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Meet Compatriot **Ronald David Kent, Jr.** who attended the Centennial Observance of the dedication of the Wirz Monument established by the Georgia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Ronald is a member of the General Josiah Gorgas Chapter #299 and joined the Order on September 10, 2008 at the age of 14. He is standing next to Colonel Heinrich L. Wirz who is the great, grand nephew of Captain Henry Wirz. Colonel Wirz lives in Zurich, Switzerland which is the birthplace of Captain Wirz. He is a loyal member of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars and made the trip in order to be one of the guest speakers. Peering over the shoulder of Colonel Wirz is Major William P. Freeman a descendant of Lemuel M. Park who served under Captain Wirz at the age of 16 and worked closely with the UDC as their Chairman of the Monument Advisory Board in erecting this monument. Picture submitted by Alline Kent.

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR*Spectemur agendo*

“Let us be judged by our actions.”

Compatriots –

On June 12-14, 2009, the 72nd Annual Convention was held in Columbia, SC. Several important concerns were addressed for the Order’s future. Please see the comments in both the Society Commander and the Lt Commander General messages.

On April 23-24, I visited with the Oklahoma Society at their monthly meeting in Oklahoma City. I also had the opportunity to visit the Confederate Room which is the official MOSB Archives location in the newly built Oklahoma History City. I have included a picture of this beautiful room.



On April 24-25, I attended the Texas Society Annual Meeting in Ft Worth, TX. This was a very well attended and organized meeting. We had the opportunity to visit the new Texas Confederate Museum. The new Commander of the Society is **Gary L. Loudermilk**.

On May 15-16, I had the distinct pleasure and honor to stay in the home of **James and Nancy Gaston** in Americus, GA. James is a long standing member of the Order and has organized for several decades the annual Memorial Service to **Captain Wirz**. The Gastons were hosts to **Col Heinrich Wirz**, great grand nephew of Capt Wirz, and his traveling secretary for over a week. On Friday night, we were joined by **Perrin and Robert Watkins** of Louisiana who are also great, great grandsons of Capt Henry Wirz. Additionally, **Leland M. Park and Major William P. Freeman** joined us for dinner. These two are also MOSB members and are related to **Lemuel M. Park** who assisted the UDC in sponsoring and placing the Wirz Monument in Andersonville, GA in 1908.

On June 2-5, I attended the Annual Conference of the Civil War Preservation Trust where we spent three rain-soaked days on the battlefield. My first tour was guided by **Kent Masterson Brown**, noted author and MOSB member out of Kentucky.

In this issue we are introduced to two new members of our Society, Compatriot **Ronald Kent, Jr.** and **LTC Dan Clark**. LTC Clark has just recently been reassigned to Ft. McClellan, GA after a distinguished tour with the University of Alabama as Professor of Military Science for the Army ROTC program. He has contributed an outstanding article on the ACC then and now. Our new Heroes Section includes the pilot of the Enola Gay and you should find the article to be an interesting one.

Deo Vindice

Max L. Waldrop, Jr.

1st Lt. Commander & Editor

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Alabama Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars
Fairhope, Alabama
July 3, 2009

Gentlemen of the Alabama Society:

During this time of year we are reminded of our independence as Americans and the history of our nation that has brought us to this point in time. My family landed in Charleston, SC in January, 1764 with a promised land grant in the South Carolina Colony. They supported General Francis Marion's Continental Army with military service and supplies in order to defeat the British and gain independence from a tyrannical government across the sea. They moved westward through Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and some were early settlers to California. They fought for the Confederate States of America with honor and sacrifice with their fellow Confederate soldiers for a just Cause. We were there in every conflict this great Country has fought and our ancestors left us with an honorable heritage that should always be close to our hearts and exemplified by the actions of our daily lives.

My grandfather served in the trenches of WWI and was wounded in the Argonne Forrest. When as a youngster I would ask him about the War, he would never talk about what happened on the European battlefields. I once asked if he went through the same things that the Confederate soldier faced and he stated, "The Confederate soldier has never had an equal. He was the bravest, toughest soldier that suffered greatly for what he believed in." The Confederate soldier believed in independence for his family, his community and his country.

Since our April 2009 Alabama Society Meeting in Tuscaloosa, it has been evident that the Alabama Society is growing and is interested in bringing qualified men into the association of membership within the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. Our membership believes in what the Alabama Society and more importantly what they as individual Chapters want to accomplish with increased membership and local projects and programs. It is a privilege and honor to be accepted into membership of the MOS&B. A vast majority of membership holds this belief as I hope we all do within the Alabama Society.

By now I am sure you have heard that the General Executive Council **voted at the Columbia, SC General Convention in June to close our IHQ in Daphne, Alabama.** You should also know that I strongly opposed this action along with PCIC **Perry Outlaw** and AOT Commander **Danleigh Corbett.** We had achieved our founding financial goals of lowering our costs of operations compared to those in Columbia, TN by some \$12,000 per year. Our costs at IHQ have sky rocketed in the last 12 months, yet IHQ operations remained lower than they had been since our start up in 2005 to present.

In an effort to lower our total costs, you will be interested to know that the Alabama men representing you voted to support Lieutenant Commander General **Max Waldrop** in his effort to move our IHQ temporarily to Tennessee. Max intends to run operations using "volunteers" that currently serve on the GEC and they will address all needs of our membership. This is a huge endeavor on Max's part and he will need our full support and efforts to honestly and faithfully serve the MOS&B.

Daphne IHQ is CLOSED effective immediately and you will be notified from National Leadership on how to contact our new IHQ volunteers. Our Daphne IHQ Office Manager **Brittney Reeves** was sad to learn of IHQ closing due to her dedication and effectiveness in managing our office. She also expressed her appreciation to the men of the Alabama Society and many across the South for their kindness toward

her during her employment. She has already found new employment, will graduate from the University of South Alabama next Spring and plans to attend Law School in the Fall of 2010. We all are appreciative to Brittney for her service to the MOS&B.

I contacted Alabama Society Adjutant **Cliff Crisler** several weeks ago and we discussed IHQ Daphne closing. Cliff was able to work with Brittney in order to complete some membership administration, membership changes and Chapter & Society updates. All administrative changes received prior to closing were complete as of **Thursday, July 2, 2009**.

While change is inevitable, it always brings opportunity and challenge. Let us seize the opportunities before us and face the challenges with success in mind!

Best regards,

Phil

Philip Law, PCG, DCS

Commander - Alabama Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars

The Order meets in Columbia, SC for its 72nd Annual Reunion!

An exceptional Convention was conducted by the hosting South Carolina Society in Columbia. The General Executive Council met on June 11 from 10 AM – 3 PM to conduct the business of the Order prior to the Convention. Major discussion items included our status on the appeal to the IRS for the penalties that were levied as a result of our late filing of Form 990 for the years 2003 – 2007; amendments to the By-laws; and the need for decentralization of our Headquarters operation in Daphne, Alabama.

We had productive Business Sessions on Friday and Saturday morning. Annual report presentations were made by the General Officers, General Staff, Department Commanders, and Society Commanders. By-law amendments were ratified by the Convention delegates. The 2012 Convention was announced by Chairman of the Time and Place Committee Troy Massey. The delegates approved the recommendation and this Convention will be held by the Texas Society in San Antonio. **Excellent news was received verbally by JAG Richard Knight from the IRS – financial penalties were fully rescinded.**

The General Executive Council met immediately after the Saturday morning business session and reviewed the three proposals for conducting Headquarter operations. The decision was made to implement the all volunteer staff to manage the daily affairs of the Order. Please see (below) Lt Commander General Waldrop's letter to the Order for further information. Our Daphne location will cease operations effective July 6, 2009.

At our Awards Luncheon the following Alabama Society members received national awards and recognition:

Meritorious Service Award

Bert Blackmon
Walter Dockery, DCS
Robert G. McLendon, DCS

Commander General's Award

Danleigh Corbett
Dr. John Fleming
Dr. Richard Rhone
Max L. Waldrop, Jr., DCS

Pelham Legion of Merit Award

Walter Blackman, Jr.
Dr. Richard Rhone

Read Meritorious Service Award

James Dunn
Dr. Samuel Gambrell, Jr.
Dr. Richard Rhone

Rebel Club

Walter Dockery, DCS

Varina Howell Davis Award

Virginia Anne Rhone
Winnie Davis Award
Gwendolyn Dockery

Judah P. Benjamin Merit Award

Deborah Hicks, Esq. – Eufaula, AL

Henry Timrod Southern Culture Award

Robert G. McLendon, DCS

Colonel Walter Hopkins Award (Distinguished Chapter)

General Josiah Gorgas Chapter #299
St. John Richardson Liddell Chapter #271

Buckner Chapter Membership Retention Award

Catesby ap. R. Jones Chapter #41
General Josiah Gorgas Chapter #299
Chaplain Stephen Pilley Chapter #302
Brig. Gen. E. Porter Alexander Chapter #78

COL Walter H. Taylor Award for Outstanding Society Newsletter

The Alabama Society Newsletter – *The Yellowhammer*

MOS&B Scholarship Award

David Perry – Vestiva Hills, AL – MOSB Member – University of AL

On Saturday night, the following awards were presented to members of the Alabama Society:

Gold Star Award - AOT

Dr. Richard Rhone

Robert E. Lee Chalice

Max Lee Waldrop, Jr., DCS

MILITARY ORDER of STARS & BARS



Colonel Walter Taylor

NEWSLETTER RECOGNITION AWARD

To all who shall see these presents, Greetings.
Know Ye that:

Major Graham Daves

SOCIETY
has been selected as recipient of
1st PLACE
for the year 2009 .



*In Testimony Whereof, this certificate
is given under my hand and Seal this
12th day of June, 2009.*

Philip H. Law
Commander-In-Chief

DATE: June 20, 2009

TO: Compatriots of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars

FROM: LT Commander General Max L. Waldrop, Jr.

SUBJECT: Decentralization of IHQ Operations Notification to the Membership

The General Executive Council met on June 11, 2009 to review matters of the Order prior to the commencement of the 2009 Annual Convention in Columbia, South Carolina.

A major topic that was discussed was the economic need to decentralize the operations of our International Headquarters. As stated in Commander General Hodge's Annual Report dated May 15, 2009 our Headquarters operations requires more money to function than we receive in revenues. The GEC met on December 04, 2008 and approved a \$49,700 CY 2009 budget. In order to balance this budget it was anticipated that a \$14,200 withdrawal from our investments would be necessary during the year. Of this \$49,700 overall budget, our Headquarters operation was reduced to a minimum level of \$28,550 which primarily consists of wages and salary, license fees, insurance, rent, and utilities.

Three proposals were brought to the GEC meeting on June 11, 2009. The first option was to keep Headquarters in Daphne as a **status quo operation**, the second option was for the **hiring of a paid Executive Director** operating out of his NC residence for an annual fee of \$18,000, and the third option was to use the General Staff as an **all volunteer operation** to manage our Headquarters operation and to meet the daily requirements of our membership.

The GEC voted on the third option. The planning and initial steps required to implement the GEC decision has been taken this past week. To contact Headquarters now and in the future, please use the following immediately:

1. Our US Postal Service address is: **MOSB IHQ**
P. O. Box 1700
White House, TN 37188-1700
2. Our toll free number is **877-790-6672**
3. Our email address is headquarters@mosbihq.org

It is anticipated that by adopting this decentralized model, we will save on an annual basis a minimum of \$28,000. This savings can be redirected to our investments, used for special projects that support our objectives, and ultimately used to fund a permanent headquarters as our membership expands.

Should you experience any problems or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Staff.

Max

Max L. Waldrop, Jr.
Lt Commander General / Chairman of the Headquarters Operations Committee

BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS

The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History located in Washington, D.C. has on display the flag that Francis Scott Key memorialized in song and verse – now known as our National Anthem. The Smithsonian has had conservators cleaning and stabilizing this original Star Spangled Banner since 1998. To discover more about our Flag visit the Smithsonian website at

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/starspangledbanner/>

One of the tricks of life is learning to balance Independence, Interdependence, and Dependence.

Happy July 4, 2009

Have we become complacent regarding our future as compared to those who took up arms 233 years ago?

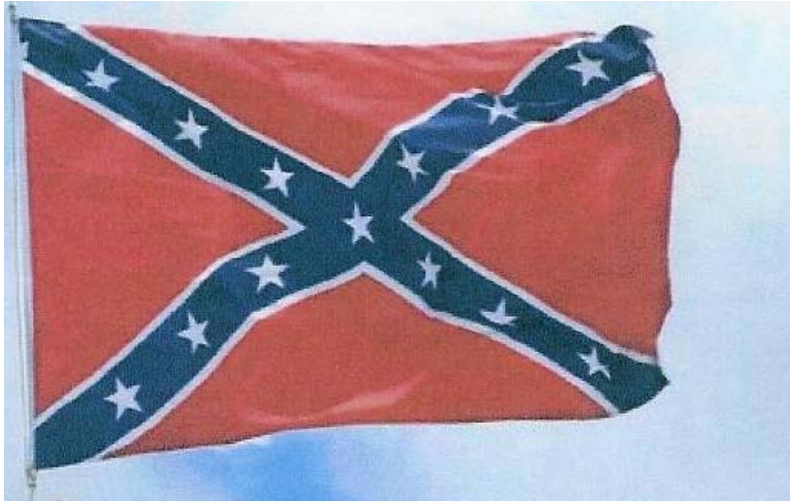
Chaplain's Message

July 4th is the date that we celebrate our independence from British rule. The desire for freedom is planted deep within the human heart; to wit: Scotland vs. England, Lithuania vs. the USSR, and The Confederate States vs. The United States. Thank God that He has given us the desire to be out from under the bondage of those who would oppress us.

In the eighth chapter of his gospel, John records a dialog between Jesus and some who followed Him. He stated that to live according to His word would bring an understanding of the truth, and make them free. This statement ruffled their feathers; you can almost hear the indignation in their voices as they replied that they were children of Abraham and had never been in bondage to anyone. Jesus makes it clear that He is not talking about physical bondage to a person or institution, but rather spiritual bondage to sin. This point is re-iterated by Paul in the sixth chapter of his letter to the Romans, "Know ye not that to whom you yield yourselves as servants, his servant you are, whether of sin unto death, or obedience (to God) unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16 KJV paraphrased).

We long to be free from oppression from those who would usurp power over us. But Jesus tells us that true freedom comes from forgiveness of sin and following Him. The servant who has cried out to God to forgive his sin and is trusting Him alone for salvation has freedom from sin and peace that is beyond comprehension. Contrast that with the free man who is burdened down by the weight of his sin and is constantly seeking satisfaction in his life. Jesus died on the cross to take away our sin and offers us eternal life through His death, burial, and resurrection. Will you accept His offer of freedom?

Society Chaplain Jim Darden

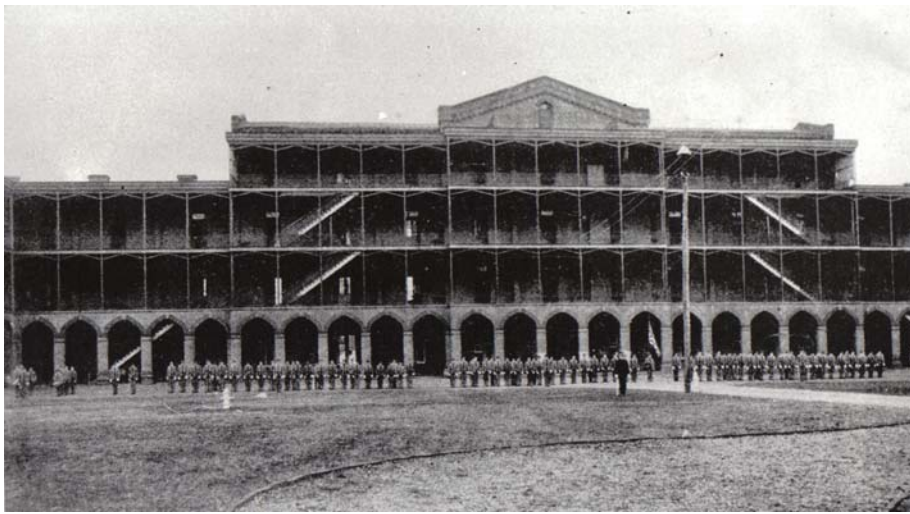


“The highest courage is to dare to be yourself in the face of adversity. Choosing right over wrong, ethics over convenience, and truth over popularity ... these are the choices that measure your life. Travel the path of integrity without looking back for there is never a wrong time to do the right thing.”

ALABAMA CADETS, 1899 – 2009 COMPARISON

By LTC Dan Clark, former Professor of Military Science – University of Alabama

Established in 1860, the Alabama Corps of Cadets (ACC) and its successor Reserve Officer Training Corps programs have commissioned over 7,000 officers at The University of Alabama. At least 875 alumni and students served the Confederacy, with nearly 500 serving as officers. This excludes the 300 ACC Cadets who defended the UA campus before its burning by Union cavalry on April 4, 1865. Almost 20% of those serving the Confederacy died during the war. Interestingly, most of the CS officers served first in the US Army before accepting CS commissions; many again served as US or State Troops officers following the war. The last CS veteran to graduate from UA received a law degree in 1890. The photos below show the ACC in front of Woods Hall in 1899 and today’s Army ROTC cadets in front of Bryant-Denny Stadium today. **The spirit of the ACC lives on through these young patriots who will soon take their place as guardians of America’s freedom.**





From “Memorial Record of Alabama” published in 1893, Chapter III

By Willis G. Clark, Mobile, Alabama

University of Alabama

The scholastic year 1864-5 opened with 300 students and work proceeded as usual until the Spring of 1865. Rumors of an attack upon Tuscaloosa by Federal Cavalry were rife, but not sufficiently heeded, for on the night of April 3, the town was surprised and captured. The Corps of Cadets, under President Garland and Commandant Murfee, marched into town on the first signal of danger, and on arriving near the bridge spanning the Warrior River, had a brief encounter with the cavalry. The Cadets stood their ground bravely until finding that the invading force was too large and well supplied to be successfully resisted, a retreat was ordered, when they retired in good order to the University Barracks. After destroying a quantity of ammunition and other stores, they reluctantly took up the line of march to Marion, where they were formally disbanded. The next day, April 4th, the torch was applied to all the public buildings of the University, which before mid-morning were left smoldering heaps of ashes. Not even the library, with its priceless treasures of rare and costly books, were spared, although the Librarian, Prof. Doloffre, showed the commanding officer through the rooms and pleaded earnestly that these, at least, be spared. The value of the University, thus ruthlessly destroyed, was not less than \$300,000”.



143rd Anniversary of the burning of the University of Alabama – April 4, 2008

Photo provided by LTC Dan Clark

Schedule of Events

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| 1. August 1-2 | 145 th Anniversary of the Siege of Fort Morgan and the Battle of Mobile Bay, Alabama | fortmorgan@century.net |
| 2. September 5-6 | Battle of Decatur, Al | www.decaturnvb.org |
| 3. September 5-6 | 145 th Anniversary Battle of Atlanta, GA | www.atlantacampaign.com |

Please provide the Editor with any other significant events that you wish to share with our members.

HERO'S CORNER

The following article appeared on EarthLink [November 1, 2007](#)

Pilot of Plane That Dropped A-Bomb Dies

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Paul Tibbets, who piloted the B-29 bomber Enola Gay that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, died Thursday. He was 92 and insisted for six decades after the war that he had no regrets about the mission and slept just fine at night.

Tibbets died at his Columbus home, said Gerry Newhouse, a longtime friend. He suffered from a variety of health problems and had been in decline for two months.

Tibbets had requested no funeral and no headstone, fearing it would provide his detractors with a place to protest, Newhouse said.

Tibbet's historic mission in the plane named for his mother marked the beginning of the end of World War II and eliminated the need for what military planners feared would have been an extraordinary bloody invasion of Japan. It was the first use of a nuclear weapon in wartime.

The plane and its crew of 14 dropped the five-ton "Little Boy" bomb on the morning of August 6, 1945. The blast killed 70,000 to 100,000 people and injured countless others.

Three days later, the United States dropped a second nuclear bomb on Nagasaki, Japan killing an estimated 40,000 people. Tibbets did not fly in that mission. The Japanese surrendered a few days later, ending the war.

"I knew when I got the assignment it was going to be an emotional thing," Tibbets told the Columbus Dispatch for a story published on the 60th anniversary of the bombing. "We had feelings, but we had to put them in the background. We knew it was going to kill people right and left. But my one driving interest was to do the best job I could so that we could end the killing as quickly as possible."

Tibbets, then a 30-year-old colonel, never expressed regret over his role. He said it was his patriotic duty and the right thing to do.

"I'm not proud that I killed 80,000 people, but I'm proud that I was able to start with nothing, plan it and have it work as perfectly as it did," he said in a 1975 interview.

"You've got to take stock and assess the situation at that time. We were at war. ... You use anything at your disposal."

He added: "I sleep clearly every night."

Paul Warfield Tibbets, Jr. was born Feb. 23, 1915, in Quincy, Ill., and spent most of his boyhood in Miami.

He was a student at the University of Cincinnati's medical school when he decided to withdraw in 1937 to enlist in the Army Air Corps.

After the war, Tibbets said in 2005, he was dogged by rumors claiming he was in prison or had committed suicide.

“They said I was crazy, said I was a drunkard, in and out of institutions,” he said. “At the time, I was running the National Crisis Center at the Pentagon.”

Tibbets retired from the Air Force as a brigadier general in 1966. He later moved to Columbus, where he ran an air taxi service until he retired in 1985.

But his role in the bombing brought him fame – and infamy – throughout his life.

In 1976, he was criticized for re-enacting the bombing during an appearance at a Harlingen, Texas, air show. As he flew a B-29 Superfortress over the show, a bomb set off on the runway below created a mushroom cloud.

He said the display “was not intended to insult anybody,” but the Japanese were outraged. The U.S. government later issued a formal apology.

Tibbets again defended the bombing in 1995, when an outcry erupted over a planned 50th anniversary exhibit of the Enola Gay at the Smithsonian Institution.

The museum had planned to mount an exhibit that would have examined the context of the bombing, including the discussion within the Truman administration of whether to use the bomb, the rejection of a demonstration bombing and the selection of the target.

Veterans groups objected, saying the proposed display paid too much attention to Japan’s suffering and too little to Japan’s brutality during and before World War II, and that it underestimated the number of Americans who would have perished in an invasion.

They said the bombing of Japan was an unmitigated blessing for the United States and the exhibit should say so.

Tibbets denounced it as “a damn big insult.”

The museum changed its plan and agreed to display the fuselage of the Enola Gay without commentary, context, or analysis.

He told the Dispatch in 2005 that he wanted his ashes scattered over the English Channel, where he loved to fly during the war.

Newhouse, Tibbets’ long friend, confirmed that Tibbets wanted to be cremated, but he said relatives had not yet determined how he would be laid to rest.

Tibbets is survived by his wife, Andrea, and two sons, Paul and Gene, as well as a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A grandson named after Tibbets followed his grandfather into the military as a B-52 bomber pilot stationed in Belgium.

Please note that this issue of *The Yellowhammer* will only be sent to the membership in electronic format. This will enable the issues to have more content diversity and be able to provide more current news than has been permissible with a seasonal production combined with US Postal Service mailing. Please let the Editor know your email address, as well as the email addresses of your Chapter members.

CHAPTER REPORTS

The General Josiah Gorgas Chapter # 299 By Adjutant Dr. Samuel C. Gambrell, Jr.

Since publication of the spring 2009 **YELLOWHAMMER**, activities in the Gorgas Chapter include:

Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony

On April 26, 2009 members of the General Josiah Gorgas Chapter #299, MOS&B and the General Robert E. Rodes Camp #292, SCV jointly conducted a ceremony to honor the numerous Confederate soldiers buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Tuscaloosa, AL and to honor Sallie Ann Swoope, a nurse for the 11th Alabama, also buried in the cemetery. The ceremony was held at the recently restored grave site of Captain Benjamin F. Eddins, the only Confederate killed in the Battle for Tuscaloosa in April 1865. Approximately forty people attended the ceremony. Linda Graham, representing the UDC, placed a beautiful flower arrangement at Captain Eddins' grave. Members of the SCV served as a Color Guard, presented the Colors, and fired a salute with their rifles. MOS&B member James Dunn gave the invocation. David Allen, past SCV Alabama Division Commander and past Rodes Camp Commander, spoke on the War Between the States. Past Gorgas Chapter Commander and past Rodes Camp Commander Walter Dockery spoke on the life and contributions of Sallie Ann Swoope. Past Rodes Camp Commander James Dunn spoke on the life and contributions of Captain Eddins. Ladies in period costume participated in the ceremony and sang a special arrangement of Amazing Grace. Past Rodes Camp Commander Jerry Johnson gave the benediction which concluded the ceremony. MOS&B members, Walter Dockery, Sam Gambrell, James Dunn, Frank Delbridge, and Daryl Patterson attended the ceremony and are seen in the photo below.



Confederate Memorial Day - Greenwood Cemetery (L-R) Walter Dockery, Sam Gambrell, James Dunn, and Daryl Patterson



Confederate Memorial Day – Greenwood Cemetery – Salute by the SCV Color Guard

May 19—Past commander Walter Dockery gave a program entitled “Civil War Trivia” during which he discussed many facts and figures about the Civil War. The program was based on a book of the same title by Webb Garrison. Walter conducted the program in the question and answer format in which members were asked if they knew a certain fact (or figure), and if known by any member, they were asked to respond. The program greatly enlightened all members on many things that they did not previously know.

Grave Marker Project

As mentioned in the Spring 2009 **YELLOWHAMMER**, a project was completed on June 20, 2009 by MOS&B and SCV members during which thirty-four grave markers were straightened in two plots of unknown Confederate soldiers buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Tuscaloosa, AL. The markers had been leaning for a long, long time. Gorgas Chapter MOS&B members Walter Dockery and Frank Delbridge (Frank is also an SCV member and Camp Adjutant) and Rodes Camp SCV members David Allen, John Harris, and Jess Ellard participated in the project. It is believed that some of the soldiers buried there were killed, or wounded and later died, in the Battle of Shiloh. A photo below of the workers in the cemetery is seen below.



Confederate Marker Restoration – Greenwood Cemetery (L-R) Frank Delbridge, David Allen, Walter Dockery

President Jefferson Davis Banquet

On June 23rd, the Gorgas Chapter held its first President Jefferson Davis banquet at the First Christian Church in Tuscaloosa. Compatriot Wiley Hales, a member of this church, made the arrangements for the banquet to be held there. Thirty members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal and heard Mr. Steve Davis, Historian at Bryce Hospital, speak about the role of the hospital in the War Between the States and the relationship between General Gorgas and Peter Bryce, Director of the hospital. Lt. Commander Richard Rhone presided at the banquet and made the following presentation/recognition of awards: Steve Davis received the Gorgas Chapter Certificate of Appreciation for his preservation effort at Bryce Hospital; Michael Palmer, a non-member, received the Judah P. Benjamin Merit Award in recognition of his excellence in journalism and writing of historical articles; Gwen Dockery received the Winnie Davis Award for her support of the purpose and goals of the MOS&B; Anne Rhone received the Varina Howell Davis Award for her support of the MOS&B; James Dunn and Sam Gambrell received the Lt. Charles W. Read Award for service and promotion of the MOS&B at the chapter level; Walter Dockery received the Meritorious Service Award and a Certificate of Recognition for recruitment of new members and was recognized for all his work for and dedication to the MOS&B with the presentation of the Distinguished Commander Medal. The Gorgas Chapter received two awards; the Lt. Gen Simon B. Buckner Award for 100% retention of members during the year and the Col Walter Hopkins Award for being one of only four Distinguished Chapters in the MOS&B. A photo taken at the banquet is seen below.



President Davis Banquet – LT Commander Rhone (L) presenting award to speaker Steve Davis

**Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan Chapter #17
by Chaplain General and Chapter Adjutant Walter Blackman**

New member Caleb Tinsley Blackman has joined the Chapter under his ancestor Captain Daniel Absalom Josiah Sessions of the 51st Georgia Infantry. He is the son of Chaplain General Walter Blackman. The next meeting of the Chapter will be the first Saturday in August at the Elk Lodge in Huntsville.

**Chaplain Stephen A. Pilley Chapter #302
by Adjutant Robert G. McLendon, Jr., DCS**

Bob McLendon is shown on left with Dr. John W. Brinsfield, Jr. at the Prayer Breakfast in Columbia, SC. Dr. Brinsfield is a retired US Army Chaplain and Director of the US Army Chaplain's Museum at Fort Jackson, SC. He is a great nephew of Chaplain Stephen A. Pilley, namesake of the Troy Chapter. Dr. Brinsfield also serves as the Chaplain of the SC Society and gave the program for the Prayer Breakfast. Dr. Brinsfield in the photo is holding a picture of Stephen Pilley, and Bob McLendon is holding a Bible concordance used by Pilley while serving as Chaplain of the 53rd Alabama Cavalry.



First Call

<u>Chapter #</u>	<u>Member #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>
302	7964	Joe E. Clark, Jr.	1/13/2009
299	7966	Danny N. Clark	2/17/2009
78	8000	Stephen T. Latham	6/23/2009

Congratulations to all three Compatriots and especially Stephen Latham for being the Military Order of the Stars and Bars 8,000 member!

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