

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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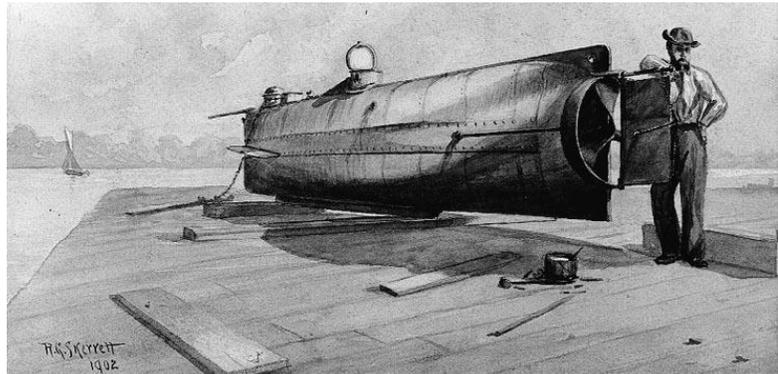
*"Citizen defenders of the homes, the liberties and the altars of the Confederacy! That the God whom we all humbly worship may shield you with his Fatherly care, and preserve you for safe return to the association of those you most love, is the earnest prayer of your Commander-in-Chief.
JEFFERSON DAVIS."*

– The Greensborough Patriot,
February 18th, 1864

Message from the Commander

Commander James Siske

For those of you who weren't there, we had a great Lee-Jackson Banquet. Our speaker Chris Sullivan did a great job and his topic on "April 19th, 1861, A day in the Life of Robert E. Lee" was excellent. Charlie Long and the band did a great job and we will have to have them back next year. Doug Phillips did a great job helping the OCR, the deserts were great! Our February program will be presented by Carol Moore and her topic will be "A Confederate Soldiers Impact on the Modern Woman". I hope to see all of you there!



February 17th marks the 150th anniversary of the world's first successful combat submarine, when the H. L. Hunley sank the USS Housatonic. Let us remember the 21 men that gave their lives in defense of the Confederacy serving on her crews (5 men of the first crew and all 8 men of the second and third crew). James A. Wicks, of the third crew, was born in North Carolina around 1819 and was one of only three members of the final crew born in the South.

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

General Robert E. Lee wisely said, "Get correct views of life, and learn to see the world in its true light. It will enable you to live pleasantly, to do good and when summoned away, to leave without regret."

Although Robert E. Lee was a man of great faith, he was also a realist. He viewed life through the lens of the Bible and had learned to be content within the boundaries of reality. He could accept both victory and defeat with patience because he had learned to trust in the providence of almighty God.

We often live with exaggerated expectations and put others on pedestals. But humans are humans, which means that they are subject to weaknesses as part of the human race. At times, the best people will disappoint us. However, if we have a realistic view of life, we learn to accept things that would normally confuse us.

The Apostle Paul lived with life's harsh realities. The Roman government opposed his ministry, and the scribes and Pharisees saw him as an enemy of Judaism. Paul learned that God's grace was sufficient to sustain him through tough times. Before his death he could say with no regrets that he had "fought a good fight".

One of the "Prison Epistles" which he wrote to his young friend, Timothy goes like this;

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me on that day, AND NOT TO ME ONLY BUT UNTO ALL THEM THAT LOVE HIS APPEARING."

II Timothy 4:7

"The fear of the Lord leads to life: Then one rests content, untouched by trouble."

Proverbs 19:23

"Live, so that when you have gone, it will have mattered."

Betty Feaser

An Evening with Civil War Historian Ed Bearss

The January program of the North Carolina Civil War Round Table featured Ed Bearss and was held at the Greensboro Historical Museum on January 11th. The topic was "Leadership Styles of Lee and Grant".

"Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus with the National Park Service, is one of the nation's best-known public historians. Nicknamed the Homer of the Civil War, he is by far the North Carolina Civil War Roundtable's most popular guest speaker."

The evening started with a social hour including light refreshments and time to view the Murphy Confederate Arms Collection. Reenactors from the 21st NC Troops were also present in period dress and a silent auction was held for a Mort Kuntzler print.



Ed Bearss with the winner of the Mort Kuntzler print, "The Charge at Trevilian Station".

The NCCWT meets on the third Saturday of January, March, July, September and November at the K & W (Exit 143 on I-40/85) in Burlington. (www.nccwrt.org)

Lee-Jackson Banquet

Despite the wintery mix forecast for the evening, there was a good turnout for the Lee-Jackson Banquet. Fortunately the weather cooperated and the light snow that evening only resulted in wet streets. For those that opted not to take the chance, it is completely understandable based on the forecast (the road conditions could have easily turned bad), but you were missed just the same.

It is not the first time weather has interfered with our banquet plans, as 2nd Lt. Commander Sam Scott recalled at the beginning of the program, the 2009 banquet was rescheduled due to snow, then it snowed that night too!.



Following a very good meal, Chris Sullivan, past SCV Command-in-Chief, spoke on Robert E. Lee. His discussion included Lee's service with the U.S. military and actions in the Mexican War, but focused on a single day in his life, April 19th, 1861. That was the day he decided to resign his commission in the U.S. Army in defense of his

native state, Virginia. He reflected on a comment in a letter where Lee posed the question; if the war were to last 10 years, where will the men to fight it come from? That same question applies to our organization today; in ten years where will the men to continue The Charge come from?



The evening was completed with several songs performed by the band, Linda & Company (Linda Thore/Guitar and lead vocals, Johnny Cox/Mandolin, Charlie Long/Upright Bass, Randy Owens/Guitar, Haley Owens/Banjo and Donna

Owens/Washboard). The band was great and really warmed everyone's spirits before heading home in the snow. (For those that would like to hear the band again, they play at Brown's Ole Opry, at 5475 Timbermill Road, in McLeansville, the first Friday of each month.)



NC Division Winter Executive Council Meeting

The Winter Executive Council Meeting of the NC Division was hosted by the Col. Charles F. Fisher Camp #813 in Burlington on Saturday, February 1st, and was attended by several members of the Col. John Sloan camp.



Attending the NC Division Winter Executive Council Meeting in Burlington, held February 1st. Front: Jeff Frank, Past Commander Don Saunders and Color Sergeant John Pugh. Rear: Fred Bame and Kevin Woods.

Highlights of topics discussed...

- 2 Southern Crosses of Honor were recently retrieved by law enforcement officers from an auction company due to timely camp communications.
- Bonnie Blue medals used to be given by the NC Division to women distinguished by their support. The medals are being re-minted and are planned to be named in honor of Rebecca Jones who reportedly poured scalding water on Federal bummers, who then (wisely) retreated.
- Sesquicentennial Commemorative silver coins, with the CSS Shenandoah on the front and the Great Seal on the back, are only being sold to in state SCV members (\$34). It will also have, "War for Southern Independence Sesquicentennial, 2010-2015" NC Division, SCV. Coins to be delivered at NC Division Reunion in Valdese in April.
- It's reported that some donors are reclaiming artifacts from the MOC following their merger.
- Judge Advocate, Tim Wyatt, discussed the effort related to the Reidsville Monument and took questions (very informative).
- SCV camps should focus on installing monuments on private property, due to the expected continued attacks on those on public property.

- Chaplain, Rev. Herman White, sent President Barack Hussein Obama a Christmas card on behalf of the NC Division, which depicted President Jefferson Davis, General Robert E. Lee and General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson (a letter acknowledging its receipt was received).
- The NC Division newsletter, the Carolina Confederate, will be sent electronically after the next edition. The printing and mailing costs are becoming excessive. Some exceptions will be made if absolutely required. The change will allow those funds to be directed towards higher priority causes.
- Dr. John Booker provided an update on the General Johnston statue. The 'Walk of Honor' contains 4500 paver bricks, of which 300+ have been sold. Plans are to add a brick/marker for each Confederate unit that was present at the Battle of Bentonville prior to the 150th Anniversary.
- The Maj. Charles Q. Petty Camp #872, Gastonia, presented Division Commander Tom Smith a \$1,000 donation for the Barringer Headquarters flag preservation. They also have identified a property that may be available for the proposed NC Confederate Museum. It would also serve as a general military museum for the area as well.
- The Brig. General William W. Kirkland Camp #1692, Chapel Hill, reports all is quite in the 'Silent Sam' front (temporarily). A committee has been formed by alumni to support the monument.

Fifteenth Annual Appomattox Court House National Historical Park and Longwood University Free Civil War Seminar - Saturday, March 15th

8:30 am	Doors open
9:00 am	Eric Wittenberg, Cavalry Operations in the Overland Campaign
10:15 am	Gordon Rhea, Grant and Lee in the Overland Campaign
11:15 am	Stephen Engel, Revisiting the New Market Campaign
12:20	Lunch
1:45 pm	Kevin Levin, Confederates Assess the Battle of the Crater
2:45 pm	Brian Wills, Thomas dashes Hood's Hopes at Nashville

No reservations necessary. For directions to the campus go to www.longwood.edu.

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Number 1,288.

A PICTURE OF CHARLESTON UNDER FIRE.

A correspondent of the Augusta (Ga.) *Constitutionalist*, writing from Charleston, gives the following picture of the city under the bombardment of the enemy.

The limited destruction of property by the protracted rain of shells is as wonderful as the small loss of life. I walked through the streets where the effect of the shells is most apparent. Here a cornice is knocked off, there is a small round hole through the side of a building, and at remote intervals the earth is torn where a shell exploded, and looks like the work of a porker in search of some hidden treasure. Vendors of the staples of the market sit sternly by their little stores, unmindful of the pyrotechnic salutations of their Yankee deliverers. Extending my ramble to other portions of the city, the track of shells was here and there discernable, but they have not effected a tithe of the injury sustained by the great fire of two years ago, whose blackened outline stretches across what was once the heart of the city. In only two or three instances have fires been occasioned by them, and then the loss was trifling.

Here and there stores are opened, machine shops are active, and labour incident to the public defence is pushed vigorously forward, even in the most exposed district. Still many branches of ordinary business and most of the residences are removed, because it would be foolhardy for those not impelled by special duty to remain.

The Mills House and Charleston Hotel are closed ; the Pavillion still invites the sojourners to its hospitable roof. That part of the city to which the cowardly vengeance of the foe has not penetrated is "a map of busy life." The newspapers, post office, express office, banks, and many business houses are in successful operation, and the streets present a scene of animation not at all suggestive of a static of siege.

BEAR KILLED IN WAKE COUNTY. – We learn that a bear was killed in this County on Saturday last, by Mr. Caleb Penny, about ten miles from this place. He weighed 159 pounds gross, and 127 nett. His meat was sold in the Raleigh market on Monday morning. The same bear was seen on Friday in the neighborhood of Boone Hill. He seemed to be pretty much exhausted when he was killed. – *Standard*.

Gens. Bragg and Bates passed through this place on Friday last *en route* for Richmond. The telegraph having announced that these distinguished officers were on the train, the fact became generally known and quite a large assembly greeted them at the depot. They returned the compliment in short and well timed speeches.

RE-ENLISTING. – The soldiers from all States of the Confederacy are re-enlisting for the year. North Carolinians are behind none in this work. We notice that the Fifteenth and Twenty-Seventh, of Cooke's Brigade re-enlisted last week, and also the Tweny-Ninth and Thirty-Ninth, of McNair's brigade, now at Meridian, Miss.

Correspondence of the Raleigh Confederate.

Editors Confederate: –J.S. Brock, Wm. Haddock, C. Hufman, Stephen Jones, A. J. Britton, J. J. Sumerlen, Wm. H. Daughtry, Lewis Taylor, Lewis Freeman, and John Freeman of Nethercutt's Battalion ; and Joseph Brock, or the 27th North Carolina Regiment, and C. R. Cuthrell, of Latham's Batery, were all hanged in this place on yesterday, by order of court martial, for deserting their comrades, and taking up arms on the enemy's side. They all re-received the ordinance of baptism, according to the dictates of their own consciences, on the morning of their execution.—Two were baptized by immersion by the Rev. Mr. Camp of the Baptist church, whilst the others were sprinkled and peured by the Rev. Mr. Paris, of Gen. Hoke's brigade, who were their spiritual advisers at the gallows.

The prisoners were accompanied to the place of execution by a large concourse of people, both citizens and soldiers, with a string military escort. They ascended the scaffold with a firm and elastic step, and met their fate with much fortitude and determination. The ropes were all suspended from the beam of the gallows, and Stephens Jones and Wm. H. Daughtry selected the one by which they preferred to be hanged.

The New York Herald argues that the Yankee Capitol is not safe at Washington and urges the Congress to move it to a more central location. Let Lincoln and his dynasty heed Bennett, for in this he utters words of wisdom.

Andy Johnson has called an election to take place in Tennessee on the 5th of March, for State officers. An oath prescribed by Andy is to be taken before any person can hold office or vote.

Lieut. Gen. Hardee has returned to the army and resumed command of his old corps.

CONVERSATION SHOWS CHARACTER.—When the pump goes we shall soon know what water is in the fountain, whether clear or muddy. When the clapper strikes we may guess what metal is in the bell.—The corruption of men's minds (not much unlike the inflammation of the fever) ordinarily breaks forth and blisters upon the tongue. He that is rotten in the heart is commonly rotten in his talk.—*E. Reyner*.

Calendar of Events

150th Anniversary of the H. L. Hunley sinking the USS Housatonic

Monday, February 17th

367th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, February 18th

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

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Carol Moore's program will be, "A Confederate Soldier's Impact on a Modern Woman".

22nd Annual Salisbury Civil War Show

Friday, February 21st, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 22nd, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Adults \$5, Under 12 Free

Hotel Salisbury (Formerly Holiday Inn)

530 Jake Alexander Blvd. South

Salisbury, NC 28144

Confederate Flag Day Celebration

Saturday, March 1st, Beginning at 2:00 pm

House Chambers NC Capital

Raleigh, NC

Fifteenth Annual Appomattox Court House National Historical Park and Longwood University Free Civil War Seminar

Saturday, March 15th

Jarman Auditorium

Longwood University

Farmville, VA

Bentonville 149th Anniversary Program: "Forced to Fight"

March 15th and 16th, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Bentonville's 149th Anniversary program will bring the realities of war home to North Carolina. Living historians will portray raw conscripts being trained for war. Artillery and civilian demonstrations will be on display.

Visitors will also be given a chance to learn the period manual of arms that was used by the common infantry soldier.

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