

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Don Saunders

Before you read this article, take a minute and read General Stephen D. Lee's Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

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A few weeks ago a Sloan Camp member called me to say he had come into possession of a Confederate item he thought belonged to the Greensboro Historical Museum. The following day we met with museum staff and found out this item had been stolen about 1985, and had been on loan to the Greensboro Historical Museum from VMI. Paper work was filled-out and later that day VMI officials were in Greensboro to take the item back to its rightful home.

At the August meeting, the Sloan camp had two requests for donations. The first request came from Commander Joel Fesperman of the Ritchie Camp in Albemarle. The Ritchie camp is placing a marker to ten Black Confederate Soldiers in Monroe, NC. The second request was presented Eric Richardson, past commander of the Fisher Camp in Graham, and Teresa Roane, archivist at the Museum of the Confederacy. Eric and Teresa were seeking funding for preservation of Varina Davis' letters and other materials. Not only did the Sloan camp vote to make a donation for this project; but donations from individual members more than doubled the camp donation.

We never know when as an individual member or as an SCV camp an opportunity to live-up to the Charge will be presented to us.

Members of the Sloan Camp we are charged with the guardianship of his (the Confederate soldier's) history. I hope we will continue to live-up to the Charge.

"The time for compromise has now passed, and the South is determined to maintain her position, and make all who oppose her smell Southern powder and feel Southern steel!"

Jefferson Davis used these words in his inaugural speech on February 16, 1861

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

Robert Lewis Dabney was a Presbyterian minister who taught at the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He was also a professor and editor. In the world of theology, he was an opponent of Dr. Thomas Woodrow, professor of theology at Columbia Theological Seminary of Columbia, South Carolina. (Not to be confused with Columbia Bible College). His opposition to Dr. Woodrow was that Woodrow believed in Charles Darwin's interpretation of how man was created. Thomas Woodrow was the uncle of Thomas Woodrow Wilson, who was the only President who had earned a PhD. Robert Lewis Dabney went after Woodrow and brought charges against him. Woodrow was fired and became president of South Carolina College (now the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina).

Robert Lewis Dabney served on Stonewall Jackson's staff for only three months but nonetheless wrote a biography, "Life and Campaigns of Thomas J. Jackson". The native Virginian became chaplain of the 18th Virginia upon the outbreak of the Civil War and in 1862 reluctantly accepted the post of Chief of Staff for Jackson's Valley District. He was commissioned as a major and assistant adjutant general. Henry Kyd Douglas, a noted Civil War historian, declares that while Dabney was a good staff officer in camp, he was not up to the job in the field. After serving in the Shenandoah Valley Campaign and the Seven Days, he resigned in July of 1862. Known for carrying an umbrella instead of a sword, he was once ridiculed by Jackson's "foot cavalry" when he was seen on a march with it opened against the weather. Resuming his religious pursuits, he never reconciled himself to the South's fall and proposed the emigration of the white populace. His Jackson biography had to be corrected on a number of points by a tactful General Robert E. Lee.

I have in my possession the book, "Robert Lewis Dabney" written by Thomas C. Johnson, who was also a professor at Union Theological Seminary. One of the stories which he tells is that once Dabney and his men came under fire from the Yankees. Dabney got off his horse and sought shelter behind a tree. One of his men called out, "Major, why are you behind that tree? Don't you Presbyterians believe in Predestination?" "Oh," said Dabney, "don't you believe that God "predestined the tree to be here?"

In 1870, Dr. Dabney was elected Moderator of the Southern Presbyterian Church which met that year in Louisville, Kentucky. Being Moderator of the Presbyterian Church is one of the highest honors that can come to a minister. In his years of ministry, he taught at the University of Texas, Hampden - Sydney College, and was a co-founder and professor at Austin Presbyterian Seminary, Austin, Texas.

Dr. Dabney departed this life on January 3, 1898.

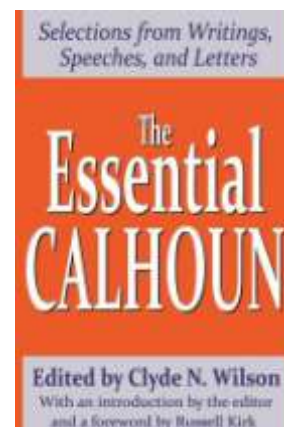
Membership Renewal

Reminder...It is time to renew your SCV membership! Bring it to the meeting and save yourself the cost of a stamp. Yearly dues, other than those with a lifetime National membership, are \$45.00 (\$8.00 Col. John Sloan Camp dues + \$7.00 North Carolina Division dues + \$30.00 National dues).

It is also a great time to make a contribution to various other projects/causes, such as the Oakwood Cemetery, the Heritage Defense Fund and more. The SCV is a 501(c) non-profit organization, so your contributions are tax deductible to the full extent provided for by law.

Suggested Reading

For more information on Senator John C. Calhoun, who Sid Cundiff discussed at our August meeting, obtain a copy of "The Essential Calhoun", by Clyde N. Wilson.



The Greensborough Patriot

Sept. 18, 1862

From Maryland! Casualties in Co. E., 22nd Regiment

Frederick City, Frederick Co., Md.

September 7th, 1862

Messrs. Editors: After participating in one of the recent battles at and around Manassas, the Brigade to which the glorious Twenty-Second Regiment is attached, has crossed the Potomac, and we are now encamped in a beautiful grove in Maryland and Confederate soldiers are greeted most cordially by the Marylanders—we meet warm and ardent friends here—and in every respect do we receive better treatment from the people, than we ever received in Northern Virginia. So far, we have not had to pay for stores and supplies of any sort—the people vieing with each other in furnishing us such articles as we need. I regret that I have time this morning only to give you the casualties in my company during the recent fight.

Wounded—Lt. M. M. Wolfe, buckshot through leg; Lt. A. J. Busick, struck on leg by a piece of shell; Sergt. O. C. Wheeler, minnie ball through hand; Sergt. A. N. Gordon by fragment of shell; Corporal W. S. Briggs, struck in eye by a small shot, inflicting a painful wound, and his eye is entirely lost; Privates J. R. Wyrick, shot in foot; James Laughlin, in shoulder; S. W. Shaw, in shoulder.

On Monday, the 2nd, in the engagement near Fair Fax, C. H., our loss was, killed, Private E. Riley; wounded, private A. Parish.

J. A. HOOPER,

Capt. Co. E, 22nd Regt. N. C. T.

Sept. 25, 1862

Twenty-Second Regiment

Near Frederick City, Maryland, September 6th.

Messrs. Editors: We are now in the lovely state of Maryland, beyond the boundaries of the Confederate States. We are without mail facilities to communicate with our friends at home, who are now, no doubt, more anxious about our condition than before. I, therefore, embrace the present opportunity of a short rest in our march to send you a list of the killed, wounded and missing in the recent battles.

Since leaving Richmond a few weeks ago, the 22nd Regt. has been in six battles, but I am glad to be able to state that comparatively our loss has been light. In the eleven engagements in which we have been, we have learned how to fight the Yankees—raise a yell and strike a run at full speed, and the Yankee will immediately give you a race, seldom stopping long enough to return a fire. Thus the firing is mostly on one side. The run is also profitable, because it the sooner places us under the range of the numerous batteries which pour such incessant showers of grape and canister in our ranks. In the last charge we made on Saturday evening, which resulted in the complete rout of the enemy, there were no less than three batteries playing upon our regiment for fully a half mile in open field, one being upon our flank. Once started, to stop, the men knew to be distraction. So, every man yelled to the top of his voice, and each vied with the other who could run the fastest. Sergt. Pinkerton, of Co. K., color bearer, deserves special commendation for nobly bearing the color far in the advance of the entire line of the battle. I will mention one instance of his valor, which is the more noble, he being a mere boy in size and age. Approaching near one of the batteries immediate in our front, the Infantry fled, and the Artillerymen limbered up and put off at eh speed of their horses. Not wishing to permit such a prize to escape, the color bearer and one or two others gave the horses a race. Coming up with the gun, they shot one of the horses, which put a stop to the race. Sergt. Pilkerton rushed forward to plant his color upon the gun and was met by one of the artillerymen. His only weapon was a sword bayonet, which he drew upon the fool, capturing the man and then planted his color upon the gun.

We have been necessarily compelled to endure some very severe marches, but the army is delighted at our successes. The health of the men are good.

C. C. COLE, Maj.

Commanding Regiment

Calendar of Events

350th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, September 18th, at 6:00 PM
 Capt. Bill's Seafood
 6108 West Market St.
 Greensboro, NC 27409
 (336) 852-5162

Speaker: Steve Campbell will present a program on General "Stonewall" Jackson.

200th Anniversary Celebration for the Bethel Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 30th, at 2:00 PM
 Bethel Presbyterian Church
 300 Knox Rd.
 McLeansville, NC

22nd Annual J.E.B. Stuart Civil War Encampment & Living History Weekend

October 6th - 7th, Opens at 9:00 AM
 Laurel Hill
 1091 JEB Stuart Highway
 Ararat, VA 24053

Battles both Days, 1800s Fashion Show, Black Rose Memorial Service, Saturday Night Dance and Candlelight Tour, Sunday Morning Church Service, String Music, Food Vendors, and more.

Admission: \$8.00 per person, Children 12 and under: Free, Free Parking
 100% of proceeds go toward preserving the J.E.B. Stuart Birthplace
<http://www.jebstuart.org/>

Lt. FC Frazier Camp #668, Regular Meeting

Monday, October 8th, at 6:00 PM
 Women's Club
 4106 Johnson St.
 High Point, NC 27265
 (336) 869-4470

351st Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, October 16th, at 6:00 PM
 Capt. Bill's Seafood
 6108 West Market St.
 Greensboro, NC 27409
 (336) 852-5162

Speaker: Greg Cheek will present a program on the Confederate Cent.

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