

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

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A dedication ceremony for a new battlefield monument will be held on March 19th at Pamplin Park in Petersburg, VA. The North Carolina Civil War Round Table (NCCWRT) will be unveiling its new monument to Lane's NC Brigade (NC Regiments included; 7th, 18th, 28th, 33rd and 37th). While the park is open to the general public, only those pre-registered with the park by March 14th will participate in the special events and BBQ luncheon.

Checks with your name (and guests) should be mailed to North Carolina Monument Dedication, c/o Pamplin Historical Park, 6125 Boydton Plank Road, Petersburg, VA 23803. Anyone wishing to use a credit card may call 804-861-2408 and ask to speak to Amanda or Diane. Anyone registering more than themselves should include the names of their guests.

Schedule of Events

9:00 - Park opens; check-in at Admissions Desk for nametags, lunch tickets, etc.

11:00 - Ceremonies begin at Monument site

Welcome: Will Greene

Response from NCCWRT: Gene Adcock

Keynote Remarks: Ed Bearss

11:30 - Monument unveiling and black powder volley by 28th Regiment of North Carolina Troops

12:00 - Catered luncheon at Education Center (Registered Guests only)

1:15 - Special Tour of NC's role at The Breakthrough (Registered Guests only)

2:30 - Bank's House (Grant's Headquarters) opens

5:00 - Park closes

This Month's Program

"The 21st North Carolina Infantry", presented by Lee W. Sherrill, Jr.

For more information, you may refer to the current NCCWRT newsletter available [here](#).

The [Pamplin Historical Park and The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier](#) is located at 6125 Boydton Plank Road, Petersburg, VA 23803.

Located on the site of the April 2, 1865 "Breakthrough," the battle that ended the Petersburg Campaign and led to the evacuation of the Confederate capital at Richmond, the Park's 424 acres include two award-winning museums, four antebellum homes, living history venues, and shopping facilities.

Also scheduled at Pamplin Park is a Special Battlefield Tour on April 2nd, 2016, the anniversary of the breakthrough. A pre-dawn walking tour begins at 5:00 AM. Reservations are required.

The Battles for New Berne event, held on March 5th and 6th, was very successful. The event was held at the historic Bellair Plantation in New Bern and sponsored by the SCV Rain Brothers Camp #1370, the 5th NC State Troops Co. D and the 7th NC State Troops Co. F. Proceeds from the event are planned to go towards a monument for all battles fought in Craven County. A 155th Anniversary event is planned for 2017.

Vidalia Onions! It's time to begin taking orders for our annual Vidalia Onion Fund Raiser. The pricing remains the same as previous years, \$10 for a 10 lb. bag. Just take orders now, and collect payments upon delivery. The onions are expected to be received around mid-May.

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

Union Soldier Thomas W. Leach wrote to his church family in Warwick County, Indiana, as follows:

"I love my Country its free institutions and privileges which we have always enjoyed from our youth up and which our forefathers shed their blood on a field of battle for us their posterity and I for one feel willing if necessary to sacrifice my life and all of my worldly nature to leave the same legacy to my children and their posterity for without it what would our country be.... I am one that putting down this rebellion let it cost what it will. I enlisted in this war to fight the battles of this Country not for mere pay but because I love our free and noble government which has protected our rights and made our nation respected over the whole world therefore my brethren I feel glad to say to you that I am a soldier fighting in defense of the old stars and stripes which has floated over

our happy land of America and I pray God that it may still continue to wave while time shall last"

Private Leach counted the cost of serving his country and decided he would serve the Union no matter what it cost. His attitude came from a deep sense of a debt owed to the forefathers of America by the sacrifice of their blood.

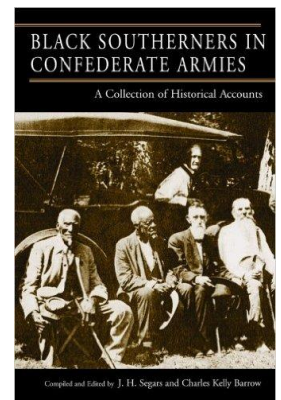
We owe a great debt to the Lord Jesus Christ who paid the price on the cross that we might be free from the bondage of sin and Satan. Jesus reconciled us to God so that we would reconcile others to him. Out of gratitude for Jesus' sacrifice, we owe him our sacrificial service in reaching a lost generation in a postmodern world.

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples,
If any man will come after me ,let him deny himself,
and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever
will save his life will lose it : and whosoever will lose
his life for my sake shall find it" Matthew 16: 24,25

Suggested Reading

A list of several books on Colored Confederates, provided by Ms. Teresa Roane.

- ***Forgotten Confederates: An Anthology about Black Southerners Vol. 14*** by Charles Kelly Barrow, Joe Henry Segars and R. B. Rosenberg
- ***Black Confederates*** by Charles Kelly Barrow, Joe Henry Segars and R. B. Rosenberg
- ***The Confederate Negro: Virginia's Craftsmen and Military Laborers, 1861-1865*** by James H. Brewer (written by a Black History Professor)
- ***Black Southerners in Confederate Armies: A Collection of Historical Accounts*** by J. H. Segars and Charles Kelly Barrow
- ***Virginia's Black Confederates: Essays and Rosters*** by Greg Eanes
- ***Black Confederates in the U.S. Civil War: A Compiled list of African-Americans Who Served the Confederacy*** by Ricardo J. Rodriguez



In case you missed it...

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



Ms. Teresa Roane answering questions after the program.

- Guests attending included...
 - Kari Clapp
 - Anthony Clapp
 - Carol Moore
 - Loretta Parker
- A "Last Roll Call" and flag draping ceremony was performed in honor of our deceased compatriot Randall Lynn Clapp.
- Commander Jeff Frank made the following announcements.
 - The camp's [website](#) is back on-line, after recovering the site from issues caused by hacking activities.
 - The camp received a very nice card from our member William Oden, in response to a card the camp had sent him earlier.
- Ms. Teresa Roane presented a very interesting program on, "Minorities in the Confederate Military: Combat Support". Modern historians generally ignore, or discount, People of Color serving in the Confederate military because it does not fit their narrative of the cause of the war simply being that of slavery. Which, if slavery were the only cause of the war, would make it the only war in human history with a single cause.

The next argument is that they were forced to serve. While it is true that many were impressed into service, the conscription act forced many into service, in both the Confederate and Union military.

Another excuse is they were passing for white. This is quickly disproved based on various records of the period, including Appomattox paroles which indicate the complexion of the men varying from light to dark.

The positions held frequently were higher paid than that of the combat positions. Examples: Fortification Worker - \$15/month, Cooks - \$15/month, Chief Cooks - \$20/month and Laundresses \$10-11/month plus charges per item of clothing washed. In one instance, a Colored Porter named George Washington, earned \$30/month which was later increased to \$40. A private in the Confederate military was paid \$11/month.



The January/February 2016 edition of [The Carolina Confederate](#) has extensive information on the NC Heritage PAC. Any questions you may have regarding its purpose, activities, contributions, and more, should be answered by the articles within this issue.
www.ncheritagepac.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

Calendar of Events

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 a focus on Company M, the "Guilford Dixie Boys".

(Copies of his book will probably be available for purchase.)

Lane's NC Brigade Monument Dedication Ceremony

Saturday, March 19th, 11:00 am

Pamplin Historical Park

6125 Boydton Plank Road, Petersburg, VA 23803

The Breakthrough Anniversary Special Battlefield Tour

Saturday, April 2nd, 5:00 am

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Civil War Ball

Saturday, April 9th, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

This event is for homeschooled young adults, alumni, and their families.

Union Presbyterian Church of Carthage NC

Event details available at Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/events/581730881975881/>.

Appomattox Court House Anniversary Weekend

Saturday, April 16th, and Sunday, April 17th

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park

111 National Park Dr., Appomattox, VA 24522

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Speaker: Byron Brady will present a program on "John Wilkes Booth Escape Route".

Battle of Fort Macon - 100th Anniversary of State Parks

Saturday, April 16th, and Sunday, April 17th

Fort Macon State Park (2015 North Carolina State Park of the Year!)

2303 East Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

NC Division SCV Annual Reunion

Saturday, April 30th, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Jay's Fish House, 40439 Stony Gap Rd, Albemarle, NC 28001

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