

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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"MORGAN.—It is said that Gen. Morgan is about to undertake one of the boldest expeditions he has ever yet made, which, if successful, will be productive of great good to our cause."

– The Greensborough Patriot,
March 17th, 1864

Message from the Commander

Commander James Siske

By the time all of you are reading this I hope that your power is back on and things are back to normal. Times like this should make us realize what Confederate family members went through and the sacrifices that they made for their country. This past week should give us all something to think about. Our March program will be presented by Keith Jones on Gordon's Brigade at Gettysburg. I hope to see all of you there!

Proposed Changes to the By-Laws of the Col. John Sloan Camp #1290

Proposed Amendment: Combining the camp officer positions of Treasurer and Adjutant into a single role. Additionally changing references to "United States mail" to "United States mail or electronic mail", for required camp communications.

This change would result in the combining of responsibilities into the single position and the renaming references to "Adjutant" or "Treasurer" to "Adjutant-Treasurer". It will also require the renumbering of the sub-sections of Article VIII – OFFICERS, due to the combining of "Section 4. Adjutant" and "Section 5. Treasurer". The current version of the By-Laws is as of October, 21, 2003.

Article XIV, Section 2, of the by-laws addresses amendments and has been provided below for reference.

ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENTS

Section 2. Any proposed amendment to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the Camp at any regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. A vote may be taken upon the proposed amendment, provided a copy of the intended amendment has been sent to each Camp member in good standing by United States Mail, at least ten (10) days previous to the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present, by ballot, will be necessary to approve the amendment.

Copies of the By-Laws in its entirety, including the proposed changes, will be available for review at the March meeting.

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

“An American Revival“

Herman Norton in his book, “Rebel Religion“, writes the following;

“Converts from Jackson’s corps numbered in the thousands, many being “saved“ at great outdoor meetings. One of these meeting places was a large sloped clearing with log seats for some 2,000, and a platform at the lower end. Wire baskets were hung in a circle around the platform and lined in front of the seats. They held chunks of light wood which burned in the night.“

It is not surprising that Jackson’s corps were among the many being saved at the outdoor “brush arbor“ revivals. Jackson was a mighty man in battle, but a very humble man when it came to his faith. His attitude toward prayer and the providence of God must have had a profound influence on his men. We can imagine Jackson on his knees by a tree stump somewhere in the woods, on the eve of a great battle. So much so, that his servant could tell when there was a great battle coming, by the amount of time General Jackson spent in prayer. His men must have heard his petitions coming from his tent in the night as he beseeched the Lord to strengthen him for leadership.

We will not see true and lasting revival in America until we are willing to take the path of contriteness and humility in our attitude to Almighty God. God delights in hearing the prayers of those who are willing to confess and forsake their sins. The Lord takes pleasure in bending his ear to those who are willing to bow their knee and earnestly seek his face.

Are you going through a spiritual dry spell? Developing a contrite heart and an attitude of humility can bring great changes in one’s life.

For this is what the high and lofty One says – he who lives forever, whose name is holy:

“I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.“

Isaiah 57:15

In case you missed it...

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

- Chaplain Long discussed Jesus’ impact on a Samaritan woman.
- Welcome new member George Jeffrey Davis!
Confederate Ancestor: Pvt. Andrew Jackson Davis, Co. A, 12th Battalion Tennessee Cavalry.
- Carol Moore’s program entitled, “A Confederate Soldier’s Impact on a Modern Woman“, detailed how a stroll out of the Greensboro Historical Museum into the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery put her on a path of research and studies that continue today. Curiosity of a gravestone (that of Lt. Samuel Park Weir, killed at the Battle of Fredericksburg) lead her to studying the military history of the U.S., poetry, symbolism, local stone carvers, etc... We are fortunate to have such an enjoyable and passionate lady frequent our camp.



Carol Moore (Author, member of OCR, UDC and DAR, Docent of the Greensboro Historical Museum, etc...)

- Don Saunders proposed a change to the Camp By-Laws, combing the roles of Adjutant and Treasurer. A motion to publish the amendment in the March newsletter, with a vote at the April meeting, was approved by the attending members.
- Ann Nolan, with Guilford Chapter 301 of the UDC, provided an update on the personalized pavers for the Confederate monument at Greenhill Cemetery. 100 pavers have been sold and the details sent to the engravers. They may be installed in time for the Confederate Memorial Day service.
- Camp representation at NC division meetings was discussed.

THE GREENSBOROUGH PATRIOT.

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Number 1,292.

BRAVE TALK. – In a late copy of the *New York News* (Wood's paper) Lincoln is arraigned and handled without gloves. –The immediate cause of this severe rasping is the course of that functionary in the reorganization of the State government of Louisiana upon the "one tenth" principle. Of this and kindred acts the *News* says :

We must qualify such acts as sheer usurpation—audacious, criminal, perjured usurpation. President Lincoln has been guilty of usurpations, which, if the dictatorial powers assumed were not used for his protection, would certainly subject him to impeachment and condign punishment.

Lincoln is also charged by the *News* with having an eye single to his re-election in all his movements, and the following emphatic warning is given him in the concluding portion of the article:

"We say to President Lincoln that if he counts to foist himself in this manner upon the country for a second term, he will be grievously disappointed. The people see through this game, and will not permit it to be successfully played. If he should venture, on the 4th of March, 1865, to reseat himself in the Presidential chair by virtue of an election secured by such a shallow trick, we tell him plainly he cannot succeed. Their will either be forcible resistance, or, as his first legal election caused secession South, his second illegal election will cause secession North and South, and break up utterly this Union. The North and West have borne much ; but they would not stand such impudent jugglery."

Note: Benjamin Wood was the owner and editor of the *New York Daily News*, which was pro-Southern. The paper was effectively shut down by the U.S. Federal government in 1861, by suspending its delivery via the postal system, for being sympathetic to the South. The paper re-opened in May, 1863.

Gov. Vance. – The Governor of North Carolina is addressing the people in various sections of the State upon the great questions of the day. We have seldom seen a finer specimen of eloquence that his speech as reported in late papers. We doubt whether the first American Revolution ever produced anything more patriotic, grand, and soul-inspiring. There are passages in it worthy of Patrick Henry, and which thrill the heart and make the blood burn like the notes of a clarion.—That speech ought to be read at the head of regiments and distributed broadcast through the land. Truly this Gov. Vance, soldier, statesmen, and orator, is on of the most extraordinary public men of the day.

—Rich. Dispatch.

ZEBULON VANCE MONUMENT PRESERVATION PROJECT

The 65 foot tall Zebulon Vance monument in Pack Square of the city of Asheville is the current focus of a conservation effort being championed by the 26th NC. The estimated cost of the conservation is \$115,000, with current commitments totaling \$71,000.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to:

26th N.C.

Vance Monument Fund

c/o Cole Hutcherson

2304 Chatham Dr.

Greensboro, NC 27408

WHIPPED AGAIN. – The following dispatch was received at the War Department yesterday :

Weldon, March 10.

The enemy occupied Suffolk in force on Sunday. We attacked them to-day, and after a short struggle, drove them in a rout out of the town, killing a number, capturing on piece of artillery and a large quantity of commissary and quartermaster stores. The enemy are flying to Portsmouth, burning bridges and leaving every thing behind. We pursued them beyond Barnard's Mills.

M.W. RANSOM, Brig. Gen.
G.E. PICKETT, Major Gen'l.

The *Charleston Courier* says that the latest news from that sea rover, Raphael Semmes, from whom Yankee shipowners and insurers are anxiously inquiring, is given in a Bombay dispatch, of the 29th of January. He was off the West coast of India, keeping his hand in by overhauling now and then a Yankee ship. His latest was with the *Emma*, of New York, the very best place for a ship to hail from according to Semmes.

Can we not hurry up the "Volunteer Navy?"

!!! ANNUAL VIDALIA ONION SALE !!!



You can start taking orders now for our annual Vidalia onion fund raiser! Take no payments now, just orders. The onions will be delivered the first of May.

Calendar of Events

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.

368th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, March 18th
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 present a program on "Gordon's Brigade at Gettysburg".

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: TBD

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

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Camp Staff

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Josh Myers - Lt. Commander
Sam Scott - 2nd Lt. Commander
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