

# SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



October, 2013

## Message from the Commander

Commander James Siske

For any of you that are planning to attend the State Fair, this is to remind you that our camp will be manning the SCV both on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, for the day. If you plan to be there that day, be sure to stop by and help out our camp by talking to fair goers and letting them know what the SCV stands for and who we really are.

If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so now so that we can get our roster in order for the new physical year.

Our speaker this month will be Michael Briggs and the subject will be the "Guilford County Gun Makers". I hope to see all of you there.

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## Christmas Box for Our Troops!

Carole Heffley is planning to send another box of items to our troops in Afghanistan for Christmas. It will need to be sent by the first week in November, so please bring donations to the October meeting! The recipient this time will be, Marine Sgt. Hurtado, a platoon leader for a squad of 12 men.

Please bring donations of the following items ONLY:

- Puzzle books like crossword, word find, SUDUKU, etc.
- Brand new magazines ONLY of the kind men would enjoy
- Hard candy like life savers, etc.
- Small Christmas decorations like cut out snowflakes that are flat and easy to mail in a big box without getting damaged.
- Christmas cards with a short message of cheer and good wishes signed by the giver.
- Small games like a deck of cards, checkers.
- Triple Tin-foil wrapped homemade brownies. (and seal with duck or other tape so the bugs don't get in them)
- Packages of hot cocoa instant mix, Kool-Aid, etc.
- Individual packages of instant oatmeal

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"To fight,  
In a just cause, and for our country's glory,  
Is the best office of the best of men ;  
And to decline when these motives urge,  
Is infamy beneath a coward's baseness."

Greensborough Patriot  
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1863

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## The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

### "Pickett's Charge"

George Edward Pickett was born in Richmond, Virginia, on January 28, 1825. He graduated from West Point in 1846, last in his class. He was brevetted twice for gallantry in Mexico and later served on the Texas frontier from 1849 until 1855, and in Washington Territory from 1856 until 1861. His first Confederate service was as Colonel in command of the defenses of the Lower Rappahannock. He was appointed to rank of Brigadier General January 14, 1862, and led his brigade with "great dash" through the Peninsular Campaign. He was severely wounded at Gaines's Mill, but rejoined his command after the first Maryland invasion. Promoted Major General on October 10, 1862, he was present at Fredericksburg, and was with General Longstreet at Suffolk. The high water mark of his career, and that of the Army of Northern Virginia, was reached on July 3, 1863 at Gettysburg and his advancement against the almost impregnable Federal center on Cemetery Ridge. The casualties in the assault were frightful and numbered every field and general officer save one in Pickett's own division.

Later on, Pickett would write in his diary of the loyalty of his men toward his leadership:

"Even now I can hear them cheering as I gave the order, Forward! I can feel the thrill of their joyous voices as they called out all along the way, "We'll follow you, Marse George. We'll follow you – we'll follow you." Oh how faithfully they kept their word – following me – on - to their death, and I, believing in the promised support, led them on – on – on – Oh God!"

God had forgiven David's sins of adultery and murder, but he was still under a load of guilt. Even rest seemed impossible. Psalm 32 conveys his agony as he cries for forgiveness. Finally David received peace from the Lord.

General Pickett felt guilt over the loss of his men as they followed him into battle. At times we carry guilt over our sins, but we have a Redeemer who will forgive us and relieve us of our guilt. By turning to the cross, we can find peace.

"Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and you forgave the guilt of my sin."

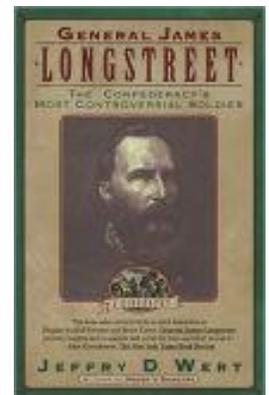
Psalm 32:5

## Suggested Reading

Primary source of Ronnie Roach's program on Lt. General James Longstreet at the September meeting...

### General James Longstreet: The Confederacy's Most Controversial Soldier

by Jeffry D. Wert  
(1994)



## 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

October 15, 1863

ANOTHER ANECDOTE OF GEN. EWELL. — When Gen. Ewell entered Carlisle, Penn., the clergymen of the city asked whether they might open their churches on the ensuing Sunday.

“Certainly,” said Gen. Ewell, “I wish myself to attend Church.”

They retired but soon reappeared, and in the most deferential tone inquired whether he objected to their praying for the President of the United States.

“Not at all,” replied Gen. Ewell, “I know of no man who is more in need of your prayers.”

The yankee preachers silently withdrew.

*[Richmond Whig.]*

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From the Atlanta Register.  
GEN. BRAGG AND HIS ARMY.

We have the pleasure today of saying to the readers of the Register that all is right with our army now resting on the borders of Tennessee. The wily, subtle, crafty strategist, Rosecrans, backed by a powerful army, recently heavily reinforced, dare not attempt again either a direct assault upon our forces confronting him, nor will he dare to move across the Tennessee upon either of Bragg’s flanks. It has been said that strategy has its zigzags ; so it has and the most brilliant strategist is sometimes eclipsed. Rosecrans is now eclipsed. When and how he will emerge, if ever, is a problem which the little man with the black eyes and white vest must work out if he can.

General Bragg, we are sure, is on the alert. His position is that of his own choice, in the selection of which the enemy has had no agency whatever, and it will be held just so long as it comports with General Bragg’s policy to do so. No movement or action of the enemy can now interfere with his will in the matter. — Rosecrans, the “brilliant strategist” may now be likened to a rat in the teeth of a huge cat. Bragg may suffer him, or even force him, to retire from Chattanooga, but this will be done, if it should so happen, only that he may suffer still more in the future.

General Bragg’s army today is stronger in numbers and in better tone than before the late battles. The soldiers of that army appreciate his skill, his heroism, and above all his eminence in that great quality of a General, his prudence to such an extent that they will patiently await his orders and then execute them without hesitation or faltering.

Let us be patient then, not carping or murmuring—feeling assured that when stirring times again occur in Tennessee all will be well.

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DON’T FORGET THE SOLDIERS. — Everybody is aware that the cold and stormy blasts of winter will soon be upon our brave and indomitable soldiers in camp. Both the Government and people should make the most extensive preparations to make our noble defenders comfortable. Socks, drawers, and other articles of wearing apparel, needed by the soldiers, should be made at once. Now is the time to work on these things. Put not off until tomorrow what can be done today. If you do you will never accomplish anything.

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THE SALT WORKS. — A vague report prevailed in Lynchburg Monday, to the effect that a Yankee raiding party was approaching the Salt Works from Cumberland Gap. If the rumor be true, the Virginia thinks the public need feel no alarm. The works are defended by a strong force, with ample reinforcements in easy reach. Besides, the place is well fortified by casemates, field works and rifle pits. It is also naturally very strong, being surmounted by a cordon of high hills and mountains, upon which commanding positions can be taken. The approaches to the Salt Basin are through narrow defiles and passes, where the advantage of defence are incalculable. No fears need be felt for the safety of that important point, except from an advance by the enemy in very large force.

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GEN. LEE’S POSITION. — The Richmond Examiner says that Lee’s present line of defence is the strongest we have ever had in Virginia. The side of the Rapidan which we hold is a mountainous ridge, which falls off to low hills in the vicinity of Raccoon Ford but other parts of which are the highest points in Virginia East of the Blue Ridge.

## Calendar of Events

### 363<sup>rd</sup> Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

(336) 852-5162

Speaker: Michael Briggs will present a program on North Carolina Gun Makers.

### Alamance Battleground Living History Encampment and Lantern Tour

#### (Col. Charles F. Fisher Camp #813)

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Hours are from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM with the Lantern Tours on Saturday night at 7-8-9 PM. Admission is \$6 and kids under 6 are free. Reservations are available at 227-4785.

Alamance Battleground

5803 N.C. 62 S

Burlington, N.C. 27215

### Lantern Walk at Oakwood Cemetery (Col. Leonidas L. Polk Camp #1486)

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM, \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-11, under six free

701 Oakwood Avenue

Raleigh, NC 27601

### Flag Re-dedication Ceremony (NC Division)

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM

NC Museum of History

5 East Edenton Street

Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

(919) 807-7900

### High Point Veterans Day Parade (Lt. F. C. Frazier Camp #668)

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Meet at 1:30 PM at Ilderton Dodge. Parade starts at 3:00 PM. Members are encouraged to join; in uniform, period dress, or modern attire.

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

Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Darwin Roseman's topic will be, "Confederate Christmas".

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### Camp Staff

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