

# SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



May, 2012

## Message from the Commander

Commander Don Saunders

### IT'S JUST A FLAG

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It's just a flag: A piece of cloth; sometimes made of cotton, sometimes silk, sometimes wool. Sometimes machine sewn, but usually hand stitched. Sometimes painted with Latin mottoes, words of valor. Sometimes words seeking divine providence or protection. Sometimes words of patriotism and homeland. Battle honors of bravery and sacrifice.



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"Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a Southern man apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance. Our cause was so just, so sacred, that had I known all that has come to pass, had I known what was to be inflicted upon me, all that my country was to suffer, all that our posterity was to endure, I would do it all over again."

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President Jefferson Davis, C.S.A

It's just a flag. Why would men follow such a flag, not knowing what awaited them? The 26th NC went into battle July 1, 1863, with 800 muskets. When the sun set that day, 588 men had been killed, wounded, or missing. The regimental colors were shot down 14 times, including when carried by Colonel Henry King Burgwyn. With one day of rest, the regiment marched back into battle on July 3, and lost an additional 120 men and 8 more color bearers shot down. The colors were planted on "The Angle". This was the furthest advance of Confederate forces at Gettysburg.

It's just a flag; and we will honor our dead on May 10th, with our flag.

### Speaker for May

[Michael Hardy](#) will discuss his latest book, *North Carolina in the Civil War*. "The first, well-illustrated, concise history of North Carolina and the Civil War, going beyond the War in the state, with chapters on the soldiers, Reconstruction, and remembrance."

## The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

### Wade Hampton

One of my favorite Generals in the War Of Northern Aggression was General Wade Hampton of South Carolina. At the time Wade Hampton was one of the wealthiest men in the state. When the war broke out, Wade Hampton volunteered his services and also the services of his men whom he had recruited as "Hampton's Legion" and who he paid with his own money. Wade Hampton began as a Colonel and became a Lieutenant General - only one of two Lieutenant Generals (Nathan Bedford Forrest was the other) who did not have formal military training. He and his men were in the battle of "First Manassas" in which he received his first of many wounds. Promoted to Brigadier General in 1862, he was wounded at Fair Oaks (Seven Pines) and in July was assigned to the cavalry of the Army of Northern Virginia, becoming in September General J.E.B. Stuart's second in command. Hampton fought at Sharpsville, Gettysburg, in the Wilderness, and in the Shenandoah Valley; he was promoted to Major General in 1863 and in May 1864, on the death of Stuart, became commander of the Cavalry corps. In February of 1865, he became a Lieutenant General.

After he failed to get President Jefferson Davis to Texas, Hampton returned to South Carolina. He helped to restore the Democrat party and was elected Governor. Elected for a second term, he resigned to run for the U.S. Senate. He was elected a U.S. Senator, and as Paul Harvey says, "And now- for the rest of the story."

Once when he was getting on an elevator in the U.S. Senate, a young man got on the elevator with him, and said, "Senator Hampton, my name is Johnson. My father was given a pass to go home and be with my mother when she was giving birth to me. You and your men were on a patrol and found my father, his Northern uniform hanging on a bush, taking a bath in a lake. You called on him to surrender and he told you that he was not even armed, and was on his way home to be with his wife. He promised that if you would let him go, he would go to his home and not be a bother to anyone. You and your men not only let him go but you personally wrote a pass for him to use should he meet up with a Confederate patrol." "I remember", said Hampton, "but I had forgotten all about it! Your father got home all right and I am glad." The young man said, "He did and I just wanted to thank you." "And what was your name, son?", asked Hampton. "My name is Johnson, Wade Hampton Johnson!"

Again, "Cast your bread on the waters and it will return to you after many days."

## 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

May 8, 1862

**Vance's Legion.** — ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS BOUNTY—In a few days all free white males liable to Military service, between the ages of 18 and 35 will be enrolled for active service and sent into Companies whose officers have been already chosen, and without Bounty money. When once enrolled, you cannot volunteer. Col. Z. B. Vance now commanding 26th Regiment of N.C. Troops and who was in the hottest of the battle at Newbern is raising a Legion, and I am authorized to raise a company for it. All desiring to join, will call at my office, of the Drug Store of Porter and Gorrell. This is the last opportunity you will have to volunteer and for Bounty money. Officers elected by the Company.

JULIUS L. GORRELL

May 8, 1862

For the Patriot.

## Acknowledgement.

Head Quarters, 33rd Reg. N. C. T

Kinston, N. C. April 29th, 1862

Mr. Editor:--Permit me through your columns, to return my thanks to the Ladies of High Point for their timely and generous present of a large quantity of clothing, &c., &c., to the needy of the 33d Regiment, this day received.

Soldiers are ever gratified when they know they are remembered by Ladies, but when they are made to feel by such unmistakable evidences that their sufferings, and trials are appreciated and provided for by the daughters of the State, it serves them to encounter, yet more sufferings and greater trials, nay even death itself, with a stout heart, to protect the hearths and fire sides of such benefactors from invasion by a ruthless foe.

I feel permitted to say, from their soldierly-like bearing both in Camp and in the battle field, the Ladies of High Point, and others who have favored the Regiment will never regret their kindness.

With high respect,  
R. F. HOKE, Lt. Col. Com'dg

May 22, 1862

## Squadron "Partisan Rangers."—

Having been authorized by the Secretary of War and Maj. Gen. Holmes to raise two companies of "Rangers" to act together under the command of the senior Captain, an opportunity is thus offered to those "not afraid of getting hurt" to enter this popular branch of the service. The Ranger service is authorized by act of Congress, and thus occupies the same legal ground with any portion of the army, with this difference, however, that the Partisan Act was passed subsequent to the Conscription Act, and in all cases where the two conflict the Ranger prevails. The Ranger furnishes his own horse, other equipments furnished by the Government. Forty cents a day paid for use of the horse, and his value if killed in battle. If they furnish themselves with a shot-gun, \$1.00 per month for the use of the same. Arms and munitions of war taken from the enemy belong to the company. As there is urgent present need of these companies in Eastern Carolina, and "picked" men are desired, the Colonels of the different militia regiments are requested to bring the matter immediately to the attention of their commands. Any person liable to conscript duty can join this service, receiving the same bounty, pay and rations as in the regular army. Persons desiring to enlist in this branch of the service, can communicate with Senior Capt. P. G. Evans, Greensborough, N. C.; Capt. J. M. Gallaway, Wentworth, Rockingham, N. C.; Lieut. George J. Moore, Goldsboro, N. C., John L. Morehead, Esq., Charlotte, N. C.; Hon. W. W. Avery, Morganton, N. C., Lieut. I. W. Hughes, Goldsboro, N. C.

The Fayetteville Observer and Raleigh Journal once a week in semi-weekly issues: Salisbury Watchman, Iredell Express, Charlotte Democrat, Milton Chronicle, will please publish for four weeks and send bills to the Patriot office for collection.

May 22, 1862

The 21st North Carolina Regiment is now in Gen. Ewell's division with Gen. Jackson's Army in the valley of Virginia. It was recently re-organized by the election of Capt. Thomas Settle, Colonel; R. K. Pepper, Lt. Colonel; and Dr. Saunders Fulton, Major.

## Calendar of Events

### Yadkin County Confederate Memorial Service (Yadkin Gray Eagles Camp #1765)

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Service begins at 2:00 PM  
 Courtney Baptist Church  
 3341 Courtney Church Road  
 Yadkinville, NC 27055

Stan Clardy will provide music for the occasion. There will be refreshments and cake afterwards.

### Lexington Confederate Memorial Service (Davidson Guards Camp #1851)

Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Service begins at 2:30 PM  
 Lexington Cemetery  
 400 N. State Street  
 Lexington, NC 27292

There are 75 Confederate Veterans buried in this cemetery, and all will be marked with the Confederate Battle Flag. Following the service a wreath will be placed at the Confederate Monument on Main Street.

### 346<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

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

Speaker: Michael Hardy will discuss his latest book, "North Carolina in the Civil War".

### Stokes County Confederate Memorial Service (Brown Mountain Boys Camp # 1540)

Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Service begins at 3:00 PM  
 Old Courthouse  
 100 Courthouse Cir  
 Danbury, NC 27016

### 347<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</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  
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### Mailing Address

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