

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



July, 2013

Message from the Commander

Commander James Siske

I hope that all of you are having a good summer. We are now into July and the summer is really moving on.

Those of you who have been following all of the events in Gettysburg have realized that there has not been much coverage in the paper or on television.

There is a special edition of the "150th Anniversary of Gettysburg" that is out in hardback form by Robin and Robert Doak. It contains lots of facts, events and pictures pertaining to the events which took place there. It's a good quick guide and reference to have. I just thought that I would pass that on.

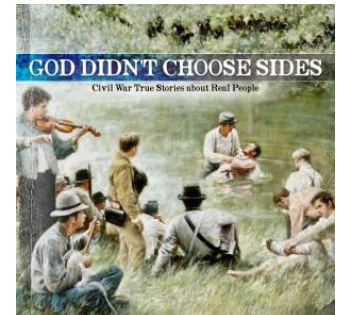
Our speaker this month is Danny Bolick, who will present a program on "Gettysburg, from an SCV Member's Point of View".

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New Bluegrass Album Receiving Considerable Acclaim

"GOD DIDN'T CHOOSE SIDES, Volume 1 – Civil War True Stories About Real People" contains original songs about lost loved ones, acts of kindness, selflessness, faith, family values and brotherhood.



"It's all my fault, it is I who have lost this fight, and you must help me out of it the best way you can. All good men must rally."

-General Robert E. Lee, to the men of Pickett's Charge as they return to their lines.

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

Battle of Gettysburg Reenactments

Two reenactments of the Battle of Gettysburg were held between June 27th and July 7th, with 8,000 to 15,000 re-enactors attending each event (out numbering the 8,103 residents of Gettysburg). Gettysburg was expecting between 200,000 and 300,000 visitors during this period.

Re-enactors from around the world took part in these battles. Countries represented included (but not limited to); Canada, Wales, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Poland and Australia.

The weather for the first event, the Blue Gray Alliance event, was more comfortable with highs in the mid-80s and a brief rain storm each afternoon/evening. By the second event, the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee event, the temperatures had climbed into the low 90s, but the afternoon rain storms were absent until the final battle on Sunday, July 7th. The increase in temperatures, combined with long marches from camp to the battlefield, took its toll on the troops. For some reason, the infantry camps were placed the furthest away, and up a hill, at both events! There must be some sound military logic for this strategic placement of infantry camps; however the reasoning is not apparent to the lowly sergeant.



The Pickett-Pettigrew-Trimble Charge, July 7th, 2013

This view of the charge depicts remnants of the fence at the Emmitsburg Road in the foreground, while Federal forces strongly contest any attempt to breach the stone wall. The ground between the fence and wall is littered with Confederate dead and wounded. A rain storm commenced at the conclusion of this battle, just as it did 150 years ago after the Confederates retreated back to Seminary Ridge.

The Greensborough Patriot

July 16, 1863

Respecting Private Property.

The following is Gen. Lee's order to his army relative to private property.

Headquarters Army Northern Va.
Chambersburg, Pa., June 27, 1863.

General Orders, No. 73. —The Commanding General has observed with marked satisfaction the conduct of the troops on the march, and confidently anticipates results commensurate with the high spirit they have manifested.

No troops could have displayed greater fortitude, or better performed the arduous marches of the past ten days.

Their conduct in other respects has, with few exceptions, been in keeping with their character as soldiers, and entitles them to approbation and praise.

There have, however, been instances of forgetfulness on the part of some in keeping the yet unsullied reputation of this army, and that the duties exacted of us by civilization and Christianity are not less obligatory in the country of the enemy than in our own.

The Commanding General considers that no greater disgrace could befall the Army, and through it our whole people, than the perpetration of the barbarous outrages upon the unarmed and defenseless and the wanton destruction of private property, that have marked the course of the enemy in our own country.

Such proceedings not only degrades the perpetrators and all connected with them, but are subversive of the discipline and efficiency of the Army, and destructive of the ends of our present movement.

It must be remembered that we make war only upon armed men, and that we cannot take vengeance for the wrong our people have suffered without lowering ourselves in the eyes of all whose abhorrence has been excited by the atrocities of our enemies, and offending against Him to whom vengeance belongeth, without whose favor and support our efforts must all prove in vain.

The Commanding General therefore earnestly exhorts the troops to abstain, with mode scrupulous care, from unnecessary or wanton injury to private property, and he enjoins upon all officers to arrest and bring to summary punishment al who shall in any way offend against the orders on this subject.

R. R. LEE, General

THE WEATHER AND CROPS. —We have seldom seen so long a spell of wet weather as the present. It is raining here now, and has been almost every day for weeks past. For several days past the sun has been obscured by haze or fog, and the sky has been of a leaden color.

A considerable portion of the wheat and oat crops must have been seriously injured by the rains. On many streams these crops have been swept away by freshets, while the corn has been damaged and destroyed. Even on high grounds the corn is being injured by the wet weather. It is running to sap and stalk, while the grass is gaining on it with no opportunity to plow or cut it up.

The prospect, so bright at one time for abundant crops, is now somewhat gloomy.

Raleigh Standard.

CAUALTIES. —We have learned but few particulars concerning the killed and wounded in the battle of Gettysburg. From private letters and dispatches we gather the following:

11th N. C. Regiment. —Maj. E. A. Rose and Lieut. Jas B Lowrie killed; P C Lucas Adjutant of the Regiment, wounded.

53d Regiment. —In Capt J. H. White's company, Neill Wilkinson was killed, and Thos. Trotter wounded.

23d Regiment. —Lieut. Col. R. D. Johnston wounded (not dangerously), and Capt. Wm. H. Johnston a prisoner in the hands of the enemy.

43d Regiment. —Col. This S. Kenan severely wounded in the thigh. —*Char. Dem.*

Calendar of Events

360th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

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

Speaker: Danny Bolick will present a program on "Gettysburg, from an SCV Member's Point of View".

Living History Weekend at Gettysburg

August 10th-11th, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Gettysburg National Military Park
 Gettysburg, PA

Members of the 1st North Carolina Battalion (4th Regt, 1st Div, Army of Northern Virginia) will be participating in a living history weekend at [Gettysburg National Military Park](#). Their encampment will be located at Pitzer Woods on West Confederate Avenue (where the General James Longstreet statue is located), with infantry demonstrations in the field opposite the camp site.

361st Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, August 20th, at 6:00 PM
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 6108 West Market St.
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Speaker: Jack Malar will speak on the "Grandeur of the Old South".

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