

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

A quick reminder that our camp's elections will be held during our December meeting. Any members that possess the skills for elected positions are encouraged to participate!

If you haven't reserved your seats yet for our Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet, please do so at your earliest convenience. Our speaker for the event, Tom Strain, the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, is an excellent speaker and is sure to get you fired up!

Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet

Presented by:

COLONEL JOHN SLOAN CAMP #1290

Greensboro, North Carolina

January 17, 2017

Reception 6:00 pm

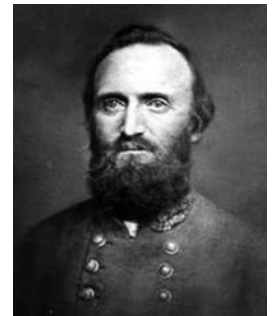
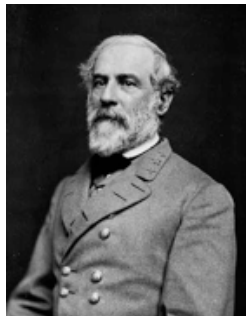
Dinner 6:30 pm

Program Speaker:

Thos. V. Strain, Jr.

Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Confederate Veterans



\$20 for SCV, OCR or UDC members and guests

Location:

Oak Branch Event Center

23 Oak Branch Dr.

Greensboro, NC 27407

Please Complete and Return by January 10, 2017.

This Month's Program

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson will visit our camp.

Member or Guest Name: _____

Address: _____

Total Number of Members/Guests: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

MAIL TO: Col. John Sloan Camp, 2501 Shady Lawn Dr., Greensboro NC, 27408

For questions, call Lt. Commander Don Saunders at 336-299-2996.

In case you missed it...

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



Steve Campbell presenting his program on "Arlington at Rest".

- Guests attending included...
 - Lee Long
 - Betty Hoots
 - Joncy Martin
 - Shawn Plybon
 - Charles Tucker
 - Charles Tucker, Sr.
 - Greg Gorum
- Veterans present were recognized and shared details of their branch and service.
- Lee Long was recommended for membership, which was approved!
- Kevin Cook was initiated as a new member!
- The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates for the upcoming camp election.
 - Commander: Jeff Frank
 - Lt. Commander: no recommendation
 - Adjutant/Treasurer: Josh Myers
 - Chaplain: no recommendation
- An announcement was made reminding everyone about the Jamestown Christmas Parade and that any reenactors in the camp would be welcomed.
- Steve Campbell provided an informative presentation on the history of Arlington.

2nd NC Division Flag Dedication

On Saturday, December 10th, the Roxboro Grays Camp #1932 dedicated the "General Matt Ransom Flag" on Hwy 158, 2.2 miles east of town. It is a 5' x 8' Army of Tennessee Battle Flag atop a 40' pole.

John and Isabelle Murphy Confederate Firearms Collection

Due to the numerous questions raised by our members regarding the planned closing of the Murphy Confederate Firearms Collection, I thought it worthwhile to publish the response received from the museum's director in response to one of our member's (Andrew Tucker) request to keep this exhibit open.

Mr. Tucker,

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your questions regarding the Murphy Collection. Let me assure you that the spring closing of the Murphy Confederate Longarms exhibit does not eliminate interpretation and artifact display at the museum of this period of Greensboro's history. There are several galleries in our Greensboro: Voices of a City exhibition that deal with the Civil War and the men and women of the time, most notably Debating Liberty and Service and Sacrifice. In fact, many of Murphy artifacts that relate to Guilford County and North Carolina will be incorporated into these areas. Currently, in order to showcase the exhibit I Want the Wide American Earth & Generations: Voices of Greensboro's Asian Pacific American Families, the Murphy Confederate Longarms Collection exhibit is temporarily not on view. The Murphy Confederate Longarms Collection will reopen in March 2017, when the current exhibit closes. It will then permanently close in May to make way for a new exhibit on WWI and the impact in Greensboro.

In the meantime, Greensboro History Museum staff is working on a variety of exciting cutting-edge ways to increase digital access to the collection, and looking at space in the museum for a smaller display of the portion of this collection that is connected to Guilford County, along with selected other significant pieces. A Frequently Asked Questions site will appear on the Greensboro History Museum website to correct any misinformation that may be circulating about the Murphy Confederate Longarms Collection. Seven important points are:

o The collection, which is wholly owned by the Greensboro Historical Museum, Inc., will not be sold. The museum will continue its role as steward of this important accessioned collection, meeting professional standards as an American Alliance of Museums Accredited Museum and a Smithsonian Affiliate.

o The decision to close the exhibition is based on the need for flexible exhibition space for larger traveling and in-house temporary exhibitions. The exhibition has been up for 16 years, making it the second oldest exhibit at the museum. It was installed in gallery space built and designed for temporary exhibits in 1990 and was never intended to be a permanent exhibit. At no time was "political correctness" a factor in the changing out of the exhibit. This exhibit has been up for 16 years, and was professionally created by museum staff to high professional interpretation standards. The need for physical space for new exhibits is the driving force behind this change.

o The museum will be increasing digital access of this collection through 3D imaging, VR and an online collections database. Information, including images, of the complete collection will be available on-line. Some of the projects need extra funding, but should happen in the spring.

o Physical access will still be possible for the entire collection, as is our policy for all artifacts and archival material. A call to the curatorial team will allow scholars, researchers and interested public to view items in the collection by appointment.

o Due to the physical and security needs of this special collection, in accordance with our AAM accredited policies, storage will not be in the basement and not in boxes. We are investigating purchasing a new system for storage in a highly secured area along with other military artifacts in our collection currently in storage. Ideally this system will provide curators with easy access through a rolling hanging system.

o It is the normal course of Museum work to change exhibits, as only a small percentage of any museum's collections can be on display at any given time due to space limitations and the many stories there are to tell. Currently approximately 80% of our collections inventory is in storage.

o One of the most beloved installations in the first years of this particular gallery was on display 1993-1996, the 50th anniversary exhibit "Army Town: Greensboro 1943-1946", the story of WWII in Greensboro. The Greensboro History Museum is excitedly looking forward to the next exhibit installation in this gallery in fall 2017, the story of World War I's impact on our city.

I have brought your concerns to the attention of our board leadership. One reason we are discussing the expensive and time consuming digital access possibilities, is that we all

recognize that the Murphy Collection is of national significance. My hope is that our digital strategies will increase the awareness of the collection across the country. We will be having several programs highlighting the collection and the Civil War period it represents in the final months of the exhibit. I will be sure to keep you informed of those special events.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to call.

*Sincerely,
Carol*

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Lee's Headquarters at Gettysburg

The restored Lee's Headquarters at Gettysburg (401 Buford Avenue Gettysburg, PA 17325).



Visit the following web page for photos, videos and additional resources on this restoration project.

<http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/gettysburg/preservation/gettysburg-lee-headquarters.html>

Calendar of Events

401st Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, December 20th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood
 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Mrs. Stonewall Jackson (Kelly Hinson) will visit our camp.

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1st

Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, January 17th, Reception at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm
 Oak Branch Event Center
 23 Oak Branch Dr.
 Greensboro, NC 27407
 Speaker: Tom Strain, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

28th Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration

Saturday, January 21st, 1:00 pm
 Historic House Chambers
 North Carolina State Capitol
 1 E Edenton St.
 Raleigh, NC 27601
 Keynote Speaker: Brigadier General Gary Pendleton, United States Army
 Reserves, 1966-1991

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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