



Guide to the Records of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars and Descendants
of the Confederate States of America Collection

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Location: **A1D3**

Title: Military Order of the Stars and Bars and Descendants of the Confederate States of America Collection

Dates: **2003-2006**

Quantity: 1/3 cubic ft.

Identification:

Abstract: In this collection, information of both the Military Order of the Stars and Bars and Descendants of the Confederate States of America is collective.

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Preferred Citation

Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOSB)

Acquisition Information

All assets of this collection were obtained at various regular monthly meetings of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

Processing Information

The items of this collection were filed in archival folders and stored in a 1/3 cubic ft. archival box.

Index Terms

Researchers seeking materials on related subjects, people, and issues should search the catalog by using these terms.

Confederate

Descendants

Military

South

Adm. Franklin Buchanan

Biography (Agency History)

Military Order of the Stars and Bars

On June 10, 1889, at New Orleans, Louisiana, the surviving soldiers of the Confederate States of America organized an association called the **United Confederate Veterans** to protect and defend the honor and dignity of the memory of the Confederate soldier. On July 1, 1896, at Richmond, Virginia, this duty was extended to the male offspring of these brave soldiers with the formation of the **Sons of Confederate Veterans**.

As the ranks of the aged veterans began to thin, a group of the surviving Confederate officers met in Columbia, South Carolina, concerned that the unique contributions made by the Confederate leadership were not properly chronicled in our nation's history books. On August 30, 1938, the first meeting of the "**Order of the Stars & Bars**" was convened with seventeen former Confederate officers and forty-seven male descendants of Confederate officers in attendance. It was unique in that the organization was made up of veterans and their descendants with the understanding that as the original Confederate officers died their offspring would continue to carry on the purposes of the Order. The first Commander-in-Chief was **Captain Homer Atkinson**, of Petersburg, Virginia, who served his country as the commanding officer of Company B of the 39th Mississippi Battalion. In addition to leading the Order, Compatriot Atkinson served two terms as Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate

Veterans. In later years, eligibility qualifications were broadened to allow collateral male descendants of Confederate commissioned officers and of any elected or appointed member of the Executive Branch of the Confederate Government. The name of the Order was changed to "**The Military Order of the Stars & Bars**" at the general convention held at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1976, and the "**Stars and Bars**", the first National Flag of the **Confederate States of America** was accepted as the symbol of the Order.

Today the **Military Order of the Stars & Bars** continues its dedication to the preservation of Southern history. A wide range of programs has been added to recognize outstanding literary contributions in the fields of history and journalism. Scholarships and monetary awards are offered to emphasize the need for truth in Confederate history. The Order also emphasizes family and tradition and encourages our membership to preserve their family's Confederate history for posterity. Each MOS&B membership application becomes a permanent historical record and is kept on file at national headquarters so that our descendants can continue our pride in our Confederate heritage. (This biography is from the MOS&B website www.mosbihq.com)

Descendants of the Confederate States of America

The Descendants of the Confederate States of America (DCSA) is an organization of men with ancestors in the military service or civilian government of the Confederate States of America. Headquarters Company No. 1 was founded September 22, 2005, to allow individual membership in the DCSA until a Company is formed within the individuals' area. Headquarters Company will be commanded by the Vice President of Membership, a member of the Board of Directors. It is recommended that individuals form a Company. Only five (5) members are required to form a Company.

The primary purposes of the DCSA is the impartial education of the general public about Southern history with an emphasis on the period of the Confederate States of America (1860 to 1865) and the period of Reconstruction (1865 to 1877) and to honor our Confederate ancestors by supporting and perpetuating the cause of constitutional government and their moral values of honor, duty, valor, and chivalry. (This information is from www.thedcsa.com)

Scope and Contents

This collection contains information about the Descendants of the Confederate States of America, programs from MOS&B Convention 2006, 2003 Alabama Reunion

Commemorative Program, Two SCV -MOS&B Lapel pins, Confederate States of America meeting procedures guide, and a portrait of Adm. Franklin Buchanan.

Arrangement

Documents in this collection are arranged in one 1/3 ft. box.

Box #1: Contains four folders and two lapel pins

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

There are no restrictions on access to these papers.

Restrictions on Use

Researchers are responsible for addressing copyright issues on materials not in the public domain.

Inventory

Military Order of the Stars and Bars and Descendants of the Confederate States of America Collection

Accession Number: CR-18-0027-9

Inventory Listing:

Box #1:

1 Provisional Constitution of the Descendants of the Confederate States of America, Inc.

Application for Membership

The Sentinel, the first DCSA Newsletter, September 2005 Vol.1- Issue 1
Descendants of the CSA Meeting Procedures, includes Pledge to the United States Flag, Salute to the Alabama State Flag, Salute to the Confederate Flag, Dixie, and the DCSA Closing.

2 2003 Alabama Reunion Commemorative Program

3 MOS&B Convention 2006

4 Portrait of Adm. Franklin Buchanan

Two lapel pins are also included in this box