

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

Membership Renewal Statements were mailed on July 7th, so you should have received yours by the time you receive this month's newsletter. If you have not received a renewal statement, or if there are any errors in your statement, please inform our Adjutant, Josh Myers, as soon as possible. *(Make checks payable to, "Col. John Sloan Camp #1290" and mail to; Adjutant Josh Myers, 2501 Shady Lawn Dr., Greensboro, NC 27408)*

Two changes related to dues become effective with the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

- 1) The grace period for payment of annual dues is decreased from 90 days, to 30 days. Members whose dues are not postmarked by August 31st will be considered delinquent.
- 2) Proration of dues will no longer be available for delinquent, renewing members. Proration of dues will continue to be an option for new members.

The July program is sponsored by the NC Humanities Council. Dr. Jay Peacock from Nash Community College will speak on General James Longstreet.

Darnaye Teetor was the 2017 Sloan Camp Onion King, selling 82 bags! David Moore was in 2nd place with 57 bags!

This Month's Program

Dr. Jay Peacock will present a program on, "General James Longstreet"

Annual Dues

National	\$30
NC Division	\$15
Camp	\$8
Total	\$53

Note: Dues are not applicable for any level where you have a Life Membership.

Renew!

Lt. Commander Don Saunders

It's time to renew! Not only your membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, but also renew your dedication to honor those family members who sacrificed their all in the Second War for Independence. We can honor these Southern heroes by actively supporting the Sloan Camp and its programs. This past year the Sloan Camp contributed to the restoration and conservation of Confederate Flags in the NC History Museum in Raleigh. This past year the Sloan Camp has had name a few. This past year the Sloan Camp flagged 180 graves of Southern heroes at Greenhill Cemetery. This past year the Sloan Camp assisted the NC Division SCV at the State Fair in Raleigh. This past year the Sloan Camp hosted over 60 members and guests at the annual Lee-Jackson Banquet in January, where National Commander Tom Strain was the keynote speaker. This past year, the Sloan Camp members sold 368 bags of Sweet Vidalia Onions to support the camp programs. This past year individual members of the Sloan Camp donated time and money to many projects, including NC PAC, Oakwood Cemetery, mega flags across NC, National SCV History Museum and to the National SCV History Defense. I encourage you to renew not only your SCV membership, but also your dedication to the Col. John Sloan Camp.

In case you missed it...

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



A portion of the evenings attendees enjoying Ronnie Roach's program on "Wade Hampton".



- Guests attending included...
 - Judy Ballard (UDC)
 - Joncy Martin (UDC)
 - Robert Canady
 - Betty Hoots
 - Ron Steele
 - Phillip Dedmon (Lt. F. C. Frazier Camp #668, High Point)
 - Mitch Flinchum (Northern Piedmont Brigade Commander)
 - Shawn Plybon
 - Pastor Joshua Haugen (Ebenezer Lutheran Church)
- Lt. Commander Don Saunders announced that Darnaye Teetor was the 2017 Sloan Camp Onion King, selling 82 bags!
- Commander Jeff Frank provided a reminder of the National Reunion to be held in Memphis, Tennessee, July 18-23.

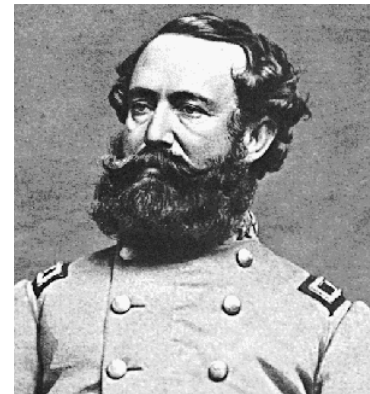
- Ronnie Roach (NC Division Chief of Staff, Department Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia) presented his program on Wade Hampton III.

A few highlights from the program...

- Wade Hampton I
Appointed as a Colonel of a Regiment of Light Dragoons in the Continental Army, was later promoted to a Brigadier General. Considered the wealthiest planter in the South.
- Wade Hampton II
Considered the wealthiest planter in the US, after inheriting his father's estate.
- Wade Hampton III
Reportedly killed 80 bears, using only a knife!

He was selected by Stonewall Jackson as his Infantry Brigade Commander and selected by JEB Stuart as a Calvary Brigade Commander.

Awarded the Confederate States Medal of Honor for his action on July 3, 1863.



Wade Hampton III

Years after the war, he met the Federal Calvary officer he had duelled with at the battle of Gettysburg, who at the time was under the command of General Custer. That officer had later named his son, Wade Hampton Parsons!

- The South Carolina Jockey Club (breeders of thoroughbreds), still in existence today, was founded by the Hampton's.

Press Release – New Mega Flag

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The North Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans is proud to announce the unveiling of the second of its “mega flags” as part of the Flags Across the Carolinas project.

The flag was raised on Tuesday, July 4th, 2017 on Highway 16 south across from 1330 Meridian Drive in Newton, North Carolina. In this 240th year following the Declaration of Independence, we think it is fitting to honor the spirit of the Founding Fathers with the flag that carried on their legacy through the second American Revolution of 1861-1865.

The flag site was dedicated as the Private George Rabb Confederate Memorial Park. With this name, we are honoring George Rabb, a native of Catawba County and Private in the 12th North Carolina Troops. He was wounded during the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864 and his leg was amputated. Private Rabb resided in Catawba County until his death in 1935. He is buried nearby at St. James Lutheran Church.

The large flag being flown at the site sits at over eighty-five feet high and overlooks Highway 16 for all passersby to enjoy. The flag, a Confederate Army of Tennessee Battle Flag pattern, measures twenty by thirty feet.

The property is owned by the North Carolina Division. Several other sites are being considered across the state and more flags honoring our ancestors will be raised along major roads and highways in the near future. The North Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, a non-profit corporation, is now accepting donations of land or monies to further expand our Flags Across the Carolinas project.

R. Kevin Stone
Commander

Press Policy

This is just a reminder of our Division Press Policy. As a result of new Mega Flags, the press will be seeking comment more frequently. Nobody who reads this should thus feel unprepared or without proper guidance. The policy is very simple:

1. For each newsworthy item that the Division Commander deems worth addressing, we will issue a press release. This especially applies to Mega Flags. It will be emailed to the Tarheel Listserv, posted on Twitter and Facebook, and emailed to our Press List.
2. The official press release is our ONLY comment. That, and that alone, is all that we will provide to members of the press who request comment.

3. NOBODY is authorized to comment as a member of the Division or the SCV in general without the express permission of the Division Commander.

All press inquiries should be directed to our new Division Press Officer, Jim Ward.

Email: jwredneck34@yahoo.com

Phone: (919) 942-8169

Jim can supply you with the press release and can provide it directly to the reporter.

You may disagree with this course of action but this policy was developed in response to the repeated outcome that we have almost always been negatively portrayed by the press. There are exceptions, and not every member of the press is evil (but most are). The bottom line is, however, that we cannot take that risk. Our public image needs to be professional and unified. In the rare case anyone ever appears on camera for the SCV, he needs to have a coat/tie and a prepared statement. We DO NOT enter into debates, make unsubstantiated claims, and give the press any opportunity to control the situation and make us look unprofessional.

The press wants you to panic when they contact you. That almost guarantees them a response. I want each of you to think of a request from a reporter like a phone call from a telemarketer. You don't HAVE to pick up the phone because it rings. Experience has taught us that we have more to lose by cooperating with the press than we do by not cooperating. Our compromise is to give them the press release so at least they have something. Members have a tendency to look at requests from reporters as an opportunity; I assure you, THEY ARE NOT. We must shed our egos in this regard and recognize that less is more.

If you find yourself being contacted by the press, DO NOT PANIC. It is not an emergency. Contact Jim Ward using the information provided above and take the perceived burden off your shoulders. Panic causes people to make mistakes. Remember to take a deep breath and follow the chain of command. Our policy recognizes the importance of not engaging in a game where the outcome is predetermined. This is not cowardice, this is adaptation. The majority of our media culture has permanently shifted against us and we have to act accordingly.

Thank you,

Jake Sullivan
Division Heritage Officer

Calendar of Events

408th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, July 18th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Dr. Jay Peacock will present a program on, "General James Longstreet".

2017 National SCV Reunion

July 18th - 23rd
 Hosted by N.B. Forrest Camp #215
 Memphis Cook Convention Center
 Memphis, TN
 Refer to the website, scvmemphis2017.org, for details.

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

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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