

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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This Month's Program

Keith Jones will present, "Echoes from Gettysburg: South Carolina's Memories and Images"

Annual Dues

Renew your membership before August 30th and avoid additional fees.

Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

I regret to report the passing of a charter member of the Col. John Sloan Camp. Darnaye Teeter died August 6, 2017, at Hospice Home at High Point. He was born November 6, 1938 in High Point, a son to the late Dennis A. and Myra Young Teeter. He graduated from High Point Senior High School in 1957 and later attended GTI. He enlisted in the N.C. National Guard while still in high school and later, assumed a full-time position with his unit, Service Battery, 4th BN, 113th FA, where he attained the rank of First Sergeant and served 40 years until retirement. Prior to working for the National Guard, he was with Kroger Stores and Life of Virginia Insurance Company. During his military career, he received numerous medals and awards, including, the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the St. Barbara Award for Artillery Excellence and several Oak Leaf Clusters. On July 30th, 2017, he was promoted to Honorary Full Bird Colonel by U.S. Army Col. SF Retired Brian Kilgariff. He was a member of the local 27th N.C. Regiment (Guilford Grays), the North-South Skirmish Association and a charter member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, John Sloan Camp. Often, he was called upon to lecture at several local schools, giving presentations on the Civil War. Darnaye was a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church where he was very active in its ministry, serving as Trustee, Lay Minister and was on numerous other boards and positions. His hobbies included rifle marksmanship, working at his church, studying Civil War history and spending time in his workshop.



Please join me in welcoming our newest member, Robert Lee Canady! Robert's Ancestor: Pvt. William Henry Poole, Co. C, 50th North Carolina Troops.

SCV License Tags

For new, or long time, members, consider getting an SCV license tag when it's time to renew. We are fortunate to have these, while many other states have been denied this option. The political correctness winds can change quickly at the state level (as we've seen), so let's get as many of these on the road as we can! The plate fee is \$10.00, with a personalized fee of \$30.00 (personalized limit of 4 characters).



In case you missed it...

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



Dr. Jay Peacock with a dispatch box that belonged to General James Longstreet.

- Guests attending included...
 - Judy Ballard (UDC)
 - Joncy Martin (UDC)
 - Hal Surratt
 - Ron Steele
 - Pastor John Fair (Ebenezer Lutheran Church)
- Robert Canady was initiated as a new member!
- Commander Jeff Frank provided a reminder of the Summer DEC meeting to be held on Saturday, August 19th, in Belmont, NC (west of Charlotte).
- Dr. Jay Peacock presented a program on General James Longstreet, and brought a dispatch box belonging to the General. A few interesting notes from his program...
 - He graduated West Point 54th out of a class of 56 cadets in 1842.
 - Ulysses S. Grant was a friend, of the class of 1843.
 - He was branded a “scallywag” for joining the Republican party after the war, in New Orleans, and supporting the reconstruction policies. (*Note: A definition of scallywag from the Merriam-Webster dictionary, “a white Southerner acting in support of the*

reconstruction governments after the American Civil War often for private gain”.)

- *Lee's Tarnished Lieutenant: James Longstreet and His Place in Southern History*, by William Piston, contains the first publication of a letter from General Longstreet (believed written in the 1870-1871 timeframe) stating the reasons for his post war political decisions.
- *Lee's Lieutenants*, by Douglas Freeman, portrays General Longstreet in a poor light.
- *The Killer Angles*, by Michael Shaara, portrays him in a good light.
- His second wife, Helen Dortch Longstreet, lived until 1962 and during World War II was a “Rosie the Riveter” at the Bell Aircraft plant in Atlanta (the company known today as Bell Helicopter).
- A couple of ending quotes...
 - “The past in the hands of historians is not what it was.” - Lynn White, Jr.
 - “Study the historian before you begin to study the facts.” – E. H. Carr

Maryland State Flag under Attack

The Maryland state flag recently came under attack by a leftist activist for its supposedly “secret” Confederate ties.



The Maryland State Flag

The flag design, officially adopted as the state flag in 1904, is based on the coat of arms of Calvert family, the colonial proprietors of Maryland. The black and gold design is the coat of arms from the Calvert line, and the red and white design is the coat of arms of the Crossland line, the family of George Calvert's (first Lord Baltimore) mother.

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General Longstreet Monument

Following our July program on General James Longstreet, there was some discussion regarding the General James Longstreet Equestrian Monument at Gettysburg. So, I thought I would share some additional information about the monument itself.



The equestrian statue of General James Longstreet is southwest of Gettysburg along West Confederate Avenue in Pitzer's Woods. (39.805726° N, 77.256549° W). The monument was commissioned by the North Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and sculpted by Gary Casteel, who also created the North Carolina monument on South Mountain in Maryland (among others).

The monument was dedicated on July 3rd, 1998, with a memorial service preceding it on July 2nd. Several years ago, I was loaned a copy of a VHS tape recording of the events and had transferred these to DVD. Copies of these DVDs will be available for camp members to share. Highlights of each disk are provided below.

Disk 1: "Not Yet", The General James Longstreet Memorial Service, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1998 (90 minutes)

- Longstreet Memorial Fund Committee members including; Joe Legon, Ray King, Bill Johnson and Robert C. Thomas. T. J. Holding introducing.
- 2nd South Carolina String Band
- Peter W. Orlebeke, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Confederate Veterans
- Troy Massey, Commander General of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars

- Larry Beeson, NC Division Commander Sons of Confederate Veterans
- Dr. Carol Reardon, American Military Historian, Author of Pickett's Charge in History and Memory
- Sons of Dixie, Vocal Group
- Ed Bearss, American Military Historian
- Dan Patterson, Ancestor of General Longstreet
- Gary Casteel, Sculptor
- John Latschar, Superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park
- Robert C. Thomas, Longstreet Committee

Disk 2: "It's About Time!", The Dedication of the General James Longstreet Equestrian Monument, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1998 (85 minutes)

- Longstreet Committee Representative
- Sons of Dixie, Vocal Group
- Dr. William Piston, Author of Lee's Tarnished Lieutenant
- Rosemary Ralph, Delaware Representative of the Longstreet Committee
- John Latschar, Superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park
- Gary Casteel, Sculptor
- Robert C. Thomas, Longstreet Committee
- Unveiling of the Statue

Maryland State Flag under Attack (continued)

The current design however did not exist until 1880. The yellow-and-black Calvert family colors are referenced as being used during the colonial period. After independence, the use of this type of banner was discontinued, with various styles used to represent the state, but none was adopted officially.

During the War for Southern Independence, the style of flag most commonly representing Maryland was one consisting of the state seal on a blue background. With the yellow-and-black colors being commonly identified with the state, which was denied it's choice to leave the union, those colors became associated with the Federal troops. While those with Southern sympathies adopted the red-and-white of the Crossland arms as their colors.

The post war design combining both sets of arms, symbolically represents the reunion of all the state's citizens.

Information regarding the history of Maryland's state flag, is readily available at the state's website ([History of the Maryland Flag](#)). The history of the flag is certainly no "secret".

Calendar of Events

409th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, August 15th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Keith Jones will present, "Echoes from Gettysburg: South Carolina's Memories and Images".

2017 Summer DEC Meeting

Saturday, August 19th, 10:00 am
 Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
 709 Cason Street
 Belmont, NC 28012

Labor Day

Monday, September 4th

410th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, September 19th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Michael Hardy will present a program related to his latest book, "General Lee's Immortals – The Battles and Campaigns of the Branch-Lane Brigade in the Army of Northern Virginia, 1861-1865".

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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