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# Introduction to The Honorary Officers Hall of Fame

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The Honorary Officers Hall of Fame ("the Hall of Fame") was founded in September of 2017 by Adm. Roy D. Pope, Jr., ALNM,<sup>1</sup> founder of the Order of Honorary Officers of the Alabama State Militia & Navy ("the Order"), an Alabama Unincorporated Nonprofit Association organized pursuant to the provisions of the Code of Alabama 1975, Title 10A, Chapter 17.

The Order, existing solely online in the Facebook environment, was established as a fraternal, non-militant social organization to (a) facilitate fraternal association between men and women of good and honorable standing who have been qualified for membership in the Order, and to (b) act as ambassadors for the preservation and positive promotion of the history, culture, and ideals of the State of Alabama.

Pursuant to Article V - Purpose(s), Section (b) of the Orders' Constitution and By-Laws, as shown above, the Order has established The Honorary Officers Hall of Fame with the objectives of (a) preserving and promoting the history of the honorary commissions awarded by the governors, past and present, of the Great State of Alabama, (b) memorializing notable honorary officers of the Alabama State & Naval Militia, and (c) educating the public at large in the qualities, endeavors, deeds and accomplishments that raise deserving men and women to notable stature.

## **Nominations to the Hall of Fame**

Only nominations of individuals who meet the following strict requirements will be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame -

1. Nominations must be submitted to the Hall of Fame by members of the Order;

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<sup>1</sup> Adm. Roy D. Pope, Jr., ALNM, was commissioned Honorary Colonel in the Alabama State Militia on 10 Apr 2015, and as Honorary Admiral in the Alabama State Navy (Alabama State Naval Militia) on 23 Nov 2015. Both commissions were awarded by Gov. Robert J. Bentley of the State of Alabama.

2. Nominees must have been awarded a commission as honorary admiral, honorary general, honorary colonel, or honorary lieutenant colonel by a governor or acting governor of the Great State of Alabama;
3. The commission of the nominee must not have been revoked by a governor or acting governor of the Great State of Alabama;
4. The nominee must have performed some documented act or deed that is both notable and beneficial to either the Great State of Alabama or society at large;
5. The nominee must not be a member of the Hall of Fame's Board of Inductions.

Additionally, until further notice, inductions into the Hall of Fame will only be made posthumously.

Inductions into the Hall of Fame will be conducted quarterly, when suitable nominees are available. Future induction classes will consist of no more than three notable officers per quarter, or no more than twelve notable officers per annum when quarterly maximum inductions are not met.

### **The Board of Inductions**

The Board of Inductions to the Honorary Officers Hall of Fame ("the Board") is composed exclusively of members of the Order. The president and the members of the Board are known only to the members of the Order.



## The Founding Class - September 2017

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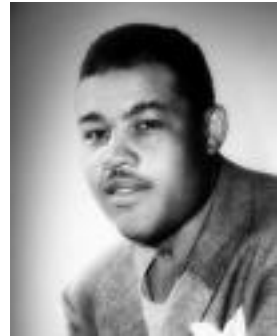
It is with great pleasure that the Order of Honorary Officers of the Alabama State Militia & Navy is able to present to all the Founding Class of the Honorary Officers Hall of Fame, Alabama State & Naval Militia. After long and careful consideration of their individual achievements and merits, and their contributions to the Great State of Alabama and to society in general, the Members of the Founding Class are hereby inducted, posthumously, into the Honorary Officers Hall of Fame this 9th day of September, in the year 2017, as follows -



**BAILEY, Pearl Mae**  
(1918-1990)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM



**BALUKEVICH, James Joseph**  
(1915-2002)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM.



**BARROW, Joseph Louis**  
(1914-1981)  
Col., ALSM



**BOYCE, Sidney Thomas**  
(1939-1994)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM



**BRISCOE, Robert**  
(1894-1969)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM



**BROWN, James Joseph**  
(1933-2006)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM

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CLEMENS, Cyril Coniston  
(1902-1999)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM



COOPER, Wilma Lee  
(1921-2011)  
Col., ALSM



DAWSON, William Levi  
(1899-1990)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM



ESTES, Emerson Jewel  
(1903-2000)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM



GANDY, Edythe Evelyn  
(1920-2007)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM



GRANGE, Harold  
(1903-1991)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM



HAYES, Wayne Woodrow  
(1913-1987)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM



LAWFORD, Peter S. E. A.  
(1923-1984)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM



NOLEN, Charles R.  
(1934-2012)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM

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OWENS, James Cleveland  
(1913-1980)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM



PATTERSON, Beverly F. A.  
(1929-2007)  
Adm., ALNM



PEOPLES, Clinton Thomas  
(1910-1992)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM



ROBY, Jasper Jr.  
(1912-2006)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM



ROCKEFELLER, Nelson Aldrich  
(1908-1979)  
Col., ALSM



SCOTT, Wendell Oliver  
(1921-1990)  
Lieut. Col., ALSM



WALLACE, George Corley Jr.  
(1919-1998)  
Gen., ALSM



## Brief Biographies

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### BAILEY, Pearl Mae

(1918-1990); an American actress, singer, and author, Pearl Bailey was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1975 by Gov. George C. Wallace.

Pearl Bailey got her start as an entertainer at the age of 15, singing in an amateur contest at the Pearl Theatre in Philadelphia. From there, her career took her from performing in black nightclubs to touring with the USO overseas during World War II, entertaining American troops.

Pearl has performed for the theater on Broadway and at Melodyland Theater in seven different shows. She is best known for her role as Dolly Levi in the all-black version of the 1967 Broadway performance of Hello Dolly! which drew some criticism from the public, to which Pearl responded "I wasn't hired to do an all-colored 'Dolly'. It was just one of those things. A lot of talented people showed up and what's wrong with them having a job? What is good for the Negro? What is good for the Negro is good for everyman. Every man has a place in this world, but no man has a right to designate that place."

From 1947 to 1989, Pearl Bailey performed in eleven different movies and ten television shows. Her discography boasts thirty-one titles, and she authored six books.

### BALUKEVICH, James Joseph

aka "Jim Balukevich" (1915-2002); an American boxer, Jim Balukevich was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia.

A professional boxer, politician, long-time member of the Washington D.C. Boxing Commission, and the founder of the D.C. Boxing Hall of Fame, Jim got his start in boxing and politics while serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. In 1938, he won the Bronze Medal in the U.S. Army's Hawaiian Division Boxing Tournament. A few years later, in 1943, he was elected "Cock-Eyed" Mayor of Kaunakakai, Hawaii. The next year, after the liberation of Saipan in 1944, he was elected Mayor of Garapan, Saipan.

### **BARROW, Joseph Louis**

aka "Joe Louis" (1914-1981); an American boxer, Joe Louis was commissioned an Hon. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1977 by Gov. George C. Wallace.

Joe Louis held the World Heavyweight Boxing Championship from 1937 to 1949. He currently holds the record for longest title reign (11 years, 8 months and 8 days) as well as most successful title defenses (25).

Joe Louis established a reputation for himself as being an honest, hardworking fighter in a time where the sport of boxing was dominated by gambling interests. In doing so, he helped to promote boxing from its decline in popularity in the post-Jack Dempsey era of the sport.

### **BOYCE, Sidney Thomas**

aka "Tommy Boyce", "Tomme", and "Christopher Cloud" (1939-1994); an American songwriter and musician, Tommy Boyce was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1969 by Gov. Albert Brewer.

Tommy Boyce was a member of the songwriting duo of Boyce and Hart, best known for the songs that they wrote for The Monkees, Chubby Checker, Jay & the Americans, Paul Revere and the Raiders, and The Leaves. They also wrote the theme song for the daytime soap opera Days of Our Lives.

The soundtrack to the pilot of The Monkees was written, produced, and performed by Boyce and Hart in 1965. A large portion of the backing tracks for the first season of The Monkees, and the band's debut album, were also written, produced and recorded by the duo in 1966.

Authorship of more than 300 songs and sales of more than 42 million records are attributed to the partnership of Boyce and Hart according to the Rolling Stone Encyclopedia of Rock & Roll.

### **BRISCOE, Robert**

(1894-1969); an Irish politician, Robert Briscoe was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1957 by Gov. James E. Folsom, Jr.

An Irish Fianna Fáil politician, Robert serving as a Teachta Dála (TD) for 38 years between 1927-1965 in the Oireachtas (Irish parliament). He was elected 12 times in the Dublin South constituencies. From 1948, he was elected from the Dublin Southwest constituencies. In 1956, he became the first Jewish Lord Mayor of Dublin, serving a one year term. He was re-elected as Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1961. He retired from politics in 1965.

While serving in the Dáil, Robert worked with Patrick J. Little in passing a law which limited the interest that moneylenders could charge borrowers, and which made it illegal for a married woman to borrow money without the knowledge and consent of her husband.

Robert published his memoir, *For the Life of Me*, in 1958.

### **BROWN, James Joseph**

(1933-2006); an American singer, songwriter, record producer, dancer, and bandleader, James Brown was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1988 by Gov. H. Guy Hunt.

James Brown was proclaimed by his fans to be "The Godfather of Soul". He was the founding father of funk music and a major figure of popular music and dance in the 20th century.

### **CLEMENS, Cyril Coniston**

(1902-1999); an American author and editor, Cyril Clemens was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1971 by Gov. George C. Wallace.

Great-great-grandson of St. Louis millionaire John Mullanphy, Cyril was a paternal 3rd cousin 2x removed of famed author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain. In honor of his distant cousin, Cyril founded the Mark Twain Memorial Association.

Cyril founded the International Mark Twain Society in c.1923. In 1927, he named Italian dictator Benito Mussolini as Honorary President of the Society and later granted him a gold medal for achievement as "The Great Educator".

Over the years, Cyril kept Twain's name alive through the Society by linking it with 20th century notables who professed admiration for Twain's literary work. In 1930, he traveled for months with his mother through Europe lecturing on Twain and enrolling prominent people as Knights and Daughters of Mark Twain, or as Honorary Members of the Society, depending on the quality of their achievements.

Cyril lent autographed letters received by the Society to the Missouri Historical Society in 1933. Two years later, in 1935, he lent the Missouri Historical Society some of Twain's manuscripts, for show.

In 1935, Cyril lobbied for the creation of a Twain memorial in St. Louis and received a \$200 gift from Mussolini. His efforts and the gifts that he received resulted in the purchase of a bronze bust of Twain which was installed at the St. Louis Public Library in 1936. That same year, Cyril incorporated the Society as the nonprofit Mark Twain Memorial Association.

In 1938, Cyril published his mother's autobiography, *Gardens and Books: The Autobiography of Katharine Clemens*, through his International Mark Twain Society.

### COOPER, Wilma Lee

(1921-2011); an American musician (guitar) and singer, Wilma Lee Cooper was commissioned an Hon. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1964 by Gov. George C. Wallace.

Born Wilma Leigh Leary, she was a singer, guitarist, banjoist, organist, and songwriter. In her youth, Wilma sang with her family's gospel music group, The Leary Family, and they recorded for the Library of Congress in 1938.

Wilma performed professionally as a bluegrass-based country music entertainer with her husband in a band called Wilma Lee & Stoney



Cooper and the Clinch Mountain Clan. They performed between 1947-1957 on the WMVA Jamboree before joining the Grand Ole Opry in 1957. Wilma continued to perform with the Grand Ole Opry, even after her husband's death, until Feb. 2001.

At a folk festival sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute in 1974, Wilma was honored as "First Lady of Bluegrass" as part of a series of "Women in Country Music".

### DAWSON, William Levi

(1899-1990); an American composer, choir director and professor, William Dawson was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1985 by Gov. George C. Wallace.

William is known for his chamber music, and his contributions to orchestral and choral literature. The premier of his Negro Folk Symphony of 1934 was held by Leopold Stokowski conducting the Philadelphia Orchestra. It was later revised with more African rhythms in 1952 in an attempt to convey the missing elements that were lost when Africans were bound into slavery outside of Africa.

### ESTES, Emerson Jewel

(1903-2000); an American minister, Jewel Estes was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1983 by Gov. George C. Wallace.

A minister of "The Old Jerusalem Gospel" for 64 years and founder of the Truth in Love radio program in the 1950s which aired Sunday mornings on WHBQ and WAGF radio. He began preaching full-time in Birmingham, Alabama shortly after becoming a Christian about 1923. He later became the first full-time evangelist for the Getwell Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee between 1952-1960.

### GANDY, Edythe Evelyn

(1920-2007); an American state-level politician (Mississippi), Edythe Gandy was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1972 by Gov. George C. Wallace.

Edythe was the first female elected to a state office in Mississippi - that of Treasurer. Later, she was elected Insurance Commissioner and 26th Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi.

### **GRANGE, Harold**

aka "Red Grange" (1903-1991); an American football player, coach, and sports broadcaster, Red Grange was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1976 by Gov. George C. Wallace.

The premiere running back in all of college football, his ability to elude tacklers earned him the nickname "The Galloping Ghost". In 1925, he left college football at the University of Illinois and began his professional career playing with the Chicago Bears. Between 1926-1927 he played with the short-lived New York Yankees, then returned to finish out his career with the Chicago Bears between 1929-1934. After his career as a professional football player, Red became a football coach and sports broadcaster.

On January 15, 1978, at Super Bowl XII, Red became the first person other than the game referee to toss the coin at a Super Bowl. He is also the first football player to ever appear on a box of Wheaties.

### **HAYES, Wayne Woodrow**

aka "Woody Hayes" (1913-1987); an American educator and football coach, Woody Hayes was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1979 by Gov. Fob James.

Head football coach for Ohio State University between 1951-1978. During his coaching career at Ohio State University, Woody compiled an overall record of 238-72-10. The football program logged 13 Big Ten titles and five national championships under his leadership.

### **LAWFORD, Peter Sydney Ernest Aylen**

(1923-1984); an American actor, film producer, and socialite, Peter Lawford was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1975 by Gov. George C. Wallace.

Brother-in-law to President John F. Kennedy, Peter was an English-born American actor and movie producer, and a member of Frank Sinatra's "Rat Pack". Between 1930-1983, he performed in 81 movies and 159 television programs.

### **NOLEN, Charles R.**

aka "Chuck Nolen" (1934-2012); an American musician (trumpet), orchestra conductor, band leader, and music educator, Chuck Nolen was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1967 by Gov. Lurleen B. Wallace.

Between 1965-1985, Chuck worked as band director for a number of high schools throughout Alabama and Texas. Under his direction and leadership, the high school bands that he taught were consistently winning music contests and Chuck was one of the most in-demand band directors around. Many of Chuck's students went on to successful careers of their own as performers or music educators.

Chuck was a member of some of the more popular dance bands of the era, including The Claude Thornhill Orchestra, The Charlie Barnett Orchestra, Warren Covington, The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, and The Ted Weems Orchestra. He had also formed several of his own orchestras, including The Chuck Nolen Big Band, The City Lights, and The Chuck Nolen Orchestra.

Over a career spanning more than 60 years, Chuck backed up many of the most famous talents of the twentieth century, including Tony Bennett, Jack Jones, Nancy Wilson, Bob Hope, Mel Tormé, Patti Page, Fabian, Ray Stevens, Wayne Newton, and Ray Charles.

### **OWENS, James Cleveland**

aka "Jesse Owens" (1913-1980); an American track and field athlete, Jesse Owens was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1972 by Gov. George C. Wallace.

An American Olympic track and field gold medalist from Alabama. Jesse won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, thereby discrediting Hitler's master race theory and affirming that individual

excellence distinguishes one man from another, not race or national origin.

When Jesse died, in 1980, Pres. Jimmy Carter said of him "Perhaps no athlete better symbolized the human struggle against tyranny, poverty and racial bigotry. His personal triumphs as a world-class athlete and record holder were the prelude to a career devoted to helping others. His work with young athletes, as an unofficial ambassador overseas, and a spokesman for freedom are a rich legacy to his fellow Americans."

### **PATTERSON, Beverly Frank Atherly**

aka "Lee Patterson" (1929-2007); a Canadian actor, Lee Patterson was commissioned an Hon. Adm. in the Alabama State Naval Militia in 1961 by Gov. John M. Patterson, and as Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1975 by Gov. George C. Wallace.

Best known for his role as Joe Riley in the daytime soap opera One Life to Live, and as Dr. Kevin Cook in Another World, Lee Patterson made appearances in several other television programs and he performed in more than thirty-seven different movies from 1953 to 1994.

### **PEOPLES, Clinton Thomas**

aka "Clint Peoples" (1910-1992); an American law enforcement officer, Clint Peoples was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1972 by Lt. Gov. Jere Beasley.

A Texas law enforcement officer for 59 years, Clint was appointed a Special Texas Ranger by Gov. Miriam "Ma" Ferguson to police the four horse racing tracks in the State of Texas. He later joined the Texas Rangers as a Private in 1946 and by 1969 had attained the rank of Senior Captain in the Texas Rangers. After retiring from the Texas Rangers in 1974, he was appointed U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Texas by Pres. Richard Nixon.

During his years as a Texas Ranger, Clint worked a number of high-profile cases, including those involving Billie Sol Estes, the Maceo brothers gambling syndicate in Galveston, the La Grange Chicken Ranch

(basis for the movie *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*), and George "Duke of Duval" Parr.

### ROBY, Jasper Jr.

(1912-2006); an American minister, Jasper Roby was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia by Gov. George C. Wallace.

A lifelong preacher, teacher, evangelist, and mentor, Jasper was elected Senior Bishop of the Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church of God, Inc. in 1973. Under his leadership, missionaries ministered in Haiti and parts of Africa. He is credited with having evangelized much of the State of Alabama through tent meetings, television, and radio. For more than eight years, Jasper was the host of the television program *The Bishop's Gospel Hour* which aired in Birmingham, Alabama.

### ROCKEFELLER, Nelson Aldrich

(1908-1979); an American businessman, politician, and philanthropist, Nelson Rockefeller was commissioned an Hon. Col. in the Alabama State Militia in 1972 by Lt. Gov. Jere Beasley.

Nelson served as the 1st Assistant Secretary of State for American Republic Affairs between 1944-1945, the 1st Under Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare between 1953-1954, the 49th Governor of the State of New York between 1959-1973, and the 41st Vice President of the United States of America between 1974-1977.

Positions in which Nelson served include: Trustee, Museum of Modern Art (1932-1979); Treasurer, Museum of Modern Art (1935-1939); President, Rockefeller Center, Inc. (1938-1945, 1948-1951); President, Museum of Modern Art (1939-1941, 1946-1953); Trustee, Rockefeller Brothers Fund (1940-1975, 1977-1979); Assistant Secretary of State for American Republic Affairs (1944-1945); Chairman, Rockefeller Center, Inc. (1945-1953, 1956-1958); Under Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (1953-1954); President, Rockefeller Brothers Fund (1956); Governor of the State of New York (1959-1973); Vice President of the United States of America (1974-1977).

Namesakes to Nelson's memory include: Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Award for Excellence in Public Service, State Academy for Public Administration; Nelson A. Rockefeller Award, American Society for Public Administration, Empire State Capital Area Chapter, presented to an individual whose governmental career in New York State demonstrates exemplary leadership, performance, and achievement in shaping public policy, developing and implementing major public programs, or resolving major public problems; Nelson A. Rockefeller Award, Purchase College School of the Arts, presented annually to five individuals who have distinguished themselves through their contributions to the arts or the environment; Nelson A. Rockefeller Award, The New York Water Environment Association, Inc., awarded to an elected official at a City (population over 250,000), State or National level who has made a substantial and meaningful contribution to advancing effective environmental programs; Nelson A. Rockefeller Distinguished Public Service Award, Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for the Social Sciences, Dartmouth College; Nelson A. Rockefeller Park, Battery Park City, New York; Nelson A. Rockefeller Public Service Award, Rockefeller Institute of Government (1988-1994); Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University at Albany, State University of New York; The Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza; The Nelson A. Rockefeller Center, Dartmouth College, a social science research center; The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, the public policy research arm of the State University of New York.

### **SCOTT, Wendell Oliver**

(1921-1990); an American stock car racing driver, Wendell Scott was commissioned an Hon. Lieut. Col. in the Alabama State Militia by Gov. Albert Brewer.

Around 1953, Wendell obtained his NASCAR license and became the first African-American driver in NASCAR history. In 1963, he became the first African-American to ever win a race in the Grand National Series (the Sprint Cup) at Speedway Park in Jacksonville, Florida. Wendell's win in 1963 was not realized by race officials until two hours after they had initially declared the second place driver as the winner. NASCAR did not award the win to Wendell until two years later, in

1965, and it was in 2010 when his family finally received a replica of the trophy for Wendell's win.

**WALLACE, George Corley Jr.**

(1919-1998); an American state-level politician (Alabama), George Wallace was commissioned an Hon. Gen. in the Alabama State Militia by Gov. Lurleen B. Wallace.

The 45th governor of the State of Alabama, George served two consecutive and two non-consecutive terms in office from 1963 to 1967, 1971 to 1979, and 1983 to 1987. He is the only person to hold the office of governor in the State of Alabama for four terms, and has the third longest gubernatorial tenure in post-Constitutional U.S. history. He was also a candidate for the Office of U.S. President in four consecutive elections (1964, 1968, 1972, and 1976).

George is best known for his pro-segregation stances during his first three terms as governor, and most notably for his declaration of "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever" in his first inaugural speech.

In the late 1970s, George announced that he was a born-again Christian and he apologized to black civil rights leaders for his past actions as a segregationist. He said that while he had once sought power and glory, he realized that he needed to seek love and forgiveness. In 1979, George said of his stand in the schoolhouse door: "I was wrong. Those days are over, and they ought to be over."

George was elected to his final term as Governor of the State of Alabama in 1982, supported in part by black citizens of Alabama who both campaigned and voted for him. During his final term, George made a record number of black appointments to state positions, including, for the first time, two black people as members of the same cabinet. He further placed his confidence and trust in the members of the black community by appointing and commissioning numerous black men and women as honorary lieutenant colonels in the Alabama State Militia and appointing them as aides-de-camp to his personal military staff.

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