

INITIATION CEREMONY FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Chapter Commander, or his designate, shall ask all new members admitted to the MOS&B since our last meeting to come before the rostrum, raise their right hand, place their left hand on the Chapter's Holy Bible, or the shoulder of the person in front of them, and repeat with the Commander:

"I (full name of the new member), pledge allegiance to the United States of America. Also, to the best of my ability, to live up to and support the Constitution, Bylaws and principles of this organization, the Military Order of the Stars and Bars."

"I salute the Confederate flag with affection, reverence, and undying devotion to the cause for which it stands."

or, in lieu of the last paragraph substitute:

"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 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."

Commander: By the powers vested in me as Commander, I declare you (each of you) a member of the _____ Chapter. We welcome you within the ranks of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

The Commander shall lead the applause welcoming the new member(s).



The water battery on the Cumberland River at Fort Donelson.