

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

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This Month's Program

Rodney Williams will give a presentation on "The Lone Cannoneer"

Vidalia Onions Pick-Up

6:30 PM on
Friday, May 15th,
at Sears/Whole Foods
parking lot at Friendly
Shopping Center

The NC Division Reunion, hosted by the Lt F.C Frazier Camp 668 and Laura Wesson OCR Chapter 5, was held on Saturday, April 25th, in High Point. The Col. John Sloan Camp was represented by myself, Color Sergeant John Pugh, Billy Horne, Kevin Wood and Fred Bame. National officers attending included Commander-in-Chief Charles Barrow, Lt. Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain, ANV Commander Randy Burbage, ANV Councilman Ronnie Roach and Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash. The special guest speaker, author Donald Kennedy, gave an excellent presentation on the real Lincoln.

Meeting highlights...

- The division donated \$3,000+ towards the debt on the Gen. Johnston statue and improvements at Bentonville. Two plaques have been added to the site providing the Confederate Order of Battle. (Note, savings from no longer printing and mailing the division newsletter, *The Carolina Confederate*, have allowed the division to consistently make such donations.)
- The Mega Flags Project is still looking for property, and donations (contact the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 803 or the NC SCV Mechanized Cavalry).
- From the Monument Protection Committee: The wording of the "Protection of State Monuments" bill (S.B. 477) was changed in the NC Senate. The hope is to have the original language restored in the NC House. Please wait for notification from the Monument Protection Committee before contacting your state representatives regarding this bill! Once the committee gives the go ahead, you will need to contact your representatives ASAP! Once they start to move on a bill they move fast!
- The restoration of the 54th NC Battle Flag was selected as a new preservation project for the division, with an expected cost of \$10,400.
- 7 Bonnie Blue Awards were presented to ladies for their outstanding support of the organization.
- Lt. Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain stressed the importance of social media in recruiting (use of hashtags #SCV and #NCSCV, Twitter feed @SCVHQ). He also discussed numerous items that will be available at cost from HQ for marketing.

The Greensboro Confederate Memorial Day Service was held on Friday, May 8th, at Green Hill Cemetery. The service was hosted by the Children of the Confederacy, the Lizzie Lindsay Chapter 776 and the Burke Davis Chapter 478. The key note speaker was

Lucas Hamby, a young man that has been a reenactor for several years with the 28th NC Troops. A military salute was provided by the honor guard, consisting of troops from the 26th, 27th and 28th NC Troops, and an artillery piece manned by Patterson's Battery.

Members and friends of the Col. John Sloan Camp had placed flags (170+) on the graves of the veterans in the Green Hill Cemetery and the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery earlier in the week. A special thanks to those volunteers; Charlie Long, Haley Owens, Randy Owens, Michael Moore, Gordon Teeter, Roy Smith and Don Saunders.

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

"Wiping Away Tears"

Wood McDonald, brother of Cornelia McDonald, was called to fight in the War Between The States. After kissing his baby niece, Anne, goodbye in Charlottesville, Wood set off for the war. Three days later he was killed on the battlefield. Shortly after his death, his sweet one year old niece called "Pretty Baby," lay dead in Cornelia's arms. Cornelia mournfully writes:

"The many voices in the parlour, the laughter and chat of the young people make me remember all that I have lost. I miss the sweet blue eyes that sparkled with joy to see me; the outstretched arms and the lovely smile. The white baby face that was hid in the coffin and the smell of those fading roses that I can never forget. That odour seem always to linger near. A bitter grief it was to lose at the same time his young soldier and his pretty baby girl, who, he had said was to be his old age's darling."

The following is a poem that became a mournful reminder to Cornelia of the great loss she and her husband had suffered:

"We parted in silence, we parted by night
On the banks of that lovely river.
Where the fragrant limes their boughs unite
We met, and we parted forever "

It is hard to imagine the pain that Cornelia experienced with the loss of her dear brother and a precious baby girl. Yet there are many in our day who have experienced similar losses.

Remember the loving comfort you felt as a child when someone wiped away your tears? A day is coming when God Himself shall wipe away our tears. Take time to think about heaven today and realize that tears in light of eternity are only for a moment.

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain."

Revelation 21:4

In case you missed it...

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



Bert Dunkerly giving his presentation on the "Confederate Surrender at Greensboro"

April's meeting began with Bert Dunkerly's program, "The Confederate Surrender at Greensboro", in order to allow him to get an earlier start back to Richmond, VA. Bert is a park ranger at Richmond National Battlefield Park, a historian and author. He also had copies of his book on the subject, "The Confederate Surrender at Greensboro: The Final Days of the Army of Tennessee, April 1865", available at the meeting.

Announcements of several upcoming events were made, including:

- Presentation at the Greensboro Historical Museum
- Confederate Memorial Day Services
- Summerfield Founder's Day Celebration

Confederate Memorial Day Service

A few photos, courtesy of Haley Owens, from the Confederate Memorial Day Service.



Calendar of Events

Pick-up Vidalia Onions Orders (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Friday afternoon/evening, May 15th
Sears/Whole Foods parking lot at Friendly Center

Summerfield Founder's Day Celebration (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Saturday, May 16th
The Col. John Sloan Camp will participate by setting-up a table in the History Tent from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

382nd Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, May 19th
6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
Capt. Bill's Seafood
6108 West Market St.
Greensboro, NC 27409
Speaker: Rodney Williams will give a program on "The Lone Cannoneer".

The War Between the States in Alamance County & North Carolina (Col. Charles F. Fisher Camp #813)

Saturday, June 6th, at The Depot Downtown Burlington
10:00 Living History camps open to the public
11:00 Walter Boyd - Alamance County during the Spring of 1865
12:30 Lynn Salsi - Confederate Women
1:30 Walter Boyd - Alamance County during Reconstruction
2:30 Bernie Thuersam - Sherman's March through the Carolinas
4:00 Living History camps close
7:00 Charles Frazier's "Cold Mountain" at the Paramount (\$5 Admission)

383rd Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, June 16th
6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
Capt. Bill's Seafood
6108 West Market St.
Greensboro, NC 27409
Speaker: Michael Briggs will present, "Guilford Under the Stars and Bars".

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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