

# SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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## Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

You will find a variety of news and information in this issue of the newsletter, with the one stand out item being the planned closing of the Murphy Confederate Firearms Collection by the Greensboro Historical Museum (page 2). Please consider contacting the museum representatives regarding their decision to close this unique collection.

## Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet

Presented by:

**COLONEL JOHN SLOAN CAMP #1290**

**Greensboro, North Carolina**

**January 17, 2017**

Reception 6:00 pm

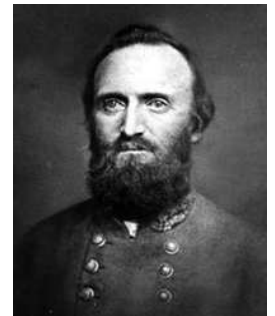
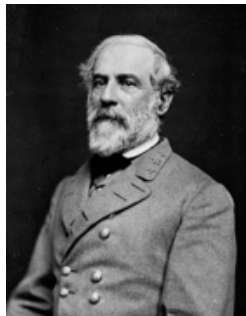
Dinner 6:30 pm

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

Steve Campbell will present a program on "Arlington at Rest".

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.



Terry Whittington's presentation.

- Guests attending included...
  - Lee Long
  - Betty Hoots
  - Jony Martin
  - Shawn Plybon
  - Charles Tucker
  - Kevin Cook and Kelly Sikes
  - Ronnie Roach, ANV Department  
Commander and NC Division Chief of Staff
  - Mitch Flinchum, Northern Piedmont  
Brigade Commander
- The 47<sup>th</sup> Regiment NC Troops Camp #166 (Wake Forest) contributed \$1,000 to the SCV Confederate Museum on the grounds of Elm Springs in Columbia, Tennessee and challenged all other SCV camps to match or exceed their contribution. The Col. John Sloan Camp accepted their challenge and votes to make a \$1,000 contribution.
- The planned closing of the Murphy Confederate Arms Collection by the Greensboro Historical Museum was discussed. Additional information regarding this follows in a dedicated article. The camp membership will be notified if/when additional information becomes available.
- Terry Whittington gave an excellent presentation on Photography during the War Between the States. In addition to a slide presentation, he had replica photo equipment of the period.

## John and Isabelle Murphy Confederate Firearms Collection

The John and Isabelle Murphy Confederate Firearms Collection, at the Greensboro Historical Museum, will be unavailable September 12, 2016, through March 10, 2017, due to the Smithsonian exhibit, *I Want the Wide American Earth: An Asian Pacific American Story*. Following its reopening in March, it will be closed permanently on June 4, 2017.

### The Designated Opponent

The Greensboro Historical Museum, Greensboro, NC

The Greensboro Historical Museum located at 130 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, has made the decision to close the Dr. John Murphy Civil War Collection in March of 2017. This is the largest collection of Confederate manufactured rifles and carbines on display in the United States along with a collection of original Don Troiani paintings.

We are requesting all people who care about this period of history to please take the time to write a polite, but firm letter to the Greensboro Historical Museum Board of Trustees President and Museum Director and request they please reconsider this action. It is our opinion they do not think many people will care if this exhibit is closed. If their e-mail accounts are flooded with responses, they may change their mind. You can also send letters to the editor of the Greensboro News & Record newspaper.

#### What Can You Do?

Please begin e-mailing the following two people and the Greensboro newspaper requesting the decision to close the Dr. John Murphy Civil War Collection be reversed.

Museum Director Carol Ghiorso Hart  
[carol.hart@greensboro-nc.gov](mailto:carol.hart@greensboro-nc.gov)

Museum Board of Trustees President Chris Carlson  
[carlsonchris20@yahoo.com](mailto:carlsonchris20@yahoo.com)

Greensboro News & Record letters to the Editor:  
[www.greensboro.com/opinion/letters\\_to\\_editor/](http://www.greensboro.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/)

**We need to act now to stop this injustice!**

## Lee's Headquarters at Gettysburg

On Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, the Civil War Trust and its partners celebrated the restoration of the property, the Mary Thompson House and opened a new interpretive trail at the site of Lee's Headquarters at Gettysburg (401 Buford Avenue Gettysburg, PA 17325).

Over a year was spent restoring the property to its wartime appearance, which included the removal of 10 modern structures and several post-war additions to the Thompson House.

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>

## Monuments Defaced

On the morning of Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, two monuments were defaced on Monument Avenue in Richmond, Virginia. The words, "YOUR VOTE WAS A HATE CRIME", was spray-painted on the Jefferson Davis and Matthew Fontaine Maury statues. Protests against the newly elected president Donald Trump occurred around the same time as the vandalisms.

## National Confederate Museum

A groundbreaking ceremony for the National Confederate Museum at historic Elm Springs, in Columbia, Tennessee, took place on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The 17,000 square-foot building will provide new office and administrative space for Elm Springs employees and SCV members, with approximately 65 percent of the building being occupied by the museum. The museum will allow the true history of the War for Southern Independence and our ancestors to be presented, without the "political correctness" and revisionary versions.

Representatives from the North Carolina Division in attendance included; Commander Kevin Stone, Chief of Staff Ronnie Roach and Public Affairs Officer Doug Nash.

## SCV Membership Directory (Update)

The SCV Membership Directory has shipped. Originally, these were supposed to be in your hands in the spring, but a host of delays on their part delayed them until now. The new company, PCI, has published the books and you should be receiving them any day. If you do not receive your materials within the next two weeks, please contact the publisher at (800) 877-6554.

## Anti-monument Mayoral Candidates Defeated in Richmond & Portsmouth

The Virginia Flaggers reported on two significant results from recent mayoral races in Virginia.

In Richmond, Joe Morrissey who at one time stated that he would make removing the Jefferson Davis monument his first priority, lost his bid for mayor.

In Portsmouth, incumbent Mayor Kenny Wright who supported the removal of Portsmouth's Confederate Monument, was defeated by John Rowe.



Campaign finance law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and employee of individuals who make contributions during the election cycle.

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## Calendar of Events

### 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual High Point Veterans Day Parade

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

Parades starts at 3:00 pm

Participants should start gathering at Ilderton Dodge (701 S. Main Street) after 1:00 pm and no later than 2:15 pm.

All are INVITED and period dress is welcomed but not necessary. If you would like to participate but would rather not walk the route, please let us know and we will make the arrangements for you to ride in the parade.

### 400<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Steve Campbell will present a program on "Arlington at Rest".

### Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

### Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

### 401<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Capt. Bill's Seafood

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Speaker: Mrs. Stonewall Jackson (Kelly Hinson) will visit our camp.

### Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

## 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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