

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

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The 2015 SCV National Reunion held in Richmond, Virginia, last month, was my first time attending a national reunion. The experience was very enjoyable and I encourage members to consider attending future reunions (next year's reunion is in Dallas, TX, not nearly as convenient as Richmond). After the turmoil of the past several weeks, it was great to spend a few days with compatriots and recharge.

In addition to the business meetings, which were held in the mornings, various optional events were available.

- Battlefield and Cemetery Tours
- Heritage and Awards Luncheons
- Vendors providing books, artwork, clothing, etc...
- Oratory Contest (very entertaining), theatrical performances, Debutant Ball, and more...

This Month's Program

Kelly Hinson will give a first person impression program as Mrs. Rose O'Neal Greenhow.

Food Drive

Bring canned food or other non-perishables (rice, etc...) for the months of July, August and September, which will be donated to a local charity.

I participated in living history events at Appomattox Court House National Historic Park (July 25-26) and Gettysburg National Military Park (August 7-9). While a limited number of items may have been removed from their respective gift shops, neither of these sites imposed any restrictions on the use/display of Confederate flags during the living history programs. Both sites have always been extremely gracious to our organizations.



The 1st North Carolina Battalion beside the North Carolina monument at Gettysburg National Military Park, with our colors.

Do you know a past camp member who has let their membership lapse? If so, let them know that the National HQ is waiving the \$5.00 reinstatement fee (and the \$5.00 recording fee for new members) through September.

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

“Victory Must Be Ours”

General Braxton Bragg, whose name was chosen for Ft. Bragg, commander of the Army of Tennessee, was in the field at La Fayette, Georgia, on September 16, 1863. Realizing the grave importance of winning that battle, Bragg sent a motivating speech to his men to inspire them to victory.

“Heretofore you have never failed to respond to your general when he has asked sacrifice at your hands. Relying on your gallantry and patriotism, he asks you to add the crowning glory to the wreath that you wear.... your generals will lead you; you have but respond to assure us a glorious triumph over the insolent foe. I know what your response will be. Trusting God, and the justice of our cause, and nerved by the love of dear ones at home, failure is impossible and victory must be ours “.

Braxton Bragg
General, Commanding

Generals from both sides of the War of Northern Aggression trusted in the Providence of God. They put their confidence in God for victory. If the battle did not end in victory, they accepted it as God's will.

These weeks have been rough on the South. There has always been a feeling of animosity toward the South since the writing of “Uncle Tom's Cabin”.

President Lincoln saw this when he met Harriet Beecher Stowe with the words, “So this is the little lady who started the Civil War”! Lincoln said something that I have always appreciated. Once he said “There are two people who should be slaves, those who want it, and those who want it for others”. I have learned that Abraham Lincoln was the one who started the Civil War. In his call for volunteers to put down the rebellion, Lincoln was the cause of North joining the C.S.A. They were the last to join and contributed more than any other Confederate State. First Virginia, then Arkansas, then Tennessee, then North Carolina. The Confederate States had their 11 states. The two states that are represented on the flag are for Kentucky and Maryland, which were prevented from joining.

What do we do now? Some years ago when I wrote the editor of our magazine, I had just preached on Jesus and his choice of animals to ride into Jerusalem.

He chose a donkey. Had he chosen a horse, he would have come as a warrior. He chose a donkey as a sign that he came in peace. That letter was never published. What do we do? I have long flown the first flag. I had it on public display in Boone, North Carolina, and I used to get my jollies when a Yankee would say it was the Betsy Ross Flag! The Second and Third flags, The Battle Flags, are a source of anger for the blacks. (I would not fly one in the streets of Harlem) I would encourage you to fly The Bonnie Blue Flag or the First Flag of the Confederacy. And get others to join our group. And as Stephen Dill Lee, the youngest Lieutenant General in the Confederate Army, and who gives us the reason for our being Sons of Confederate Veterans would agree that these are times when the Yankees are winning, let's fly the flag, write the letters, and let everyone know where we stand!

“Be strong and let us fight bravely for our people and the cities of our God. The Lord will do what is good in His sight”

II Samuel 10:12

(Editorial Note: This article was intended to be included in the July issue. However, that issue was delivered earlier than normal due to attending the SCV National Reunion and the article was not available until after the July issue had already been sent.)

In case you missed it...

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

- We had several guests again at our monthly meeting!
 - Mitch Fritchum (Brigade Commander) and wife Terri
 - Ron and Nancy Steel
 - Myra Moore
 - Timmy and Denise Mabe
 - Keith Jones (from the Forsythe Rifles Camp #2245, in Winston-Salem, and past Brigade Commander) and wife
 - Jonas Crews and aunt Shirley
- New Business
 - Voted on amendment to camp By-Laws to add Lifetime Membership option. Motion Passed.

- Voted on making a donation to the National Heritage Defense fund in the amount of \$1,290.00 (our camp number). Motion Passed.
- Announcements
 - Highlights of the SCV National Reunion were provided.
 - Contact NC Governor McCrory to sign Senate Bill 22, Historic Artifact Mgt. and Patriotism Act.
 - Camp is planning a field trip to visit the CSS Neuse and battlefields in Kinston on Saturday, September 19th.
 - The book, "To Live and Die in Dixie", is an excellent compilation of 27 essays that appeared in the *Confederate Veteran* magazine and is available to members for only \$10 (paperback) or \$15 (hardback) with free shipping. Refer to your *Confederate Veteran* magazine for details.
- Michael Hardy presented his program on "Capitals of the Confederacy" and had copies of his books available for purchase and signing.



- Joyce Phillips again conducted drawings to distribute many books related to the War for Southern Independence. We appreciate all she does supporting the camp! The attendance of the ladies is always a welcomed and positive addition to our meetings.

SCV National Reunion Highlights



- Greetings from...
 - Children of the Confederacy
 - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Voiced their support of our organization and our use of the Battle Flag. With approximately 6,700 members, it was noted that we finally have them outnumbered!
- Support for paying dues on-line is coming.
- Ben Jones, Chief of Heritage Operations
 - Our enemies have multiple special interest groups, the media and money. But the polls show the people support us.
 - When asked by a reporter if we would give up the fight, he responded with, "We will fight them 'til hell freezes over, then we'll fight them on the ice!".
- Chuck Bond, Historian-in-Chief
 - It's not just the sesquicentennial of the war, but the continuation of re-construction!
 - Need a Confederate renaissance (great revival).
- Sam Davis Youth Camp
 - Discussed by attendees at both during the general session and the Army of Northern Virginia meetings. (Would like to see our camp sponsor someone to attend this camp next year. June? Cost \$500?)
- Additional Speakers included...
 - South Carolina State Senator Lee Bright
 - Past Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens
- New SCV Member Directory
 - Must opt IN. Mailings should be received in August. Will be printed next spring.

Calendar of Events

Summer Division Executive Council Meeting

August 15th
 VFD and Community Center
 6916 NC Hwy 200
 Concord, NC 28025

385th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, August 18th
 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood
 6108 West Market St.
 Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Kelly Hinson will give a first person impression program as Mrs. Rose O'Neal Greenhow, Confederate spy and namesake of the Order of the Confederate Rose.

Heritage Ride 2015 (Approximately 90 miles) (Thomasville Rifles Camp #172)

August 22nd, Meet at 11:00 AM, Leave at 11:30 AM
 High Rock Landing, Food Lion Parking Lot
 1921 Cotton Grove Rd. Lexington NC, 27292
 Contacts: Aaron Coggins 336-905-0930 or Chris Freeman 336-906-0659.

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 Speaker: Matt Young, the Historic Site Manager for the CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center, will give a program on the CSS Neuse.

Field Trip to CSS Neuse (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

September 19th
 Visit the CSS Neuse, in Kinston, and also tour local battlefields as well. The current plan is for a few of us to caravan. Please contact Lt. Commander Don Saunders if you are interested in joining us for this trip.

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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