

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

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I regret to report the passing of another camp member, William Rahlo Fowler (July 9, 1934 – August 15, 2016). Rahlo was a Past Commander of the Col. John Sloan Camp #1290, as well as a Past Commander of the Lt. F. C. Frazier camp #668 (High Point) and a US Army veteran. Our camp exists today due to his efforts to regain the camp's charter, during a volatile period within the organization's history.

A resolution presented by Ronald Lee Perdue, Lt. Commander, North Carolina Division, SCV.

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Resolution

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God, the Great Commander, to summon to HIS immortal legions our beloved comrade

William Rahlo Fowler

AND WHEREAS, we humbly bow to the will of Divine Providence, while ever cherishing in our hearts the memory of his distinguished service to our Nation and his outstanding contributions to the Sons of Confederate Veterans which he honorably and faithfully served for many years; Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans does mourn the passing of our comrade and compatriot. That we commend to all men his works, and to God his spirit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in token of our common grief, a copy of this resolution be presented to his next of kin, and that copies be spread in the minutes of the Camp, sent to the Division and to General Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. And be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution was presented on this day, 17th August 2016, Year of our Lord, at his memorial service to his family on the behalf of the Colonel John Sloan Camp 1290, the Lt. F.C. Frazier Camp 668, the North Carolina Division and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

This Month's Program

NC Division
Commander Kevin Stone will discuss, "The NC Division: What it does for you and what your role is within it."

In case you missed it...

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



Mrs. Peggy Johnson during her program on, "Elizabeth: A mother in the WBTS".

- Guests attending included...
 - Kevin Cook and Kelly Sikes
 - Duane Hamby
 - Troy Johnson (Col. Charles F. Fisher Camp, Graham)
 - Joncy Martin
 - Christie Carrico
 - Annabel Bunton (Ray Bunton's daughter)
- The Flag Draping Ceremony was conducted for member Rahlo Fowler.
- Several camp officers left the meeting to attend the visitation for Rahlo Fowler.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed, for the camp to sponsor the installation of a headstone for Sgt. Sanders K. Apple in the Shockoe Hill Cemetery in Richmond, VA. Sgt. Apple was from Guilford County and served in Co. F of the 54th North Carolina Regiment. (installation fee is \$275)
- An announcement was made regarding the upcoming Summer DEC meeting on Saturday, August 20th, in Stem.
- Mrs. Peggy Johnson presented her program on, "Elizabeth: A mother in the WBTS".

FYI...Membership Renewals

Annual membership dues are detailed below.

- National - \$30.00
- NC Division - \$15.00
- Camp - \$8.00

Proposed By-Laws Amendment

The following By-Laws change, submitted by 1st Lt. Commander Don Saunders, will be voted on at the September meeting.

Proposed Changes

Article IV Membership

Section 5 Change 4 classes to 5 classes

Section 5

e. Honorary Life Membership in the Col. John Sloan Camp may be presented to any non-member of the Camp upon recommendation of the Executive Committee to the Camp and a majority vote of Camp members present at a regular Camp Meeting. Honorary Life members may not hold office or vote in the Camp.

Article V Dues

Section 3

Col. John Sloan Camp Life Membership dues will be deposited in the Camp Heritage Defense Fund.

Obama Administration "Unilaterally" Imposes Restrictions on VA

An amendment was added to the fiscal 2017 Military Construction-VA spending bill earlier this year (by California Democratic Rep. Jared Huffman), that would bar the display of Confederate flags in Veteran Affairs cemeteries. In later negotiations to merge the House and Senate versions of the bill, the amendment was removed. Huffman, working with fellow Democratic Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York, planned to ask the Obama administration to stop displaying the flags, even without congressional action.

In August, Interim Undersecretary for Memorial Affairs Ronald E. Walters responded to Huffman saying the VA would change its policy regarding the flag's display in national cemeteries that contain mass graves of Confederate soldiers. The VA will, however, continue to allow sponsoring groups, such as the Sons of Confederate Veterans, to display small versions of the flag on individual graves on certain holidays, at no cost to the federal government.

"While racist individuals and groups continue to embrace the Confederate battle flag, it has never been more clear that this anachronistic symbol of hatred, slavery, and insurrection should not be promoted or gratuitously displayed on federal property," - Rep. Jared Huffman

A Soldier Died Today

by Unknown

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Bob has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Tho a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young
But the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Soldier,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.

It's so easy to forget them,
For it is so many times
That our Bobs and Jims and Johnnys,
Went to battle, but we know,

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a Soldier--
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier,
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Soldier,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his like again.

For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:

"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."



SCV Membership Directory (Update)

The directories have not been shipped yet. Members who ordered the directory should be receiving a letter from the publisher explaining the delays, with the directories expected to ship mid-October.

Calendar of Events

Ridin' in Remembrance

Saturday, September 17th

This is to raise money for the 50 civil war soldiers buried in Oakwood cemetery in High Point NC. This is to help with upkeep and improvement of the grounds where they are buried. Contact Chris Freeman, Lt. Commander Thomasville Rifles #172, 336-906-0659.

398th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, September 20th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Division Commander Kevin Stone will discuss, "The NC Division: What it does for you and what your role is within it."

Virginia Flaggers 5th Anniversary Celebration Picnic/Auction

Sunday, September 25th, 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Moose Lodge #1947

7167 Flag Ln.

Mechanicsville, VA 23111

PLEASE RSVP as soon as possible and let us know if you plan to attend, by email at info@vaflaggers.com

399th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, October 18th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: Terry Whittington will present a program on, "Photography during the WBTS".

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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