

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

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As we begin this year with a new staff, I greatly appreciate the confidence voiced by the membership. While some aspects of the position will most certainly be challenging, I am fortunate to be surrounded by experienced and supportive staff members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers who served the camp for the previous term; Commander Jim Siske, Lt. Commanders Josh Myers and Carl Singley, Adjutant Michael Myers, Treasurer Thad Tucker and Chief of Staff Rahlo Fowler.

Also thanks to our members, Kenneth Chilton and Michael Moore, for representing the camp at the Lee-Jackson Day event in Lexington, Virginia. They attended the service in the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, participated in the Lee-Jackson Day parade and continued to man positions in town posting the Battle Flag until 3:00 pm.

There are several major events coming up over the next few months, as the Sesquicentennial draws to a close. As the War for Southern Independence came to an end, our state continued to play a pivotal role. I encourage you to visit the many historic sites here in our home state.

- 150th Anniversary of the Fall of Fort Anderson (February 14-15)
- 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville (March 21-22)
- 150th Anniversary of Battle/Surrender at Appomattox Court House (April 8-12)
- 150th Anniversary of Surrender at Bennett Place (April 17-26)

Please keep Past Commander Jim Siske in your thoughts and prayers as he deals with the passing of his mother, Doris Fagg Siske.

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."

"I yield to no man in sympathy for the gallant men under my command; but I am obliged to sweat them tonight, so that I may save their blood tomorrow."

General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General
United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

"Jackson's Parting Words"

I have always appreciated the fact that Anna Jackson was the daughter of the President of Davidson College, Dr. Morrison, and that she and her sister were married to Lt. Generals, D.H. Hill and "Stonewall" Jackson and General Rufus Barringer of Concord, N.C. who had his first marriage to another sister.

Dr. Hunter McGuire was the director of Surgeons in Stonewall Jackson's army. General Jackson was wounded, he was taken to small farmhouse where McGuire and Mrs. Jackson cared for him. Mrs. Jackson (Anna) had come down from Richmond, Virginia. About daylight on Sunday morning Mrs. Jackson informed him that his recovery was very doubtful, and that it was better that he should be prepared for the worst. He was silent for a moment, and then said, "It will be infinite gain to be translated in Heaven". At 11 o'clock Mrs. Jackson knelt by his bed and told him that before the sun went down he would be with his Savior. Jackson said, "Doctor, Anna informs me that I shall die today, is it so? Very good, very good, it is all right...it is the Lord's Day: my wish is fulfilled. I have always wanted to die on a Sunday." A few moments before he died he cried out in his delirium, "Order A.P. Hill to prepare for action! Pass the infantry to the front immediately! Tell Major Hanks, then stopped, leaving the sentence unfinished. Presently a smile of sweetness spread itself over his pale face, and he cried quietly and with an expression as if of relief, "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees...".

General Jackson was firmly grounded in the sovereign Grace of God. He was convinced of God's Providence and purpose in all areas of his life: as a result, Jackson had unprecedented courage on the on the battlefield.

A day is coming when we too will fight our final battles, cross over the river and rest on Heaven's shores to rest in the shade of the tree of life.

"So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God."

Hebrews 4:1

More Than Just Numbers

Lt. Commander Don Saunders

The Sloan Camp has nine Life Members of the NC Division and ten Life Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (National).

The Camp should be proud of these members who support their state and national organizations.

But it's more than just special pins, certificates, or money. It's a commitment ;

a LIFE TIME COMMITMENT to the Cause.

It's not that much money when you consider the sacrifices our ancestors made.

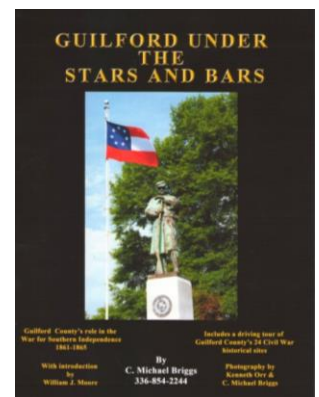
SCV National Life membership is \$750 (which can be made in payments). NC Division Life membership is \$100.

For applications check: www.scv.org and www.ncscv.org.

It's about commitment.

GUILFORD UNDER THE STARS AND BARS

A new book by C. Michael Briggs, founder and past Commander of the Col. John Sloan Camp, details Guilford County's role in the War for Southern Independence. It includes numerous color photographs, maps and a driving tour of twenty-four historical sites. The book will be available this Spring.



Lee-Jackson Banquet

The Lee-Jackson Banquet, held at our normal meeting location of Capt. Bill's Seafood, was attended by approximately 58 members and guests. Joyce Phillips with the OCR provided/coordinated deserts for the event, which were enjoyed by all.



The band, Linda & Company (Linda Thore/Guitar and lead vocals, Johnny Cox/Mandolin, Charlie Long/Upright Bass, Randy Owens/Guitar, Haley Owens/Banjo and Donna Owens/Washboard), joined us again this year and provided great music as always!



Steve Campbell provided a highly informative program on Robert E. Lee's family and life, beyond simply his military service.

Commander Jim Siske presented Certificate's of Appreciation to several camp members and supporters, including; Lt. Cmdr. Carl Singley, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Sam Scott, Chaplain David Long, Color Sgt. John Pugh, Editor Jeff Frank, Charlie Long. and Joyce Phillips.



Northern Piedmont Brigade Commander Mitch Flichum was in attendance and installed the incoming camp officers.



2nd Lt. Commander Sam Scott presented the camp with an engraved gavel and sounding block, which looks so nice that banging 'em into one another almost seems wrong!

The venue for this year's banquet was different than years past. Please share your thoughts on the event with the camp officers; good, bad or otherwise. There are some ideas already being discussed for next year's event and getting your feedback will help ensure the event reflects the desires of the members.

Inclement Weather Plan



In the event our monthly meeting is canceled due to inclement weather, or the unavailability of the meeting location due to other events, an email notification will be sent to members. An attempt will be made to inform the remaining members via a phone call.

If the weather is questionable and you have not been notified, please contact the Commander or Lt. Commander prior to attempting to travel to the meeting.

If a meeting is cancelled, it will be rescheduled for the Tuesday of the following week.

NC Division Winter DEC Meeting

The Winter Division Executive Council (DEC) meeting was held in Sanford, on Saturday, January 31st, and was hosted by the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp #803. The meeting was well attended, with over 80 members filling the meeting room. Col. John Sloan Camp representatives attending included; Commander Jeff Frank, Lt. Commander Don Saunders and Color Sergeant John Pugh.



The meeting ran from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm, followed immediately by lunch. An excellent pulled pork meal with various sides and homemade deserts was provided by the Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest Chapter #53 Order of Confederate Rose.



Some highlights from the NC Division staff reports:

- March 7th, 2015, will be Confederate Flag Day at the state capital
- Potential marker placement at Elmira
- NC Division website, Award Winner!
- NC Division newsletter, the Carolina Confederate, Award Winner!

- The memorial service for Mrs. Mattie Clyburn Rice was mentioned as a standout memory by many
- Reminder that the NC Division offers a scholarship of \$1,000 (paid to the institution)
- The NC Division Reunion will be hosted by the High Point camp and the keynote speakers will be the authors James Kennedy and Walter Kennedy
- General Johnston Statue site updates:
 - The NC Division made a \$3,000 donation
 - Of the 4,000 bricks in the walkway, only 312 have memorials
 - On Saturday, March 21st, a plaque indicating the Confederate Order of Battle will be dedicated
- Donations for restoration and conservation of the General Rufus Barringer Headquarters flag were made by the Mechanized Cavalry (\$800) and by the Cabarrus Rangers Camp #2318 (\$2,000)
- The Monument Protection Bill is to be re-submitted to the NC General Assembly



NC Division Commander Danny Bolick presenting an award to Lt. Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain.

A SCV Leadership Seminar was held after dinner, which included the following topics/speakers:

- "Adjutant Duties"
Presented by: NC Division Adjutant, and National Adjutant-in-Chief, Doug Nash
- "Communications"
Presented by: ANV Councilman Ronnie Roach
- "Recruitment, Retention and Marketing"
Presented by: Lt. Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain

The presentations were very informative and certainly added value to the event.

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The General-in-Chief.

We are gratified, that Congress passed a law, creating a General-in-Chief, who is to have control of our armies and of saying what commanders shall remain in the saddle and what ones shall be displaced. Pres. Davis could nominate no one over General Robert E. Lee, and that pure-hearted and noble-minded chieftain has none of that partizan stubbornness, which has characterized the entire administration of the present national Executive. He will appoint such great minds as are fit and able to command and in whose hands the honor and destiny of great and patriotic armies can be entrusted. This is an act of our Congress, to which the people can properly respond : 'Well done, good and faithful servants.'

Some may say we do Pres. Davis injustice in characterizing his administration as a partizan one.—This is a mistake. Look at his appointments to every position of dignity and responsibility from the first to the last. Look at his first cabinet, the Ministers he sent abroad, the different changes in his cabinet, and the very last appointments.—Who did he appoint Secretary of War? Gen. Breckinridge, the leader of the Secessionists in the last Presidential contest in the old government. Has he ever appointed a man of that school of politics to which Graham, Gilmor, Badger, Bell, Sharkey, Ben Hill, and other equally great men belonged? Never, never! Then, do not tell us we do him injustice ; nothing except partizan stubbornness and party spirit could have prevented him even accidentally appointing some of these great men at some time. He cannot rise to true greatness. We have a different opinion of General Lee. He has shown himself to be modest, just, impartial, devoid of vindictiveness, full of patriotism, party spiritless, high-minded, eminently and truly great. Our cause may now hope to have the services of such noble veterans as Gen. Jos. E. Johnston, Beauregard and others in the right place and at the right time.

Some small-minded men may opine and declare that we are not true to the government, because we dare to criticize the administration of Pres. Davis. We tell them we are as true to the South as they ; that it is our love to our section and our cause that induces us to remark upon the conduct of our high officials ; and did we not love our cause and desire it to be successful in the revolution, when we saw the President and other officials going wrong we would encourage them with false and insincere praise, that they might not right their course and sooner go with the country to ruin. No our love and devotion to the South makes us point out these blunders, and errors, and party spirit, and prejudice with the hope that they may be laid aside and our independence not be jeopardized by them. Political sine, though in

high places, should be exposed, that they might not be again practised. These are our views and these are our feelings and we dare do right though some may smart under the lashes of truth. We will not gloss over falsehood and error in order to catch the applause of sycophants and party hacks. Some may say such a course causes division in the country. Not so—it is that partiality in the President which induces him to appoint altogether from one school of politics. Were he to appoint indiscriminate from the great minds of the country without reference to the appointees' politics, there would be no complaint, no diversion, no dissatisfaction among the people.

FROM THE ARMY OF TENNESSEE.

Late and reliable information from the Army of Tennessee is to the effect that a large number of the men who straggled from the army, in its retreat, are making their way back to their commands. An officer of high rank, who came out of Tennessee recently, says that on all sides of the line of march he could hear of stragglers who were preparing clothing, shoes, etc., for the winter campaign, and that but few, if any of them, who had ever belonged to the army, had any idea of remaining in the Yankee lines. Fifty joined him on his way out, and all along the road he could hear of numbers who were about to move towards the army.

FROM WILMINGTON.

We are informed that two gun boats engaged Fort Anderson yesterday evening, a short time, at long range. They threw in all, about fifteen shells. We replied with nine or ten shells striking one of the boats, which immediately withdrew.

To The Ladies.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, No. 12,
Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 6th, 1865.

Will the ladies save and send to this
Hospital some old cotton and linen rags to
dress the wounds of our suffering soldiers ?

Very Respectfully,

J. RANKIN WILKINSON
Hospital Steward

Calendar of Events

150th Anniversary of the Fall of Fort Anderson (Reenactment)

Saturday, February 14th and Sunday, February 15th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site
 8884 St. Philip's Rd. SE
 Winnabow, NC 28479
 Phone: (910) 371-6613
 Visit their website, www.nchistoricsites.org/brunswic/brunswic.htm, for details.

379th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, February 17th
 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 of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson.

23rd Salisbury Civil War Show

Saturday, February 28th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 The Event Center
 Cornerstone Church
 315 Webb Road
 Salisbury, NC 28147
 I-85 (exit 70)

Confederate Flag Day at the North Carolina State Capital

Saturday, March 7th, 2:00 pm
 House of Representatives Chamber
 North Carolina State Capitol
 1 East Edenton Street
 Raleigh, NC 27601
 Dr. Donald Livingston, Professor of Philosophy emeritus, Emory University, and director of The Abbeville Institute, will speak on "Jeffersonian Americanism and the Confederacy". This is one of three days a year our flag flies atop the State Capital.

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