

# 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  
Greensboro, NC 27404

## October 2011

### 339<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
Capt. Bill's Seafood  
6108 West Market St.  
Greensboro, NC 27409  
(336) 852-5162

### October 1861

**1<sup>st</sup>** - In Pamlico Sound on the North Carolina coast, the USS Fanny, an Army tug, grounds herself and is captured by Confederates. She is the first Union ship captured in the war.

**6<sup>th</sup>** - The "Gaston Blues" enlist at Dallas; they are assigned to the 37th North Carolina Infantry as Co. H with William Rufus Rankin as their first captain.

**12<sup>th</sup>** - At Head of Passes, Louisiana, on the Mississippi River, the CSS Manassas leads an attack on Union warships. She is a steam powered ram covered with 1" iron plate and is the first ironclad to be used in the war.

### Calendar of Events

**Oct. 18** - Regular Meeting  
**Nov. 15** - Regular Meeting

### Report from the Lines

Subject: "Confederates in the North"  
Speaker: Alex Cheek

### Camp Staff

Don Saunders - Commander  
Josh Myers - Lt. Commander  
Sammie Scott - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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...

“Every man should endeavor to understand the meaning of subjugation before it is too late....It means the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern schoolteachers; will learn from North school books their version of the war, will be impressed by the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit objects for derision.”

- Maj. General Patrick R. Cleburne, CSA, January 1864

## RENEWAL

What do you get for \$45? A national magazine full of articles and stories about your Southern heritage, a state newsletter with information about Confederate activities throughout the state, a camp newsletter about monthly programs and local activities, a membership certificate, a membership card, and an opportunity to meet with people who are proud of their Confederate ancestor and have a strong desire to vindicate the cause for which he died.

If not us, who?

If not now, when?

If not for **them**?

## NOTICE

Col. John Sloan Camp will meet

Tuesday, October 18

At

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 W. Market St

- All members are encouraged to renew membership this month. To avoid late fees (\$5), renewal should be mailed to Col. John Sloan Camp, P.O. Box 4995, Greensboro, NC 27404.
- The Sloan Camp collected and donated 40 cans of tuna, 19 jars of peanut butter, and one can of green beans (someone forgot to read their newsletter!) to the Food Pantry at Vandalia Presbyterian Church.
- **Please bring cans of soup to the meeting this month.**
- Mike Myers, Josh Myers, John Pugh, David Moore, Tim Saunders Don Saunders, and Commander Carl Singley and Donnie Mitchell from the Mebane camp toured the 16<sup>th</sup> S.C. camp Confederate Museum in Greenville, S.C. on September 24.

Commander Don Saunders

## The Chaplain's Corner...

One of the "Principles of Leadership" which we learned at O.C.S. was that the leader "Sets the Example"!

It was Albert Schweitzer who said; "Example isn't the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing!"

Both North and South recognized Robert E. Lee as a great leader. However, he differed with many of his contemporaries in the process by which one becomes a leader. He felt that forcing leadership upon a man was not right. Instead he believed that a true leader does not rely on force, but on the power of example. Concerning the character of the West Point cadets, Lee said:

"As a general principle you should not force young men to do their duty but let them do it voluntarily and thereby develop their characters. Young men must not expect to escape contact with evil but must learn not to be contaminated by it. That virtue is worth but little that requires constant watching and removal from temptation."

Lee firmly believed that leading by example was the best way to influence others. His example motivated his men to follow his command in battle. Even after the surrender at Appomattox, his men were ready to continue the fight if he gave the command. Why did Lee's armies have such a passion to follow his leadership? Because they knew he loved them and had their best interest at heart.

Last year I walked across the field and stood where Lee stood as he welcomed the survivors of Pickett's charge at Gettysburg. He had nothing but words of apology to the battered and wounded troops who returned.

A life of power displays discipline, character, and virtue in front of others. Because of his deep devotion in following Jesus example, the Apostle Paul could urge others to follow him. When we become aware of the power of self-discipline in our lives, we will influence others. We can make a difference in someone's life. Are we willing to lead by example?

"Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you..."      Philippians 3:17

Chaplain David Long

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## Fort Branch 25th Annual Battlefield Re-enactment

November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

Confederate Earthen Fort located 2 miles below Hamilton, NC, sitting 70 feet above a bend in the Roanoke River, built to protect the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad and the construction site of the ironclad CSS Albemarle.

Site & Museum opens to public at 9:00 AM, with battle re-enactment at 1:30 PM, Saturday and Sunday

2883 Fort Branch Rd., Hamilton, NC 27892

(Coordinates: 35.928467,-77.171416)

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## HARPER'S WEEKLY

October 5, 1861



THE REBEL GENERAL JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON.

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WE published in our last number a portrait of the Rebel General ALBERT S. JOHNSTON, who commands the rebel forces on the Mississippi : we now give the other JOHNSTON, JOSEPH E., who, with Beauregard, commands the rebel army on the Potomac.

JOSEPH ECCLESTON JOHNSTON was born in Virginia about the year 1804, and is, consequently,

some fifty-seven years of age at present. After the usual school education, young Johnston was adopted by the United States, and was brought up in their Military Academy at West Point, at their cost, and under their flag. On leaving West Point he was appointed to the Fourth Artillery, and served in that capacity till 1836, when he became First Lieutenant and Assistant Commissary of Subsistence—a very desirable berth. In 1838 he was appointed First Lieutenant of Topographical Engineers, and served in that capacity through the Florida War, obtaining for his services the brevet of Captain. In 1846 he became full Captain, and served first with the Engineers, and next with a regiment of Voltigeurs, throughout the Mexican War, receiving two brevets for distinguished conduct. At the close of the war he was retained in the Topographical Engineers, and enjoyed a life of agreeable ease in the Government service, until last year, when he was placed at the head of the Quarter-master's department, with the rank of Brigadier-General. The appointment was made in June, 1860, when General Scott foresaw the trouble looming in the future: it is to be presumed that, in placing General Johnston in the responsible position of Quarter-master-General, he placed implicit reliance upon his loyalty. How that faith was requited may be inferred from the fact that, early in 1861, Joseph E. Johnston forswore his allegiance, deserted his flag, and made war against his country at the head of the Virginia rebels. General Johnston is second in command in Virginia, with the rank of full General.

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