

# SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



January, 2012

## Message from the Commander

Commander Don Saunders

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### Southern Creed

"If I ever disown, repudiate,  
Or apologize for the Cause  
For which Lee fought and Jackson died,  
Let the Lightnings of Heaven Rend me,  
And the Scorn of all good men  
And true women be my portion.  
Sun, Moon, and Stars all fall on me  
When I cease to love the Confederacy.  
Tis the Cause,  
Not the Fate of the Cause,  
That is glorious!"

Major R.E. Wilson,  
1<sup>st</sup> NC Battalion of Sharpshooters

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The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization composed of male descendants of Confederate soldiers and sailors dedicated to insuring that a true history of the 1961-1865 period is preserved and presented to the public. The SCV is also Service, Commitment, and Vindication.

**Service** - They enlisted for the war. Your enlistment is a lifetime. Every day you should remember the sacrifice they made and the service they rendered.

**Commitment** - Your solemn oath to remember their lives and deeds- defending their state and homeland. Some left for short periods of time to take care of family or farm, but they always returned.

**Vindication** - The cause was right- our duty is to uphold their honor.

- 58 members and guests attended the December meeting. Member Dennis Barbour was entertaining and informative on his program about Lee's Arlington House. Thank you to the OCR ladies for the Christmas treats.
- Make plans now to attend the Lee-Jackson banquet on January 17 (regular meeting night) at the Painted Plate on N Church St, Greensboro. Our program will be presented by Mark Simpson, SC Division Commander. Cost is \$20 for SCV members. Please mail your check to Col. John Sloan Camp, PO Box 4895 Greensboro NC 27402. For more information contact Don Saunders at 299-2996.
- During the December business meeting, Treasurer Thad Tucker presented a budget for 2012-2013. The camp approved donations to the NC Division Heritage Defense Fund to assist the Reidsville monument project and support for the Lexington VA Camp in its Fly the Flag lawsuit.
- Welcome associate member, Carl Singley, 924 South 5th St, Mebane NC 27302. Carl is Commander of the Anderson, Bingham, Tew Camp in Mebane.
- Bad weather- If you are not sure if the camp is meeting because of weather conditions, please call Commander Don Saunders (299-2996) or Lt. Commander Josh Myers (285-8906) or Capt. Bill's Seafood (852-5162)

## The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David Long

Emma Florence LeConte (1847-1932) was born in Georgia and lived there until 1856, when her father, geologist Joseph Leconte, accepted a position at South Carolina College (now the University of South Carolina) in Columbia. During the War Between The States, Emma stayed in Columbia with her mother, while her father was involved in an attempt to make gunpowder for the Confederate army. Her diary from 1864-1865 was published as "When the World Ended: The Diary of Emma LeConte.

I had in my church in Richmond Hill, Georgia, a descendant of Emma LeConte, who had in his possession a copy of that diary.

Beginning with an entry dated December 31, 1864, Emma records her daily thoughts and emotions during the final months of the Civil War and the beginning of the postwar period. Of special significance is the account which she gives of General Sherman's march through Columbia on February 18, 1865, when his troops burned government buildings and other houses of important political figures.

With the beginning of a new year, Emma was ready to put the past behind her as she wrote in her journal:

"Jan. 1, 1865. What a bright new year! If only the sunshine be a presage (an indication or warning of a future occurrence) of happier days! Cold but clear and sunny - such a contrast to yesterday's tears. With this bright sun shining on me I can't feel as mournful as I did yesterday. I will try to throw off the sad memories I was brooding over and hope for better things. I will try to forget my struggles and failures and disappointments and begin again with new resolutions."

For Emma LeConte the previous year had been of seeming hopelessness. Yet with the dawning of a new day in Christ comes a fresh start and a new hope. The writer of Lamentations was the prophet Jeremiah, who has been called, "the weeping prophet". Jeremiah faced the overwhelming task of preaching to a sinful nation that would not turn back to God.

The Holy Spirit reminded Jeremiah that God's mercies are fresh every morning and He will be faithful to His promises. My father-in-law loved this verse and quoted it many times. It is found in Lamentations 3:22-23,

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness."

If the phrase sounds familiar, Thomas Obadiah Chisholm, wrote a hymn which became a favorite of George Beverly Shea and he and his choir at the Billy Graham Crusades made it popular. "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". Moody Bible Institute of Chicago adopted it as their unofficial theme song and when the president of Moody, Dr. William Houghton died, it was sung at his funeral.

As we begin a New Year, let us remember our God who in the Lord Jesus Christ has shown us and all of creation, His faithfulness!

## 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

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## January 1862

Jan. 1 - The release of John Slidell, Minister to Great Britain, and James Mason, Minister to France, from Fort Warren, ends the Trent Affair.

Jan. 1 - Stonewall Jackson begins the Bath/Romney Campaign from Winchester, Virginia. The objective of the campaign was to secure western Virginia for the Confederacy and to disrupt traffic on the B&O Railroad and the C&O Canal.

Jan. 10 - Battle of Middle Creek (KY). A Union victory led by future President James A. Garfield.

Jan. 10 - At a White House meeting with generals of the Army of the Potomac, while McClellan is ill with typhoid fever, Lincoln states "...if McClellan is not going to use the Army anytime soon, I would like to borrow it."

Jan. 15 - Edwin Stanton becomes U. S. Secretary of War, after the resignation of Simon Cameron.

Jan 19 - Battle of Mill Springs (KY). A Union victory in the West and the second largest battle fought in Kentucky, this battle helped dislodge Confederates from Kentucky.

Jan. 26 - General P. G. T. Beauregard is ordered west to become second-in-command to Albert Sidney Johnston

Jan. 30 - The USS Monitor is launched. It is the first ironclad built for the U. S. Navy and also the first ship with a rotating central gun in her turret.

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## The Confederate Monument at Morganton, N. C.

A long-cherished dream was realized when, through the generosity of Capt. W. J. Kincaid, of Griffin, Ga., the Confederate monument at Morganton, Burke County, N.C., was completed by the addition of a handsome bronze statue; and on June 22, 1918, the monument was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies in the presence of a large assemblage. Captain Kincaid was there to make the presentation in person, and told how he counted it a privilege to have been allowed to make this contribution to the monument. He was reared in Burke County and holds the place of his nativity and its people in tender regard. He has made a great success in life and is now counted among the foremost men of Georgia.

The statue is that of a Confederate soldier standing on guard, the sturdy type of the private in the ranks. It is nine feet high and stands on a base of North Carolina granite, on which are marble tablets inscribed with the names of the men of Burke County who fought for the Southern Confederacy.



Photo taken July, 2006, by Hilary Perez.

The address of the occasion was made by Judge Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and it is here given in full. He was introduced by Capt. L. A. Bristol, who has the distinction of being the youngest man from the county to win the title of captain, having run away to the war at the age of fourteen. Just before the statue was unveiled Captain Kincaid made a short talk, in which he said: "A people without ideals is a people without inspiration; a people without inspiration is a people without sentiment; a people without sentiment is a people without memories; a people without memories is a people without vision: a people without vision is a people without monuments; and a people without monuments is a people without heroes."

At the conclusion of his talk the cord holding in place the Confederate colors draped about the statue was released by Miss Augusta Bristol, daughter of Captain Bristol and kinswoman of Captain Kincaid, and the statue was revealed amid the enthusiastic cheers of the crowd rising above the strains of "Dixie."

From the *Confederate Veteran*, January, 1918. Contributed by John Plybon.

# The Greensborough Patriot

Jan. 2, 1862

Died.—In Richmond on the 8th instant of pneumonia, Robert A. Wilson, of Guilford, N. C., in the 26th year of his age. He was one of the Dixie Boys. Robert Wilson's character merits more than a mere announcement of his death. From childhood he had been remarkable as an affectionate, dutiful son. It may be said with strict candor that he not only never disobeyed a parent's command, but never disregarded a parent's wish. He was modest, truthful and energetic, never stopping to parlay with any vice. Although not a church member, he had for years sustained a hope, which taken in connection with a spotless life, gives strong confidence to his afflicted friends that he is now at rest. In obedience to his country's call, he left with his companions for the field of strife; in obedience to his Maker's call, he has left them and gone up higher, where all is peace.

Jan. 23, 1862

## The 27th Regiment.

The resignation of Col. Singletary having been accepted, an election for Colonel of the 27th was ordered some time ago which election resulted in the elevation of Lt. Col. John Sloan to the command of the Regiment, and at an election subsequently held Major Thomas B. Singletary was elected Lt. Colonel and Lieut. John A. Gilmer, Jr. was elected Major. These gentlemen are all zealous in the discharge of their duties and under them good service may be expected of the 27th in the hour of danger.

Col. Sloan and Major Gilmer are both citizens of Greensborough, and their friends here are gratified at the confidence reposed in them by their fellow soldiers. That they will both prove themselves in all respects worthy of this confidence, we entertain no doubt.

For the Patriot.  
Acknowledgement.

Camp Fisher, near Newbern, N. C., Jan 19, '62

Mr. Editor: Allow me to return the thanks of myself and Company to the young Ladies of Greensborough Female College for the liberal and unsolicited contribution made by

them to us, through the worthy President of the College, Rev. T. M. Jones, viz—the proceeds of a Concert given by them for the benefit of soldiers, amounting to sixty-four dollars.

I will say to them that a portion of it has been appropriated for some nice fresh pork, and if they could have seen the men when eating it, after having been fed on salt beef, fat middling bacon and salt fish, they would have enjoyed the scene very much.

Respectfully, B. L. COLE,  
Capt. Co. F, 2nd Cavalry, N.C. Army.

## Released Prisoners.

A dispatch from Norfolk, dated Jan. 17th, says:—"Drs. Jeffrey, Page and Lindsay, formerly of the U.S. Navy; Col. Pegram; Capts. Johnson and Sutton; Adj't Pool; and Lieuts. Lassel and Ball, of the N. C. 8th Regiment, who have been imprisoned in Fort Warren, arrived here this evening, from Fortress Monroe."

Dr. Lindsay is a citizen of Greensboro, and his parents and friends are expecting every train to have the pleasure of welcoming him home.



**The guardhouse (left) and sentry box (on right) at the entrance to Fort Warren about 1861. The fort is located on Georges Island at the entrance to Boston Harbor.**

## Historical Marker Maintenance

Historical markers erected by the Col. John Sloan Camp are in need of maintenance. Former commander Michael Briggs has already addressed several of them, but those listed below are still in need of maintenance.

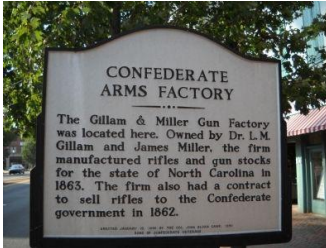


Photo by Bill Coughlin  
(from HMdb.org)

- Reedy Fork Trestle  
Near entrance to Bryan Park on Bryan Park Road.  
([36.177850,-79.729680](#))
- Confederate Arms Factory (Searcy & Moore)  
Near Madison on Highway US 220.  
([36.360502,-79.945456](#))
- Confederate Arms Factory (Gillam & Miller)  
In High Point on North Main Street, between Kivett Drive and High Avenue.  
([35.958087,-80.005705](#))
- Camp Fisher  
In High Point at intersection of North Main Street and East English Road.  
([35.959463,-80.007141](#))

Suggested cleaning and painting method...

- Clean with water and scrub brush.
- Dry with towel.
- Paint frame and lettering with semi-gloss black oil based paint.

Be sure to bring a step ladder and various sizes of detail paint brushes in addition to the supplies above.

## Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet

The Colonel John Sloan Camp #1290 is presenting the Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Reception at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM

The Painted Plate  
2001 N. Church St.  
Greensboro, NC

Speaker: Mark Simpson, Commander South Carolina SCV

\$20 for SCV, OCR or UDC Members and Spouse, \$25 for additional guests

**Please Complete and Return by January 10, 2012**

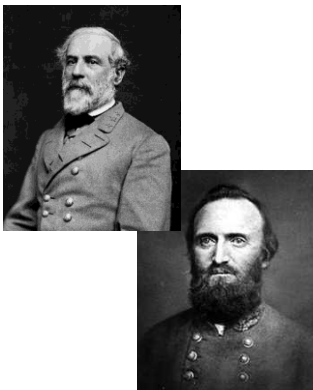
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Total Number of Members/Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

For questions, call Don Saunders at (336)299-2996



## Calendar of Events

### Lee-Jackson Day

Friday-Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

Lexington, Virginia

Flag Vigil/Protest sponsored by the National SCV Heritage Defense Committee

Lee-Jackson Symposium

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

Wreath Laying/Military Salute (10:00 AM), Lee-Jackson Parade (11:00 AM),  
Memorial Service in Lee Chapel (12:00 PM), Lee-Jackson Luncheon (1:30 PM),  
Lee-Jackson Day Ball (7:00 - 11:00 PM)

Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Go to <http://www.leejacksonday.webs.com> for more information.

### 342<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting - Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet (Col. John Sloan Camp)

Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

Reception at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM

The Painted Plate

2001 N. Church St.

Greensboro, NC

Speaker: Mark Simpson, Commander South Carolina SCV

### Anderson-Tew-Bingham Camp Meeting

Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

Mebane, NC

Speaker: H. K. Edgerton

### 343<sup>rd</sup> Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp)

Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 PM

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

(336) 852-5162

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### Camp Staff

Don Saunders - Commander

Josh Myers - Lt. Commander

Sammy 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

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