

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



September, 2013

Message from the Commander

Commander James Siske

By now all of you should have received your membership renewal form. Please send them in as soon as possible so that we can update our membership roster and be able to get our new fiscal year started.

Also be sure to think about who you would like to invite to our meetings and have them join the Col. John Sloan Camp. As I have always said "All of you are the best representation for our camp". We are getting new members all of the time, great job!

Our speaker this month will be Ronnie Roach and the subject will be Lt. General James Longstreet.

I hope to see all of you there!

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Renewal Statements

Current members should have recently received a Renewal Statement in the mail (if not, please notify the camp staff). Be sure to renew your membership and keep our numbers growing! Checks should be made payable to, "Col. John Sloan Camp #1290". You can drop it in the mail, or save the cost of a stamp and bring it to the meeting.

There are also several excellent causes identified for contributions. The SCV is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your contributions are tax deductible.

- Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh, NC Fund
Funds needed to beautify the Confederate section of the Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh.
- Uniform Conservation Fund
Help preserve the frock coat worn by Francis W. Bird who served as a lieutenant in Co. L of the 1st NC Volunteers, then captain of Co. C of the 11th NC Troops and rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel.
- North Carolina Division Heritage Fund
Funds are needed for this more than ever!
- Tar Heel Monument Fund
Additions and improvements for the Gen. Joseph E. Johnston statue.

"A little word in kindness spoken,
A motion or a tear—
Has often healed a heart that's
broken,
And made a friend sincere."

- From the Greensborough Patriot
Sept, 17th, 1863.

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

"A Sermon Preached and Lived"

Reverend Isaac Tichenor who was a Chaplain, Pastor, President of Auburn University and President of The Southern Baptist Convention, not only preached to his men, but also he practiced what he preached!

When I was a student at Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, I had an opportunity to visit with Chaplain Meeks, the Chief of Chaplains of the 12th Corps based in Atlanta. During our time together, I said to Chaplain Meeks that it was my experience in the army that there were two kinds of chaplains- good ones and sorry ones. The good ones were God's men first and the sorry ones tried to be a "buddy" to the men who served under them. After a time of thinking over what I had said, Chaplain Meeks said that he agreed with my observation. Chaplain Meeks was a highly decorated soldier who had served with the Marines in Korea as an infantry officer and when he felt the Call to the Ministry, he went to seminary and knowing that the Marine Corps used Navy Chaplains he joined the Army. He was a "Full Colonel" and had a "chest full" of ribbons. Chaplain Meeks was anything but "Meek"!

Chaplain Isaac T. Tichenor, who served during the battle of Shiloh, not only preached to his men, but also he practiced what he preached. He kept a diary and in it he records the following:

"We were under a crossfire...from three directions. Under it the boys wavered. I had been wearied and was sitting down, but seeing them waver, I sprang to my feet, took off my hat, waved it over my head, walked up and down the line, and as they say, "preached them a sermon". I reminded them that it was Sunday. That at this hour all their home folk were praying for them.... I called upon them to stand there and die, if need be, for their country. The effect was evident. Every man stood to his post, every eye flashed, and every heart beat high with desperate resolve to conquer or die."

Tichenor urged and inspired his men to stand firm in battle and be willing to die if necessary for their cause.

Tichenor not only preached to his men before the battle, but he was with them in the battle.

Whatever you may be going through at the moment, you can be sure that the Lord is right there with you.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Matthew 28:18,19,20

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

September 17, 1863

Written for the Patriot.
TEN YEARS AGO.

Ten years ago — when I was but a boy,
There was a brilliant glow in my pearls of joy;
There was music sweet, on the zephyr's wing,
In strains with which wild birds did sing;
There was music sweet in the rippling stream.
Unruffled and bright as an evening dream;
And o'er my thoughts sweet visions did float,
Like the melody of a spring birds note.

Ten years ago — bright hopes had I then,
I'd began to muse on the future unseen,
Fancying many pictures of pleasures to come,
Dreaming only that sweet flowers would bloom,
To sparkle around my pathway through life,
And make pain and pleasure both sweet alike;
The autumn breeze and the winter's snow,
Were joyous to me — ten years ago.

But since then a wild cry has been made —
A cry from enemies — our country to invade,
So away with the past — be it mine to forget,
The hopes, the fond hopes that in darkness have set,
My country is bleeding, my fellow men are slain,
While fighting for rights, our freedom to maintain;
Oh! may the time come soon when war will be o'er,
So I may realize the hopes of ten years ago.

But that time has gone by and I rally again,
As a warrior in battle whose brave sons are slain —
Oh! "Heaven." I cry, my bleeding country save,
May it be known there's a hand to shield the brave,
Yet though destruction sweeps o'er our plains,
Rise, fellow men, our country remains!
By that dear name, we wave the sword on high,
And swear for her to live — with her to die.

J. T. M****.

Reidsville, N.C.

GEN. HARDEE. — This gallant and able officer has been placed in command of the troops lately under Gen. Permberton. We trust and believe that this appointment will remove all ground of discontent.

GOV. VANCE. — It is strange to see the *Charlotte Bulletin* abusing Gov. Vance and the *Raleigh Progress* defending him. The *Bulletin* is, we believe, for we never see it, a furious war paper, and the *Progress* a believer in the peace meetings, so-called. Gov. Vance is as firm and consistent an advocate of the war till we secure independence and eternal separation, as he is an opponent of the peace party and their injudicious meetings, which tend only to the extension and protraction of the war. One can imagine several reasons, which need not be specified, why the *Progress* should praise the Governor; but it is not so easy to understand why a professed advocate of the war and of independence should abuse him. It may find itself ere long acting with the remnant of the "peace party," for we are happy to say that we learn from various quarters that part is growing small by degrees—gradually dying out in fact.

Gov. Vance needs no defense. His acts and his public papers speak for themselves, as they speak, trumpet-tongued, for his country and its cause.

[*Fayetteville Observer.*

IMPORTANT FROM GENERAL LEE'S ARMY.

Orange Court House, Sept. 13, 1863. — The enemy, with artillery, infantry and cavalry, crossed the Rappahannock this morning at Stark's and Kelly's Fords, and co-operating with their forces, which for some time, has been encamped on this side of the Rappahannock at the Railroad Bridge, and attempted to surprise us. In this they failed. Our cavalry and artillery made a stand at Brandy Station and fought them, but were forced to give back before very superior numbers.

At last accounts the enemy held Culpeper Court House, and their trains were running there, and our cavalry were still falling back. Col. Beal, of the 9th Virginia cavalry, commanding Gen. W. H. F. Lee's brigade, is slightly wounded in the leg. Our loss was not over thirty (30) as far as heard from.

The enemy shelled our train as it left Culpeper Court House, but did no damage. Nearly everything was removed from Culpeper Court House before the enemy got possession. This advance of the enemy is believed to be a reconnaissance in force. Fighting was still going on at 4 o'clock.

Calendar of Events

362nd Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, September 17th
 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: Ronnie Roach will be speaking on Lt. General James Longstreet.

150th Anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga

Thursday, September 19th, through Sunday, September 22nd
 Mountain Cove Farm
 838 Dougherty Gap Rd.
 Chickamauga. GA

For details visit, www.150thanniversarychickamauga.com.

Chattanooga is commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the War with a variety of special events throughout the year. For more information on these related events go to, www.chattanooga.com/150th-anniversary-of-the-civil-war-special-events.

23rd Annual Reenactment and Living History at Laurel Hill Birthplace of J.E.B. Stuart

Saturday, October 5th, and Sunday, October 6th
 Laurel Hill
 1091 Jeb Stuart Highway
 Ararat, VA 24053

Open at 9:00 AM. Battle both days.
 Admission: \$8.00 per person
 Children 12 and under Free
 Free Parking
 Sponsored by the J.E.B. Stuart Birthplace Trust
 100% of proceeds go toward preserving the Birthplace

363rd Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, October 15th
 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.

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