

A Society of the Descendants of Confederate Officers & Elected Officials

Old Dominion Officer's Call

The Official Newsletter of the Virginia Society
Military Order of the Stars and Bars

February 2008



FROM THE COMMANDER



Compatriots,

The past two years you allowed me serve the Virginia Society have passed very quickly and, sadly for me, must end with our 2008 Convention. Together we have weathered a period of turmoil and restructuring. I sincerely hope the Virginia Society will continue to work diligently toward the growth of this Order at both the Virginia Society and the National level.

The **General Convention of the MOS&B** will be held in Springdale, Arkansas 15-17 May 2008. This is an election year and it is vital that all members attend and make their voices heard. For convention details go to the homepage www.mosbihq.org and click on the link **2008 MOSB NATIONAL REUNION**. The registration form is enclosed for your convenience.

The **Virginia Society Convention** will be held Saturday 26 April 2008 at the Fredericksburg Country Club in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Details and registration form are enclosed. This is an important election year so please turn out. Go to www.vamosb.org and click on the **2008 VIRGINIA CONVENTION** link for additional information.

A limited quantity of the 2007 National Convention medals and special edition, numbered, Commemorative medals are still available. All proceeds from the sale of these medals benefit the Virginia Society. Order details may be found in this issue.

The slate of announced candidates for Virginia Society office for the 2008-2010 term are:
For Commander William E. Barr – Cooper Chapter 105 – Alexandria, Virginia
For Lieutenant Commander Walter Allen Mock – Pickett Chapter 115 – Richmond, Virginia
For Adjutant: Robert E. Lee Scouten - Adjutant – Virginia Society – Charlottesville, Virginia
Nominations will also be entertained from the floor.

See you at the Conventions!

Deo Vindice,

Raymond Gill

Henry Knauf appointed 2nd Lt. Commander

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Henry Heyer Knauf as 2nd Lt. Commander of the Virginia Society to fill the unexpired term of our deceased compatriot and friend, Norris Edgerton. Compatriot Knauf is a member of the Major General John Bankhead Magruder Chapter 258 and serves as Chapter Adjutant. His officer ancestor is Captain James Ewell Bell of the 6th Virginia Infantry. Join me in welcoming Henry to his new office.

“JACKSON MEDAL”

Gain Recognition for Maintaining a Confederate Veteran's Gravesite

Adopt a Confederate officer's grave, commit to its care and you might wear the “Jackson Medal”.

Certificates and medals are awarded on a point basis. For application forms contact:

Joe B. Gay, III, Chairman
904 North High St
Franklin, VA 23851
757-562-6077

UPDATES TO THE 2008 MEMBER DIRECTORY

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Moore	Robert Henry George E. Pickett Chapter 115 13420 Elwell Ln Richmond VA 23233 Life Member 6151 (804) 716-2448
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COLLECTABLE MEDALS AVAILABLE

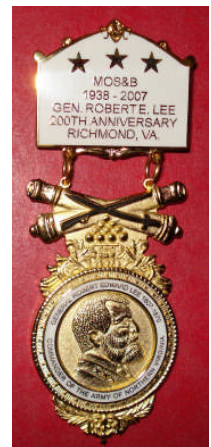


Limited Edition R. E. Lee 200th Anniversary Commemorative Medals

are available (left). You will not be disappointed with these high quality collector's items and their value will only increase with time. Each medal has a unique serial number and comes in its own presentation case. They are shipped insured to your door for \$110 each.

Make check or money order payable to:
Virginia Society MOS&B
10938 Tidewater Trail
Fredericksburg, VA 22408.

2007
70th General Convention
medal issued to all registrants (right) is still available. This fine medal is available for \$25 each postpaid. Send check or money order to the address indicated at left.



VIRGINIA SOCIETY CONVENTION

Saturday, 26 April 2008 – Fredericksburg Country Club

Fredericksburg, Virginia

Join us for the Annual Virginia Society Convention of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. Vote for the slate of officers for 2008-2010, enjoy good fellowship and tour one of the areas outstanding WBTS museums.

The White Oak Civil War Museum houses an extensive collection of Civil War artifacts, representing both Union and Confederate troops. Most items were discarded or lost by troops camping or fighting in the Stafford County and Fredericksburg areas. Displays will amaze the novice as well as the serious Civil War Buff - including replicas of soldier huts that were used as temporary housing during the winter months. Many Civil War soldiers died of wounds and disease. To give proper remembrance to these brave soldiers, White Oak Museum exhibits both military and personal items to honor the soldiers, from private to general, who suffered both in battle and behind the front lines.

Registration form included in
this newsletter.



Tour
White Oak Civil War Museum
985 White Oak Road
Falmouth, VA 22405
www.whiteoakmuseum.com

VIRGINIA'S OWN FAVORITE SON TO RUN!

The Hon. Richard Bender Abell has announced his intention to run for Lieutenant Commander General of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars. See Judge Abell's platform included in this issue.

The Hon. Richard Bender Abell has announced his candidacy to run for Lieutenant Commander General of the MOS&B in 2008. Judge Abell has served us as both Adjutant and Commander of the General Samuel Cooper Chapter in Alexandria, Virginia, for which he received the MOS&B Distinguished Commander Medal. He then served as both Adjutant and Commander of the Virginia Society followed by service as both Councilman and Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. Rick served five years on the MOS&B General Executive Council. He originated the MOS&B Henry Timrod Southern Culture Award. He was a recipient of the MOS&B Gold Star Medal besides multiple times the LT Charles W. Read Legion of Merit Medal and the COL John Pelham Distinguished Service Medal. He has written many articles and a book of one of this ancestor's letters and diary from the War Between the States. The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded him both their Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal and their Cross of Military Service. Rick is a decorated combat veteran who served in Viet-Nam and retired for wounds received in action. Judge Abell has been both a Deputy Sheriff and an Assistant District Attorney besides teaching law school. He also served in several Presidential appointments during all eight years of President Ronald Reagan's administration, culminating with his appointment as Assistant Attorney General in the United States Department of Justice. He is married and has three children. He is a practicing Christian.

Richard is also listed in BOTH WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA and WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN LAW.

PLEDGE OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS

"We the posterity of the Officer Corps and civil officials of the Confederacy do pledge ourselves to commemorate and honor the service of leadership these men rendered in the cause of the fundamental American principles of self-determination and states rights and to perpetuate the true history of their deeds for the edification of ourselves, our society, and for generations yet unborn."



**2008 VIRGINIA SOCIETY CONVENTION
MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS**

Hosted by

MGEN JOHN BANKHEAD MAGRUDER CHAPTER

Saturday, 26 April 2008

Fredericksburg, Virginia

Convention Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

*\$30 (registration, lunch and tour - per person) - \$35 at the door
Make Check or Money Order Payable to - Magruder Chapter-MOS&B
Send payment and form to: Magruder Chapter, 424 Smith St., Fredericksburg, VA 22405*

**Fredericksburg Country Club
11031 Tidewater Trail
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22408**

* 11:00 a.m. – Social with Cash Bar

* 11:45 – Lunch

* 12:15 p.m. – Business Meeting

* Tour of White Oak Civil War Museum immediately following the meeting.

*Please return this form by 11 April 2008.
Call 540-373-8846 if you need assistance.*

Number of people attending: _____ Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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**For those planning to stay in the area we recommend the following.
Please make your reservations directly.**

Hampton Inn & Suites Fredericksburg South, VA
4800 Market St, Fredericksburg, VA 22408
540-898-5000

Fairfield Inn by Marriott
10330 Spotsylvania Ave
Fredericksburg, VA 22408
540-891-9100

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Directions to Fredericksburg Country Club

From the North:

Take I-95 South to Exit 126-Massaponax. Turn left at traffic signal on US Rte. 1 North.
Turn right on Mine Rd just before McDonalds; turn left on Lansdowne Rd and continue to Tidewater Trail. Turn right on Tidewater Trail. Fredericksburg Country Club is just over one mile on the left.

From the South:

Take I-95 North to Exit 126-Fredericksburg and continue on US Rte. 1 North.
Turn right on Mine Rd just before McDonalds; turn left on Lansdowne Rd and continue to Tidewater Trail. Turn right on Tidewater Trail. Fredericksburg Country Club is just over one mile on the left.