

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



November, 2012

Message from the Commander

Commander Don Saunders

Two important dates are on the November calendar, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. As we paused to Honor those men and women who served our country in times of war and peace, let us also remember those veterans who defended our state and country 1861-1865. Our organization is the Sons of Confederate Veterans and it is our duty to Remember and Honor those soldiers.

It is also a time for giving thanks for the many blessings God has given us. We are also thankful for the sacrifices in blood our Confederate ancestors made; fighting for a just cause. Let us always Remember and be Thankful.

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"We feel that our cause is just and holy; we protest solemnly in the face of mankind that we desire peace at any sacrifice save that of honour and independence; we ask no conquest, no aggrandizement, no concession of any kind from the States with which we were lately confederated; all we ask is to be let alone; that those who never held power over us shall not now attempt our subjugation by arms."

- President Jefferson Davis,
April 29, 1861

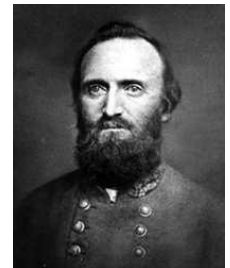
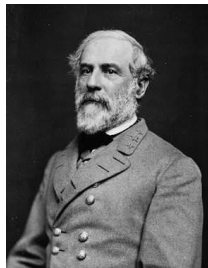
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LEE-JACKSON BANQUET

The Painted Plate

2001 N. Church Street, Greensboro NC
6:00 PM, January 15th, 2013

\$24 for SCV, OCR or UDC Members
Mail check to: Col. John Sloan Camp,
P.O. Box 4895, Greensboro, NC, 27404



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 Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

"Zeb Vance Was Thankful"

I have often spoken of my admiration of Governor (Senator, Colonel) Zebulon B. Vance. You also know that I have little admiration for Yankee General Judson Kilpatrick. I was pleased to find that Colonel Vance did not like Judson Kilpatrick either! When Vance was captured, Kilpatrick said that he was the one who captured him. Vance reacted with the following statement.

To The Editor Of The New York World:

I see by the public prints that General Kilpatrick has decorated me with his disapprobation (disfavor) before the people of Pennsylvania. He informs them, substantially, that he tamed me by capturing me and riding me two hundred miles on a bareback mule. I will do him the justice to say he knew that was a lie when he uttered it.

I surrendered to General Schofield at Greensboro, N.C. on the 2nd of May, 1865, who told me to go to my home and remain there, saying that if he got any orders to arrest me he would send there for me. Accordingly, I went home and remained there until I was arrested on 13th of May, by a detachment of 300 cavalry, under Major Porter, of Harrisburg, from whom I received nothing but kindness and courtesy for which I am eternally thankful! I came in a buggy to Salisbury, where we took the cars.

I saw no mule on the trip, yet I thought I saw an ass at the general's headquarters; this impression has since been confirmed.

Respectfully yours,
Z.B. Vance

Praise the Lord!

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 106:1

Christmas Packages for the Troops

FINAL CALL for Christmas packages to Afghanistan. I need to mail everything out in the days after Thanksgiving. I am gathering NEW magazines and the book "The Soldier's Night Before Christmas" from buying new or used at Amazon.com. I got new ones from Amazon for \$1.49 each. hard candy like mints, lifesavers, wrether's butterscotch, instant cocoa packages would be nice to send. These boxes will go to the forward units--those out there away from base and the most vulnerable to attack as far as I can determine. I am taking new names off the <http://anysoldier.com/> site. One marine, one army soldier to send to. Most of the boxes last month went to Msgt. Troy Allen at a forward base. Our guy at Camp Bastion got one box as he and his men are on a mega-base of 20,000 marines and they have all kinds of gyms, PX shops, etc. The forward guys have nothing so let's concentrate our efforts for those men--I don't think any of our women service people are out there.

Thanks,
Carole Heffley

The 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg

On December 7 - 9, 2012, the Battle of Fredericksburg Commemoration Committee will be hosting "Fire on the Rappahannock", a commemoration of the Battle of Fredericksburg on its 150th Anniversary.

Educational, living history, and reenactment events will be held in and around Fredericksburg, Virginia to include Ferry Farm in Stafford County and the Slaughter Pen Farm in Spotsylvania County. The reenactment portion will include a crossing of the Rappahannock River and street fighting culminating in an assault on Marye's Heights will take place in the City of Fredericksburg. The organizers pledge to bring to life a historically accurate, safely conducted event that honors the original participants. Broadly, this is a free event to spectators.

Refer to <http://fredericksburg150.org/> for more information.

The Greensborough Patriot

Nov. 6, 1862

Captain William Adams

“Don’t give up the ship,” has long been a motto for the brave. These noble words were spoken by a dying hero, while his shattered ship was staggering before the tempest of battle. They have added glory to a nation’s history, and rendered the name of Lawrence immortal.

As noble words were spoken by a dying young Captain on the bloody field of Sharpsburg. When the conflict was raging, and the issue was doubtful, an order was given to charge the lines and batteries of the enemy. Promptly and nobly was the order executed. Capt. William Adams and his Guilford Grays were in that terrific charge, when he received his death-wound. When he fell, some of his gallant comrades wished to bear him from the field. The last utterance of his noble spirit was, “Leave me and fight on.” A nation’s fame and a people’s gratitude should not allow the names, the words and the deeds of our heroes to die.

There is no greater evidence of the intelligence, sensibility, and high civilization of the ancient Greeks than the respect they paid to the memory of those who died for their country. They seemed to think that the blood of the brave made their land more holy, and they rekindled the fires of their patriotism at the funeral-pyres of their heroes. Their valour, patriotism and genius has made immortal in history and song the ancient land of Freedom, and left us many examples worthy of imitation, and many lessons of the highest wisdom.

This revolution has produced numberless examples of a devotion to country, and a sublime moral and physical courage, which have never been equalled in the annals of history, and our people will be shamefully recreant to a sacred duty, if they honor not our noble dead.

Capt. William Adams was the son of Peter and Sarah Adams, and was born in Greensborough, N. C., on the 18th of February, 1836. The affectionate liberality of his worthy father gave him the advantages of a good education, and he never forgot the moral teachings of his patriotic and Christian mother. His love for his mother was the strongest feeling of his life. His ardent and sometimes fiery nature could always be subdued to gentleness by that voice which sang the cradle-songs of his childhood. His impulsive temperament never made him unjust or ungenerous, and in his heart malice had no hiding place. His sprightly and cheerful disposition was the

charm of the social circle. He always looked on the bright side of the pictures of life and they were “things of beauty” to him. I am confident he never felt the sense of fear, and daily only called forth the energy and fervor of his pure heart.

Capt. Adams graduated at University in June 1857. He chose the profession of law, and was admitted to the bar in February, 1860. With high intellect, and many noble virtues, he entered the stadium to contend for the prizes of life. His ardent spirit was eager for the contest and the triumph, but he never reached the goal to which his young ambition pointed.

The proclamation, the cause of war and all our woes, was issued on the 15th of April, 1861; and on the 23rd, the Guilford Grays were on their way to Fort Macon. A nobler band of boys never entered their country’s service, and William Adams was then their first Lieutenant. For more than sixteen months he endured the toils and privations of army life. His affectionate heart was every day longing for home, but duty kept him in the camp. He soon became Captain of his company, and his comrades say he was a brave and accomplished officer. He promptly obeyed the orders of his superiors in command, and while he was firm in discipline, he was kind and generous to his men.

He commanded his company at the battle of Newbern, and did all that courage could do, to prevent that disaster. He was with his company in a reserved corps during the seven days battle before Richmond, and he went with the army in the expedition into Maryland. He fought his last battle at Sharpsburg, and there at the post of duty and of danger, he offered up his life as a sacrifice to the freedom of the South.

At Shepherdstown his sad and weary comrades laid him in a quiet grave, which they hallowed with the tears of affection. He sleeps now on the confines of his country, by the banks of the beautiful Potomac, and the blue mountains of the land he loved, stand guard beside his tomb. He could have no prouder resting place, for the noble river that rushes by, for more than sixty years, has flowed near the grave and sighed the dirge of Washington.

--R. P. D.--

Calendar of Events

352nd Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, November 20th, at 6:00 PM
 Capt. Bill's Seafood
 6108 West Market St.
 Greensboro, NC 27409
 (336) 852-5162

Jamestown Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 2nd, at 3:00 PM

Unveiling of New Confederate Monument

Saturday, December 8th, at 2:00 PM
 Old Union County Courthouse
 500 N. Main St.
 Monroe, NC, 28112

A new Confederate Monument, "In Memory of Union County's Confederate Pensioners of Color", will be placed in front of the existing Confederate Monument at the Old Union County Courthouse in Monroe, NC, on Saturday December 8th, 2012. Earl Ijames, curator at the North Carolina Museum of History, will be the keynote speaker.

All are welcome to attend and those who have period dress are encouraged to participate. Re-enactors are also encouraged to take part in the honor guard salute. If you wish to participate in this Sesquicentennial Event, please contact Tony Way at (704) 242-2756.

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Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, January 15th, 2013, at 6:00 PM
 The Painted Plate
 2001 N. Church Street
 Greensboro, NC 27405
 (336) 230-2433

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Camp Staff

Don Saunders - Commander
 Josh Myers - Lt. Commander
 Sammy Scott - 2nd Lt. Commander
 Thad Tucker - Treasurer
 Mike Myers - Adjutant
 David Long - Chaplain
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