

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



April, 2012

Message from the Commander

Commander Don Saunders

Why honor dead soldiers from a war fought one hundred- fifty years ago? These soldiers were remembered by their family and friends one hundred-fifty years ago. They were defending their homes, their state, and their newly created country. They were defending the ideas of liberty and freedom that their grandfathers had fought for during the first war for independence. Many of us still cherish these same ideas today. To honor these soldiers and remember the sacrifices they made is not only the least we can do; but it is our duty and sacred trust as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

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Grave Marker Dedication

"We are the last of our race. Let us be the best as well."

General Joseph O. Shelby, CSA

Our April 17th meeting speaker is Jim Mills, past Commander Thomasville Rifles Camp. Commander Mills will speak on the Bowie knife. He has several original and reproductions he will show.

Vidalia Onions

Onion orders are due no later than May 5. Pick-up date is May 11th at 6:30 p.m. at Sears parking lot on Friendly Avenue. Any problems or questions please call Commander Saunders (299-2996).

Confederate Memorial Day

Confederate Memorial Day will be observed Thursday, May 10th at 5:15 p.m. First Presbyterian Church Cemetery (Greensboro Historical Museum), Summit Ave.

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

Flag at Ft. McAllister

Two weeks ago I was in Richmond Hill, Georgia. I had gone to Savannah for a wedding and my wife and I had the opportunity to spend Sunday at my church and to see our friends. It also gave me an opportunity to visit Ft. McAllister and check on my saddle ring carbines which I had loaned to the museum. Ft. McAllister is the fort which guarded one of the entrances to Savannah, the Ogeechee River. When Sherman and his forces arrived outside of Savannah, they were hungry. They had been living off the land and the land did not support them very well. General Sherman delegated General Hazen the task of taking Ft. McAllister so that his troops could be supplied from the sea. The battle for the fort took place on 13 December, 1864. It lasted for 15 minutes. 1500 Yankees took on 150 Confederates and although the Confederates put up a pretty good fight, they were soon overwhelmed. Most of the Yankees were wounded or killed by "land mines" which had been put in place by the Confederates. It is the first time that "land mines" were used to deny access to an area in warfare!

After the battle, Sherman was able to supply his troops and having been resupplied, was able to put pressure on Savannah. Sherman's March to the Sea ended at Ft. McAllister, not Savannah. One of the Yankee officers took the Regimental flag which flew over the fort. He was from Maine, about as far away from Georgia as it could have been. The officer died but he had left orders that upon his death, the flag should be returned to either Atlanta or Charleston, South Carolina. For over 100 years, his request was ignored by his family. Then, a flag which had been captured by the

Confederates was returned to Maine. The family believed that they should respond in kind. And so they did. Some members of the family showed up at the fort, unannounced, saying that they had something to give the Superintendent. Something which their ancestor had taken years ago. At first, the Superintendent was skeptical and then when he saw the flag, he was ecstatic!

I saw the flag. It has been framed and it was well cared for. It has made a wonderful addition to the museum. The miracle of the flag is that a gift was made from Georgia to Maine which in turn was responded to by a family who had a flag, unknown to the people at the fort. They in turn honored the wishes of their Great -Grandfather by returning the flag to Ft. McAllister.

The Bible says "cast your bread upon the waters and it will return to you after many days".

I can only add - AMEN

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

The Greensborough Patriot

April 10, 1862

Acknowledgement.

CAMP MANGUM

Near Raleigh, April 1st, 1862.

Mr. Sherwood:--Permit me through your paper, to acknowledge the receipt of, and return thanks for a large and excellent lot of blankets and quilts, sent to my company by the good people of Guilford.

As the names of the donors were not given, I thus publicly acknowledge the good deed done in the dark.

J. T. MOREHEAD,
Capt. Co. C, 45th Reg.

April 24, 1862

Good For Dick—At the battle of Elkhorn, a mess composed of Lieut. Jett. Ed. Smith, and several others of this vicinity, had for a servant a negro boy named Dick, belonging to our esteemed fellow citizen, Thos. Smith, Esq. Before going into battle, the boys not wishing to be robbed by the Hessians, left all their money, about \$500, in the hands of Dick as their banker, and ordered him to stay with the rear guard and baggage. The battle raged long, and Dick became very uneasy about his mess missing their regular meals, in the midst of such sharp exercise. At length he loaded himself with provisions, and went to take them their dinner. He fell into the hands of the enemy, and found himself a prisoner. Dick affected to be delighted with the circumstance, and told them that he was a Union man, and belonging to one of the best Union men in the world “old man Smith, about twenty miles off.” (The distance is 250 miles.) They kept Dick along without searching him, and at Bentonville, one night, Dick saw his chance and “vamoosed.” He came into the mess with the money all safe, and with a fine overcoat for himself, which he “found” just on leaving.

Note: The Battle of Elkhorn Tavern (known as the Battle of Pea Ridge by the Federals) was fought on March 7-8, 1862, in Benton County, Arkansas.

Boggs Battalion of Light Artillery. Breech Loading Armstrong Field Pieces

Recruits wanted for Capt. Gregory's Company. The Conscript Law has passed, and all white males not legally exempt between the ages of 18 and 35 will be detailed and put into the different arms of the service without a voice in the selection of their officers or the corps in which they shall serve. This is the ____ for those liable to conscription to volunteer.

Pay, Bounty, Subsistence and Clothing furnished from the day of enlistment.

Those who desire to join the popular and splendid Battalion will apply to:

JAS W. ALBRIGHT
Greensboro, N.C.

Grave Marker Dedication

A ceremony was held on Saturday, April 7th, for Azariah Denny at the Joel Denny Family Cemetery in Surry County (near Pilot Mountain). Azariah was a member of Co. C, 21st NC Troops and was killed on June 6th 1864 at the Battle of Cold Harbor.



In attendance was Mrs. Pansy Denny Broughton (great niece of Azariah), Michael Moore (sixth cousin of Azariah), as well as other family and friends. An honor guard was provided by members of the 28th NC Troops, 38th NC Troops and 21st NC Troops. SCV camps represented included the Yadkin Gray Eagles Camp #1765 and the Col. John Sloan Camp #1290.

Calendar of Events

345th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, April 17th, at 6:00 PM
 Capt. Bill's Seafood
 6108 West Market St.
 Greensboro, NC 27409
 (336) 852-5162

Speaker: Jim Mills will present a program on Bowie Knives.

150th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Ft. Macon

Saturday, April 21st, and Sunday, April 22nd
 Fort Macon State Park
 2303 East Fort Macon Road
 Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

Old Salem Confederate Memorial Service

Sunday, May 6th
 Salem Cemetery
 301 Cemetery Street
 Winston Salem, NC 27101

Confederate Memorial Day Service (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Thursday, May 10th, 5:15 PM
 First Presbyterian Church Cemetery
 Greensboro Historical Museum
 130 Summit Avenue
 Greensboro, NC 27401

346th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, May 15th, at 6:00 PM
 Capt. Bill's Seafood
 6108 West Market St.
 Greensboro, NC 27409
 (336) 852-5162

Stokes County Confederate Memorial Day Service

Sunday, May 27th
 Old Courthouse
 100 Courthouse Cir
 Danbury, NC 27016

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Camp Staff

Don Saunders - Commander
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 Sammy Scott - 2nd Lt. Commander
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