



**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY**  
**For**  
**AOT EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR**

**Gentlemen of the Order:**

**I wish to stand for election in Oklahoma City in 2010 as an Executive Councilor in the Army of Tennessee.**

**I am not a Counselor, or Counselor-At-Law. During my professional career, however, I served as a councilor for consultation, deliberation, and discussion. In my 38 years in the pulp and paper industry, I became known as a “Councilor of Record”. My advice was sought on major business matters. My council was called upon in all areas, including technical operation, divestitures and acquisitions, expansions, re-design of corporate structure, implementation of business plans, and capital portfolio management.**

**In concert with corporate counselors, I developed standard forms of contracts for equipment procurement, engineering, and construction. I developed methods for contract negotiations and disputes. I developed and conducted training programs for project management.**

**On the management side, I had full responsibility for the site selection, permitting, engineering, construction, and start-up of several major projects. The largest one was \$ 500,000,000 in Canada.**

**I led the effort to develop a new subsidiary company in Brazil. One million, two hundred thousand (1,200,000) acres were acquired; a port facility and railway system were acquired; and a wood processing plant and port facility were acquired. This new company developed a forest of hybrid trees and began supplying the world market with wood chip fiber. It created thousands of jobs for the local population.**

**On some assignments, I had no “reports”; on other assignments, I had several thousand people under my command.**

**I was a senior member of the Technical Association of Pulp & Paper (TAPPI), and served on a number of committees. I am a Life Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), where I served on many committees and was the Annual Convention Chairman in 1973.**

**Prior to the paper industry, I worked as a design engineer in developing the electronic guidance control systems for missiles. I developed many of the military’s standard acceptance procedures for these devices in this period of infancy for the military missile armament program.**

**I am a U.S. citizen, born in Haralson County, Georgia in 1933, the son of a sharecropper.**

**I attended high school in Anniston, Alabama.**

**I served in the United State Navy and was involved in Korea in 1953-1954 during the Korean War, was involved in the evacuation of the French in 1954 at Diet Bien Phu in North Vietnam, and was involved in the U.S. Marines beach landing at Beirut, Lebanon in 1958 to halt the Muslim rebellion against the Christian government.**

**I am a graduate (BSEE) of the University of Alabama (1962) with post-graduate work in mathematics, physics, and business management; the Alexander Hamilton Institute of Business Management (1966); and several senior management seminars at Tuck – Dartmouth during 1991 through 1996.**

**I was a registered Profession Engineer in six states and Canada. I published several technical documents and am the holder of two patents.**

**I am a member of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, the Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Military Order of Stars and Bars, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.**

**My GGGGGGGG Grandfather, John Greene, Surgeon of Salisbury, County of Wilkes, England, and his family, landed in Boston on June 3, 1635, as followers of Roger Williams. In 1639, they established the first Baptist church in the New World. John Greene was the great-grandfather of General Nathaniel Greene.**

**My GGGG Grandfather, Jacob Greene, fought in the Revolutionary War under his second cousin, General Nathaniel Greene. My GGGGG Grandfather, John Taylor Duke, fought in the Revolutionary War, along with three of his sons and three of his grandsons, in Elizah Clarke's Battalion of Minutemen.**

**My Great-Grandfathers served in the Confederate Army against the Northern Aggression; Captain W. N. Green, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. E. M. Noles, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Joseph Wynn, and Sergeant Charles B. Duke.**

**I am a member of the Alabama Sheriff's Association, the Florida Sheriff's Association, the Alabama Peace Officer's Association, the Alabama State Trooper Association, and the Alabama Fraternal Order of Police.**

**My wife, Betty, and I have been married 47 years. We have three children; Susan, Laura, and Charles F.. Susan is the owner of a property development company in Jacksonville, Florida. Laura is an evacuation flight registered nurse in Northern California. Charles F. is a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy and is currently an instructor at the Navy Survival School in northern Maine. He has served as a field medic on several deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan with the U.S. Marines.**

**I am an Episcopalian, by choice.**

**I live in Fort Payne, Alabama, where there is no MOSB chapter within a reasonable distance that would allow me to be a member of that chapter.**

**I have been attempting, for several months, to establish a chapter, within the Alabama Society, that could serve the needs of those geographically isolated members that are prevented from attending regular meetings because of the distance to the nearest chapter; and those members that, due to business conflicts, age, health, or other reasons, could not attend regular chapter meetings.**

**Thus far, I have not been able to convince the Alabama Society Commander to accept this new chapter. I continue to be optimistic about the outcome.**

**I have recruited 19 bona fide MOSB members that are desirous of being members of such a chapter. Currently, we are members of the National At-Large Chapter.**

**During this period, I published 11 newsletters, which received favorably reviews by not only the 19 members but senior MOSB management recipients. I received letters of testimony from many of them that my approach was far better than any that they had received in the past. They felt that they were being communicated with; they felt more a part of MOSB than ever before. Some of these members had not been communicated with in years. Frankly, their chapters had abandoned them.**

**These are men that built MOSB, and suffered with it during those years of turmoil.**

**I have organized a Wreath Placement Ceremony to be held on December 12, where we will place a wreath on a Major John Pelham Monument in Anniston, Alabama.**

**The Military Order of the Stars & Bars has gone through some trying times. The separation from the Sons of Confederate Veterans had an impact on our membership. The relocation of MOSB Headquarters to Alabama had an impact.**

**Commander General Hodges released a statement on May 15, 2009, that revealed major issues.**

- 1. MOSB did not issue the required IRS tax exempt status report for five years. The IRS assessed penalties of approximately \$30,000 for this violation. Diligent effort on the part of MOSB management resulted in the IRS rescinding the fine. However, it generated accounting fees in excess of \$10,000.**
- 2. The investment account, although supposedly managed by MOSB executives, was allowed to decrease in value from \$307,000 to \$170,000 in the latter part of 2008.**
- 3. The Headquarters operation was moved from Tennessee to Daphne, Alabama, in 2005 and placed under the responsibility of the 2006-2008 Commander General, Philip Law. The cost of operation went unmonitored until 2008 when it became apparent that its cost had exceeded the MOSB income by \$40,000 in the prior year (2007).**
- 4. There had been no national publication issued to members for over a year.**

**Clearly, the administrative officers had not done their job.**

**Commander General Hodges has worked very hard to correct these problems, and he has graciously stated that he assumes full responsibility because "it occurred on his watch". I applaud Commander General Hodges for his hard and committed work, and his statement of accepting responsibility.**

**However, there were others that had the assigned and accepted responsibility; yet they ignored that commitment and allowed the financial status of MOSB to nearly collapse.**

**The decision to move IHQ back to Tennessee was the right decision. It has created a heavy work load for those officers that stepped forward to carry-out those essential requirements. They had done an admirable job. Hopefully, they will be recognized at the 2010 Convention for their efforts.**

**In order for MOSB to survive and become a household name like the SAR and the SCV, we must return to our roots of existence.**

- 1. We must re-assess our goals and re-establish our objectives.**
- 2. Our membership is aging. Our median member age is 62. We must place a high priority on recruitment and a greater focus on the younger generation.**
- 3. We need to place a higher emphasis on retention.**
- 4. We need to put more emphasis on our legacy program.**
- 5. We are ignoring those members that can no longer attend meetings.**
- 6. We need to place more accountability on those that we delegate responsibility.**

**At the Army of Tennessee level, we constitute the largest membership, 540 members, or 31 % of the total membership.**

**However, there are a number of at-large members that need to be brought into the AOT fold.**

**The MOSB Constitution declares the AOT Department to be a line position in the organization and has the authority to supervise the activities of the societies. We need to be more active in that area.**

**The Military Order of Stars & Bars is facing major issues.**

**The Military Order of Stars & Bars desperately needs strong management.**

**I believe that my professional expertise offers strength in the management of MOSB.**

**Your questions, concerns, and communications are requested and will be welcomed. Please do not hesitate to contact me.**

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**If you please, I need to update my announcement of candidacy.**

**My efforts to create a chapter within the Alabama Society; that could serve the needs of those geographically isolated members that are prevented from attending regular meetings because of the distance to the nearest chapter; and those members that, due to business conflicts, age, health, or other reasons, could not attend regular chapter meetings; were unsuccessful.**

**The General Executive Council at their December 4 meeting in Franklin, Tennessee, ruled that the Order should not intervene in the business of a Society.**

**The Alabama Society Commander continues to not recognize this group, including not attending the GEC meeting where I made my appeal.**

**As a result, this group of 20 bona fide MOSB members were transferred into the National At-Large Chapter.**

**Recognizing the impact of being members of the National At-Large Chapter, which includes the elimination of voting rights, I contacted Commander Clifton Crisler of Alabama Chapter # 78, and asked if he would accept this group into his chapter. Commander Crisler welcomed us, contingent on approval of his existing chapter members.**

**I continue to solicit your support.**

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