

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
Colonel John Sloan Camp #1290, North Carolina Division

P.O. Box 4995
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May 2011

334th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 17th, at 6:00 PM
Golden Corral Restaurant
2419 Lawndale Drive
Greensboro, NC 27408
(336) 545-5808

May 1861

May 6 - Arkansas secedes.
May 11 - 1st North Carolina Volunteers formally organized from ten counties of volunteer state militias and led by Colonel D.H. Hill, brother-in-law of Stonewall Jackson.
May 20 - The Secession Convention meets in Raleigh (on this date in 1775 the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence had been signed) and North Carolina votes to secede.
May 21 - Richmond, Virginia, becomes the capital of the Confederate States.

Calendar of Events

May 10 - Memorial Day
May 13 - Onion Pick-up Day
May 17 - Regular Meeting

Report from the Lines

Subject: "The Confederate Constitution"
Speaker: Sid Cundiff

Camp Staff

Don Saunders - Commander
Josh Myers - Lt. Commander
Sammie Scott - 2nd Lt. Commander
Thad Tucker - Treasurer
Mike Myers - Adjutant
David Long - Chaplain
John Pugh - Color Sergeant
Rahlo Fowler - Chief of Staff
Jeff Frank - Newsletter

From the Commander...

May 10th is the day we honor our Confederate soldiers. Throughout the state, the SCV, OCR, UDC, CoC, and MOSB hold services at courthouses, cemeteries, and churches to memorialize the valor of our ancestors. But why should we limit ourselves to only one day a year? We should, as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Order of Confederate Rose, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Children of the Confederacy and Military Order of the Stars and Bars, honor these men daily. I am proud of my Confederate ancestor and every chance I get I do and will mention their names and service to people I meet. It is important that we remember the sacrifices they made, not only on May 10th.

- Sid Cundiff will be our speaker for our May 17th meeting. Sid will speak on aspects of the Constitution of the Confederate States of America.
- John Pugh, Tim Saunders, and Don Saunders represented the Sloan Camp at the NC Division Reunion in Valdese, NC on April 30th.
- The Sloan Camp will collect batteries (AA, AAA, D), granola bars, and toothpaste at our May meeting. This project will assist Blue Star Mothers. David Moore (622-2332) will lead this project.
- Please pick up Vidalia onions in the Sears parking lot on Friendly Ave. Friday May 13th at 6 pm. If you cannot make the pick-up, call Mike Myers at 288-6552.
- Mike Briggs is appointed chairman of the Sesquicentennial project for the Sloan camp. More information will be announced this fall.

Welcome New Members

Jerry Dean Smith
2201 Wilson Mills Court
Pleasant Garden, NC 27213
Phone: 674-0992

Jerry's ancestor is Private Mark Smith, Co. G, 5th
Regiment NC Cavalry. Private Smith was from
Chatham County.



Newsletter Update

Beginning this month, the newsletter is being distributed electronically in addition to the hard copy version. An electronic version was sent to all recipients with an e-mail account on file. If you are currently receiving the hard copy version and would like to switch to the electronic version, please send your request via e-mail to JLFrank1@Bellsouth.net. Some of the benefits of the electronic version include; a decrease in on-going expenses for the camp, color content, support of links and the ability for recipients to print or forward copies. For your privacy, the current method of sending the electronic version does not include a 'receiver list', so your e-mail address is not available to all the recipients. Please contact Jeff Frank (336-621-8083) if you have any issues viewing the electronic version, as well as for any comments, suggestions or content for the newsletter.

"I Taught Him to Obey"

"If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?"

They bring Pilgrims!

The month of May is especially a great month for me. I was born on the 17th of May, my mother, on the 14th. By the time you receive this newsletter, Mother's Day will have passed.

Last January, we celebrated the birthday of Robert E. Lee. Just the mention of his name, and we have thoughts of the greatness of the man. Once when asked by someone the secret of his character, his mother replied, "I taught him to obey."

Robert E. Lee was not only obedient, he taught his men to be obedient! Why else would the Confederate troops charge across an open field at Malvern Hill into the cannons of the Northern troops or why would Pickett lead his men into the "jaws of death " at Gettysburg? They were obedient!

Anyone who has served in the military knows about close order drill. The purpose of drilling the troops is two-fold. To move a large group from one place to another with order and speed and to teach the troops to follow orders. Without obedience, an army becomes a mob. Without discipline, everyone does what is "right in his own eyes"!

When I was in Savannah Presbytery, there was always one preacher who asked the question, "Do you love Jesus?" As far as I know, the answer given by the person being examined was always, "Yes". And with that, the person being examined was admitted to the membership of Presbytery.

Once, I followed that with my question, "Do you keep His commandments?" From that time on, that question ceased to be asked! Our Lord Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments!" (John 14:15). God told the Children of Israel, "To obey, is better than sacrifice." (1 Samuel 15:22).

A leader must be able to follow orders as well as give them.

Who knows better than a mother what makes her child great? Robert E. Lee's mother said, "I taught him to obey".

To be great in the eyes of God is not only to be "good", it is also to be "obedient". May we who honor Robert E. Lee, also try to follow his example and be obedient to the things of God.

David Long, Chaplain

May 2011

The Greensborough Patriot

May 3, 1861
Meeting in McLeansville.

At a meeting of a portion of the citizens of Guilford, held at McLeansville, on Saturday evening, the 27th of April, 1861, on motion, A. C. Lindsay, Esq. Was called to the Chair, and D. N. Sherwood was requested to act as Secretary.

The Chairman, in a few very appropriate remarks, explained the object of the meeting, when the following preamble and resolutions were presented for the consideration of those present:

WHEREAS, We are now in the midst of one of the most important Revolutions that has ever occurred in the history of our race; And Whereas, in the progress of the Revolution, we have every reason to believe that no means will be spared – however diabolical – to deprive us of our rights and our property, and to invade the sanctity of our own homes, -- to endanger the lives of those nearest and dearest to us all, THEREFORE, Resolved:

1. That while our sons go forth with strong arms and brave hearts, to drive back the invaders of our soil, we will organize and take all such steps as the crisis demands, for the peace and security of our homes.
2. That we whose names are annexed, do form ourselves into a Company to be known as the McLeansville Home Guards.
3. The officers of the Guard shall be a Captain, first-, second-, and third-Lieutenants, and Orderly Sergeant, who shall be elected by the Company.
4. The officers of this Company, in connection with four other members to be hereafter named, shall constitute an Executive Committee to consult from time to time, and recommend to the Company such steps as they may deem best calculated to secure the objects of our organization.
5. Each member of the Company shall provide himself with a good rifle, shot-gun, or musket.
6. That we meet for drill every Saturday evening at 2 o'clock, until further ordered.

The above Resolutions were read separately and unanimously adopted.

On Motion, A Committee consisting of Dr. J. A. McLean, A. P. Whittington, and Robert Wilson, are

appointed to prepare suitable By-Laws for the government of the Company.

On Motion, Ordered that the proceedings of this meeting be published in The Patriot and The Times.

May 14, 1861
Vote of Thanks.

Fort Macon, N. C., May 10th, 1861

At a meeting of the Guilford Grays, the undersigned were appointed a committee to return the unanimous vote of thanks of the Company to the citizens of Guilford for the many manifestations of patriotic kindness and generosity of which we have been the recipients since our arrival at Fort Macon. We perform this duty with much pleasure, and hereby beg to assure the citizens of our beloved Old County that the heart of every member of the Grays will ever warm with gratitude and affection at the remembrance of these many proofs of their interest and sympathy. And especially will we cherish the recollection of the LADIES in these kind efforts to secure our comfort and ease in the present just resistance to wicked coercion. We feel assured that when the history of these troublous times shall have been written, whatever may be the issue, their noble deeds of self-denying patriotism shall occupy a page not less bright than that which records the bravery and devotion of the mothers of '76.

We add a list of the several contributions already received:

3 boxes provisions from ladies of Greensborough.
80 Fatigue jackets from ladies of Greensborough.
1 box provisions from Archd. Wilson, and ladies of Summerfield.
2 boxes clothing, bedding, & c. from ladies of High Point.
1 box hams from D. Brown.

We respectfully request The Times and The High Point Reporter to copy this Expression of Thanks.

Lieut. JAMES T. MOREHEAD, Jun.
Lieut. JOHN A. GILMER, Jun.
Sergt. WILLIAM P. WILSON
Corporal THOMAS J. SLOAN