

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

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I hope everyone was informed of the reschedule, and the following cancellation, of the February meeting. Notifications were sent via email, website updates and additionally some phone calls. If anyone was missed by the notifications, please let me know so we can address any holes in our communications. Inclusion of our "Inclement Weather Plan" in the February edition of the newsletter may have been timely, but I certainly did not expect to have to use it so soon. I'm looking forward our March meeting, and to Spring!

It's time to begin taking orders for our annual Vidalia Onion Fund Raiser. The pricing remains the same as previous years, \$10 for a 10 lb. bag. Just take orders now, and collect payments upon delivery. The current tentative delivery date is Friday, May 15th. Once you have determined the number of bags for your total order, please let me know.

A recent news article reports that a group of university professors signed a letter in support for a group of students that want to ban a flag from being displayed on the campus of the University of California that "symbolizes racism". The flag being targeted...the US flag. The article is available [here](#).

Past Commander Jim Siske would like to convey his thanks to the camp for the beautiful easel of flowers provided for his mother's funeral and also wanted to tell everyone how much he appreciated their thoughtful cards and notes.

"It was soon apparent that there was a determination to make us live down to the very lowest limit capable of sustaining life...So extreme was the hunger of some that they dug down with their hands for grass roots for subsistence."

—Capt. Henry Dickinson, 2nd
Virginia Cavalry (one of the
"Immortal 600")

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

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

"Those Who Live In The Lord"

Several years ago I read in "Decision" magazine this statement, "Those who live in the Lord, never see each other for the last time". I liked that statement! So much so that I began to include it in every funeral service which I preached. The Reverend Doctor Sehon, one of the in General Lee's army, wrote of a most touching scene of a soldier and his Bible.

"A most interesting incident occurred during the exercises of the evening: A request was made for the stand. Several were ready to respond. The book was received from a tall and interesting looking young man. I noticed his large blue eyes and attractive face as he came forward and placed the holy book before them. Instantly his home rose before me. I fancied how father, mother, brothers, sisters, felt when he left, and how they thought of and prayed for him. While lining the hymn I turned to the title page of the Bible and then my eyes were filled with tears. On the blank leaves were written the parting words and affections of the dear ones at home, with the kind advice and earnest prayers for the safety and happiness of the owner of the book. I closed the book with the feelings of the most sacred character, and was better prepared for the service of the hour."

One of the heartbreaks of life is learning to say good-bye. In John 14, Jesus was saying his final good-byes to men who could not understand the meaning of the crucifixion. Even though the disciples would experience sorrow for a few days, in the end their sorrow would be turned to joy when they discovered that Jesus had risen from the grave. The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus means that in heaven we will never have to say to our loved ones who also are in Christ, good-bye again.

"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am, there you may be also."

John 14:1-6

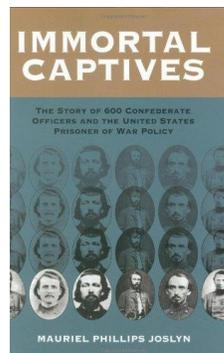
The Immortal 600

On August 23, 1863, Gen. Quincy A. Gillmore, the Federal commander in the Charleston area began shelling the residential and business area of the city, a bombardment that would last 567 days. The Confederate commander, Maj. Gen. Samuel Jones, finally resorted to drastic measures in an attempt to cease the bombardment and on June 1, 1864, sent a request to President Davis for 50 Federal prisoners to be sent to him to be "confined in parts of the city still occupied by civilians, but under the enemy's fire.". A chain of events resulted in which 600 Confederate officers were transferred from Fort Delaware, to a stockade in front of the Federal works at Morris Island, on September 7, 1864.



On October 21, 1864, the Confederate prisoners were transferred to Fort Pulaski at Savannah, Ga, where they were confined until their return to Fort Delaware in March, 1865. For 42 days, a "retaliation rations" of ten ounces of rancid cornmeal and half a pint of soured onion pickles were issued to the prisoners. During their confinement at Fort Pulaski, 13 died of disease, with three of those being North Carolinians; Lt. Christopher C. Lane (3 NC Inf.), Lt. John M. Burgin (22 NC Inf.) and Capt. Ozni R. Brumley (20 NC Inf.).

Suggested Reading



IMMORTAL CAPTIVES

The Story of 600 Confederate Officers and the United States Prisoner of War Policy, by Mauriel Phillips Joslyn

Author Mauriel Phillips Joslyn recreates a story of the undeniable horrors of Lincoln's policy and the mistreatment of the prisoners in his power.

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War News and Rumors

MATTERS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

What the real situation in North Carolina is, we are unable to say. We have assurances, however that matters are progressing as favorably as could be expected. We have been told by soldiers who participated on the various battles recently fought that Sherman was seriously punished on each occasion. We do not know where Sherman is nor are we advised of the whereabouts of Johnston or what are his plans. "He moves in a mysterious way," so to speak, and sometimes he "surprises" a whole community of his fellow citizens, and then again he "surprises" nobody. He may, ere long, give Sherman battle and defeat him near the place of their present positions, or by a grand coup de main, or to use Billy Williams' expression, by a little "chicanery", he may, within a fortnight "lead" his adversary all the way back to Atlanta, for the purpose of trying the campaign over again. But let us all hope for the best. Johnston is an officer in whose sagacity all seem to rely, while his troops place the utmost confidence in him.

It would seem that some uneasiness is felt about Sherman at the North. A gentleman who recently arrived in Richmond direct from Washington City says the Yankee authorities seem to be troubled about him. They say that he has not fulfilled their expectations. It was fully expected and intended that he should capture Charlotte, and that he would be joined by Schofield, and make Wilmington his base of supplies. Instead of that, it is stated in one of the Washington city papers that Sherman is short of ammunition and his men are barefooted. He communicates by courier with the coast, but is unable to get in supplies for his army, as Hampton watches every movement, and harasses him without beseation.

TRANS MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT

Military matters beyond the Mississippi are entirely at a stand still. Our troops hold the lower portion of Arkansas, along the Washita river, and command the greater portion of the line of Red river.

General Stand Watie is said to be preparing for an attack on a line of supply trains. His troops are in splended condition.

NEGRO RECRUITS.—An order from the Adjutant General, relative to recruiting colored troops in the Confederacy, says an officer will be assigned or appointed in each State, charged with the enrolment and disposition of all recruits.

No slave will be accepted as a recruit, unless with the owner's consent by a written instrument, conferring as far as he may the rights of a freedman.

The appointment of officers to companies to be formed of recruits will be made by the President. Officers employed in recruiting are enjoined to be provident and considerate and humane, in their attention to whatever concerns the health, comfort and discipline of the troops, to maintain a uniform observance of kindness and forbearance, in their treatment of them, and especially protect them from injustice and oppression.

RECOGNITION AGAIN.—The Paris correspondent of the New York Times of the 3d says the rebel council which has been setting there for some days at the Grand Hotel, broke up yesterday. The London Index, the mouth piece of the council declares there is no doubt of the proceedings of the council at the Grand Hotel, that negotiations are now going on between the European Government and the South which will give quite a new turn to affairs in America, and this statement of the rebel organ is printed this morning by the Monitor.

The same correspondent says "we have unmistakable evidence that at no time since the commencement of the war has there been so little likelihood of the recognition of the Confederacy as there is now.

Members of the council have also been heard to assert there would be peace between the North and South, (of course on basis of separation) by the 1st of May.

**TRIAD ACOUSTIC STAGE presents
An Evening of Songs and Stories
from the Civil War with Bobby Horton**

This will be an unforgettable evening; please join us!
at Revolution Mills MACHINE SHOP,
1160 Revolution Mill Rd., Greensboro, N.C.

Tickets (advanced) \$25 / (day of show, if not sold out) \$30
Get tickets NOW at www.triadacousticstage.com/events.php

Calendar of Events

16th Annual Appomattox Court House

National Historical Park And Longwood University

Free Civil War Seminar

Friday, March 13th - Sunday, March 15th

FREE and open to the public!

Jarman Auditorium

Longwood University

Farmville, VA

The schedule is available via the calendar on our website, or contact Dr. David Coles at 434.395.2220 or Patrick Schroeder at 434.352.8987, Ext. 232, for more information. For directions, refer to www.longwood.edu.

380th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, March 17th

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

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Frank Powell, NC Division staff member, will present a program on, "NC Flags in the NC Museum of History".

150th Battle of Bentonville Reenactment

Saturday, March 21st, 3:00 PM - Battle: The Fight for the Morris Farm

Sunday, March 22nd, 1:30 PM - Battle: Last Grand Charge of the Army of

Tennessee and Morgan's Stand

Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site

5466 Harper House Rd.

Four Oaks, NC 27524

Phone: 910-594-0789

Visit www.150thbentonville.com to purchase tickets, for a schedule of events and more information.

150th Anniversary of Appomattox Court House

Wednesday, April 8th, - Sunday, April 12th

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park

111 National Park Dr.

Appomattox, VA 24522

Visit www.nps.gov/apco/150th-anniversary-of-appomattox-court-house.htm for the calendar of events.

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