

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

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Membership Renewal Statements for the NC Division were mailed on August 2nd and hopefully everyone has received them by the time you have received this newsletter. Unfortunately, the return address is incorrect, referencing our previous Adjutant-Treasurer Roy Smith. If you have already returned your statement that's fine, Roy will forward them to the staff, otherwise please address it to our current Adjutant-Treasurer Josh Myers (the mailing address is on the last page of the newsletter). Or just bring it with you to the meeting and not worry about mailing it :)

Camp elections will be held this year and here is an overview of the process our camp follows.

Elected officers are;

- Commander
- 1st Lt. Commander
- Chaplain
- Adjutant-Treasurer

A nominating committee is selected by the current commander. The committee typically consists of three members, who have a good knowledge of the current camp membership and understanding of the required skills. Those appointed to the committee would exclude any potential candidates for the elected positions.

At the November meeting, the nominating committee will present a slate of candidates to the camp membership.

Elections are held at the December meeting, with the installation of new officers at the January meeting.

I highly encourage any members that possess the appropriate skills to consider a leadership position in the camp. I believe having multiple candidates for positions is indicative of a healthy membership and allows the members a chance to change the direction of the camp.

The nominating committee has already been formed and consists of; 1st Lt. Commander Don Saunders (not running for another term), Chief of Staff Doug Phillips (appointed position) and Charlie Long. Any members interested in an elected position, please feel free to contact a member of the nominating committee. Also, don't be surprised if committee members contact you!

This Month's Program

Peggy Johnson will present a program on, "Elizabeth: A Mother in the WBTS".

Opportunity to provide Headstone for Guilford County Veteran

A communication I received from Jay Nolte, Jr., Adjutant with the General Lewis A. Armistead Camp No. 1302 in Jacksonville.

Commander Frank,

I have been working with the Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia to have VA Headstones placed on the unmarked graves of North Carolinians buried in Shockoe Hill Cemetery. Last year Camp #1302 found a descendant of Pvt Isaac Morton (Co. F 30th NC INF) and Camp #1302 paid for the installation of his VA Headstone.

The National Cemetery Administration has updated their regulations to allow cemeteries and historical groups to obtain VA Headstones without a next of kin contact and signature.

Sanders Kerr Apple was the eldest son of Mary and Abner Apple of Guilford County, North Carolina. On 12 March 1862 Apple enlisted as a 5th Sergeant in Captain William P. Watlington's Company (known as the Stonewall Boys and subsequently designated as Company F) of the 54th Regiment North Carolina Infantry at Greensboro, North Carolina; he was 22 years old. The 54th North Carolina was mustered into state service on 10 May 1862 at Camp Mangum near Raleigh, and then sent to coastal North Carolina where it spent the next three months on picket duty, before being ordered to Virginia.

On 5 November 1862—a month before the 54th North Carolina saw its first combat at Fredericksburg, Virginia — Apple was admitted to the Small Pox Hospital near Richmond. Five days later Apple would succumb to the disease. Third Sergeant Sanders K. Apple was buried in Shockoe Hill Cemetery on 10 November 1862, the burial record entry reading, "J.R. Apple, Small Pox, Soldier."

Sanders K. Apple's grave at Shockoe Hill Cemetery has never been marked.

Please let me know if your Camp is interested in sponsoring the installation of his VA Headstone. The installation fee is \$275, which is charged by the City of Richmond.

J. W. "Jay" Nolte, Jr
Adjutant - Camp #1302
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Jacksonville, NC

In case you missed it...

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



Lee Sherrill giving his program on "The 21st North Carolina Infantry".

- Guests attending included...
 - Ron Steele and Joe Steele's cousin Pat
 - Jeff and Dylan Walton (Col. Charles F. Fisher Camp, Graham)
- Lt. Commander Don Saunders made a motion for a Bylaws amendment (see details on following page), which was seconded by Adjutant-Treasurer Josh Myers.
- Lee Sherrill presented his program on "The 21st North Carolina Infantry" and signed copies of his excellent book on the topic.
- Shay Walters was presented his membership certificate.



Proposed By-Laws Amendment

The following By-Laws change was submitted by 1st Lt. Commander Don Saunders.

Proposed Changes

Article IV Membership

Section 5 Change 4 classes to 5 classes

Section 5

e. Honorary Life Membership in the Col. John Sloan Camp may be presented to any non-member of the Camp upon recommendation of the Executive Committee to the Camp and a majority vote of Camp members present at a regular Camp Meeting. Honorary Life members may not hold office or vote in the Camp.

Article V Dues

Section 3

Col. John Sloan Camp Life Membership dues will be deposited in the Camp Heritage Defense Fund.

In accordance with the By-Laws, the membership must be provided a copy of the proposed amendment at least 10 days prior to taking a vote, which would make our September meeting the earliest this can be considered by the membership.

SCV National Reunion

Some highlights from the 2016 SCV National Reunion held in Richardson, Texas, July 13th-17th, as reported by NC Division Commander Kevin Stone.

- Tom Strain elected Commander-in-Chief
- Paul Gramling elected Lt. Commander-in-Chief
- Ronnie Roach, NC Division Chief of Staff, elected Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia
- Frank Powel, NC Division Parliamentarian and editor of the *Confederate Veteran* magazine, received the Jefferson Davis Chalice, the highest award the SCV can bestow to a member
- Rev. Dr. Herman White, NC Division Chaplain, received the Robert E. Lee Award, the second highest award given to a member
- Two members of the Fayetteville Arsenal Camp No. 168, and past Sam Davis Youth Camp attendees, who are now Sam Davis Youth Camp junior counselors, were featured speakers. Delance Stevens spoke before the entire SCV body and Brandon Harrera spoke before the ANV body.

Virginia Flaggers Raise Another Flag

On Saturday, July 23rd, the Virginia Flaggers dedicated the General William Lewis Capell Memorial Battle Flag, just north of Danville along the US 29 Bypass. The flag, an Army of Tennessee Battle Flag, measures 30' x 50' and flies on a 119' flag pole. The dedication ceremony was attended by Kenneth Chilton and Michael Moore of the Col. John Sloan Camp.



View from north bound lane of US 29 Bypass



Calendar of Events

397th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, August 16th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Peggy Johnson will present a program on, "Elizabeth: A Mother in the WBTS".

NC Summer DEC Meeting

Saturday, August 20th

Stem Ruritan Club

3595 Old Oxford Highway

Stem, NC 27581

Pre-registration \$20 through August 13th, \$25 at the door.

For complete details, refer to the division website, www.ncscv.org.

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Speaker: Division Commander Kevin Stone will discuss, "The NC Division: What it does for you and what your role is within it."

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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

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