

# SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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YANKEE PRISONERS.—Some 700 prisoners, captured at Petersburg on Thursday last, reached here by the Piedmont road Saturday night. —They say the entire army has lost all confidence in Grant, and desire McClellan to take command.

— The Greensborough Patriot,  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1864

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## Message from the Commander

Commander James Siske

By now many of you are collecting the money for the Vidalia onions. Be sure to bring what you have collected to the June meeting and give it to me, or Thad Tucker our treasurer. We still have some onions left. Anybody who needs more see me or give me a call. Our speaker for June will be Melissa Jones and the subject will be "My Silver Relative in the 58th". I hope to all of you there!

## Follow-up on Reunion Topic

One of the topics I mentioned when presenting highlights from the NC Division Reunion at our May meeting, was related to an individual that has attempted to coerce organizations into disallowing the SCV to use their facilities for meetings. The person in question is Edward H. Sebesta.

A brief article entitled, *How to Become Irrelevant*, by veteran journalist and conservative commentator Robert Stacy McCain, provides a nice synopsis of the character. Quoting from his article...

"To make a long story short: Ed Sebesta is a guy from Up North who moved Down South, and immediately commenced to make himself obnoxious to his new neighbors, beginning in Dallas, Texas, where he lives."

Sebesta styles himself as a researcher (self pro-claimed expert) and combats neo-Confederate positions. He is a co-author of a book, *The Confederate and Neo-Confederate Reader: The "Great Truth" about the "Lost Cause"*, and has a blog devoted to the topic as well.

McCain's article can be found on his blog, *The Other McCain*, at <http://theothermccain.com/2012/07/19/how-to-become-irrelevant/>.



Keith Jones at our May meeting.

## The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

### "Confederate Rose"

Rose O'Neale Greenhow, Confederate spy. Born on an unknown date in Washington, D.C. and reared in the elegance of prewar Southern society, Rose was the widow of prominent physician and historian Robert Greenhow and was living in Washington when the War of Northern Aggression began. A staunch Southerner, she remained in Washington during the first year of the war, and was suspected then of spying; She was later tried for treason, on March 25, 1862, but the evidence supporting the charge was vague and her methods remained unknown. She remained self-confident and polite throughout the trial and her judges decided to impose exile - she was to remain in the South, or at least stay away from Washington. Mrs. Greenhow had already amassed large amounts of information on Union battle strategy, which she had passed to Confederate generals, several of whose victories were apparently due to her counsel. The First Battle of Bull Run is certain to have come from information which Mrs. Greenhow furnished. She went to England where, in two years time, she stockpiled a huge amount of gold for the Confederacy, planning to smuggle it through the Union naval blockade of the North Carolina coast, but before reaching her destination, she was shipwrecked and drowned.

Sometime ago, I was at Fort Fisher, near Wilmington. The body of Rose washed up on the beach of Fort Fisher. Her body was tended to by the wife of the commander of the fort, Colonel William Lamb. Daisy prepared the body to be sent up the river to Wilmington aboard the steamer, "Cape Fear". On Sunday afternoon, after services were held at the Catholic Church, the body was carried to the Oakdale Cemetery where it was buried with full military honors.

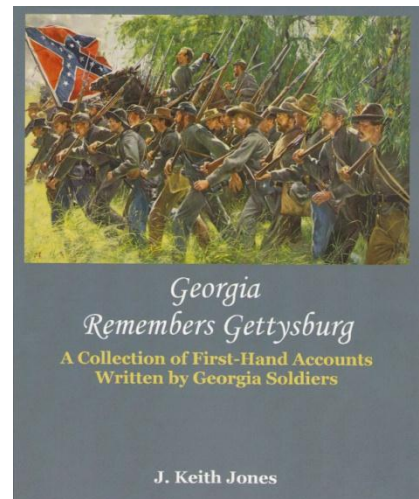
Margaret Mitchum, her husband John and I looked all over the cemetery for Rose's grave site. Finally, Margaret yelled out, "I found her!". And sure enough, we got to stand in the presence of greatness as we gathered around the simple grave.

If Rose had not sewed in the lining of her clothing the gold which she carried (over 2000 dollars worth) and which she would have hidden from the Yankees should her luggage been searched, she would have had a chance to swim ashore. And who knows? She might be alive today!!

## In case you missed it...

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

- New member, Brock Williams, joined! Confederate ancestor, Pvt. Cicero Williams, Co. C, 50th NC Troops. Born in Wake County. Enlisted in Halifax County at age 29, on March 15, 1862. Captured near Plymouth on or about October 31, 1863. Confined at Fort Monroe and Point Lookout, until released on May 14, 1865.
- Carl Singley to serve the remaining term of Lt. Commander.
- Jeff Frank presented highlights of the NC Division Reunion, held on April 26th, in Valdese.
- Keith Jones presented his program on "Gordon's Brigade at Gettysburg". A notable event Keith shared during his program, was the capture of 280 Yankees by two Confederates, on July 1, 1863. Jep Campbell and William Kirby, with Co. H, 38th Georgia Regiment, advancing with other skirmishers, entered a barn in their path. They quickly discovered the barn was filled with Yankee soldiers. While Kirby began to curse and abuse the Yankees, Campbell proceeded to explain that Kirby was drunk and not responsible for what he was saying. Campbell continued, telling the soldiers that the barn was surrounded by Confederates and they should surrender before the barn was riddled with shells. The demoralized Yankees took Campbell at his word and laid down their arms. (Details of this event can be found on page 56 of Keith's book, "Georgia Remembers Gettysburg".)



# THE GREENSBOROUGH PATRIOT.

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Brig.-Gen. S. S. Baker has been assigned to the command vacated by the transfer of Gen. Winder to Anderson, Ga., and will have his headquarters at Goldsboro.

Seventeen thousand muskets, recently captured by our forces in the recent Virginia battles, have been brought to Richmond.

The soldiers of the Confederate army in Virginia are in the habit of sharing their rations with the poor and needy of the city of Richmond. Several brigades have "lumped" their rations and sent them to the city to be distributed among those in destitute circumstances.

## DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE PETERSBURG

PETERSBURG, June 9 – The enemy three or four thousand strong under General Kautz, made a desperate attempt to capture the city today—The enemy advanced in two columns and after several assaults upon the works south-east of the city in which they were repulsed, succeeded in flanking our forces and causing them to retreat after fighting bravely. The Petersburg militia sustained the brunt of the first assaults, behaving like veterans and losing six killed, and thirty wounded : among them several of our best citizens. Reinforcements came up after the enemy had gotten almost into the city and drove them back. The Yankees are now retreating through Prince George.

## FROM GEORGIA.

BATTLE FIELD NEAR MARIETTA, 7 a m June 11. –John Morral Morton, a Yankee spy, was captured in Confederate uniform yesterday in the vicinity of Rome. From Henesaw mountain, several hundred of the enemy's wagons can be seen parked near Big Shanty.

Prisoners report Blair's 17th Corps joined Sherman on the 9th instant. All quiet during last night up to the time of writing.

## CONFEDERATE VICTORY.

RICHMOND, June 13. – Official despatches from Gen. S. D. Lee say that the battle of Horseshoe Creek resulted in the most complete victory of the war. Besides wagon trains twelve pieces of artillery were captured. Forest was in close and hot pursuit.

## LATEST FROM GEORGIA

ATLANTA, June 13. – Advices from the front state that the recent rains have made the roads almost impassable, suspending all movements of both armies. Neither has fired a gun for two days.

A Yankee train ran to Ackworth today, which indicates a new flank movement on the part of the Yankees.

Our lines are strong, and the troops recovered from recent fatigues.

## FROM RICHMOND

RICHMOND, June 2.—The following dispatch has been received here :

Headquarters, June 3. –The enemy has been unusually quiet today along the whole extent of his line and nothing of importance has occurred. Two divisions of his cavalry under Sheridan are reported to have crossed the Pamunkey yesterday at New Castle Ferry.

R. E. LEE

The advance of Sheridan's column, accompanied by artillery, appeared last night at Chesterfield Station, moving in the direction of Albemarle.

## [SECOND DISPATCH]

RICHMOND, June 5.—Nothing doing along our lines today.

Not a heavy gun was fired to two o'clock.

Both armies are confronting each other on their breast works with occasional picket firing.

## FROM THE SOUTHEAST.

CLINTON, LA, June 13.—The remains of Banks army are on the west side of the river near Port Hudson.

Constant skirmishing is going on between them and our forces in the rear.

Point Cupse, by order of the Yankee commander, has been burnt. Horses, crops and every thing has been destroyed, and the people are compelled to beg provisions from the enemy or starve. A lady, Miss Calleus, has been killed by the enemy.

The Yankees are demoralized and deserting in large numbers, selling their cloths and equipment for whatever they can obtain.

Three thousand troops have come up from New Orleans to reinforce the enemy, who are constantly fearing an attack.

## Calendar of Events

### 371<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

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

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Melissa Jones will present a program entitled, "My Silver Relative in the 58<sup>th</sup>".

### 372<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

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 discuss, "Overview of Lincoln's War".

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### Reminder...

If you have an email address and are still receiving the newsletter via the mail, please consider receiving the electronic version. Benefits include; received earlier, photos are in color, clickable links to web content and saves the camp's funds! While the costs have been significantly reduced, over \$250 a year is still being spent. Just contact me, Jeff Frank ([jifrank1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jifrank1@bellsouth.net)), to switch.

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## 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