



Military Order of the Stars and Bars

Awards Booklet

***A guide to National Awards offered by the
Military Order of the Stars and Bars***

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Robert E. Lee Chalice

The highest award presented by the GEC, the Lee Chalice is an engraved silver chalice which is presented annually to a member who has served the Military Order of the Stars & Bars with long and distinguished service. It is an Annual National award. All recipients must be past recipients of The Gold Star. It may be awarded only once to a member. The Chalice is accompanied by a gold medal suspended from a gold ribbon and a miniature.

Nominations for the Robert E. Lee Chalice are solicited from voting members of the General Executive Council. Nominations must be accompanied with a written narrative on the nominee. The narrative should be at least fifty (50) words and not more than one hundred fifty (150) words.

The list of nominees, with accompanying narratives, are 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 recipient. The recipient is named at the annual National Convention by the Commander General.

Gold Star

This Annual National award is presented by voting members of the GEC to an outstanding member from each of the following departments: Army of Northern Virginia, Army of Tennessee, and Army of Trans-Mississippi. It is the Order's second highest award. Each recipient receives a gold medal as well as an appropriate certificate reflecting the Confederate hero for which it is named. The awards are presented at the National Convention.

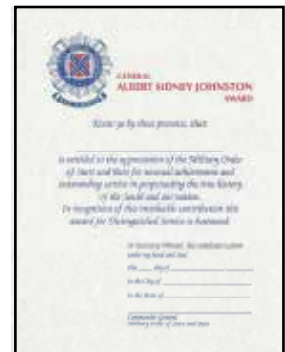
Army of Northern Virginia - General Samuel Cooper Award **Army of Tennessee General - Joseph E. Johnston Award** **Army of Trans-Mississippi - General Albert Sidney Johnston Award**



General Samuel Cooper Award
Army of Northern Virginia Department



General Joseph E. Johnston Award
Army of Tennessee Department



General Albert Sidney Johnston Award
Army of Trans-Mississippi Department

Distinguished Commander Medal

This Annual National award is presented by the Commander General to senior members who have demonstrated long, dedicated service to the Military Order of the Stars & Bars. The Award is a gold medal inlaid with red enamel and suspended from a yellow gold ribbon. A certificate signed by the Commander General and a miniature medal is also given.

Recipients are also authorized to indicate this distinguished status by using the letters “DCS” (Distinguished Commander Status) after their names on all official correspondence and records. It is generally presented by the Commander General at the National Convention.



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.

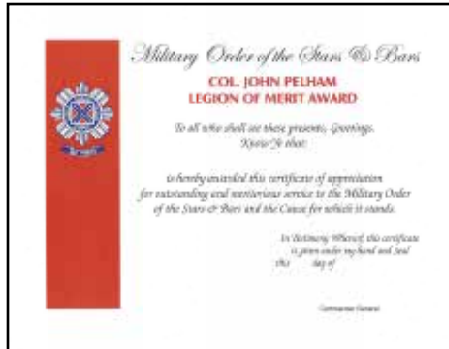
Confederate Legacy Citation of Honor

The Confederate Legacy Endowment is presented to MOS&B members who by their Sacrificial Giving have denoted their Special Confidence and Esteem in the Order. Recipients receive a certificate signed by the Commander General and Adjutant General and are entitled to wear the Confederate Legacy Drop. Complete details regarding membership are on the National web site.



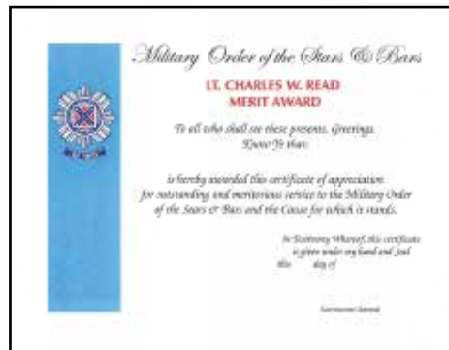
Col. John Pelham Legion of Merit Award

This is an Annual National award presented by the Commander General for exceptional work by an individual member on behalf of the General Society. Candidates must have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and personify the leadership of the Confederate Officers Corp. The award is both a miniature gold medal suspended from a red ribbon for first time recipients and a certificate. Recommendations for this award should be made in writing to the Commander General.



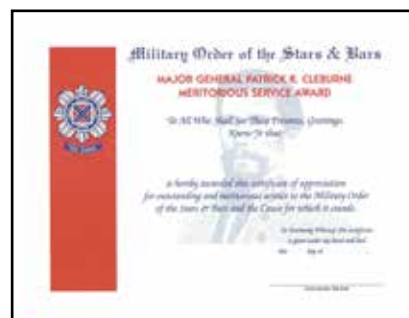
Lt. Charles Read Meritorious Service Award

Presented and approved by the Commander General, this Annual National award is given in recognition to an individual member for work promoting the General Society at the Chapter level. Nominated members should have demonstrated the highest work ethic and proven themselves in promoting the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. First time recipients receive a miniature medal suspended from a light blue ribbon along with a certificate. Recommendations for this award should be made in writing to the Commander General.



Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne Meritorious Service Award

The Commander General presents this Annual National certificate to members who have performed meritorious acts for furtherance of the National Military Order of the Stars and Bars.



Commander General's Award

The Commander General awards this Annual National certificate to individuals who have rendered outstanding personal service to the Commander General in the performance of his duties.



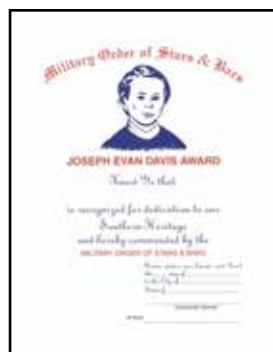
Varina Howell Davis Award

A gold miniature medal with the likeness of the First Lady of the Confederacy, this one time National award is presented by the Commander General to ladies who have demonstrated unusual support for the Military Order of the Stars & Bars and its goals. A certificate comes with the medal. Medals are numbered and General Headquarters must be advised of the recipient, date of presentation and the medal number. This information is maintained in a log at IHQ. This is the highest award the MOS&B gives to a lady for continued unusual support of the Order. Recommendations for this Award should be made in writing to the Commander General. Nominations should include a narrative of not less than fifty (50) and not more than two hundred fifty (250) words.



Joseph Evan Davis Award

This Annual National award is a gold medal with the likeness of Joseph Evan Davis, son of President and Mrs. Jefferson Davis. It comes with a certificate. 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. Presented and approved by the Commander General upon recommendation to him by a Military Order of the Stars & Bars member, this award requires a narrative of not less than fifty (50) and not more than two hundred fifty (250) words.

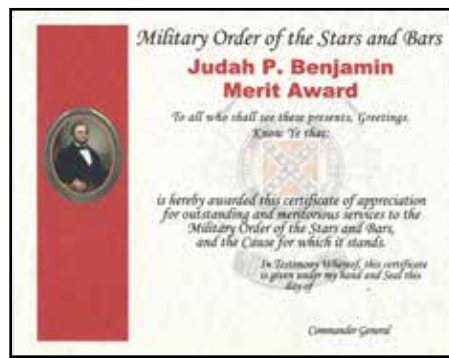


Winnie Davis Award

This Annual National award is a beautiful certificate bearing the portrait of “The Daughter of the Confederacy” and is presented to ladies who have demonstrably supported the purpose and goals of the MOS&B. This award requires recommendations to be made in writing.

Judah P. Benjamin Award

A multicolored certificate signed by the Commander General, this award is presented in behalf of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars, to a non-member, either male or female, in the promotion and preservation of Southern Heritage and History. This is the highest award presented to a non-member.



Rebel Club

Because recruiting of new members is vital to the Military Order of the Stars & Bars, the Rebel Club was created to recognize individual members who excel in the recruitment of new members. 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.



Gold Medal



Silver Medal



Bronze Medal

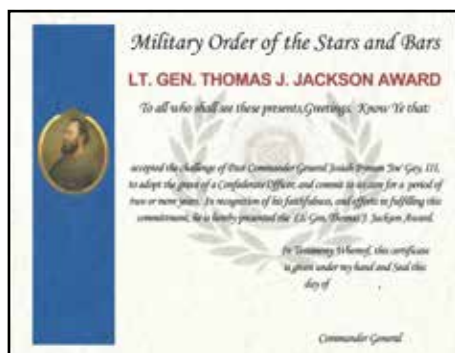
Law and Order Medal

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



General Thomas Jackson Medal

The Stonewall Jackson Medal is an Annual National Award created by PCG Josiah Gay, III (1921-2012). Awards are presented to MOS&B members who have maintained a Confederate Officer's grave for a minimum of two years, placed a bronze marker and a Confederate Cross of Honor. All information is provided on the National web site. The approval of this award is under the jurisdiction of the Jackson Award Committee.



Honorary Membership

The certificate bears the signature of the Commander General and 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 do not have a vote. 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.

Henry Timrod Southern Culture Award

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. In addition, one non-member per year may be honored with this award. 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. Nominations should be made in writing to the Awards Chairman by April 1 of each year.

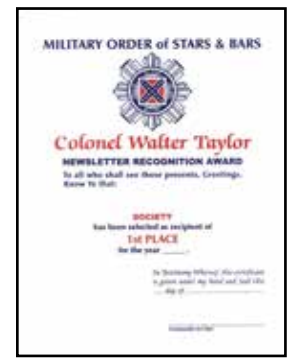


Colonel Walter H. Taylor Award

This Annual National award is presented to the Military Order of the Stars & Bars State Society that regularly publishes a newsletter judged to be the most outstanding in the Order. 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>		
Total	100		

To be considered for competition, copies of each newsletter published must be submitted together electronically to the Awards Chairman by April 1st of each year. Decisions of the judging are final. The publication schedule for competition purposes is National Convention- April 1 of the following year. Winners receive a certificate noting their achievement.

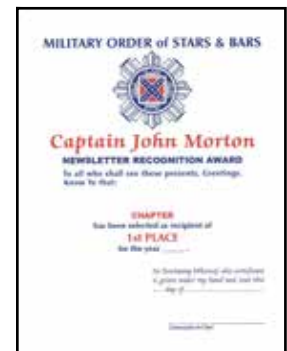


Captain John Morton Award

This Annual National award is presented to the Chapter publishing the newsletter selected as the outstanding Chapter publication in the Military Order of the Stars & Bars. To be considered for competition, three copies of each newsletter published must be submitted together to the Awards Chairman by April 1st of each year. Decision of the judging are final. 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>		
Total	100		

The publication schedule for competition purposes is National Convention to April 1 of the following year. Winners receive a certificate noting their achievement.



J.E.B. Stuart Award

This Annual National award is presented to the Society whose scrapbook has been judged best in the Order. It should document the activities of the Society in the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the Order. Scrapbooks are judged on attractiveness and uniqueness of appearance, documentation of current activities and meetings of the past year, theme and overall interest. Societies who wish to enter scrapbooks in the competition must send the scrapbook to the Awards Chairman no later than April 1st of each year. It is suggested that submissions be insured for shipping. Submitted scrapbooks will be available to be picked up after the competition at the National Convention and will not be mailed back if not picked up. Winners receive a certificate noting their achievement.

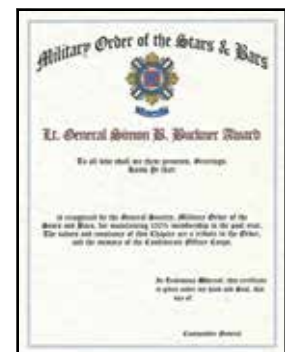
T. J. Fakes Award

This Annual National award is presented to the Chapter whose scrapbook has been judged best in the Order. The award is presented at the National Convention. It should document the activities of the Chapter in the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the Order. Scrapbooks are judged on attractiveness and uniqueness of appearance, documentation of current activities and meetings of the past year, theme and overall interest. Chapters who wish to enter scrapbooks in the competition must send the scrapbook to the Awards Chairman no later than April 1st of each year. It is suggested they be insured for shipping. Submitted scrapbooks will be available to be picked up after the competition at the National Convention and will not be mailed back if not picked up. Winners receive a certificate noting their achievement.



Col. Walter Hopkins Distinguished Chapter Award

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. The completed Chapter Annual Report must be submitted with the nomination along with any other documentation.



Lt. Gen. Simon Buckner Award

This certificate is presented as an Annual National award to those Chapters that can document the retention of the same number of paid members from the preceding calendar year or an increase in the number of paid members from the preceding calendar year. This is determined and submitted by State Society Commanders and/or Adjutants no later than April 1st prior to the National Convention. All information submitted must be approved by MOS&B IHQ.



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.

