

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

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A special thanks to the staff and members who participated in picking-up and distributing the Vidalia onions; David Moore and Mike Moore, 2nd Lt. Commander Sam Scott and Lt. Commander Don Saunders. The onions arrived in Fayetteville later than recent years, which resulted in a very long day for those that volunteered.

And of course a thank you goes out to all the members that participated in the fund raiser again this year! This is typically the only fund raiser for our camp each year and the proceeds go towards the general operational expenses of the camp, as well as donations to various projects throughout the year.

Typical operational expenses include:

- Insurance coverage on 3 monuments and 9 historical monuments
- Meals for our speakers (and occasionally a donation to help compensate for their travel expenses)
- Educational supplies/handouts, such as "The Truth Concerning the Confederate Battle Flag" CDs, etc...
- Newsletter expenses, postage, awards, etc...

Projects donated to by the camp vary, with these being a couple of the more recent:

- National Heritage Defense Fund
- Flags Across the Carolinas

Adjutant/Treasurer Josh Myers plans to provide a brief report on this year's fund raiser at our June meeting.

I also want to thank those that attended the Summerfield Founder's Day event, John Plybon, Bill Jones, Color Sergeant John Pugh and Lt. Commander Don Saunders.

The Town of Summerfield graciously invites our organization to participate in their History Tent during their Founders' Day celebration each year, which we greatly appreciate.

And...one more thank you to Mike Moore for collecting the flags from Green Hill Cemetery following the Confederate Memorial Day service!

This Month's Program

Alex Cheek, will present a program entitled "Sherman Comes to Fayetteville"

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

"Mrs. Bickerdyke"

A beloved Army nurse, Mrs. Bickerdyke, was a remarkable woman of moral fortitude. All of the Union officers, including General Sherman admired her. She always had the best interest of the soldiers in mind when she attended to them in the hospital where she worked. The following story shows her influence in doing what was necessary and right.

"On one occasion, visiting one of the wards at nearly eleven o'clock A.M., where the men were very badly wounded, she found that the assistant surgeon-in-charge, who had been out on a "spree" the night before and had slept very late, had not yet made out the special diet for the ward, and the men, faint and hungry, had no breakfast. She at once denounced him in the strongest terms, "Matter enough, you miserable scoundrel! Here these men, any of them is worth a thousand of you, are suffered to starve and die, because you want to be off on a drunk!you shall not stay in army a week longer."

The surgeon still laughed, but he turned pale for he knew her power.... Within three days, she had caused his discharge."

He went to headquarters and asked to be re-instated. General Sherman, who was then in command, listened patiently, and then inquired who had caused this discharge ..."I suppose it was that woman, that Mrs. Bickerdyke." "Oh", said Sherman, "Well, if it was her, I can do nothing for you. She out-ranks me."

Mrs. Bickerdyke would not tolerate immoral behavior, especially when it came to caring for wounded soldiers. She is an example of the honesty and morality that is needed in people of our communities today. A revival of old-fashioned morals would do much to bring our nation back into God's favor Pray earnestly for a spiritual revival in America.

Now we know that whatever the Law says, it says to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

Romans 3:19

In case you missed it...

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



Ronnie Roach during his presentation on "Our Heritage".

- Guests attending included...
 - Shay Walters, his wife Jennifer and son Hudson
 - Paul Vincent
 - Jeff and Dylan Walton
 - Northern Piedmont Brigade Commander Mitch Flinchum and his wife
- A Flag Draping Ceremony was held for Compatriot Edwin Benton (Ben) Braswell Jr..
- Two new members were initiated!
 - Paul Vincent
Ancestor: Pvt. William Preston Mitchell, Johnson's Company, 7th N.C. Regiment Senior Reserves
 - Shay Walters
Ancestor: Pvt. Mack Talton, Co. H, 2nd North Carolina Infantry
- Commander Jeff Frank thanked the staff and members that participated in:
 - Vidalia Onion pick-up/distributions
 - Summerfield Founders' Day
 - Collecting the flags from Green Hill Cemetery
- Commander Jeff Frank discussed highlights of the NC Division Reunion.
- John Plybon mentioned how a better PA system would be beneficial for the Confederate Memorial Day Service. Commander Jeff Frank noted that the camp staff has discussed purchasing a small PA system that may be used during our meetings, which

could also be made available for use for the memorial day service or other similar events. This will be revisited with the camp discussing/approving any purchase proposal.

- Additional announcements...
 - Thomasville Memorial Day Parade in Monday, May 30th. Reenactors, as well as the general membership, are invited to participate in the parade.
 - Consider visiting the National D-Day Memorial, located in Bedford, Virginia. *(Why is the memorial located in Bedford? Because proportionally this community suffered the nation's severest D-Day losses. Nineteen soldiers from Bedford died, with an approximate population of 3,200.)*
- Ronnie Roach, NC Division Chief-of-Staff and ANV Department Councilman, presented a program on "Our Heritage". A few excerpts from the program...
 - The Emancipation Proclamation turned the war into a trial. By losing the war the South was found guilty and given a life sentence of being racist.
 - Definition of Culture: the beliefs, customs, arts, etc., of a particular society at a particular time
 - Definition of Heritage: the traditions, achievements, beliefs, etc., that are part of the history of a group or nation (note, no time limit)
 - Definition of Legacy: something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past
 - Slavery was not a Southern disgrace, but a National disgrace.



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Save 313 Acres of at Five Virginia Battlefields

The Civil War Trust [Old Dominion 2016](#) preservation opportunity is offering a donation match of \$10.80-to-\$1!

Battlefield	# of Acres	Date of Battle	Union Casualties	Confed. Casualties
Williamsburg	3	May 5, 1862	2,283	1,560
Gaines' Mill	6	June 27, 1862	6,800	8,700
Ream's Station	3	August 25, 1864	2,747	814
White Oak Road	12	March 31, 1865	1,870	800
Sailor's Creek	289	April 6, 1865	1,148	7,700
TOTALS	313		14,985	19,574

Calendar of Events

395th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, June 21st, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Alex Cheek will present a program on, "Sherman Comes to Fayetteville".

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 program will be, "The 21st North Carolina Infantry", with a focus on Company M, the "Guilford Dixie Boys".

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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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