

# SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



May, 2013

## Message from the Commander

Commander James Siske

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By now all of you reading this letter know that we have lost a very special SCV member, Dr. Dick Fields. As many of you know he was very proud of the SCV and the Col. John Sloan Camp. Our camp wouldn't be the camp it is today if Dick had not put a lot of time and effort into it and many of you were considered extended family to him.

He served not only as camp Commander but also served as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOS&B).

He also made many speeches at various SCV camps all around the state about the War Between the States battles and the history related to them.

Be sure to keep his wife Pat and the rest of his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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A special "Thank You" to all who attended the Confederate Memorial Day Service at Green Hill Cemetery and especially to the following SCV members who helped post the Confederate Flags on all of the graves; Don Saunders, John Plybon, Rev. David Long, Charles Long, Clark Porter, Clarence Long and Jim Siske.

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"Never stand and take a charge...  
charge them too."

- General Nathan Bedford Forrest

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Just a reminder, the Vidalia onion fundraiser has gone very well we still have some bags that need to be picked up. Also be sure to collect the money as it can be turned in to our Treasurer. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 674-2145.



**Stop Censoring History and bring back the  
Confederate Battle Flag and Exhibit to the  
Capitol**

Sign the petition at:

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/565/033/069/stop-censoring-history-and-bring-back-the-confederate-battle-flag-and-exhibit-to-the-capitol/>

## The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

### A Remembrance of Dick Fields

I never really got to know Dr. Fields. More than at any time in my 78 years do I feel such a loss! From what I do know, his will be a life and a ministry that will be hard to replace. He was a strong supporter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He was a man who loved his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a most capable dentist and a credit to his profession. Because he loved his community, he entered the political arena. As one who loved his country, he entered the United States Army after his graduation from dental school. Dick Fields was a most capable defender of his beloved Southland and chose as his hero, General Nathan Bedford Forrest, a much maligned and yet most outstanding leader of the South. Many of us were recipients of his art work and we were privileged to view his work place and his collection.

It is as an artist and to his friends and family, that I quote a poem which I learned in the Seventh grade at Colonial Drive School in Thomasville. The poem is by Rudyard Kipling and is entitled, "L'Envoi".



When earth's last picture is painted, and the tubes are twisted and dried,  
When the oldest colors have faded, and the youngest critic has died,  
We shall rest, and , faith we shall need it - lie down for an aeon or two,  
Till the Master of All Good Workmen shall set us to work anew!

And those that were good will be happy - they shall sit in a golden chair;  
They shall splash at a ten-league canvas with brushes of comet's hair:  
They shall find real Saints to draw from - Magdalene, Peter, and Paul;  
They shall work for an age at a sitting and never grow tired at all!

And only the Master shall praise us , and only the Master shall blame,  
And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame;  
But each for the joy of working, and each in his separate star  
Shall draw the Thing as he sees It for the God of Things As They Are!

Thank you Lord for allowing us to know your servant, Dr. Richard Malcom Fields!

## 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 14, 1863

## **Congratulations of Gen Lee to the Army.**

Headquarters Army Northern Virginia,  
May 7, 1863

General Orders

No. 59

With heart-felt gratification the General Commanding expresses to the army his sense of the heroic conduct displayed by officers and men during the arduous operations in which they have just been engaged.

Under trying vicissitudes of heat and storm you attacked the enemy, strongly entrenched in the depths of a tangled wilderness, and again on the hills of Fredericksburg, fifteen miles distant, and, by the valor that has triumphed on so many fields, forced him once more to seek safety beyond the Rappahannock. While this glorious victory entitles you to the praise and gratitude of the nation, we are especially called upon to return our grateful thanks to the only giver of victory for the signal deliverance He has wrought.

It is, therefore, earnestly recommended that the troops unite on Sunday next in ascribing to the Lord of Hosts the glory due unto His name.

Let us not forget in our rejoicing the brave soldiers who have fallen in defense of their country; and while we mourn their loss let us resolve to emulate their noble example.

The army and the country alike lament the absence for a time of one to whose bravery, energy, and skill they are so much indebted for success.

The following letter from the President of the Confederate States is communicated to the army as an expression of his appreciation of its success:

"I have received your dispatch, and reverently unite with you in giving praise to God for the success with which He has crowned our arms.

In the name of the people I offer my cordial thanks to yourself and the troops under your command for this addition to the unprecedented series of great victories which your army has achieved.

The universal rejoicing produced by this happy result will be mingled with a general regret for the good and brave who are numbered among the killed and the wounded."

R. E. LEE, General.

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## **Gen. Lee's Announcement to the Army of Gen. Jackson's Death.**

Headquarters Army Northern Virginia,  
May 11, 1863.

General Orders

No. 61

With deep grief the Commanding General announces to the army the death of Lieut. Gen. Jackson, who expired on the 10th inst. at 3:15 P.M. The daring, skill and energy of this great and good soldier, by the decree of an all-wise Providence, are now lost to us. But while we mourn his death, we feel his spirit lives, and will inspire the whole army with his indomitable courage and unshaken confidence in God as our hope and strength. Let this name be a watchword to his corps who have followed him to victory on so many fields. Let the officers and soldiers imitate his invincible determination to do everything in defence of our beloved country.

R. E. Lee, General

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## **Gen. Jackson's Remains in Richmond**

Richmond, May 12.—There was a grand procession this forenoon in honor of Gen. Jackson. The streets were thronged with ladies and gentlemen. The procession left the Governor's Mansion at 10 ½ o'clock and marched to solemn music, down Governor street to Main, up Main to Second, and thence to Grace and down Grace to the Capitol, where the body was deposited in the Hall of Congress, the Governor and other dignitaries, civil and military, were in the procession. The military escort was composed of infantry, artillery and cavalry. The body will be removed tomorrow to Lexington.

## Calendar of Events

### 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Founder's Day, Summerfield, NC (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

The Col. John Sloan Camp will have an exhibit table at the event on Saturday.

Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM

7300 Summerfield Road

Summerfield, NC 27358

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

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

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

(336) 852-5162

Speaker: Steve Campbell will be speaking on Jackson – "Savior of the Valley".

### Stokes County Confederate Memorial Day Service

#### (Brown Mountain Boys Camp #1540)

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

Service begins at 3:00 PM

Old Courthouse

100 Courthouse Cir

Danbury, NC 27016

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

Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

(336) 852-5162

Speaker: James Mills will present a program on, "The Confederate D Guard and Southern Steele".

### 150<sup>th</sup> Gettysburg Reenactment (Blue Gray Alliance Event)

June 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> (For details, refer to: <http://www.bluegraygettysburg.com/>)

1845 Pumping Station Road

Gettysburg, PA 17325

### 150<sup>th</sup> Gettysburg Anniversary National Civil War Battle Reenactment (Gettysburg Anniversary Committee Event)

July 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> (For details, refer to: <http://www.gettysburgreenactment.com/>)

1085 Table Rock Road

Gettysburg, PA 17325

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### Camp Staff

James Siske - Commander

Josh Myers - Lt. Commander

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Thad Tucker - Treasurer

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