

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



April, 2014

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Message from the Commander

Commander James Siske

Last Saturday, April 5th, we lost a long time member Elmer C. Jones. He was a very accomplished gentlemen and served his country and community well. He was known as a proud Southerner and proud of the fact that both of his great grandfathers fought in, and survived, the War Between the States. Those of you who knew him please take time to contact his family. I know that they would appreciate it.

Be sure to be working on your Vidalia onion orders. The deadline will be April 28th. Our April program speaker will be Rex Hovey and the topic will be the Battle of South Mountain. I hope to see all of you there!



Annual Vidalia Onion Sale!

You can start taking orders now for our annual Vidalia onion fund raiser! A 10 lb. bag for \$10.00. Take no payments now, just orders. The onions will be delivered in early May.

Contact Commander Jim Siske with order totals at (336)674-2145.

"The enormous debt of the North, every day rapidly accumulating, is beginning to challenge the attention of the people. The present debt of the Washington government is said to exceed *three thousand millions.*"

– The Greensborough Patriot,
April 14th, 1864

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

"The Voices Of The Battlefield"

General John B. Gordon's eyewitness account of the Battlefield of Chickamauga gives us an accurate picture of the sights and sounds we would hear if we were there in September of 1863.

"Night after the battle! None but a soldier can realize the import of those four words. To have experienced it, and is to have felt it, endured it, and is to have witnessed a phase of war almost as trying to a sensitive nature as the battle itself."

"The faint moonlight almost wholly shut out by dense foliage, added to the weird spell of the somber scene. In every direction were dimly burning tapers, carried by nurses and relief corps searching for the wounded. All over the field lay the unburied dead, their pale faces made ghastlier by streaks of blood and clotted hair, and black stains of powder, left upon their lips when they tore off with their teeth the ends of deadly cartridges. Such was the night between the battles of the 19th and the 20th of September at Chickamauga."

"If anybody thinks," says B.F. Taylor, in his account of the battlefield of Chickamauga, "that when men are stricken they fill the air with cries or groans, till it shivers with the evidence of agony, he greatly errs. An arm is shattered, a leg is carried away, a bullet pierces the breast, and the soldier sinks silently upon the ground, or creeps away if he can, without a murmur or complaint; falls like a sparrow falls ; speechlessly."

The description of the wounded men on the battlefield reminds me of the suffering Savior on the cross of Calvary. The word "Chickamauga" comes from an old Cherokee Indian word meaning "River of Death". The word "Calvary" means the "place of the skull". Both of these words- when translated – reflect the pain and suffering of warfare.

We have experienced Palm Sunday. This Lord's Day we shall observe the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead. There is no greater battle in any given war than was fought for you and me, than was fought on Good Friday.

"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" Yes you were! Almighty God sent His Son to pay for crimes which we, you and I, had done. God loves us that much that He would send His Son.

What will be our response to such love? He's waiting for an answer!

"He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."

Isaiah 53:7

In case you missed it...

If you were not able to attend last month's meeting, here is what you missed.

- If you have an email address, please make sure Roy Smith has it on his list. This allows timely communications to members in cases where our meeting is rescheduled due to in climate weather, etc...
- Volunteers are needed to put flags on the veteran's graves at the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery and Greenhill Cemetery on Wednesday, May 7th.
- Jamie Funkhouser, commander of the newly formed Winston-Salem SCV camp the Forsyth Rifles Camp # 2245, attended the meeting and invited us to attend their meetings held on the first Monday of the month at Mayberry Ice Cream Restaurant, 50 Miller St., Winston-Salem.
- A vote was taken on the proposed change to the By-Laws, consolidating the positions of Adjutant and Treasurer, which passed unanimously among attending members.
- The H. L. Hunley Junior ROTC Award is to be presented to the Navy Junior ROTC program at Page High School. Details of the award program can be found [here](#).
- Al York gave a program on "The Truth About Andersonville". Due to the rescheduling of the meeting, Keith Jones was unable to present the previously planned program, which will be given at a later time.

REMINDER...

The NC Division newsletter, the Carolina Confederate, will be delivered electronically by default. Receiving a hardcopy version will require members to "opt in". Details will be provided as they become available.

Loss of a Compatriot

Elmer Clinton Jones

August 11, 1924 - April 5, 2014



Compatriot Elmer Jones passed on April 5th, at Wesley Long Hospital after battling cancer. A veteran of World War II, he served on a B-29 "Superfortress" bomber crew assigned to the 39th Heavy Bomb Group in the 314th Bomb Wing in the 20th Air Force. The crew flew 29 combat missions over Japan and had the distinction of flying the longest

nonstop combat flight of World War II: 4,650 miles nonstop for approximately 23 hours. An article describing this flight, "The Longest Mission" written by his son, is accessible online in the archives of [Air Force Magazine](#).



Service Information

Visitation

Friday, April 11, 2014, 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

Hanes-Lineberry N. Elm Chapel
Greensboro, North Carolina

Funeral Service

Saturday, April 12, 2014, 11:00a.m.

Hanes-Lineberry N. Elm Chapel
Greensboro, North Carolina

The complete obituary is available [here](#).

SCV MECHANIZED CAVALRY of NORTH CAROLINA

PRESENTS

Flags Across the Carolinas Fund



(Photo courtesy of Ashlynn Marie Jones with the [13th NC Troops](#))

The SCV Mechanized Cavalry of North Carolina is proud to make the official announcement that "FLAGS ACROSS THE CAROLINAS FUND" has been established to raise funds to support the placement of high profile and mega size flags. This project was adopted by the NCSCVMC in a partnership with the North Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The project will Post the Confederate Battle Flag in specific locations on private land all over the Carolinas. Make our Ancestors Proud by considering your support with a donation TODAY!

The Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 803 of Sanford is proud to sponsor this program by purchasing these new pins for the North Carolina Division to be given as a gift for donations to this important fund. A minimum donation of \$5.50 is required for the New North Carolina Division Pin but all money donated above the minimum amount will be donated by the NB Forrest Camp 803 to the NCSCVMC FLAGS ACROSS THE CAROLINAS FUND.

*Checks to NB Forrest Camp 803 and mail to:

Adjutant Otis Weaver
1085 Woodridge Trail
Sanford, NC 27332

Calendar of Events

369th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, April 15th

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

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Rex Hovey will present a program on the "Battle of South Mountain".

NC Division Reunion

Saturday, April 26th

American Legion Post 234

709 Church Street Northwest

Valdese, NC 28690

Old Salem Confederate Memorial Service (UDC)

Sunday, May 4th, at 2:00 PM

Salem Cemetery

301 Cemetery Street

Winston-Salem, NC 27101

High Point Confederate Memorial Day Service

Saturday, May 10th, at 3:00 PM

Oakwood Memorial Park

312 Montlieu Avenue

High Point, NC 27265

Greensboro Confederate Memorial Day Service

Saturday, May 10th, at 6:00 PM

Green Hill Cemetery

901 Wharton St.

Greensboro, NC 27401

370th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, May 20th

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

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Keith Jones will be speaking on "Gordon's Brigade at Gettysburg".

Stokes County Confederate Memorial Day Service

(Brown Mountain Boys Camp #1540)

Sunday, May 25th

Service begins at 3:00 PM

Old Courthouse

100 Courthouse Cir

Danbury, NC 27016

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