

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander James Siske

Our Vidalia onion fund raiser is coming to the end and all of you have done a fine job on your sales. Those of you who haven't turned in your money, please try to do so soon. Our speaker for July will be Carl Singley and the subject will be "An Overview of Lincoln's War". I hope to see all of you there!

Washington and Lee University

Kenneth Ruscio, president of Washington and Lee University, issued a statement on July 8th in response to the demands of a group of 12 law school students. Here is an excerpt from his response.

"Consequently, we will remove these reproductions from their current location and will enter into an agreement with the American Civil War Museum, in Richmond, to receive on loan one or more of the original flags, now restored, for display on a rotating basis in the Lee Chapel Museum, the appropriate location for such a display. In this way, those who wish to view these artifacts may do so, and the stories behind them can be properly told. You may view a history of the flags in the chapel at <http://go.wlu.edu/chapel-flags-history>."

From Petersburg...The country in rear of Grant's lines is reported filled with stragglers and crops entirely destroyed by the enemy's foraging parties.

– The Greensborough Patriot,
July 7th, 1864



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The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

"General Beauregard and Lewis Grizzard"

Lewis Grizzard who was a writer and humorist in Georgia wrote among his many books one entitled : "Shoot Low Boys They're Riding Shetland Ponies".

Once General Gustave Beauregard, on a visit to his battalion, shook hands with all his soldiers and addressed them as follows :

"Boys be patient. The spider is patient; it takes him a long time to weave his web, but he never fails to catch his fly. We must imitate the spider; our web is nearly complete. In a few days you will have work to do. My advice to you is, to keep cool; don't be in too great a hurry; take your time when the fight comes....load and shoot slow, AND AIM LOW. Follow this, and history will have another victory to record for you."

After another warm shake of the hands, and a cordial "God bless you," the General left amid the wildest applause.

One who rejects God is weaving for himself a web that will eventually trap him. The atheist in his disbelief has fallen prey to the enemy who is like a spider that traps his prey through deception.

Beauregard hoped to trap the enemy in much the same way and reminded his men that patience would win the day.

Sometime ago I received, in the mail, a check for two thousand dollars. There was a note with the check which said that the check was mine and I needed to send a check for 1300.00 to cover the charge of securing a gift to me of 50000 dollars! I was not tempted because I remembered a program I had watched on "60 Minutes". I called the attorney for Alamance County who told me to call Attorney General Roy Cooper in Raleigh. Which I did. They told me that the list of names was sold to them by the Readers Sweepstakes group.

Remember : "If it's too good to be true , it usually is!"

In case you missed it...

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

- Guests included; Mitch Flinchum (Northern Piedmont Brigade Commander), Keith Jones (past Northern Piedmont Brigade Commander), Ron Steele and Pat Edwards.
- Roy Smith was appointed chairman of the Cemetery Committee.
- A book is being written on the 22nd NC Infantry, formed in Stokes and Rockingham counties. Anyone having ancestors in this regiment may contact Pat Steele for more information.
- The grave site of one of David Moore's great grandfathers is being endangered by a wall associated with the mausoleum of Tom Finch. The wall extends over the unmarked grave site of his ancestor, located at the Hopewell Memorial Methodist Church cemetery in Trinity. David hopes to place a marker for the grave and asked for help (letter writing, etc...) to persuade the church to allow the wall to be moved off of this adjacent grave site. Currently, the church representative has not been receptive to correcting the problem, even though the wall is in need of repair.
- Mrs. Melissa Jones presented her program, "My Silver Relatives in the 58th", describing the operations of the 58th NC Troops with the Army of Tennessee and the service of her ancestors (Lt. Colonel Samuel Marion Silver, Capt. David R. Silver and Sgt. Edmund D. Silver).



She also discussed the events surrounding Frankie Silver (reference, *The Ballad of Frankie Silver*, by Sharyn McCrumb, 1998).

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MEANNESS OF GRANT.—Under the head of unutterable meanness, the Richmond Dispatch shows up one of Grant's tricks thus:

It will be recollected that after the terrible slaughter of Grant's men on June 3d, he allowed his wounded to remain on the grounds outside of our works for several days, unable to take the ground, and preferring to let them perish for want of assistance to sending a flag of truce asking permission to bury the dead. The flag would have been an admission of defeat, and his humanity was not strong enough to overcome his vanity. At last he sent a flag with a proposition not for a truce to bury his dead, but that firing should cease on both sides until the dead of both sides could be buried. Gen Lee at once perceived the trick, and answered that he had no dead or wounded outside of his lines. After equivocating for several days longer, Grant was obliged, at last, to ask for truce, and it was granted him. Here was an unmistakable confession of defeat. A correspondent, however, of the New York Times, write a long letter, describing the mingling of both parties on the field of the dead, each removing its own men. According to this man's account, it was an arrangement mutually agreed on, and not a simple permission on the part of Gen. Lee, and thus it will be represented on every paper in Yankeedom. Can anybody imagine anything more unutterably base?

BY TELEGRAPH.

Reports of the Press Association.

From Petersburg.

PETERSBURG, July 5.—Skirmishing along lines on our centre and right last night and to-day, with heavy shelling from siege guns at intervals.

Gen. Alexander, Longstreet's chief of artillery, slightly wounded a few days ago. Gen. Bushrod Johnson was wounded yesterday, but did not leave the field.

SECOND DISPATCH.

PETERSBURG, July 6.—The situation around this place is unchanged. The usual skirmishing, but little shelling to-day.

From Mississippi.

MERIDIAN, July 7.—The Yankees left Jackson yesterday afternoon. Private property was destroyed. The object of the expedition was to destroy the railroad between Jackson and Carton. Telegraphic communication with Jackson has been resumed.

SECOND DISPATCH.

Jackson, Miss., July 7.—The enemy, estimated at four thousand, occupied this place till 4 o'clock, p. m., when they evacuated moving back on Clinton road.

Our forces are in their front and flank. A severe fight occurred four miles west from daylight to seven this morning.

No particulars of damage to citizens. —Negroes of all ages, regardless of sex, are carried off by apparent force. Many citizens left without a single servant.

No damage done to railroad or telegraph.

Later from Richmond.

RICHMOND, July 7.—It is reported that none hundred Yankees were surprised and captured near Martinsburg last Sunday.—Four pieces of cannon, and a great many stores including extensive preparations for Fourth of July dinner were also taken.

From Georgia.

CHATTAHOOCHEE, July 7.—With the exception of occasional skirmishing and shelling by our batteries on the east bank of the river near Turner's Ferry, which is responded to by the enemy opposite, all is quite along the lines.

Among the prisoners brought in to-day are Col. Sherman, Gen. Seward's Chief of Staff, and his Orderly. The Colonel was captured by our pickets while making a reconnoissance of our lines and works.

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

Calendar of Events

372nd Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, July 15th

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

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Carl Singley will present, "Overview of Lincoln's War".

373rd Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, August 19th

Speaker: Rex Hovey will discuss, "The surgeon who attended Gen. Armistead".

Washington and Lee University (continued...)

He also stated..

"4. Groups not affiliated with the University may continue to use Lee Chapel for events so long as they do so in accordance with our established policies and guidelines. This includes such non-University events as the annual lecture sponsored by an outside group as part of the statewide Lee-Jackson Day observance in Lexington. (W&L does not observe that state holiday.) As a private university, we are not bound by the same legal and constitutional First Amendment constraints as public institutions. As an educational institution devoted to free and open inquiry, however, we are bound by these values. We can and do impose conditions for Lee Chapel's use and for the use of all campus facilities. For example, a group may not "march" on our campus or use our campus as a platform for its own displays or statements. If it wishes to use the chapel for a lecture and adheres to our policies, however, it may do so."

His complete statement is available here, <http://www.wlu.edu/presidents-office/messages-to-the-community/president-ruscios-july-8-2014-message>.

In their letter, the law students issued the following four demands:

- That the University fully recognize Martin Luther King Jr. Day on the undergraduate campus.
- That the University stop allowing neo-Confederates to march on campus with Confederate flags on Lee-Jackson Day and to stop allowing these groups to hold programs in Lee Chapel.
- That the University immediately remove all Confederate flags from its property, including those flags located within Lee Chapel.
- That the University issue an official apology for the University's participation in chattel slavery and a denunciation of Robert E. Lee's participation in slavery.

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