

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

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It is my sad duty to report the passing of another member of our camp, Randall Lynn Clapp, on January 21st, 2016. Randall worked at Lorillard/ITG for 34 years and in addition to the SCV, was a member of the NRA and ASPCA. Randall was rarely able to attend our meetings due to his work schedule, but was very proud to be a member of the organization. Keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers, especially our friend Carol Moore.



Memorials may be made to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) at www.asPCA.org or the Humane Society of Alamance County, PO Box 5117, Burlington, NC 27216.

One of the highlights from the Division Executive Council (DEC) meeting, which is covered in more detail by another article, is the creation of a Political Action Committee (PAC). While there is a never ending stream of requests/opportunities for donations, I personally feel this is currently the most critical. We have all made donations for preservation/restoration of battlefields, historic artifacts, cemeteries, monuments, mega flags and more. However, recent events across the country have brought to the forefront the extreme importance of having our voices heard by our representatives in state and local government, and this PAC is the way this will happen (or not)! Some statements made from our leadership..."Now is the time to put up, or shut up", "We are only one election away from losing our monuments and more". In hindsight this kind of organization should have been created years ago, so we are playing catch up, which means funding needs to be accelerated just like an underfunded retirement account.

We are very fortunate to have the broad knowledge and experience within the North Carolina Division leadership, which routinely sets an example for other divisions to follow, like in the creation of this PAC.

This Month's Program

"Minorities in the Confederate Military: Combat Support",
presented
by Ms. Teresa Roane

Special thanks to Don Long for his assistance with the creation of the camp's new Lifetime Membership Certificates, which turned out great!

Our speaker this month will be Ms. Teresa Roane, the Librarian and Archivist for the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She previously was the Archivist for the Museum of the Confederacy and has received various awards from the UDC and SCV. Very much looking forward to her presentation!

In case you missed it...

If you were not able to attend last month's Lee-Jackson Banquet, here is what you missed.



Presentation of camp's first Honorary Life Membership Certificate to Jack Marlar

- Guests attending included...
 - Northern Piedmont Brigade Commander Mitch Flinchum
 - Keith Jones (Forsythe Rifles #2245)
 - Mike Deal (Thomasville Rifles #172)
 - Commander Bruce Florence (South Country Line Creek #2266)
 - Al Boswell (Colonel Charles F. Fisher Camp #813)
 - Judy Ballard (UDC)
- Past Commander Michael Briggs announced that 33 years ago on this night the Col. John Sloan Camp was formed!
- Jack Marlar presented his program on *"The Bond of Lee and Jackson"*, pointing out several character traits shared by these men.
- Brigade Commander Mitch Flinchum presented the camp's first Life Membership Certificates to the following members.
 - Jeff Frank
 - Josh Myers

- Robert Pinnix
- Don Saunders
- Herb Tucker
- Commander Jeff Frank and Lt. Commander Don Saunders presented Jack Marlar the camp's first Honorary Life Membership Certificate.
- Again, we would like to thank Joyce Phillips and the ladies of the OCR for the decorating and deserts!
- Also thanks go out to the band, Linda & Company, for joining us again this year. (Linda Thore/Guitar and lead vocals, Johnny Cox/Mandolin, Charlie Long/Upright Bass, Randy Owens/Guitar, Haley Owens/Banjo and Donna Owens/Washboard)

Inclement Weather Plan



In the event our monthly meeting is canceled due to inclement weather, or the unavailability of the meeting location due to other events, an email notification will be sent to members. An attempt will be made to inform the remaining members via a phone call.

If the weather is questionable and you have not been notified, please contact the Commander or Lt. Commander prior to attempting to travel to the meeting.

If a meeting is cancelled, it will be rescheduled for the Tuesday of the following week.

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

NC Division Winter DEC Meeting

The winter Division Executive Council meeting was held in Hallsboro (Whiteville) on January 30th. Attendees from the Col. John Sloan camp included; Kevin Wood, Color Sgt. John Pugh and Commander Jeff Frank.

Some highlights of the meeting...

- National HQ has announced March 5th as Confederate Flag Day. The NC Division asks all those that can, to attend the celebration at the state capital (2:00 pm). Those that cannot attend the event in Raleigh that day are asked to attend events organized by their respective brigade commanders.
- The organization, nationally, has grown from approximately 31k to 43-45k members!
- Our state's monument protection bill is being reviewed by the Louisiana Division.
- Vandalism at Oakwood Cemetery has been estimated at \$23k. Past Division Commander Tom Smith, who serves on the Oakwood Cemetery Committee, is hoping a portion of the funds raised for the restoration can be used to implement a surveillance system as a possible deterrent. The SCV has spent over \$200k on preservation and restoration at Oakwood Cemetery.
- The individual arrested and charged with defacing a statue or monument (Silent Sam) and resisting arrest, Loren Stanley Hart, a 37 year-old white male from Concord, was associated with the 'Occupy Wall Street' protests. The people attacking our monuments/heritage have agendas much more encompassing than simply our Southern heritage.
- A Political Action Committee (PAC) has been formed, the North Carolina Heritage PAC, with the purpose of determining where candidates stand on heritage issues and influencing elections in the best interest of our heritage and veterans. The time when letters and phone calls to our representatives make a difference has long passed. Financial support and votes are the only way to get the attention of most politicians. Organizations attacking our heritage have used PACs for lobbying for decades. With a potential voting block of 25-30K people (contributors are not limited to our membership), this PAC could be large enough to sway close races within the state. While more details to come, a website will be available soon (www.ncheritagepac.org) to accept donations. The NC Division is requesting each member to

donate a minimum of \$20. Donations can be accepted now, by writing a check to "North Carolina Heritage PAC" and mailing to...

North Carolina Heritage PAC c/o Tom Smith
3621 Griffice Mill Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27610

- In a coordination with creation of the North Carolina Heritage PAC, Tuesday May 10th (Confederate Memorial Day) will be the 1st Annual Legislative Heritage Day. There will be an organized effort to visit our state representatives on that day, with our organization being officially recognized by the legislature. Division Officers, Brigade Commanders and Camp Commanders (or designated camp representative) are all requested to attend, as well as the general membership, families, etc... More details are to follow. This first event must be well attended!
- Division dues will likely be increased at the annual reunion, being held on April 30th in Albemarle. Changes to the Division Life Membership will be made as well.
- Elections...
 - NC Division Commander Danny Bolick does not plan to seek another term.
 - NC Division Lt. Commander Kevin Stone is running for division Commander.
 - NC Division Editor and Commander of the Lt. F. C. Frazier Camp #668, Ron Perdue, is running for division Lt. Commander.
 - Department Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, Randy Burbage, does not plan to seek another term.
 - Department Councilman of the Army of Northern Virginia, Ronnie Roach, is running for Department Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia.

Website Status

The website, www.coljohnsloancamp.org, was brought back on-line on February 4th. The site has been rebuilt with updated components and with additional security enhancements.

Calendar of Events

20' x 20' ANV Battle Flag Raising/Dedication Ceremony (Virginia Flaggers)

Saturday, February 13th, 11:00 am

Wade Hampton I-95 Prince George Memorial. On I-95, 10 miles South of Petersburg and 30 miles north of Emporia. From 95: take the Courtland Exit #41, turn left on Courtland, then immediate left onto South Crater Road (301). Flag site is ½ mile on the right.

17020 South Crater Rd.
Petersburg, VA 23805

391st Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

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

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Ms. Teresa Roane with present, "*Minorities in the Confederate Military: Combat Support*".

Civil War Show, Salisbury, NC

Friday, February 26th, 5:00-8:00 pm

Saturday, February 27th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Event Center, Cornerstone Church
315 Webb Rd.
(1/2 mile off I-85 Exit 70)

Confederate Flag Day, North Carolina State Capital

Saturday, March 5th

House of Representatives Chamber
North Carolina State Capitol
1 East Edenton Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Battles for New Berne (Rains Brothers Camp #1370)

Battle Reenactments/Demonstrations/Speakers & More

March 5th & 6th

Admission \$10.00 per person each day. Ages 10 & under free. Cash only.

The Historic Bellair Plantation Farm
1100 Washington Post Rd.
New Bern, NC 28562

For details, please visit battlesfornewberne.com

392nd Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, March 15th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Lee W. Sherrill, Jr., will give a program on "The 21st North Carolina Infantry", with focus on Company M, the "Guilford Dixie Boys".

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