the newsletters and winners will be chosen based on a set of evaluation criteria as shown in Appendix C. Decisions of the judging are final. The publication schedule for competition purposes is from end of previous year’s National Convention to April 1 of the following year.

**NOTE:** In lieu of electronic copies, a Society may provide a direct link to their member’s only web page; however, the Awards General must be provided with USER ID and PW for access.

**Form of Award:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will receive a certificate and streamer (purple with white lettering) noting their achievement.

**Captain John Morton Award – Chapter Award for Best Newsletter**

**Purpose:** This Annual Award is presented by the Commander General to the Chapter publishing the newsletter judged to be the most outstanding in the MOS&B. Entries for this award shall be judged on format (including color, photos and graphics), news content (including current Chapter, Society and National news), historical content (including history of the War for Southern Independence, biographies of Confederate veterans, and review of applicable books), editorials and general interest.



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**Eligibility:** Any Chapter within the MOS&B publishing a newsletter at least quarterly in the year prior to cutoff for submittal. Chapters are encouraged to post electronic versions of their newsletters on some form of “password protected” website or social media page.

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**Form of Award:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will receive a certificate and streamer (purple with white lettering) noting their achievement.

**J.E.B. Stuart Award – Society Award for Best Website / Social Media**

**Purpose:** This Annual National award is presented to the Society whose website and/or social media site has been judged best in the MOS&B. It should document the activities of the Society in the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the Order. Sites will be judged on attractiveness, ease of use and uniqueness of appearance, documentation of current activities and meetings of the past year, theme and overall interest.



**Number of Awards:** First, Second and Third Place awards shall be given annually, providing sufficient award-quality nominations are submitted.



**Eligibility:** Any Society within the MOS&B maintaining a high-quality website or social media page from the month following the previous year’s National Convention to April 1 of the following year.

**Selection Process:** Societies who wish to enter this competition must submit a nomination form to the Awards General no later than April 1st of each year. Scoring will be based on generally recognized criteria for website/social media excellence – see Appendix 3. Sites should be up-to-date, attractive looking, relatively fast loading, with easy navigation, and with the purpose of the site clearly understandable to a visitor. All pages should have title tags and navigation. Of course, valuable content is always a positive: information about the MOS&B for visitors, links to other useful sites, or features useful to members (upcoming events, ways to stay in touch, etc.).

While website/social media designs are a very subjective issue, perhaps more guidance can be gained from looking at some negative impressions from past evaluations, looking at a variety of sites:

- Color combinations too splashy or gaudy (black, red, yellow, green)
- Text too hard to read (e.g., red text on black background)
- Font sizes too large or too bold
- Font faces not consistent between pages
- Color scheme not consistent between pages
- Pages with no navigation, or way to get back to previous pages
- Pages that are very slow to load
- Bad grammar or spelling, or lack of paragraph breaks
- Popup ads (while not specifically forbidden, they do not give a good impression)
- Sites that work in Internet Explorer, but not in other browsers (Firefox, iOS, Safari, etc.)
- Sites that obviously were created years ago and have had little or no updates since

All sites MUST have a “Members Only” section which requires user ID and password access. PII must be protected on these sites; National Awards General must be given access to this area for judging purposes. Three non-partisan professionals will review the newsletters and winners will be chosen based on a set of evaluation criteria as shown in Appendix C. Decisions of the judging are final.

**Form of Award:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners receive a certificate and streamer (black with white lettering) noting their achievement. Initial information regarding judging criteria will be provided in January 2022.

### **T.J. Fakes Award – Chapter Award for Best Website / Social Media**

**Purpose:** This Annual National award is presented to the Chapter whose website and/or social media site has been judged best in the MOS&B. It should document the activities of the Chapter in the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the Order. Sites will be judged on attractiveness, ease of use and uniqueness of appearance, documentation of current activities and meetings of the past year, theme, and overall interest.



2022 MOS&B BEST WEBSITE

**Number of Awards:** First, Second and Third Place awards shall be given annually, providing sufficient award-quality nominations are submitted.

**Eligibility:** Any Chapter within the MOS&B maintaining a high-quality website or social media page from the month following the previous year’s National Convention to April 1 of the following year.

**Selection Process:** Chapters who wish to enter this competition must submit a nomination form to the Awards General no later than April 1st of each year. Scoring will be based on generally recognized criteria for website/social media excellence – see Appendix 3. Sites should be up-to-date, attractive looking, relatively fast loading, with easy navigation, and with the purpose of the site clearly understandable to a visitor. All pages should have title tags and navigation. Of course, valuable content is always a positive: information about the MOS&B for visitors, links to other useful sites, or features useful to members (upcoming events, ways to stay in touch, etc.).

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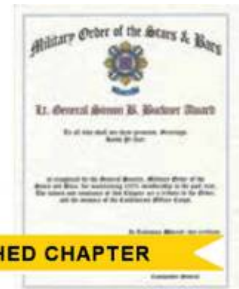
**Form of Award:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners receive a certificate and streamer (black with white lettering) noting their achievement. Initial information regarding judging criteria will be provided in January 2022.

### **Colonel Walter Hopkins Distinguished Chapter Award**

**Purpose:** This award is presented by the Commander General to the Chapter that best exemplifies the purposes and principles of the Military Order of Stars and Bars as exhibited by its activities, services, membership and leadership.

**Number of Awards:** One (1) Chapter per year may be awarded this prestigious award. There is no requirement that the award be made each year.

**Eligibility:** Any Chapter may be nominated in consideration for this award.

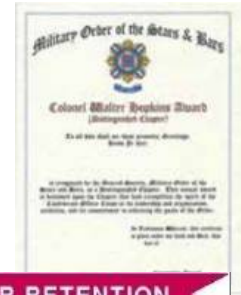


**Selection Process:** The two-page Colonel Walter Hopkins nomination form as well as the completed Chapter Annual Report must be submitted along with any other documentation to support consideration for this award. The criteria page is presented in Appendix 3 – Grading Criteria.

**Form of Award:** This award will consist of a certificate and streamer (goldenrod with black lettering) noting the Chapter membership’s achievement. Runner-up will also receive a certificate and streamer duly annotated as “Runner Up” for this distinguished achievement.

**Lieutenant General Simon Buckner 100% Retention Award**

**Purpose:** Recruiting and retention are the paramount objective required to ensure the continued existence of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. This Annual Award recognizes those Chapters who have diligently maintained their members and/or recruited additional members.



**Number of Awards:** Indefinite; the number of recipients is determined via official information regarding Chapter membership held at IHQ as of 01 April.

**Eligibility:** All Chapters are eligible for consideration.



**Selection Process:** Chapters must have retained the same number of paid members from the preceding calendar year or show an increase in the number of paid members from the preceding calendar year as of April 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the National Convention. This award originates from MOS&B IHQ records. No other action is required by Chapter Commanders / Adjutants for this award.

**Form of Award:** All qualifying Chapters will receive a certificate. Chapters who desire a streamer (red with white lettering), may purchase one through the National Awards General for \$20 + \$5 shipping. The number of streamers manufactured will be determined by the number of paid orders received NLT the end of the month following the close of the National Convention.

**National Convention Attendance Streamer**

Beginning with CY 2022, each Chapter with at least one member in paid attendance at a National Convention shall be eligible to purchase an attendance streamer for the sum of \$20 + \$5 shipping.



***All streamers depicted in this manual are authorized for display on Chapter and/or Society flagstuffs.***

**APPENDIX A  
PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS**

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

**Robert E. Lee Chalice Award**

Only one awarded annually; recipients must hold a Gold Star; only one award per lifetime.

Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient
1979	Stanley Wayne Van Zandt	1997	William C Scott Jr	2015	Jeffrey L Sizemore
1980	Dr Ralph W Widener Jr	1998	James Troy Massey	2016	Harold Franklin Davis III
1981	MG William D McCain	1999	John T Mason	2017	Conway Moncure
1982	John E Hunter	2000	Josiah B Gay III	2018	Thomas Terry Beasley II
1983	No Award	2001	Byron E Brady	2019	Stephen D McHehee
1984	Ronald Turner Clemmons	2002	Albert Dean Jones Jr	2020	Dr Rev John Harrison Killian Sr
1985	Mark Lea "Beau" Cantrell	2003	Jeffery Wayne Massey	2021	Joseph Judson Smith III
1986	John L Echols	2004	Curtis Hopper	2022	William Michael Moore
1987	Steve A Williams	2005	Daniel Jones	2023	Johnnie Lee Holley, Jr.
1988	Edward Overton Cailleteau	2006	Dr Anthony Hodges	2024	
1989	Gaylord Patrick O'Connor	2007	Dale Fowlkes	2025	
1990	Frank Gilbert Rankin, Jr	2008	Philip H Law	2026	
1991	John Britton Wells III	2009	Max Lee Waldrop Jr	2027	
1992	COL Lindsey P Henderson Jr	2010	Gary M Loudermilk	2028	
1993	Robert Lewis Hawkins	2011	Richard Wallace Rhone	2029	
1994	Charles Herbert Smith	2012	Toni Richard Turk	2030	
1995	Lynn Jackson Shaw	2013	Ben H Willingham Jr	2031	
1996	Perry James Outlaw	2014	William Howard Jones	2032	

**Gold Star Award**

Only one awarded per Army annually.

Year	ANV – Gen Samuel Cooper	AOT – Gen Joseph Johnston	ATM – Gen Albert Johnston
1982	Flavius B Walker Jr	Ronald T Clemmons	Ralph Green
1983	Earl R Harvey	William C Scott Jr	Dr Laurence Arnold
1984	Col Joseph B Mitchell	Lynn J Shaw	James Troy Massey
1985	Earl F Harvey	William C Scott Jr	Edward O Cailleteau
1986	Unknown	John B Wells III	Jack N Fuerst
1987	Unknown	No Recipient	No Recipient
1988	Thomas F Davis II	Steve A Williams	Paul T Gordon IV
1989	No Recipient	Frank G Rankins Jr	Robert L Hawkins III
1990	No Recipient	William C Scott Jr	Joseph A Winkler III
1991	No Recipient	Devereaux D Cannon Jr	No Recipient
1992	Col Joseph B Mitchell	Charles M Clement III	Charles H Smith
1993	Byron E Brady	P Charles Lunsford	Dr Patrick J Hardy
1994	Catesby P Jones	Perry J Outlaw	Don R Courtney
1995	Joe B Gay III	Robert McLendon Jr	Robert E Henson Jr
1996	Col J E B Stuart IV	Robert T Clemmons	Jeffery Wayne Massey
1997	Collin G Pulley Jr	Dietrich Oellerich	K Patrick Sohrwide
1998	Albert D Jones Jr	John T Mason	John David Massey
1999	Robert B Robinson III	Russell B Bailey	Mark Lee "Beau" Cantrell
2000	James Martin	James Randall Kerlin	Walter P Nass Jr

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2001	Daniel W Jones	Dr C Fred McNary	Curtis Hopper
2002	Hon Richard B Abell	Lamar Roberts	C Wayne Coleman
2003	A Clarke Magruder Sr	Richard H Knight	Russell R Lenzini
2004	Rodney P Williams	John Echols	Glenn Railsback
2005	Jerry Keathley	Dr Anthony Hodges	Dale Fowlkes
2006	George Valsame	Philip H Law	Nick Warren
2007	Larry E Beeson	Max L Waldrop Jr	Gary M Loudermilk
2008	Robert Brett Bradshaw	Ben Willingham	Robert Crook
2009	Col Barton Campbell	Dr Richard Rhone	David G Whitaker
2010	Raymond Gill	William Bryan Roehrig III	Dr Toni Turk
2011	Larry T Brown	O dian David Denard	Gary Lloyd Loudermilk
2012	Rev Robert G Carroon	David L Floyd	James C Templin
2013	Edward Matthew Stack	Jeffrey Lee Sizemore	William Howard Jones
2014	Conway Moncure	Stephen C McGehee	Tom Boardman
2015	No Recipient	No Recipient	Gordon Dale Hale (Posthumous)
2016	Michael Cain Griffin	Thomas Tarry Beasley II	David Wayne Snodgrass
2017	Joseph Judson Smith III	Rev Dr John H Killian	Dr Raymond Holder
2018	John David Stringfellow	No Recipient	Glenn Wayne Toal
2019	David Michael Edwards	Thomas Benjamin Rhodes	Larry D Martin
2020	No Recipient	William Michael Moore	Johnnie Lee Holley Jr
2021	No Recipient	Beverly Matthews Leigh	David Dennis Brand
2022	John Howard Tally III	Christopher Frederick Heuer	Terry Ray Phillips
2023	Ronald Lee Perdue	Richard Wayne Sheely	David Paul McMahan
2024			
2025			
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**Distinguished Commander Award**

Recipients may use “DCS” after their name on all correspondence and other honors.

YEAR	RECIPIENT	RECIPIENT	RECIPIENT
<b>1993</b>	Almond, Richard	Bivins, Walter	Fakes, Turner J
	Harvey, Earl F	Jones, Catesby P	McCain, William D
	Massey, James Troy	O’Connor, Gaylord	Rankin, Frank G
	Scott, William C Jr		
<b>1994</b>	Brown, Robert	Brown, Robert M	Cantrell, Mark I “Beau”
	Caster, Dr James	Clemmons, Ronald T	Courtney, Don R
	Henderson, Lindsey P Jr	Love, Joseph B III	Mason, John T
	Outlaw, Perry J	Selph, Ellis L Jr	Sohrwide, K Patrick
	Thompson, James W	Turner, James K	
<b>1995</b>	Bailey, Russell B	Fouche, Jim M Jr	Griffin, Patrick J III
	Latture, Gayden	McClendon, Robert G Jr	Pits, Dr Neal C
	Smith, Charles H		

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YEAR	RECIPIENT	RECIPIENT	RECIPIENT
1996	Dasinger, Dr Norman R Sr	Faggert, William E	Gay, Joe B III
	Henson, Robert E Jr	Palmer, Ralph B Jr	Snyder, Andrew J
	Shaw, Lynn J		
1997	Brady, Byron E	Daleen, Keith	Jones, Albert D Jr
	Massey, Jeffery Wayne	Massey, John David	
1998	Cantrell, Mark I "Beau"	Clemmons, R T	Echols, John L Sr
	Jones, Daniel W	Martin, Edwin A	Mason, John T
	McLendon, Bob	Nass, Walter P Jr	Norton, Rick
	Patterson, Bob	Pulley, Collin G Jr	
1999	Sohrwide, K Patrick		
2000	Abell, Hon Richard B		
2001	NONE AWARDED		
2002	Aldis, G Ronald		
2003	Hodges, Dr Anthony	Killian, Rey John	McNary, Dr C Fred
	Orlebeke, Peter W	Stuart, Col J E B IV	
2004	Campbell, Col Barton	Davison, Robert	Green, Ralph
	Hawkins, Robert III	Hopper, Curtis	Sims, Rev John
2005	Barr, James F	Knight, Richard H Jr	Law, Philip H
2006	Fowlkes, Dale		
2007	NONE AWARDED		
2008	Bradshaw, Robert Brett	Crook, Robert L	Daves, Alfred C
	Dockery, Walter E	Gill, Raymond W Jr	Loudermilk, Gary M
	Waldrop, Max I Jr	Whitaker, David G	
2009	Kerlin, James Randall	Turk, Toni R	Willingham, Benjamin
2010	Cailleateau, Edward O	Rhone, Dr Richard W	Wolfe, Steven L
2011	Denard, Odian David	Jones, William Howard	Thornton, Roger
2012	Brown, Larry	Floyd, David	Gaston, James
2013	Boardman, Charles T	Caynor, William I Sr	McGehee, Stephen C
	Moncure, Conway B	Reckline, Sigmund J Sr	Sizemore, Jeffrey I
	Stack, Edward M	Turk, Robert W	Waldrop, Max I Jr (OLC)
	Williams, Rodney P		
2014	Blackmon, Bert Daniel III	Cummins, Christopher J M	Davis, Harold Franklin III
	Griffin, Michael Cain	Roehrig, William Bryan III	Snodgrass, David Wayne
	Templin, James C	Waldrop, Max Lee	Williams, Rodney Patrick
2015	Dyess, Jack Grady	Holder, Raymond Weston	Renouf, Stephen Robert
	Martin, Larry D	Smith, Joseph Judson III	
2016	Killian, John H Sr	Scouten, Robert E Lee	Stringfellow, David J
2017	Beasley, Thomas Tarry III	Toal, Glenn Wayne	Wellborn, Thomas Adams
2018	Edwards, David Michael	Rhodes, Thomas Benjamin	Holley, Johnnie Lee Jr
2019	Reed, Sanford Christian	Brand, David Dennis	Moore, William Michael
2020	Lane, Martin Stakes	Mathews, Beverly Leigh III	Watt, Harry Wade
2021	Talley, John Howard III	Heuer, Christopher Frederick	Philips, Terry Ray
2022	Richard Wayne Sheely	Raymond M Rooks	Lee Roy Lance Jr
	David Paul McMahon		

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<b>2023</b>	Larry Joe Reynolds	Steve Milton Barbaree	Joseph Howard Smithson
	Jon Eric Trent	Harold Odell Cardwell	Ronald Lee Perdue (CG's)
<b>2024</b>			

**Varina Howell Davis Award**

Beginning in 2014, award limited to one per Army annually for ladies who provide unusually significant support to MOS&B; only one award is allowed per lifetime. Medal serial numbers and Armies (or in certain instances, Societies) are listed when known.

Year	Recipient	Recipient	Recipient
<b>1989</b>	Jefferson, Vilma Mackenroth #1	Beauvoir #2	Vildibill, Nancy Carrier #3
	Cailleateau, Nancy Riggs #4	Hawkins, Susan Peterson #5	Faggert, Susan Carr #6
	Meadows, Virginia Croom #7	Leppke Phyllis Cherry #9	
<b>1990</b>	Ruth, Alice Newton #10	Hawkins, Elizabeth Hunter #11	Massey, Beverly Campbell #12
<b>1991</b>	Taylor, Betty Lawrence #13	Martin, Alberta #14	
<b>1992</b>	Harriman, Cynthia #15	Bourgeois, Lasca S #16	Nesbitt, DeEtte Depree #17
	Powell, Sara N #18	Skelton, Susan A #19	Perkey, Caroline Kelley #20
<b>1993</b>	None Awarded		
<b>1994</b>	None Awarded		
<b>1995</b>	Alberthal, Daisy J	Alexander, Virginia	Larkin, Vera V
	Massey, Jo Ann O'Neal		
<b>1996</b>	Estes, Mrs (TX)	Limpus, Patricia L	Martin, Alberta Stewart
	Smith, Christine		
<b>1997</b>	Daleen, Judi (Posthumous)	Jones, Denise O	Massey, Whitney
	Orlebeke, Carolyn	Poole, Maureen #41	
<b>1998</b>	Bowling, Catherine	Capley, Patricia	Gay, Anne Franklin
	Massey, Kim	Massey, Sherri	Norton, Cathy
	O'Neal, Ethel	Pulley, Judith	Reynolds, Alison Virginia
<b>1999</b>	None Awarded		
<b>2000</b>	Bailey, Patricia #126		
<b>2001</b>	Bond, Conner	Huss, Amy	Maples, Rhonda
	Stinson, Betty		
<b>2002</b>	Abell, Lucia	Joslyn, Mauriel	Masters, Elizabeth
	Steele, Page	Williams, Ellen	
<b>2003</b>	Mayes, Rachel #120	Demard. Debboe #127	Hopper, Diane #130
	Doughty, Jane #139	Railsback, Susan #149	Dowell, Wanda #171
	Sanders, Mary Elizabeth		
<b>2004</b>	Finnegan, Loretta	Fisher, Leslie	Heilig, Vicki
	Weyrauch, Clois	Wolfe, Andrea	
<b>2005</b>	Carerre, Charlotte	Davidson, Lois	Hart, Dr Faye
	Herr, Sue	Kerlin, Ruby W	Pate, Johanna

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Year	Recipient	Recipient	Recipient
2006	Jones, Jean F	Law, Charlotte	Loudermilk, Dorothy (TX)
	Schaick, Martha Van	Shrader, Sheryl J	Warren, Catherine Welch
	Wills, Arlene Fay		
2007	Jackson, Heidi (SC)	Langford, Janice (TX)	Padgett, Dianne (SC)
	Robinson, Gail (SC)	Templin, Helen (TX)	Toal, Susie (TX)
	VonRoeder, Janice (TX)		
2008	Beeson, Patricia (NC) #141	Collins, Terri (TN) #155	Gill, Martha Bowen (VA) #159
	Purdue, Ashley #183	Waldrop, Sheila Waggoner (AL) #191	Skelton, Linda W (SC) #195
2009	Wodlock, Shirley Wollard #106	Barrow, Cassie Russel (GA)	Beaver, Linda
	Hodges, Dr Jill P (TN)	Kerlin, Ruby Whitehurst (FL)	Miller, Ann Prescott
	Patton, Shirley	Pittman, Teresa	Rhone, Virginia Anne (AL)
2010	Lawrence, Deelois	Naber, Theresa Dawn (TX)	
	Stocks, Kathy Long (TX)	Medals # 140, 142 & 143 logged as issued but recipient not listed.	
2011	Cleino, Elizabeth	Dockery, Gwendolyn P	Duncan, Sarah R
	Dunn-Johnston, Krista	Keisler, Nita	King, Samyria
	Lamont, Joyce	McPeak, Leigh Ann	Mistrot, Bernice
	Schweider, Donna	Sharp, Joanne	
2012	Gray, Cassy #172	Lippincott, Linda #174	Turk, Barbara #175
2013	Austin, Starlett B	Brown, Yvonne L	Jones, Cathy
	Jones, Virginia Parks	Rice, Mattie Clyburn	Stack, Jessica Ann
	Whitaker, Dinah Wallace	Wilhoite, Pamela Sue	Willingham, Erika Marie
2014	McPeak, Christine Caldron	Reckline, Marilyn VanDerMolen	
2015	Farr, Virginia Allgood		
2016	Blackmon, Mary Stewart	Davis, Jane Thompson	Killian, Martha S
2017	Dyess, Diane (TX)	Lashley, Linda	Watson, Martha
2018	Brand, Reta Karol (TX)	Brownlow, Chantelle Patricia	Holley, Norma Basham (TX)
2019	Lindsey, Diane	Martin, Janet S	Moore, Laura Woodruff
2020	McMahon, Golda Foster (TX)	Mortimer, Catherine Ann	Tausch, Phyllis Keil
2021	Lancaster, Janet Masterson (AR)	Scott, LaDonna Nichols (MO)	Turner, Charlene (MO)
2022	Sharon Edwards (NC)	Kristine Heuer (MS)	Linda Hawkins (MO)
	Teresa Roan (AR) (CG Selection)		
2023	Jeri Lee Puttman (TX)	Sonya Trent (MO)	
2024			

**CHAPTER / SOCIETY AWARDS**

**COL Walter Hopkins Distinguished Chapter Award**

This award is presented to the Chapter judged to be the most outstanding chapter in the MOS&B. Beginning in 2021, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Chapters receive no physical award but are listed in recognition of their efforts.

Year	Chapter Name / Number / Location
2015	CAPT James I Waddell, Chapter 32, Raleigh, NC
2016	GEN St John Richardson Liddell, Chapter 271, Fairhope, AL
2017	MG W.H.C. Whiting, Chapter 305, Washington, NC



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<b>2018</b>	COL Richard Bennett Hubbard, Chapter 261, Tyler, TX
<b>2019</b>	Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Chapter 184, San Antonio, TX
<b>2020</b>	Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Chapter 184, San Antonio, TX
<b>2021</b>	(1) BG Thomas Roe Freeman, Chapter 311, MO
	(2) COL Briscoe G Baldwin Jr, Chapter 312, Bryan, TX
	(3) Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Chapter 184, San Antonio, TX
<b>2022</b>	(1) BG St John Richardson Liddell, Chapter 271, Baldwin County, AL
	(2) Col Richard B Hubbard, Chapter 261, Tyler, TX
<b>2023</b>	

**CPT John Morton Best Chapter Newsletter Award**

This is an annual award recognizing the best Newsletter published by a Chapter within the MOS&B. Prior to 2022, this award consisted of a certificate (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place); however, thereafter we shall recognize the top three newsletters with not only a certificate for the unit but also a streamer for use on the unit’s flagstaff (no designation of place shall be noted on the streamer).

<b>Year</b>	<b>First Place</b>	<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Third Place</b>
<b>2009</b>	MAJ John Loudermilk #264 (TX)		
<b>2010</b>	MAJ John Loudermilk #264 (TX)		
<b>2011</b>	Garnett-Pettigrew #67 (NC)		
<b>2012</b>	MAJ Edgar Burroughs #281 (VA)		
<b>2013</b>	Williamson #249 (VA)	Garnett-Pettigrew #67 (NC)	MG John B Magruder #258 (VA)
<b>2014</b>	CAPT James I Waddell #32 (NC)		
<b>2015</b>	CAPT James I Waddell #32 (NC)	MG John B Magruder #258 (VA)	
<b>2016</b>	MG John B Magruder #258 (VA)	CAPT James I Waddell #32 (NC)	
<b>2017</b>	CAPT James I Waddell #32 (NC)	Garnett-Pettigrew #67 (NC)	MG WHC Whiting #305 (NC)
<b>2018</b>	COL Richard B Hubbard #261 (TX)	Garnett-Pettigrew #67 (NC)	MG WHC Whiting #305 (NC)
<b>2019</b>	MG WHC Whiting #305 (NC)		
<b>2020</b>	MG WHC Whiting #305 (NC)		
<b>2021</b>	CAPT James I Waddell #32 (NC)	COL Richard B Hubbard #261 (TX)	MG WHC Whiting #305 (NC)
<b>2022</b>	CAPT James I Waddell #32 (NC)	MG WHC Whiting #305 (NC)	Lone Star #5 (TX)
<b>2023</b>			
<b>2024</b>			
<b>2025</b>			

**COL Walter D Taylor Best Society Newsletter Award**

This is an annual award recognizing the best Newsletter published by a Society within the MOS&B. Prior to 2022, this award consisted of a certificate (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place); however, thereafter we shall recognize the top three newsletters with not only a certificate for the unit but also a streamer for use on the unit’s flagstaff (no designation of place shall be noted on the streamer).

<b>Year</b>	<b>First Place</b>	<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Third Place</b>
<b>2007</b>	MAJ Graham Davies Society of AL		
<b>2008</b>			
<b>2009</b>	The Alabama Society (AL)		
<b>2010</b>	The Alabama Society (AL)		
<b>2011</b>			
<b>2012</b>	The Texas Society (TX)		
<b>2013</b>	The Texas Society (TX)	The Alabama Society (AL)	
<b>2014</b>	Farthest to the Front (NC)		
<b>2015</b>	Farthest to the Front (NC)	The Texas Society (TX)	
<b>2016</b>	Farthest to the Front (NC)		
<b>2017</b>	Farthest to the Front (NC)	Georgia Guardian (GA)	

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2018	Georgia Guardian (GA)	Farthest to the Front (NC)	
2019			
2020	The Lone Star Dispatch (TX)		
2021	The Lone Star Dispatch (TX)	Farthest to the Front (NC)	
2022	The Lone Star Dispatch (TX)	The Stars and Bars (MS)	
2023	Missouri Soc Quarterly Review (MO)	The Lone Star Dispatch (TX)	
2024			
2025			

**T. J. Fakes Best Chapter Webpage / Social Media Award**

Previously known as an award for best Scrapbook presented by a Chapter, this award retains its name but transitions into 21<sup>st</sup> Century media to recognize the best Chapter webpage and/or social media page in the MOS&B. This award shall consist not only of a certificate (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place) but also a streamer for use on the unit's flagstaff (no designation of place will be noted on the streamer).

Year	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
2009	COL W H Parsons #273 (TX)		
2010	Garrett-Pettigrew #67 (NC)		
2011	Garrett-Pettigrew #67 (NC)		
2012	MAJ Edgar Burroughs #281 (VA)		
2013	COL W H Parsons #273 (TX)		
2014	COL W H Parsons #273 (TX)		
2015	COL W H Parsons #273 (TX)		
2016	COL W H Parsons #273 (TX)		
2017	LGEN James Longstreet #306 (GA)		
2018	CAPT James I Waddell #32 (NC)		
2019	CAPT James I Waddell #32 (NC)		
2020	NO SUBMISSIONS		
<b><i>In 2021, the Award was changed to recognize Best Website/Social Media by a Chapter</i></b>			
2021	COL Richard B Hubbard #271 (TX)		
2022	COL Richard B Hubbard #271 (TX)		
2023	COL Richard B Hubbard #271 (TX)		
2024			
2025			

**General J.E.B. Stuart Best Society Webpage / Social Media Award**

Previously known as an award for best Scrapbook presented by a Society, this award retains its name but transitions into 21<sup>st</sup> Century media to recognize the best Society webpage and/or social media page in the MOS&B. This award shall consist not only of a certificate (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place) but also a streamer for use on the unit's flagstaff (no designation of place will be noted on the streamer).

Year	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
2017	Georgia Society		
2018	North Carolina Society		
2019			
2020	North Carolina Society		
<b><i>In 2021, the Award was changed to recognize Best Website/Social Media by a Society</i></b>			
2021	Texas Society		
2022	Texas Society		
2023	Texas Society		
2024			
2025			

## **APPENDIX B**

### **PROTOCOL FOR WEARING MEDALS, DECORATIONS, BADGES AND INSIGNIA**

#### **Introduction**

The prestige and influence of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOSB) depend largely upon the loyalty of its members. It is therefore deemed especially important that every member should display the official insignia of the MOSB on all suitable occasions. Beyond that, wearing one's MOSB insignia of office and individual awards is an individual decision. MOSB members may also wear medals of the *Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)* in conjunction with their MOSB medals.

This protocol has been prepared in order that members of the MOSB may bring credit to the organization by the proper display of their MOSB/SCV medals and insignia. National MOSB rules, as given on page 22 of the MOSB Chapter Handbook as well as this publication should be adhered to carefully when at a significant formal MOSB function. For less formal occasions, including routine wear at Society and National Reunions, they can be considered "guidelines" rather than "hard-and-fast rules", but of course Compatriots are expected to always display medals in a respectful and professional looking manner. While every member is responsible for wearing his medals and insignia correctly, it is also the responsibility of MOSB officers to encourage their members to wear medals and insignia in an appropriate manner. Compatriots may wear all medals to which they are entitled but should consider it in poor taste to "look like a 3<sup>rd</sup> world general" with a chest full of medals. However, each member is encouraged to limit himself to a reasonable selection of his highest awards and those of which he is most proud.

The MOSB insignia and decorations worn vary with the type of dress, whether "formal" or "informal". On informal occasions when business suits, blazers or sport coats are worn, MOSB Society and National Officers may wish to wear neck ribbons to indicate past or present office. On such non-formal occasions, MOSB custom has been to wear full size medals with business suits, blazers, or sport coats at MOSB Chapter meetings. Miniature medals are more appropriate at Society and National meetings. We are currently in a transition phase where large medals are being replaced by miniature medals which will soon become the norm for all occasions. Large medals are appropriate for wear on Confederate uniforms on any occasion other than reenactments wherein no medals should be worn.

At MOSB formal occasions, where a tuxedo or dark suit and tie are indicated, miniature medals should be worn. At no time should full-size medals be worn with a tuxedo, but members may wear full-size medals on a dark suit at formal gatherings.

#### **Terminology**

- Formal Dress - includes tuxedo or dark suit with tie
- Informal Dress - includes the business suit, the blazer jacket, and sport coat. Insignia are not worn on an overcoat.
- Award Medals – those worn by an individual through personal effort. Award Medals should only be worn at formal and semi-formal functions (banquets, reunions, memorial services, or similar occasions where the accepted wear is a suit, sports coat or Confederate uniform).
- Insignia Medal – Name tag and badges of office (Commander, Adjutant, etc.). Chapter officer insignia consists of the MOSB membership medal, with the applicable office designation on top of the ribbon.

The Society, Army and National Command Staff insignia consists of an MOSB Eagle attached to a neck ribbon. Society Commanders may add a distinctive emblem of their choosing to the neck ribbon to symbolize their particular state.

- Service Medals – medals available to groups for a particular service or participation, such as Life Membership or Honor Guard, as well as reunion or other special event commemorative medals. *(Note: the War Service Medal and Southern Cross of Military Service are considered “Award”, not “Service” medals.)*
- MOSB Rosette and Blazer Patch – these are special devices signifying membership in the MOSB. The rosette is a small, round gathering of specific coloration worn on the left lapel of blazers. The Blazer Patch is a bullion replica of the MOSB emblem and is worn on left jacket pocket of dress coat.

### **Mounting of Medals on Clothing**

On formal or informal attire which have breast pockets:

- Award Medals should be pinned just above the top edge of the left breast pocket, with no more than four full-size medals or five miniature medals in a single row. If more than one row of medals are needed, the medals should be evenly divided between upper and lower row; for odd numbers of medals, the upper row should have the least number of medals displayed. The upper row should overlap the lower, with the rows staggered slightly to allow a small amount of ribbon of the lower row to show. More than three rows are discouraged.
- Insignia Medals should be centered on the right breast, at approximately the same level.
- Neck ribbons may be worn, but not more than two at a time, one above the other. The neck ribbon with MOSB drop should be on top with any other appropriate drop (i.e. Confederate Legacy Legion of Merit) below the MOSB drop.

On Confederate uniforms or formal attire without breast pockets:

- Award Medals should be centered on the left breast, approximately 10” from the top seam.
- Insignia Medals should be centered on the right breast, at approximately the same level.

Service Medals should not be routinely worn on Confederate uniforms or formal attire, with three exceptions:

- The MOSB Rosette and/or State Society Logos may be worn, centered on the left breast and slightly above the Award Medals.
- An Honor Guard medal (MOSB or SCV) may be worn on the right breast, at the same level and to the right of any Insignia Medal.
- An individual may choose to wear an event’s commemorative medal while at the event or when giving a report on the event back at his Camp, and then remove it thereafter. If worn, such an event medal should be mounted separately, below any Award Medals. In any case, all rows of medals should be above the top edge of the left breast pocket.

### **Precedence of Medals**

Award Medals should be mounted just above the top edge of the left breast pocket, with the highest-ranking MOSB medal on the top row, inside, then proceeding to the wearer’s left. Next should come SCV medals, and finally other historical/genealogical society medals.

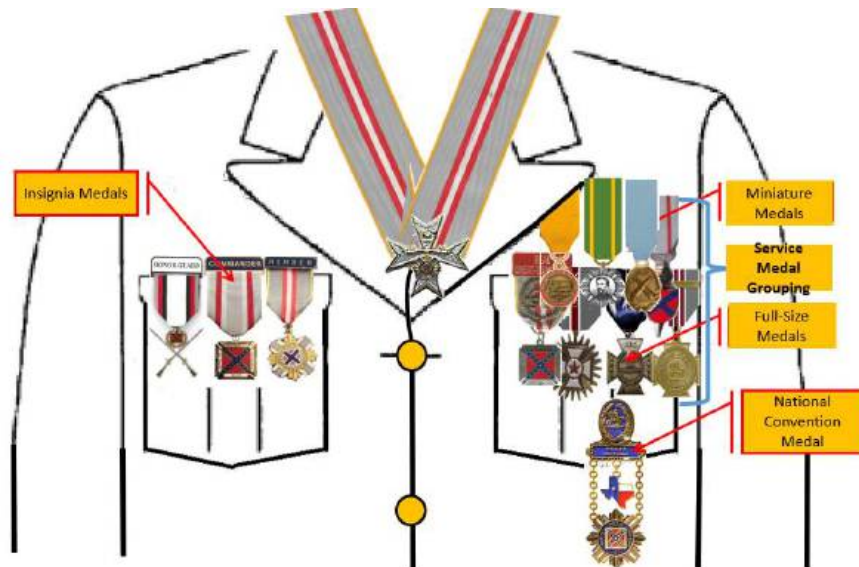
The Order of Precedence for MOSB Award Medals is as follows:

1. Robert E Lee Chalice
2. Gold Star (ANV, AOT, ATM are all considered equal in precedence)
3. Distinguished Commander
4. Confederate Legacy Citation of Honor
5. Military Service Medal
6. Military Service Medal (Obsolete Version)
7. MG Patrick R Cleburne Meritorious Service
8. COL John Pelham Legion of Merit
9. LT Charles Read Meritorious Service
10. Joseph Evan David
11. Rebel Club – Gold Medal
12. Rebel Club – Silver Medal
13. Rebel Club – Bronze Medal
14. LTG Thomas Jackson Medal
15. Henry Timrod Southern Culture
16. Award Medals of the SCV
17. Award Medals of other Historical/Genealogical Organizations

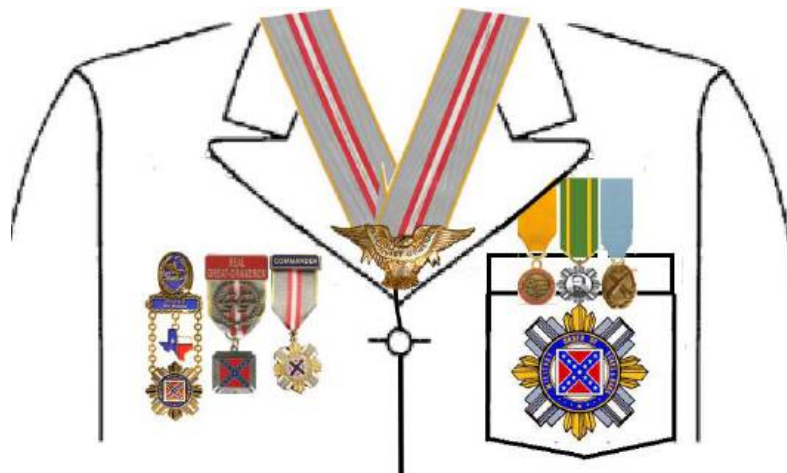
**Some Basic “Don’ts”:**

- Don’t mix miniature and full-size medals in the same grouping if practical. Since the MOSB is moving toward standardization to all miniature size medals, members who desire to wear all earned medals have two options as follows: (1) once a member receives a miniature-size medal, he is encouraged to purchase and wear miniature versions in lieu of any previously awarded full-size Award Medals, so as to have a consistent set; or (2) to save inordinate personal expense, as of 01JAN2022, members are authorized to group and wear miniature medals above previously earned full-size medals. If a member chooses to mix miniature and full-size medals, they must be grouped according to size and precedence. The miniature medal groupings must also be properly located with and above similar full-size medal types – i.e. Award Medals above left breast pocket; Insignia Medals on right breast and Service Medals on lapels. Don’t mix Award Medals, Insignia Medals, or Service Medals in the same grouping.
- Don’t wear Award Medals on informal outerwear. However, members may wear a Confederate-style vest, with office insignia and a few selected medals, to warm-weather MOSB meetings and events.
- Don’t wear medals on a Confederate uniform during reenactments or similar events, where one is portraying a Confederate soldier in “battle dress”. Some medals may be worn during parades, cemetery ceremonies or other similar events, but one should use caution to not “over decorate”, with an appearance that distracts the audience to that individual, rather than the prime purpose of seeing all the SCV participants as a group, honoring our Confederate ancestors.
- Don’t wear medals you didn’t personally earn.
- Don’t wear non-MOSB medals (except as noted above) to MOSB functions. MOSB members are hereby authorized to wear the Order of Confederate General’s Descendants (OCGD) membership insignia pin at all MOSB functions.

**Examples of Proper Locations of Medals on Clothing**



**Figure 1 – Placement of Awards on Uniform Coats**



**Figure 2 – Placement of Awards on Suit Coats**

**NOTES:**


1. These depictions are for illustration purposes showing where medals are located; however, the number of medals on the coat in Figure 1 is atypical due to the sheer number present (consisting of MOS&B, SCV, and other medals available through individual vendors). Figure 2 depicts placement of medals on suit coats.

2. The National Convention Medal is worn ONLY during the event or when giving a presentation about the event; otherwise, it is not worn.

3. As mentioned previously, until such time as all MOS&B award medals have transitioned entirely to miniature medals, mixing of miniature and large medals is at the wearer's discretion; however, they should be worn grouped by size, then precedence as shown in Figure 1.

### APPENDIX C – GRADING CRITERIA

#### Colonel Walter Hopkins Distinguished Chapter Award

<b>Military Order of the Stars and Bars</b>		
<b>Colonel Walter Hopkins Distinguished Chapter Award</b>		
Army of:	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Virginia <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee <input type="checkbox"/> Trans-Mississippi	<i>Do not write in this area</i>
Chapter & No.	_____	
City	_____ State _____	
1. Membership Growth:	What was total membership as of January 1st of this year? _____ What was total membership as of January 1st of last year? _____	
2. Membership Retention:	How many mbrs were dropped as of January 1st this yr? _____	
3. Meetings are scheduled:	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Bimonthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Annually	
Meetings were held this year?	_____ Special meetings were held ? _____	
4. Memorials:	Did you Chapter conduct a memorial service? _____ Location: _____ Date: _____	
5. Newsletter:	Did you Chapter publish a newsletter? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how often? _____. (Include a copy of front page of each issue)	
6. Local Participation:	Did your Chapter participate in fund raising extending Confederate Influence in a <input type="checkbox"/> Library <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery    Date _____ Beneficiary _____	
7. Speakers/Programs:	Did you Chapter provide programs to another chapter, camp or organization? (Points given for no more than 10 events) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
8. Visitation:	Did 3 or more of your chapter members visit another Chapter? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    Number of visits: _____	
9. Special Events:	Did your Chapter sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> Formal Diner <input type="checkbox"/> Ball <input type="checkbox"/> Other Date : _____ Location: _____	
10. Organization:	Does your Chapter: <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain accurate minutes of meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Have By-Laws	
Submitted this	_____ day of _____, 2____	
By	_____ Title _____	
		<b>Total Points</b> 0

J.E.B. Stuart and T.J. Fakes Website / Social Media Awards

WEBSITE / SOCIAL MEDIA GRADING CRITERIA

**NOTICE: ANY INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE/CONTENT WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION**

Color Combinations

- Pleasant to the Eye (Background and Objects don't clash or blend together) [5pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Some Colors May Clash or Blend Together (e.g. Red/Blue, Green/Yellow, Blue/Purple)[4pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Color Selection is Too Splashy or Gaudy (black, red, yellow, green) [3pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Colors Scheme Not Consistent from Page to Page [2pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Monochrome or No Color Scheme [1pt] \_\_\_\_\_

Textual Matter

- Good Choice of Text Combinations, Font Sizes and Color Scheme; Consistent Titling [5pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Good Choice of Text Font; Inconsistent Font Sizes/Colors or Titling Page to Page [4pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Good Choice of Text Font; Hard to Read due to Text Size or Color Scheme; Poor Titles [3pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Poor Choice of Text Font; inconsistent Front Sizes/Colors & Titles from Page to Page [2pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Poor Choice of Text Font, Size and Color and Titling; Difficult to Read [1pt] \_\_\_\_\_

Pictures

- Good Use of Pictures; Interesting, Pertinent to Content and Captioned [5pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Good Use of Pictures but Sometimes not Pertinent to Content or not Captioned [4pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Pictures sometime overlaps text, may be blurry or partially off screen [3pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Poor Quality Pictures Used; may/may not be Pertinent to Content and not Captioned [2pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Pictures Seldom Used; Blurry and Hard to Discern and/or never Captioned when used [1pt] \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Appearance

- Main Page Draws Attention to MOS&B & Unit; Links to other pages, etc; Easy to Read [5pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Main Page Has Good Info but may be too "flashy" or hard to navigate or read [4pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Secondary Pages' Scheme not consistent with Main Page [3pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Secondary Pages' Scheme inconsistent; hard to read; navigation to Main Pg difficult [2pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Any/All Pages have no way to navigate back to Main Page; Pop Up Ads; Poor Grammar [1pt] \_\_\_\_\_

Content

- Interesting, Easy to Read & Navigate; Up-to-Date; Links to other MOS&B-related sites [5pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Good General Info; Few Photos or Some Poor Grammar or Navigation Problem [4pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Fair General Info but Doesn't Hold Reader's Interest; Few Links; Difficult Navigation [3pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Fair General Info; Doesn't Hold Reader's Interest; Very Poor Grammar or Support Info [2pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Main Page does not catch reader's eye; poor grammar; no photos or interesting stories [1pt] \_\_\_\_\_

Members Only Access

- PII Protected via Individual USERID/Passwords [10pts] \_\_\_\_\_
  - This Area Maintains Similar Page Layouts and is Easy to Navigate Within [5 pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- (90 Maximum) TOTAL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTRA POINTS [2 Pts each] [Only to be considered for breaking ties]**

- Relatively Fast Loading [2pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Cumulative Visit Counter with Reset Capability [2pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Upcoming Events Readily Available for Visitors [2pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Embedded Music [must have mute option] [2pts] \_\_\_\_\_
- Videos [but not automatic launching] [2pts] \_\_\_\_\_

(100 Maximum) TOTAL POINTS [IF TIED] \_\_\_\_\_



**Colonel Walter Taylor and Captain John Morton Newsletter Awards**

Points are awarded based on:

Format.....	15
Society and National News.....	30
Historical Content.....	20
Regular Publication Schedule. ....	15
Overall Interest and Appeal.....	20
Total Possible Points.....	100

To be considered for the competition, one copy of the front page of each newsletter published must be submitted (as a PDF file) to the Awards General by April 1st. Also, submit a complete PDF copy of the one issue that you want to be judged. A group of at least three non-partisan professionals with extensive writing experience will judge the newsletter competition. Winners will be ranked according to composite scores of the three judges. The decision of the judges is final.

The publication schedule for competition purposes is from the month of the last National Convention to April 1st of the following year.

A good newsletter should be suitable for either current or prospective MOS&B members. Minimally, it should include a list of primary Chapter/Society officer contact information, the date/time/frequency and place of meetings, details of upcoming events, and summary of recent past events. Photos should be of good quality, reasonable size, and captioned to identify the event and (for small groups) the people shown. Chapter/Society officer editorials, significant Society & National news events, CSA-related history, book reviews, etc. are encouraged. However, it should be kept short enough to maintain reader interest and not a large “monthly magazine” [12-page maximum is suggested].

**APPENDIX D – PERTINENT CONTACT INFO**

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