

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



Charge to The Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principals he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General
United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906

Sons of Confederate Veterans
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July 2011

336th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 19th at 6:00 PM
Golden Corral Restaurant
2419 Lawndale Drive
Greensboro, NC 27408
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July 1861

July 7 - Legislative speaker Henry Toole Clark, a planter from Edgecombe County, becomes governor of North Carolina upon the death of John Willis Ellis from tuberculosis while on a visit to Virginia.
July 13 - The first Confederate general to be killed, Robert Selden Garnett, a brigadier general is killed at the battle of Corrick's Ford, VA (now WV).
July 21 - First Battle of Manassas. It is here that Confederate General Thomas J. Jackson acquires his nickname "Stonewall" as General Bernard E. Bee reputedly calls to his men, "There is Jackson standing like a stone wall. Rally behind the Virginians."

Calendar of Events

July 14-16 - National SCV Reunion
Montgomery, AL
July 19 - Regular Meeting
August 16 - Regular Meeting

Report from the Lines

Subject: "The 58th NC : Tar Heels in the Army of Tennessee"
Speaker: Michael Hardy

Camp Staff

Don Saunders - Commander
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July 2011

From the Commander...

As you read this, I will be traveling to Montgomery, AL for the SCV National Reunion. Meeting with like-minded people who share a common heritage is inspiring and rejuvenating. I look forward to hearing nationally known speakers and leaders sharing their experiences and relationship with the SCV. Each time I have visited a local camp, or attended a state or national reunion, I am rejuvenated to work harder for the Sloan camp. I want to thank you individually and collectively for allowing me to represent you at these gatherings.

- Our July 19th program will be author Michael Hardy speaking about his latest book. “The 58th NC: Tar Heels in the Army of Tennessee”.
- Thank you to all camp members who supported the Blue-Star mothers project. We will assist them again after Christmas.

Commander Don Saunders

150th Commemoration-Battle of First Manassas/Bull Run

Prince William & Manassas, Virginia

Commemorative events July 21-24, 2011, with battle reenactments on Saturday and Sunday

Details are available at: <http://www.manassasbullrun.com/>

Living History Weekend at Gettysburg

Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

August 6-7, 2011, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Members of the 1st North Carolina Battalion (4th Regiment, 1st Division, Army of Northern Virginia) will be participating in a living history weekend at Gettysburg National Military Park. Their encampment will be located at Pitzer Woods on West Confederate Avenue (where the General James Longstreet statue is located), with infantry demonstrations in the field opposite the camp site.

Gettysburg Schedule of Events: <http://www.nps.gov/gett/planyourvisit/events.htm>

The Chaplain's Corner...

“Blessed is the Nation”

The last act of Moses as recorded for us in the Book of Deuteronomy was to bless the tribes of Israel. Hear these words which he shared with them.

"The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemy before you. Israel will live in safety alone; Jacob's spring is secure in a land of grain and new wine, where the heavens drop dew. Blessed are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord? He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword. Your enemies will cower before you, and you will trample down their places of pagan worship."

In his commentary on the Psalms, Franz Delitzsch says that Psalm 33 : verses 8-19 is a parallel passage to this call of faith which Moses gave. God has chosen the nation of Israel to be His people and because of that act of God, graciously given, they have been and forever will be blessed.

Listen to verse 12 of this passage:

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!”

A nation which as a community tries to fashion its life and its policies in harmony with God's will , must seek for its people to be God fearing and must not depend solely on the private godliness of its members. As has been often stated;

A nation which stands for nothing will fall for anything! "

It was of interest to me that when the nation which we know as " The Confederate States of America " was formed, they chose this verse, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord " to be their foundational Scripture. The great seal which they designed had the words, in Latin,

“Deo Vindice”, “God is our Vindicator ”, which was their motto.

During this month, 235 years after the year 1776, remembering that our President has said that we are not a Christian nation, we need to very strongly declare that we are! Listen to the words of Christopher Columbus.

When his boat landed, Columbus was the first person to set foot on land. When the crew had gathered, Columbus christened the island “San Salvador”, “Holy Savior“, and led the men in prayer,

“O Lord, Almighty and Everlasting God, by Thy Holy Word Thou hast created the heavens and the earth, and the sea; blessed and glorified be Thy Name, and praised be Thy majesty, which has deigned to use us, Thy humble servants, that Thy Holy Name may be proclaimed in this second part of the earth.”

Christopher Columbus died on Ascension Day, 1506 after receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Before he died, he said this to the priest, who had administered the sacrament,

"Father, I'm afraid that I have not done well in carrying the light of your Son to the West. I'm sorry. I pray that others will carry the light further.”

There are numerous examples from history which declare that we are a “Christian” nation.

As we open our meeting with the pledges made to our country, our state, our Confederate nation and our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, let us keep alive the words of General Stephen Dill Lee and “Remember that it is our duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.”

“Deo Vindice”

Chaplain David Long

Hillsborough Recorder

July 17, 1861

Death of Gov. Ellis—We announced in our last report of the death of Gov. Ellis. He died at Red Sulphur Springs, Va., on Sunday the 7th, aged 41 years. Dispatches to the Military department announcing the melancholy event were received in Raleigh at 10 o'clock Monday morning, when two companies from Col. Fisher's regiment were immediately detailed to proceed to Petersburg to escort the remains, which arrived in Raleigh on Wednesday, and were met at the depot by a numerous company of citizens, and the various military companies and State troops in Raleigh and its neighborhood. A very imposing procession was formed, and accompanied the body to the late

residence of the Governor, where suitable religious services were performed by the Rev. Dr. Mason. On Thursday morning, accompanied with suitable demonstration of respect, the body was conveyed by special train to Holtsburg, Davidson county, and deposited in the family cemetery.

The Capitol bell tolled all day, half hour guns were fired from the Capitol square, from sun-rise to sunset. The Capitol, the Washington monument, the Confederate flags, Fayetteville street and the Executive Mansion were all draped in mourning. The stores and offices of businesses were closed, and almost the entire population were witnesses and participants of the solemn scene.



**General Beauregard's Camp of Confederate Troops at White Springs, Virginia, Near the Manassas Gap Railroad
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