

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

September 2011

338th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00 PM
Golden Corral Restaurant
2419 Lawndale Drive
Greensboro, NC 27408
(336) 545-5808

September 1861

11th - A new company, the "Shady Grove Rangers" (Co. E, 34th Regiment North Carolina Infantry) is raised in Lincoln County.

14th - At Pensacola, Florida, a detachment of the crew of the USS Colorado attacks the Confederate Navy yard there and burns the steamer *Judah*. This is regarded as the first naval battle in the war.

17th - Judah P. Benjamin, Confederate Attorney General, and a man with no military experience, becomes Confederate Secretary of War. He will become embroiled in difficulties with a number of generals and be blamed for the loss of Roanoke Island in the next year.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 20 - Regular Meeting
Sept. 24 - Field Trip - Greenville, SC
Oct. 1 - SCV Leadership - Burlington, NC
Oct. 13 - NC State Fair
Oct. 18 - Regular Meeting

Report from the Lines

Subject: "The Boys from Diamond Hill"
Speaker: Keith Jones

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...

We are living in tough economic times. But the same reasons that caused you to join the SCV the first time are still the same reasons to renew your membership. In the words of General Lee, we will be under attack from "those people," particularly in these sesquicentennial years. Examples in this year alone include the Reidsville Monument, the Lexington, VA, flag attack, and Silent Sam at UNC Chapel Hill. Now more than ever we need to not only renew our SCV membership, but to continue to recruit new members. Please send your renewal for \$45 (\$30-National, \$7-State, \$8-Local) to the Col. John Sloan Camp.

- Our program this month will be by Brigade Commander (Northern Piedmont) Keith Jones from the Frazier Camp in High Point. Keith researched family letters of his ancestors, the Boyd's of South Carolina, for the basis of his book, "The Boys from Diamond Hill."
- **FOOD DRIVE**
The Sloan Camp will begin its annual food drive in September. Please bring peanut butter or canned tuna to this month's meeting.
- National SCV will conduct a leadership training class October 1st in Burlington, NC. Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens and Lt. Commander Kelly Barrow will be speaking. Cost: \$12. If interested, please contact Don Saunders for more information on attending. (299-2996)
- The Sloan Camp will work the NC SCV booth at the North Carolina State Fair on October 13. If you can help, please let Don Saunders know (299-2996).
- John Pugh and Don Saunders represented the Sloan Camp at the NC Division meeting in Albemarle.

Commander Don Saunders

Allison Woods Living History & Reenactment

September 16th, 17th and 18th

Encampments for the Revolutionary War, War Between the States, World War II and Vietnam War

War Between the States and World War II Battle Re-enactments

Sat/Sun Event - \$8.00 Adults/Kids 12 & Under Free

2106 Turnersburg Highway, Statesville, NC 28625

www.allisonwoodslivinghistory.org

21st Annual J.E.B. Stuart Civil War Encampment & Living History Weekend

October 1st and 2nd

Battles both days, Black Rose Memorial Services, 1800s Fashion Show, etc...

This event is sponsored by the J.E.B. Stuart Birthplace Trust

100% of the proceeds go toward preserving the Birthplace

Sat/Sun Event - \$8.00 Adults/Kids 12 & Under Free

1091 Ararat Hwy, Ararat, VA 24053

www.jebstuart.org

The Chaplain's Corner...

“Old Jack Is Crazy”

In 1861, when Reverend Dr. William Brown was visiting the army around Centreville, Virginia, a friend told him that “Old Jack is crazy. I can account for his conduct in no other way. Why, I frequently meet him in the woods walking back and forth muttering to himself incoherent sentences and gesticulating wildly, and at such times he seems utterly oblivious to my presence and of everything else.” What he did not realize was that “Old Jack” was talking, in a lonely place, to his Heavenly Father. Just as the Lord Jesus used to “come apart” to a quiet and place of solitude to pray, so General Jackson had “come apart” to pray. Someone has well said, “Either you must come apart to pray or you will come apart!”

At the beginning of the campaign in the Shenandoah Valley, General Ewell also thought Jackson was “crazy”. By the end of the campaign, however, he thought that he was inspired. Jackson's prayer life eventually led to Ewell's conversion. One night at a council of war, Jackson listened to the views of the officers, then said he would announce his plan in the morning. As they were leaving, General A.P. Hill joked to Ewell, “Well, I suppose Jackson wants to pray over it.” Ewell soon realized he had forgotten his sword and had to return to Jackson's tent. There he found Jackson on his knees praying to God for guidance in the military movements. Ewell was so deeply impressed by Jackson's religious faith and example that he said, “If that is religion, I must have it.”

My friend, Dr. Tom Petty who was the Dean of Students at Columbia Bible College once said to me, “David, there are two times when you ought to pray, when you want to and when you don't want to!”

How about you? Your Heavenly Father wants to hear from you and on a regular basis. We don't have because we don't ask and we don't ask because we are too busy trying to do things our way. Proverbs 16:9 says this; “In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.” Do you believe that you have a Heavenly Father who watches over you and guides your steps? Then it would bless your life if you asked Him, “Lord, where are we going today?”

Chaplain David Long

Newsletter Contributions

Do you have material you would like to submit for consideration to be included in future editions of the newsletter? If so, send to Jeff Frank at JLFrank1@Bellsouth.net, or bring hard copy to the meeting. Suggestions for content are always welcome.

(Left) Unidentified young soldier in Confederate uniform with North Carolina state seal buttons and North Carolina Volunteers hat

From the Liljenquist Family Collection of Civil War Photographs, Library of Congress (www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/lilj/).



Hillsborough Recorder

August 7, 1861

WHO TOOK SHERMAN'S BATTERY?

The Richmond Whig of Friday, has the following:

The capture of this famous battery has been ascribed to various regiments. The first telegrams gave the honor to the 11th Virginia, under Col. Garland, but subsequent information contradicted the statement-- that regiment it was said not being in the fight. Then the Alabama 4th had the glory; then the Hampton's Legions. The Lynchburg Virginian ascribes it to the regiment commanded by Col. Early. But the Enquirer of yesterday gives the chief praise to Ex-Gov. Smith. According to that paper, the 4th South Carolina, 4th Alabama and 11th Virginia regiments were engaged with the battery, and "finding they were being overwhelmed in numbers, were about giving way in the centre of the column. At this juncture, Ex-Governor Smith, with his 19th regiment of Virginians, came to the rescue. Seizing a Confederate flag he unfurled it to the breeze, and appealing to the troops in short, forcible terms, to rally to the rescue and make one gallant, final charge with their comrades in arms and win the day, he put himself at the head of the column, and followed by our gallant men, charged through several companies of sharp shooters stationed in the bushes behind fences, reached the terrible battery and amid a blinding storm of "leaden rain and iron hail," captured it and turned the pieces on the panic stricken foe. Not one man of Sherman's battery was left to tell of its capture, and but four horses remained alive."

It might be that these various and conflicting claims to the distinguished glory of silencing this most formidable battery of the Regular Army, may be explained by the fact, that there were four or five other batteries quite as formidable as this, which shared its fate. Perhaps all the claimants did their parts, and each of them won a battery. But who made the conquest of the great Brobdignagian Battery of 32 pounders, that monstrous novelty in warfare, which Old Scott unquestionably sent over to us for the purpose of battering down Washington? We suppose we must await the official dispatch to assign the glory of that achievement.

To the above the following is added by the Raleigh Register:

We learn from a gentleman just from Richmond that there is a strong reason to believe that Sherman's famous Battery was taken in the first instance by the late lamented Colonel Fisher's Regiment of North Carolina State troops, and that it was after the capture, and when he was beyond the battery, and between it and the enemy, that he met his death. His body was found about forty yards from the battery. It seems that a Georgia Regiment came up and mistaking the 6th Regiment for Yankees, fired and charged upon them and thus became possessed of the battery after it had been captured by the 6th.

August 21, 1861

Deaths of soldiers—A letter from Manassas received in this place, informs us of the deaths of three members of Capt. Freeland's company, viz: John E. Davis, of wounds received in the battle of the 21st; and Isley Pendergrass and Alvin E. Herndon, of typhoid fever.

August 28, 1861

NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS—It is highly gratifying to observe how completely equipped and armed, the North Carolina troops are, that pass through this city to the seat of war. We have not in a single instance, noticed an inefficiently equipped man from that State. Their uniforms are plain, but comfortable and most substantial, they are made for wear and use—not for show. Their arms are all brightly burnished and kept in the best possible order. North Carolina may well be proud of her gallant troops; they are the admiration of all who see them.

--Petersburg Express--