

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



January, 2014

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"FROM NORTHERN VIRGINIA.—The latest intelligence from the army of Virginia indicates that all is quite. There is no change in the enemy's lines or camps. .— Mosby is still harassing the enemy."

— The Greensborough Patriot,
January 14th, 1864

Message from the Commander

Commander James Siske

January is here and it's time for the Lee-Jackson Banquet. If you plan to attend be sure to have your reservations and money sent into our post office box. It is important that this is done by Friday the 17th. Our speaker will be Chris Sullivan and the topic will be "April 19th, 1861: A Day in the Life of Robert E. Lee". I hope to see all of you there!



2nd Lt. Commander Sam Scott with new member Gary Chilton

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 Veil in the Temple was Torn“

A significant thing happened when the Lord Jesus was crucified. The veil in the Temple of Jerusalem was torn from “top to bottom“. That event is most significant. What was the veil? The veil was that piece of fabric which separated the “Holy of Holies“ from the “holy place“. The Holy of Holies was that place into which sinful man could not enter. The only one who was allowed to go in was the High Priest and that only once a year. His fellow priests tied a rope around him so that if the Lord God struck him dead, they could retrieve his body. When the Lord Jesus died on the cross, the veil, which was there, was torn from “top to bottom“ indicating that the Lord God was satisfied with the death of his Son as a sacrifice for the sins of man.

Christians need to check their lives to see if there is anything which would hinder one's relationship with God. For some of us, there is a giant veil let down from Heaven, which might come between us and a fellowship with the Living God. That veil is called “sin“.

A Floridian by the name of Major P.B. Bird, when mortally wounded in the trenches of Richmond near the end of the war, considered his relationship with the Lord and said, “But for leaving my wife and children, I should not feel sad at the prospect of dying. There is no cloud between God and me now“.

The old hymn, “Nothing Between My Soul And The Savior“, by Charles A. Tindley, sums up the words of the dying soldier, Major P.B.Bird.

Nothing between my soul and my Savior,
Naught of this world's elusive dream;
have renounced all sinful pleasure;
Jesus is mine, there's nothing between.

King David had sinned against God and confessed his sin and had asked forgiveness. The Lord heard his prayer, but David wanted to make sure there was nothing between him and his God. And so, is there anything between you and the Lord that needs to go? You can now come to the very throne of God, through Jesus Christ, and find forgiveness and experience the happiest of New Years – ever.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.“

Psalm 51:10-12

In case you missed it...

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

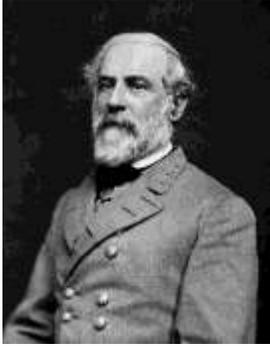
- Joyce Philips brought Christmas doughnuts for everyone to enjoy!
- Chaplain David Long described the story of Christmas, according to the bible, which is considerably different than the typical present day depiction.
- A program on “Confederate Flags“ was presented by Chaplain David Long.
- 2nd Lt. Commander Sam Scott commented on how well the Jamestown Christmas Parade went and the beautiful weather for the event.
- Gary Chilton joined the camp as a new member!
- Joyce Philips and Carol Moore assisted Ole Saint Nick by distributing gifts to our members!
- The meeting ended with a verse of “Silent Night“.

Volume XIX: North Carolina Troops

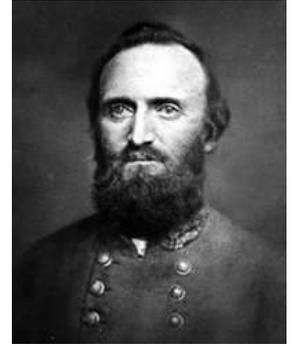
A new volume of the ‘North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865, A Roster’ will be available for purchase after January 10th. ‘Volume XIX Miscellaneous Battalions and Companies’ contains the unit histories and troop rosters for six battalions and twenty-five independent companies of North Carolina troops.

The battalions included are Avery's, Hahr's, McLean's, Mallett's, the Salisbury Prison Guard Battalion, and Clark's Special Battalion Militia. Mallett's fought in the December 1862 Battle of Kinston. Clark's was assembled to assist in the defense of New Bern in March 1862.

The independent companies included in this volume are Banks's, Bass's, Cox's, Croom's, Devane's, Doughton's, Duke's, Galloway's, Gibbs's, Griswold's, Harding's, Hoskins's, Howard's, Lanier's, Lawrence's, Lee's, Luke's, Lyon's, McDugald's, Mallett's, Myers's, Nelson's, Townsend's, Wallace's, and Warren's. Most of these companies were formed for local or special service. Duke's and Luke's companies took part in action at Fort Hatteras in August 1861.



Lee-Jackson Banquet



6:00 PM

January 21st, 2014

Elm Street Center
203 South Elm Street
Greensboro, NC 27401
336-230-1588

Speaker for the evening...

Chris Sullivan

Past SCV Commander-in-Chief

Coat & Tie (or period dress welcomed)

Live period music!

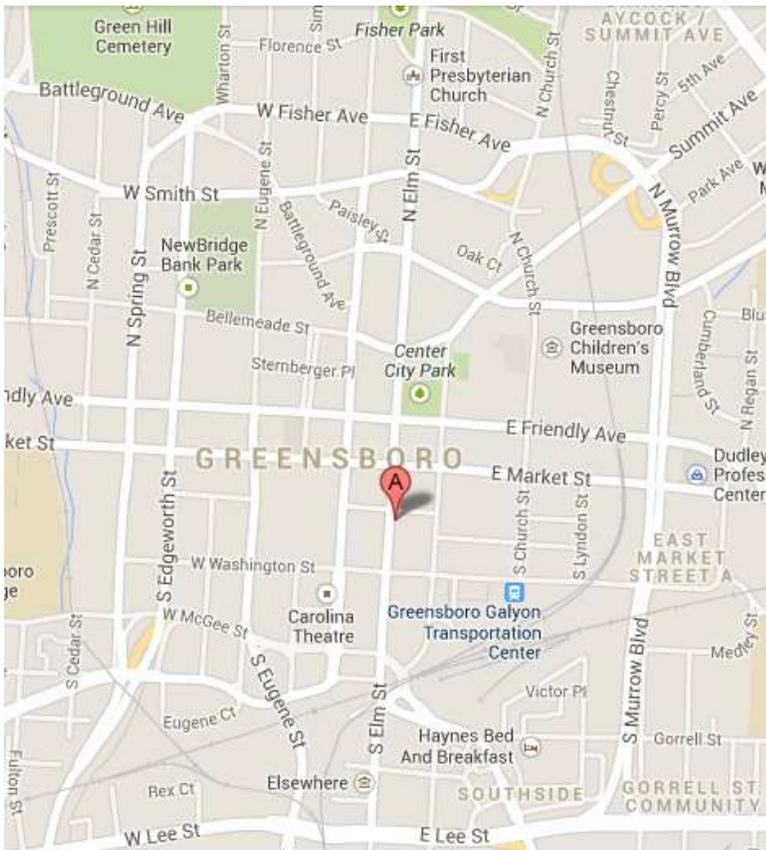
\$24/person (Deadline extended to Friday, January 17th)

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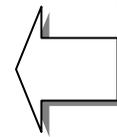
Col. John Sloan Camp

P.O. Box 4895

Greensboro, NC. 27404



A map for your reference.



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Parking Garage!*

Reidsville Monument

The November-December 2013 issue of the Carolina Confederate provides articles detailing the unfortunate outcome of the fight to restore the Reidsville monument to its rightful place. I encourage anyone interested in these events to read those articles.



Original Statue

New Statue

On To Kinston!

Matthew Young, the Assistant Director for the Greensboro Historical Museum, is taking a new job as Site Manager for the CSS Neuse in Kinston, NC. Some of you may remember the program he gave our camp in March, 2013, on "Guilford at Gettysburg". Matthew is also a Confederate infantry reenactor, representing Georgia troops, and participated in our Confederate Memorial Day services held in 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery and at Green Hill Cemetery.

From North Carolina Historic Sites...

The CSS Neuse has moved!

On June 23rd, 2012, the ironclad's remains were moved to the CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center at 100 N. Queen Street in downtown Kinston. The new, fully enclosed and climate-controlled facility is open to the public for tours while permanent exhibits are in development. Currently, visitors can view the remains of the CSS Neuse, along with temporary exhibits and an orientation video. The Governor Caswell Memorial (2612 W. Vernon Ave.) also remains open to the public during this time.

Additionally, the CSS Neuse Foundation has created the Neuse II, the world's only full-scale replica of a Confederate ironclad.

Located at the corner of Herritage and Gordon Streets, volunteers open the Neuse II from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturdays. They also provide private tours of the gunboat by appointment.

Sounds like Kinston would make a nice historical road trip some weekend (approximately 2½ hours from Greensboro). Other local attractions include; First Battle of Kinston ~~Civil War~~ (War for Southern Independence) Battlefield Park, Battle of Wyse Fork ~~Civil War~~ (War for Southern Independence) Battlefield Map Marker and Foscue Plantation.

We wish Matthew all the best in his new position and be sure to pay him a visit if you are in the area.

THE GREENSBOROUGH PATRIOT.

Volume XXV.

GREENSBOROUGH, N.C., JANUARY 21, 1864

Number 1,284.

FROM TENNESSEE.- The Yankees have gone into winter quarters at Chattanooga. The Atlanta Confederacy had information through the lines that the surrounding country is entirely stripped of everything upon which man or beast can subsist, but the Yankees have abundant supplies which they bring up the Tennessee in steamboats. They boast of their intention to make a movement on Atlanta early in the Spring.

From Knoxville, the Register learns that the condition of the city is gloomy in the extreme. All the fencing and many of the shade trees have been destroyed for fuel. While besieged there they destroyed about 150 houses on the North side of the city.

The citizens are suffering for food and many families are dependent on the rations doled out by the Yankees. Thus far they refuse permission to come to the South. But encourage emigration to the North.

Brownlow has returned and is preparing to resume the publications of his scurrilous sheet.

There are four corps in the city, and about 2,000 men on this side of the Tennessee. In December Grant went to the front to direct the movement in opposition to Gen. Longstreet. Their programme for the Spring appears to be to hurl an immense column into Georgia, and another from East Tennessee into Virginia.

THE SECRET SESSIONS. – It is no secret that the House of Representatives passed a financial bill on Saturday, in secret session, and that the Senate, sitting with closed doors, completed its labors the same day upon the “military bill.” which has been under consideration for some time. The two Houses have thus changed subjects, and each will now proceed to revise the action of the other upon the most important measures of the session. The results of this action are unknown outside of the halls of Congress, except, perchance. To a favored few, who will keep the revelations a profound secret until the injunction of secrecy is removed. We presume the House has not yet disposed of the tax bill. Which was also pending in secret session. - *[Richmond Whig]*

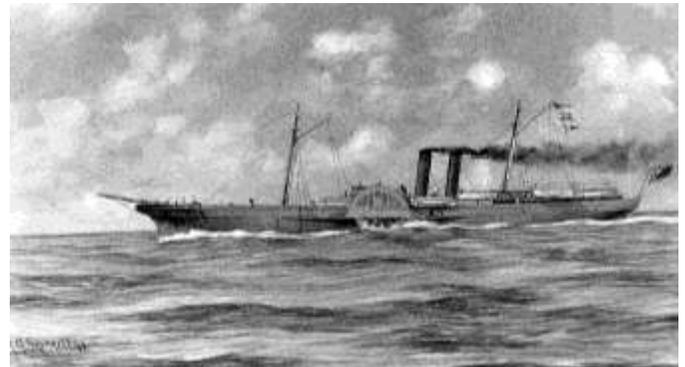
FROM MEXICO. – News from Mexico via Havana mentions the occupation of Guanajuato by the French forces, and their probable advance on Guadalajara. The report that Doblado had declared in favor of the intervention was denied. The indications that he would do so was simply a ruse to gain time. His troops were concentrating at Leon. The guerillas are reported to have entirely disappeared from the high road between Orizaba and Vera Cruz.

The Pennsylvania Senate cannot organize, because of the absence of White, who is a prisoner in our hands.

A soldier belonging to Kemper’s Brigade, was shot and instantly killed by a sentinel at Goldsboro, N. C., on the 12th inst. His name is not given. The deceased had been behaving in a very unruly manner and refused to be arrested.

VICE PRESIDENT STEPHENS. – We are pained to learn that a private dispatch was received yesterday, announcing the serious illness of Hon. Alex. H. Stephens, Vice President of the Confederate States. His health has been impaired for several years, and it is feared that he will not recover from the prostration of which we are now advised. – *[Richmond Whig]*.

ASHORE. – We regret to learn that the steamship Advance, belonging, in part at least. To the State of N. C. was run ashore last night not far from the Western bar. So far the enemy had not opened fire upon her, and there are reasons to hope that she will yet be got off. We trust that she may be. – *[Wilmington Journal]*.



Gen. Bragg has been at the Warm Springs, Merriwether co , Ga., since his retirement from the army until Tuesday last, when he went on a visit to Columbus. The Times says he is considerably worn down by the fatigues of long service, and declines all public compliments.

SMALL POX. – This infection is spreading among the citizens of the town and is becoming a very serious evil. Two negroes have died of the disease. We are not apprised of the extent to which it now prevails among the Yankee prisoners, but are aware that large additional accommodations are being provided for this class of patients at the Small Pox Hospital. There seems to be no diminution in the number of deceased Yankees daily hauled out to the grave yard. The Spring will find but few of them left here, if the present thinning process is kept up. *Danville Register*

Calendar of Events

Lee-Jackson Day, Lexington, VA

Friday, January 17th

Lee-Jackson Symposium

1:00 - 5:00 pm Four speakers will speak in 45 minute sessions.

6:00 - 8:00 pm Welcoming reception at the Holiday Inn Express

~Gallery Room

Saturday, January 18th

10:30 am - Wreath Laying and Military Salute in the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery

11:15 am - Lee-Jackson Day Parade

Noon - Memorial Service in Lee Chapel

Event Details at, <http://leejacksonday.webs.com/>

Robert E. Lee Birthday Party

Saturday, January 18th

The 25th Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration will be held in the historic House Chambers of the NC State Capitol in Raleigh on Saturday, January 18, 2014 beginning at 2:00 PM. The event is hosted by the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter MOS&B, Raleigh; the 47th Regiment NC State Troops Camp SCV, Wake Forest; and the Capt. Samuel A. Ashe Chapter UDC, Raleigh. The Stars & Bars will fly over the Capitol during the ceremony.

Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, January 21st

6:00 PM

Elm Street Center

203 South Elm Street

Greensboro, NC 27401

Speaker: Chris Sullivan, past SCV Commander-in-Chief, will present "April 19th, 1861: A Day in the Life of Robert E. Lee".

2014 Stephen Dill Lee Institute

February 7th-8th

Hosted by the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp #3

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Event details at: <http://stephendleeinstitute.com/events.html>

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: TBD

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Camp Staff

James Siske - Commander
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