

Gentlemen of the Order:

I wish to be allowed the opportunity to announce my candidacy for position of Executive Councilor for the Army of Tennessee. I will be willing to work with other members of the GEC in achieving the objectives of the Order, as well as to do as much as possible to further accomplish the goals of restoring honor and recognition to the Cause our ancestors believed in and for which they fought and died.

I feel education is the key to bringing the recognition and respect due to our forefathers who were only defending the Constitution that had been achieved by the American Revolution and defended in the War of 1812. We must try to get the true history of our great country taught in our public schools and universities.

We have an obligation to preserve as much of the true history of our country as possible and where we can, bring recognition to it.

My background is in the construction, real estate, mortgage, appraisal and property management fields. My father was in construction and real estate businesses, so I had some knowledge of these fields at an early age. I was in construction during the time I was attending the University of Alabama graduating with a BS degree in General Business. I also spent two years in the United States Army.

After graduating I worked as a factory representative for a manufacturing home organization. Then worked as a mortgage loan solicitor and organized Dockery Realty and Construction and have run this business since 1966. The last few years I have devoted my time to managing the family trust and its properties.

I have been a Real Estate broker, belonged to the Society of Real Estate Appraisers, The Appraisal Institute and The HomeBuilders Association. During the period where I was appraising, I also helped organize the West Alabama DataBase and the West Alabama Appraisers Association and was its first president.

I have served as President of the Tuscaloosa Genealogy Night Group, President of the Druid Civitan Club, Secretary of Lions Club of Tuscaloosa and Treasurer of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Alabama.

It was a pleasure to help organize the Black Warrior River Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and served as its first president. In addition, I served as Commander of the General R. E. Rodes Camp 262 Sons of Confederate Veterans. The Robert E. Rodes Camp 262 Sons of Confederate Veterans was awarded Camp of the Year while I was Commander.

It was my honor to help organize the General Josiah Gorgas Chapter 299 of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars and I served as its founding president. This active Chapter has grown to be Alabama's largest with 35 members. I am presently an Aide-de-Camp of the National Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars as well as Inspector of the Alabama Society of the MOS&B. I am a recipient of the Distinguished Commander Award, Col. John Pelham Distinguished Service Award and the Lieutenant Charles Reed Legion of Merit Award as well as several Rebel Club Certificates.

I married my wonderful wife, Gwen, 52 years ago. We had one daughter, Julie, losing her at the age of 41 after she received a kidney/pancreas transplant. Gwen has been instrumental in the research and documentation to get many members into the Sons of the American Revolution and Military Order of the Stars and Bars. She is also a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Amelia Gayle Gorgas Chapter.

I am convinced that the key to our Order's success in reaching our aims and goals is by the active involvement of our membership. I want to help in that effort. Your consideration and vote would be greatly appreciated.

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