

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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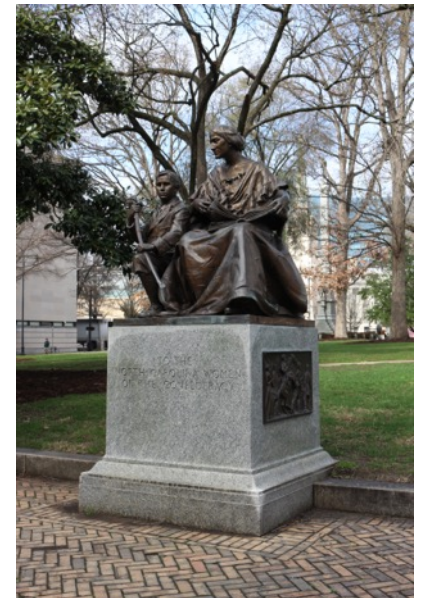
Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

The N.C. Historical Commission committee met via a conference call on Thursday, April 5th, at 3:30 pm (ended at 3:45 pm).

A synopsis of their discussion.

- Responses have been received from...
 - David Blight, Yale history professor
 - Sheffiled Hale, Atlanta History Center president
 - Legal opinion from UNC Chapel Hill
- No other law schools have responded.
- Have not received legal interpretation from Department of Justice.
- 4,682 comments have been received via the on-line portal.
- Additional comments via email, U.S. Mail or given directly to committee members (totals were not reported), including the brief from the lawyer representing the SCV.
- The committee voted to close the period for public comment a week from today (midnight on Thursday, April 12th).
- Committee members present: Sam Dixon, Noah Reynolds and David Ruffin (Chair).



Memorial to the North Carolina Women of the Confederacy on the State Capital grounds.

This Month's Program

Patrick Schroeder will present, "The Confederate Cemetery at Appomattox".

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 payment upon delivery.

Deadline for placing/updating orders, Monday, April 30th. Contact Lt. Commander Don Saunders at (336) 299-2996.

Pick-up/distributions, Friday, May 11th. The distribution location remains the same, the parking lot in front of the Whole Foods Market, in the Friendly Shopping Center (3202 W Friendly Ave, Greensboro, NC 27408).

We will try to contact members and inform them of our ETA, once ready to leave Fayetteville.

In case you missed it...

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



Jake Sullivan presenting his program on "The Case for Preston Brooks: An Examination of the famous beating, the Code of Honor and an often-overlooked Southern Hero".

Guests attending included:

- From the Mebane Camp #2192; Ricky Barbour, JJ Knox, Joshua Sykes and Commander Curt Byron.
- Shawn Plybon
- Betty Hoots
- Jonci Martin (UDC)
- Kimberly Crone

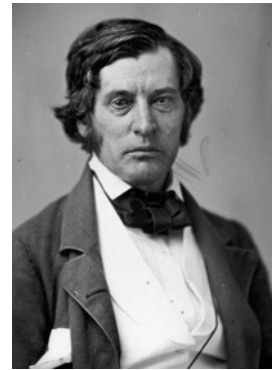
Announcements

- May 7th Flag Greenhill Cemetery
- May 8th Heritage & Legislative Day to be rescheduled. Due to construction being done on the legislative building, the General Assembly will not be in session on this date.
- May 10th Confederate Memorial Day
- Vidalia Onions in May (\$10/10 lb.)
- The pole for Camp Stokes historical marker has been ordered, delivered and is awaiting installment.

Jake Sullivan (Commander of the Brig. General William W. Kirkland Camp #1692 in Chapel Hill, NC Division Assistant Chief-of-Staff) presented a program entitled "The Case for Preston Brooks: An Examination of the famous beating, the Code of Honor and an often overlooked Southern Hero".

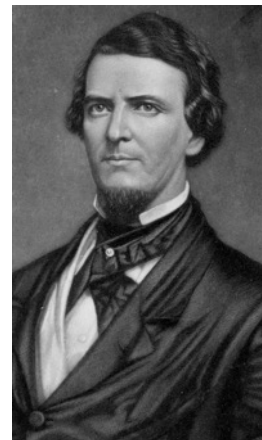
The program offered insight into the event that occurred on the Senate floor on May 22, 1856, when Congressman Preston Brooks of South Carolina entered the Senate Chambers and gave Senator Charles Sumner from Massachusetts a beating with his cane. Two days earlier, Sumner had concluded a speech on the Senate floor that had spanned two days, during

which he vilified Southern slave owners for violence occurring in Kansas, called Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois a "noise-some, squat, and nameless animal," and famously charged Brooks' second cousin, South Carolina Senator Andrew Butler, as having "a mistress. . . who ugly to others, is always lovely to him. . . . I mean, the harlot, Slavery."



Charles Sumner

Sumner's "[The Crime Against Kansas](#)" speech was 112 pages long and he spent over five hours reading it over two days.



Preston Brooks

Sumner did not return full-time to the Senate until 1859, due to the injuries related to the beating.

Brooks, who had shattered his cane during the beating, later received hundreds of canes from supporters.

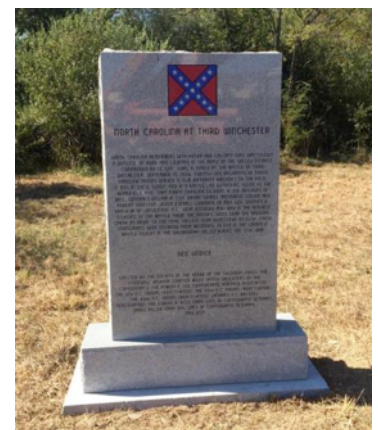
On June 2, 1856, a select committee recommended expulsion of Brooks. The House of Representatives failed to expel him after a vote held on July 14, 1856. The following day Brooks resigned. On August 1, 1856, he was reelected to fill the vacancy he created.

A book available on the subject, "[The Caning: The Assault That Drove America to Civil War](#)" by Stephen Puleo.

Dedication of Memorial to NC Troops

The dedication of a new memorial to North Carolina Troops at Third Winchester is planned for Saturday, April 14th, at 2:00 pm in Winchester, Virginia (170 Getty Lane, Winchester, VA 22602). Sunday dress is requested.

Some of the hosts of the event include; Color Guard of the Maryland SCV, Stonewall Jackson 220 NC UDC, 13th NC Troops (Reactivated), 30th NC Troops (Reactivated), 43rd NC Troops (Reactivated), Latham's NC Battery (Reactivated), Major Egbert A. Ross Camp #1423 SCV and the Unknown Soldier Camp #1896 SCV.



Sailor's Creek Battlefield History and State Park

by Kimberly Rose

For nearly four years, the occupants of the Overton-Hillsman House were not personally affected by the Civil War. Life for them carried on as usual in their comfortable, middle-class home until the war abruptly reached their back yard on August 6, 1865, just three days before Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Lucy Blanton Hillsman, her mother Martha Overton Hillsman, two children and eight servants were forced to retreat to the basement for four hours. The upstairs was used as the Sixth Corps Federal Field Hospital, and the frightened family endured the cries of the wounded and dying as blood dripped down through the wooden floor.

This home overlooked one of the last major battles of the Civil War. General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia lost 7,700 men on that day, including eight generals.

This historical home is worth touring prior to visiting Appomattox and sits just north of Sailor's Creek Battlefield State Park, located at 6541 Sayler's Creek Road, Rice, VA 23966, phone number 804-561-7510.

Interesting fact: What is the correct spelling? Is it Sailor's, Sayler's, Saylor's or Sailer's Creek?

In 1795 a Marten Saylor was named in connection with a proposal to clear, improve and extend navigation of the Appomattox River for batteaus to carry hogsheads of tobacco. On the 1867 Michler Survey Map of the region, completed by the military after the war, the creek was further defined as Sailor's Creek...the Civil War spelling. No substantiation of the Sailer's Creek spelling is found anywhere except in post-war writings.

In 1879, Jacob's Official Map of Prince Edward County was produced, and named the creek Sayler's. Finally, in 1960, the United States Board of Geographic Names made a determination about what would be used on current Virginia maps. Their decision was Sayler's Creek (p. 118).

-The Appomattox Campaign, March 29- April 9, 1865, written by Chris M. Calkins.



NC SCV Billboard Press Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The North Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans is proud to announce the unveiling of our first interstate billboard intended to reach the general public of North Carolina with our organization's message.

This first billboard, advocating for the protection of Confederate memorials in North Carolina and bearing an image of UNC's boy soldier memorial (commonly referred to as "Silent Sam") is located on Interstate 40 east near the intersection of Interstate 95 and in the vicinity of Benson. Declaring "HELP US PROTECT OUR VETERANS' MONUMENTS!" the billboard references the recently increased efforts of Durham-based communists and Governor Roy Cooper to destroy and forcefully remove memorials to our veterans.

More billboards will be appearing in the near future on the state's highways as we defend the honor of our ancestors and inform the public of recent misguided efforts by our Governor and activists to politicize, remove, censor, and pervert Confederate heritage. A photo is attached.

R. Kevin Stone
Commander

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Calendar of Events

417th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, April 17th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Patrick Schroeder, Appomattox Court House NPS Historian, will present the program, "The Confederate Cemetery at Appomattox".

North Carolina Division Reunion

Saturday, April 28th, Registration begins at 9:00 am
 Enoch Vineyards Event Center
 3735 Highway 50 South, Benson, NC 27504

Flagging Veterans Gravesites

Monday, May 7th, 10:00 am
 Green Hill Cemetery, 901 Wharton St. Greensboro, NC 27401

Confederate Memorial Day Service

Thursday, May 10th, 6:30 pm
 Keynote Speaker: Ronnie S. Roach, Commander Army of Northern Virginia
 Green Hill Cemetery, 901 Wharton St. Greensboro, NC 27401

Vidalia Onion Distribution

Friday, May 11th, Evening
 Parking Lot of Whole Foods Market at Friendly Center
 3202 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27408

418th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, May 15th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Susan Hathaway, of the Virginia Flaggers, will be joining us.

22nd Annual Summerfield Founder's Day

Saturday, May 19th
 Col. John Sloan Camp will be represented in the History Tent
 7300-7400 Summerfield Rd., Summerfield, NC 27358

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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