

# SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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At a fancy dress ball in Paris, France, recently, a lady was seen in a very low necked dress, wide, floating, and waving, an abundance of green gauze. She was politely asked by a gentleman what she personated. "The sea, monsieur." "At low tide then, madam." The lady blushed and the gentleman sailed.

– The Greensborough Patriot,  
September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1864

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## Message from the Commander

Commander James Siske

A special "thank you" to all of you have sent in your membership renewals! We have received the majority of them by now. If you haven't sent yours in yet, please do so soon.

Volunteers from our camp are needed for the SCV booth at the NC State Fair on Thursday, October 16th (refer to the 'Calendar of Events' for more information).

Our speaker this month will be Marvin Patterson and the subject will be, "The Story of Aaron Felts". I hope to see all of you there!

## Mrs. Mattie Clyburn Rice

A "Real Daughter of the Confederacy" has departed. Mrs. Mattie Clyburn Rice, 91, of Archdale, NC, leaves behind an astonishing story and historical legacy. She was born in Marshville, North Carolina on September 15, 1922, and passed on Monday, September 1, 2014.

A celebration of her life was held Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at the Phillips Funeral Service Chapel in High Point, NC.

An additional memorial will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014, in Monroe, NC, at her final resting place beside her father's gravesite. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Teresa Roane, Archivist for the United Daughters of the Confederacy at their Headquarters in Richmond, VA. Volunteers are needed for; Lady's in Mourning, soldiers and cannon crews. If you would like to participate, please contact [Ron Perdue](#).

Donations are being collected for a grave marker as a gift for the family to be unveiled at the October service. If you would like to contribute, please send a check payable to Lt. F.C. Frazier Camp 668, note Mattie Clyburn Rice Memorial on check and mail to Ron Perdue, PO Box 5641, High Point, NC 27262.



## The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

“Union or Confederate?”

In his book on Civil War anecdotes and illustrations, author Frank Moore shared the following story:

A traveler passing through one of the counties of Tennessee on horseback, stopped at a modest cottage along the roadside, and asked for shelter, as it was quite dark and raining. There were no “Holiday Inns “ in those days. The “Head of the Family” came to the door, and accosted the traveler with -

“What do you want?”

“I want to stay all night”, was the reply.

“What are yer?”

This question was not fully understood by the traveler, and he asked an explanation.

“I mean, what are yer politics?” explained the former, “Are yer for the Union or agin it?”

This question was some question as the traveler was not certain whether the “man of the house” was a Union man, or a Confederate, and he was anxious to “tie up” for the night; so he made up his mind and said, “My friend, I am for the Union.”

“Stranger, you kin kum in”

The traveler had a choice to make. To admit that he was a Confederate sympathizer might mean that he would be rejected. To admit that he was a Union sympathizer might mean that it could end in less than desirable circumstances. He chose to be true to who he was and he found acceptance.

The Apostle Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, nor of who he was. God has made each of us a unique personality. To be self-depreciating does not bring glory to God. He has created us in his own image so we can carry out his plan like no one else can. Do not be ashamed of who you are if you are a Christian. God has a great plan for your life that only you can fulfill.

When I was in Kannapolis, before my wife and I went to Seminary, we were members of First Presbyterian Church. Dr. John A. Wilson was our preacher. One Sunday he was preaching on Joshua on entering the promised land. He posed the question, which Joshua posed to the Israelites,

“Choose this day whom you would serve. For me and my house we would serve the Lord.” You may choose whom you wish. You can choose God and go to Heaven or choose the Devil and go to Hell. The choice is yours.

Needless to say, I have not forgotten that sermon!

“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes to the Jew first and then to the Greek.”

Romans 1:16.

## In case you missed it...

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



- Lt. Commander Carl Singley and past Commander Don Saunders provided an update on the 119<sup>th</sup> National Reunion held in North Charleston, SC.
- Past Commander Don Saunders was presented the Meritorious Service Medal, for outstanding performance of duty, and Jeff Frank was presented with the SCV Commendation Medal, in recognition of meritorious service at the camp, brigade or division level.
- The Flag Vigil and Rally in Lexington, VA, was discussed. Specifically Washington and Lee University's refusal to allow anyone on their campus displaying a Confederate battle flag (on a shirt, hat, etc...).
- It has been reported that email communications to Washington and Lee University, related to the removal of flags from Lee Chapel, may not be the most effective form of communication. Written letters may be a preferred. University contact information to be provided in next month's newsletter.

- In response to previous inquiries about a website for the camp, Jeff Frank provided information related to the approximate cost and volunteered to serve as webmaster, if it was something the camp wanted to pursue. The camp voted to implement a camp website and Jeff Frank was appointed as webmaster.
- Rex Hovey provided another excellent program, this time on his great uncle, Maj. Bleecker Hovey. Dr. Hovey studied at the Geneva Medical College (now Syracuse University). Upon hearing about the medical conditions of the wounded at Washington after the Battle of First Manassas, he joined the 136th NY Volunteers as a surgeon (11th Corps, Army of the Potomac). Camped at the Blenheim House in Fairfax, VA, during the winter of 1862. [The Blenheim House is significant for the more than 120 signatures, art, games, thoughts, and poetry left on the house walls by Union soldiers during their occupation.] He was court-martialed for public comments related to the Emancipation Proclamation, but was released from house arrest during the Battle of Chancellorsville due to the need for surgeons. At the Battle of Gettysburg he attended to Gen. Armistead and discovered he had a chest wound (the previous examinations only reported a wound in the fleshy part of an arm and a knee wound). His wife travelled with him and served as a nurse. She was the only female nurse known to be working in a field hospital at Gettysburg. She was later hired by Clara Barton (Founder of the American Red Cross) as a head nurse in Tennessee.



Just three weeks prior to our meeting Rex acquired Maj. Bleecker Hovey's amputation kit!

## Washington and Lee University: Update

Remember the reason cited by Washington and Lee University for closing Lee Chapel the weekend of July 25-27?

"...This unscheduled closing is based on concerns for the safety of the facility and its staff on the day that the Sons of Confederate Veterans have scheduled a rally in Lexington. We must take this unfortunate precaution because of the inflammatory and threatening letters, emails and phone calls the University has received..."

Well, the Virginia Flaggers have stated they filed a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request for copies of any communications between university officials and law enforcement regarding any threats. They were informed that there were no reports/communications related to any type of threats.

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## Col. John Sloan Camp Website

Our camp now has a website, [www.coljohnsloancamp.org](http://www.coljohnsloancamp.org). The initial development is almost complete and the site should be on-line by the time you receive this, or shortly after. The site includes pages to list Confederate veterans of camp members. If you would like to have your ancestors included, please provide; name, birth/death dates, resident county/state, rank/unit(s) served in, survived the war/prisoner/etc.. (The information is accessed from the menu item "Our Ancestors" under the "About" menu.)

## Calendar of Events

### 374<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, September 16<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: Marvin Patterson will present "The Story of Aaron Felts".

### 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Encampment and Living History

#### Laurel Hill, Birthplace of J.E.B. Stuart

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Gates open at 9:00 AM

1091 Ararat Hwy

Ararat, VA 24053

### North Carolina State Fair Booth (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

NC State Fair Grounds

1025 Blue Ridge Road

Raleigh, NC 27607

Volunteers please contact Don Saunders at (336)299-2996.

### Mrs. Mattie Clyburn Rice Memorial

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM

Monroe, NC

### 375<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

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

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Jamie Funkhouser will give a program on, "The Battle of Yadkin River Bridge".

## 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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