

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

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Finally getting around to answering some of the various questions members have asked...

What is the significance of Col. John Sloan, the camp's namesake?

"The Guilford Grays", Company B of the 27th North Carolina Troops, was the first company from Guilford County to leave Greensborough in the fight for Southern Independence. John Sloan was elected Captain of Company B on or about April 20, 1861. He was elected Lt. Colonel on September 28, 1861, and transferred to the Field and Staff. Elected Colonel on December 23, 1861. Present and accounted for until he was defeated for reelection when the regiment was reorganized in April, 1862.

During the Battle of New Bern on March 14, 1862, the 27th Regiment was positioned on the left of the line between a defensive work called Fort Thompson and the Beaufort County road. The regiment was involved in some skirmishing and sharpshooting, but was not actively engaged.

What is the status of the Soldiers Reunion Parade in Newton, NC?

Confederate flags will continue to be allowed in the parade. The Battle flag will be limited to the SCV unit, while other period flags (1st, 2nd, 3rd National, etc...) may be carried by anyone throughout the parade. This agreement was reached following a meeting of the interested parties and does not result in a significant change (only one other Battle flag was carried in the parade last year, in addition to the one carried by the SCV camp). The local SCV camp will also have a booth at the event selling Confederate themed merchandise, with no restrictions regarding the Battle flag. In meeting minutes Mayor Stedman stated, "the City of Newton does not organize or put on the Soldiers Reunion Parade and that there is no action that can be taken by the City Council concerning this matter."

The complete minutes from Newton City Council meetings relevant to this topic are available via the links below.

http://www.newtonnc.gov/100615_City_Council_minutes.pdf

http://www.newtonnc.gov/111015_City_Council_minutes.pdf

http://www.newtonnc.gov/120815_City_Council_minutes.pdf

This Month's Program

*"John Wilkes Booth
Escape Route",
presented by
Byron Brady*

Coordinated by the Newton Merchants Association and American Legion Post #16, the annual Soldiers Reunion celebration is believed to be the longest-running patriotic celebration not based on a holiday. The parade, which began on July 4th, 1889, by WBTS veterans seeking recognition for their service and receipt of their pensions, is now always held at 5:00 p.m. on the third Thursday in August.

What scholarships are offered by the Sons of Confederate Veterans?

Please refer to the associated applications for a complete description of the guidelines. However, a few highlights are provided below.

Stand Watie Scholarship (National)

[\(Stand Watie Scholarship Application\)](#)

Eligibility: Must be a member in good standing in one of these organizations:

1. Sons of Confederate Veterans
2. Children of the Confederacy
3. United Daughters of the Confederacy

Amount/Frequency: A onetime per applicant award not exceeding \$1000.

Charles E. Purser, Jr., Research Award Scholarship (NC Division)

[\(Charles E. Purser, Jr. Research Award Application\)](#)

Eligibility: Either a member in-good-standing in the Sons of Confederate Veterans or the child of a member in-good-standing and meet at least ONE of the following:

1. A High School Senior.
2. A rising Sophomore, Junior or Senior currently enrolled in an accredited junior college or a four (4) year college or university, which is an accredited degree granting institution.

Amount/Frequency: A onetime per applicant award not exceeding \$1000.

NOTICE: Friday, May 6th, is the date planned to place flags on the veteran's graves at Greenhill Cemetery prior to Confederate Memorial Day, starting at 10:00 AM. The weekend will be available as a "rain date".

I-95 Wade Hampton Memorial Battle Flag Dedication

On Saturday, February 13th, 2016, a dedication ceremony was held in Prince George County, Virginia, for the latest Confederate Battle Flag to be raised along I-95. It was a sunny day with a temperature of 28 degrees and wind making feel like 17 degrees. This project was a joint effort between the Virginia Flaggers and the Army of Northern Virginia Mechanized Cavalry.



In case you missed it...

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



Greg Cheek giving his presentation on Lawrence O'Bryan Branch.

- Guests attending included...
 - Shay Walters, his wife Jennifer and son Hudson.
 - Dylan Walton
 - Jeff Walton
- Lt. Commander Don Saunders reminded the camp about our annual Vidalia Onion sale.
- Greg Cheek, Commander of the Yadkin Gray Eagles Camp, gave a very informative program on "Lawrence O'Bryan Branch", who served as a Brigadier General in the CSA. The Branch/Lane Brigade, as it was later referred to, included the; 7th NC, 18th NC, 28th NC, 33rd NC and 37th NC Regiments.

Vidalia Onions Fundraiser

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 payment upon delivery. Please contact Lt. Commander Don Saunders with the total number of bags you want to order.

- Now - May 5 - Take orders (no money).
- May 5 - Last date to turn-in order totals to Lt. Commander Don Saunders.
- May 13 - Pick-up onions afternoon/evening at parking lot of Sears/Whole Foods at Friendly Shopping Center. (Alternate pick-up location is Capt. Bill's Seafood Restaurant.)
- May 17 - Bring money from sales to camp meeting.



Campaign finance law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and employee of individuals who make contributions during the election cycle.

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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

Calendar of Events

Appomattox Court House Anniversary Weekend

Saturday, April 16th, and Sunday, April 17th
 Appomattox Court House National Historical Park
 111 National Park Dr., Appomattox, VA 24522

393rd Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, April 19th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood
 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Byron Brady will present a program on "John Wilkes Booth Escape Route".

Battle of Fort Macon - 100th Anniversary of State Parks

Saturday, April 23rd, and Sunday, April 24th
 Fort Macon State Park (2015 North Carolina State Park of the Year!)
 2303 East Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

NC Division SCV Annual Reunion

Saturday, April 30th, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Jay's Fish House, 40439 Stony Gap Rd, Albemarle, NC 28001

Mother's Day - Sunday, May 8th

NC Division Legislative Heritage Day

Tuesday, May 10th, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Legislative Building, 16 West Jones Street, Raleigh NC 27601

Confederate Memorial Day / Greensboro Confederate Memorial Day Service

Tuesday, May 10th, 6:30 pm
 Guilford Chapter 301, United Daughters of the Confederacy
 Greenhill Cemetery, Greensboro, NC

Pick-up Vidalia Onions Orders

Friday afternoon/evening, May 13th
 Sears/Whole Foods parking lot at Friendly Center
 (Alternate pick-up location is Capt. Bill's Seafood)

Summerfield's Founders' Day - 20th Annual Festival

Saturday, May 14th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 7300-7400 Summerfield Road, Summerfield, NC 27358

394th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, May 17th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood
 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Ronnie Roach, NC Division Chief of Staff and ANV Department Councilman, will present a program on our heritage.

Memorial Day - Monday, May 30th

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