

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

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Some exciting news from our division commander!

June 24, 2016

Men of the Old North State:

I am excited to announce that we now have a Division Headquarters in the antebellum Oak Grove plantation owned by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Lewis of Godwin, NC. Oak Grove is located on the Averasboro Battlefield and is the site of a very pro-Confederate reenactment each Spring. We have a dedicated room set aside that will serve as the Division HQ Office and we will place SCV literature and a display there for education and recruitment of the many visitors touring the site.

I am proud that the Division has incurred ZERO expense in obtaining our Headquarters and we will form a partnership with Oak Grove that is mutually beneficial to all parties involved. However, this partnership will require some effort on our part as members of the Division. I am asking you to support this project in at least one of many ways, including but not limited to: volunteering time at the site to help upgrade the facilities; learning the history of Oak Grove and the Battle of Averasboro in order to become volunteer docents; assisting with activities relating to the annual reenactment; and eventually, when the planned site museum opens, placing items in it on loan for display.

This is a great opportunity for the Division. We now have a Headquarters to hold special recruitment events at the reenactment as well as at stand-alone SCV-sponsored events, Camp or Brigade meetings and picnics, press conferences, possible visits by elected officials, and whatever other possibilities arise.

Please contact your Brigade Commander if you would like to serve on the Division Headquarters Committee and/or have time, talents, or items that would benefit Oak Grove Plantation.

See you on the front lines...

R. Kevin Stone
Commander, NC Division

This Month's Program

Lee Sherrill will present a program on "The 21st North Carolina Infantry"

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

Major General Ambrose E. Burnside
A Devout Christian

Major General Ambrose E. Burnside arrived in Knoxville, Tennessee, to the cheers of people who lined the crowded streets to welcome the Union general and the army. Almost immediately upon his arrival he sent word to the Reverend Thomas Humes to resume services at St. John Episcopal Church. Burnside attended the services and the sermon was taken from the 30th Psalm which said "I will magnify you, O Lord, for Thou hast set me up, and not made my foes to triumph over me."

Further insight to Burnside's character can be found in John B. Gordon's book.

General Burnside himself was a deeply devout Christian. At Camp Nelson on August 14, just before his invasion of East Tennessee, he issued the following order to the Army of the Ohio. "Whenever regimental evening dress parades are held, it shall be the duty of the commanding officer to see that the chaplain, or some proper person, in his absence holds some short religious service, such as the reading of a portion of the Scripture, with the appropriate prayer for the protection and assistance of divine protection. (John B. Gordon "Reminiscences of The Civil War", pages 125-130)

Burnside believed that providing his men with religious services was his duty. His concern was that they have daily Scripture reading and prayer. It is refreshing to see that a general of the United States Army realized the value of spiritual warfare. Undoubtedly General Burnside believed that our greatest battle was not with "Flesh and Blood". The Word of God has been given to Christians to fight Satan and his demons. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Ephesians 6:17 that prayer is a powerful way to invoke God's protection.

We know Burnside for his "sideburns". Something else that you will be able to learn that, after the Battle of Fredericksburg, he was replaced by Hooker. How would you like your name to be associated with "women of the street"? He was in charge when Longstreet came to Knoxville and ably defended that city. He was replaced again at the Battle of the Crater. He resigned from the service and was three-times elected governor of Rhode Island and elected a United States

Senator from Rhode Island. He died in office, September 13, 1881 and is buried in Swan Point Cemetery in Providence, Rhode Island.

You are my hiding place, you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Psalm 32:7

In case you missed it...

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



Alex Cheek's presentation of "Sherman Comes to Fayetteville"

- Guests attending included...
 - Ron Steele
 - Jeff and Dylan Walton (Col. Charles F. Fisher Camp, Graham)
 - Tray and Peggy Johnson (Col. Charles F. Fisher Camp, Graham)
 - Buck Pate (WWII D-Day Veteran)
- A brief report of the Vidalia Onion fund raiser was provided.
 - 432 bags sold by the camp
 - \$154.00 received for pickup of onions for Thomasville and Reidsville camps
 - \$285.68 in truck rental/gas expenses
 - \$2,038.32 net camp profit
- Darnaye Teeter was crowned "Onion King" for the most bags sold, 97!
 - Members who sold 20+ bags: Thad Tucker, Gordon Teeter, Darnaye Teeter, Eric Garrison, David Moore and Don Saunders.
 - 23 members participated in the fund raiser.
- A special thanks to Herb Tucker for providing the invocation and benediction, in addition to reading The Charge, due to the absence of some of our staff.

Southern Baptist Convention

At the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, held in St Louis, Missouri, on June 14-15, the repudiation of the Confederate battle flag was one of the "highlights".

Excerpt from, "[WRAP-UP: Historic election & resolution at SBC](#)", by David Roach (chief national correspondent for Baptist Press).

The Resolutions Committee originally proposed a resolution calling believers "to consider prayerfully whether to limit, or even more so, discontinue its display," but also stating that for some the Confederate battle flag is not "a symbol of hatred, bigotry, and racism."

But former SBC President James Merritt moved that the reference to the flag's not being a racist symbol for some be removed and that the convention call believers to "discontinue the display of the Confederate battle flag as a sign of solidarity with the whole Body of Christ, including our African American brothers and sisters."

Messengers adopted Merritt's amendment and the resolution by wide margins after he told the convention support of the flag hinders evangelism among African Americans and said, "Southern Baptists are not a people of any flag. We march under the banner of the cross of Jesus and the grace of God."

The North Carolina Division responded to the SBC resolution with the following press release.

North Carolina Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

PRESS RELEASE

It is with sadness and regret that we, the North Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans have been informed of the Southern Baptist Convention's ("SBC") resolution condemning the Confederate Battle Flag.

In the midst of the tragedies happening in this world, we are shocked and dismayed that an organization devoted to the cause of Christ would fall prey to political correctness and private vendettas. That the leaders of this once mighty people of God would allow themselves to be distracted from the work of Jesus Christ to arbitrarily malign the good name

of the Confederate soldier fighting for freedom, is a heinous and sinful deed that will divide the people more than bring them together.

In a misguided attempt to attract and appease those that the church has yet to reach, the SBC cited that it is better to take down the Confederate Flag than have one soul refuse salvation. By their very action, the SBC has put a stumbling block before the masses with their sad attempt at political correctness.

We and our members belonging to the SBC, strongly oppose this resolution and the treasonous insult it is to the soldier who fought for freedom from Federal tyranny that we still face today. We will continue to seek all remedies to raise the banner that the proud Confederate soldier carried into battle and hold his name in honor.

R. Kevin Stone
North Carolina Division Commander
Sons of Confederate Veterans
www.ncscv.org

SCV Membership Directory

The SCV Membership Directory will be mailed to those SCV members who ordered them in late May 2016. Harris Connect, the company who is publishing the SCV Membership Directory, had to change printers which has resulted in delays. However, the manufacturing director stated that they will be mailed in May.

The SCV Headquarters will be receiving a small order of these directories for SCV members to purchase and we will place them on the online store once we receive them.

If you have any concerns or questions, please call Harris Connect Customer Service Group at (800)877-6554. Please do not call the SCV HQ as we will only direct you to the number above.

Calendar of Events

2016 SCV National Reunion

July 13th – July 17th

Richardson, TX (Dallas)

Visit the scv2016.org website for details.

396th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, July 19th, 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's program will be, "The 21st North Carolina Infantry", with a focus on Company M, the "Guilford Dixie Boys".

Virginia Flaggers – Flag Raising!

Saturday, July 23rd, Afternoon

Hwy 58 Bypass

Danville, VA

The Virginia Flaggers will be raising their largest flag on their tallest flag pole to date! Details to follow...

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.

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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