

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

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This Month's Program

Gary Hall will present a program on, "Irish Confederates".

I spent this past weekend volunteering as a living historian at the Gettysburg National Military Park, along with other members of our battalion. We represent North Carolina State Troops every year at this time (second weekend of August) and it was a great experience as always.

A unique aspect of this park, when compared to others we volunteer at, is the number of visitors from other countries. We had people visit our camp from Italy, Austria, France and others. A member of our company from Canada speaks French and was able to interact with a group of ladies from France in their native language!



Members of the 1st North Carolina Battalion giving an infantry demonstration. (Photo by Kermit Myers)



Members of the 28th North Carolina Troops interacting with park visitors in their camp at Pitzer's Woods. (Photo by Kermit Myers)

These living history programs provide an excellent forum to educate the public on the Confederate soldier's uniforms, equipment, etc., as well as offer viewpoints on the causes of the war, other than the over simplified version typically presented. While we offer our viewpoints on the causes of the war, and other social/political views of the period, we encourage visitors to do their own research and come to their own conclusions.

Confederate Monuments Study Committee and N.C. Historical Commission to Meet Aug. 22 in Raleigh

Raleigh
Aug 15, 2018

Raleigh, N.C. - The North Carolina Historical Commission Confederate Monuments Study Committee will meet Wed., Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. The committee meeting will be followed by a meeting of the North Carolina Historical Commission at 10:30 a.m., immediately following the committee meeting.

Both meetings will be held in the first-floor auditorium of the Archives and History/State Library Building, [109 E. Jones St., Raleigh](#). The meetings are open to the public. Doors will open at 9 a.m.

At its 10 a.m. meeting, the study committee will discuss its recommendation to the full N.C. Historical Commission regarding a petition from the N.C. Department of Administration to relocate three Confederate monuments from the State Capitol grounds in Raleigh to the Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site in Four Oaks.

Following the committee meeting, the full Historical Commission will meet to consider the study committee's recommendation regarding the three State Capitol monuments.

The commission has received requests from private individuals to relocate the "Silent Sam" monument at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, but has not received a petition from the university, the UNC system, or its governing body, the Board of Governors. At this meeting, the commission may seek advice from legal counsel on the legal standing of individuals to bring these requests, but does not intend to address the merits of the requests at this meeting.

Also at this meeting, the commission will consider other business items, including accessions into and deaccessions out of state historical collections.

Watch the meetings via Livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/ncculture>.

For more information about the North Carolina Historical Commission, visit www.ncdcr.gov/nchc.

Monuments Vandalized

Richmond, VA

Vandalism of the Robert E. Lee monument on Monument Avenue in Richmond was discovered on the morning of Saturday, August 4th. Approximately 10 hours after the vandalism, crews completed the cleaning of the monument, with the red paint being removed and the monument looking better than ever!

Salisbury, NC

The Fame Confederate monument at the corner of Church and Innes streets in Salisbury had white paint thrown on it in the early morning hours of Saturday, August 18th.

2018 Summer DEC

The 2018 Summer DEC held in Yadkinville, on Saturday August 4th, was attended by four members of the Col. John Sloan Camp; Kevin Wood, Color Sgt. John Pugh, Lt. Commander Don Saunders and Commander Jeff Frank. The meeting was well attended and the Yadkin Gray Eagles Camp 1765 was a fine host.



Color Sgt. John Pugh, Kevin Wood, Lt. Commander Don Saunders and Commander Jeff Frank at the 2018 Summer DEC.

NC Division Commander Kevin Stone mentioned the upcoming meeting of the North Carolina Historical Commission Confederate Monuments Study Committee and emphasized that we should not be surprised by any events that may occur. Based on other events we have seen, in Durham and in Memphis, having the law on your side does not have much meaning when governments refuse to enforce it. While we must continue to fight for what is right, we also must have realistic expectations and be proactive in thinking about ways we can fulfill our Charge. *Duty is ours, consequences are God's.*

The 1st Annual Legislative Reception, held at the UDC House, was a success! On a related note, the division position of Legislative Affairs Officer is currently open. If you are interested, please contact Chief of Staff Jake Sullivan.

2018 SCV National Reunion

The Col. John Sloan Camp did not have a presence at the National Reunion this year, however here are some items of note from the event.

Commander-in-Chief, Paul C. Gramling, Jr.

North Carolina Division Presence at the National Level

- Adjutant-in-Chief, Douglas Wilson Nash Jr.
- Chaplain-in-Chief, Herman White
- Editor-in-Chief, Frank B Powell III
- Surgeon-in-Chief, Mark A Hall
- Parliamentarian, Frank B Powell III

North Carolina Division National Award Winners

- The Dewitt Smith Jobe Award for the Division publishing the best newsletter in the SCV went to the North Carolina Division for their newsletter, "Carolina Confederate", Byron Brady, editor.
- The Superior Camp Award for the Army of Northern Virginia went to the LT F.C. Frasier Camp #668 from High Point, NC commanded by Ron Perdue.
- Commander-in-Chief's Ladies Appreciation Medal
- Army of Northern Virginia, Mrs. Krystal Stone from North Carolina.
- The Hoover Law and Order Award went to Major Paul Martin from North Carolina.

Greensboro Confederate Memorial Day Service Article

While visiting the Regimental Quartermaster, a supplier of Civil War uniforms and equipment for reenactors in Gettysburg, I happened to flip through the current edition of the *Camp Chase Gazette* (Volume XLV – No. 4 July/August 2018) and some images caught my eye. The images were of the monument at Green Hill Cemetery included in a featured article entitled, "A West Coaster's Experience of Confederate Memorial Day".

The author, Nils Skudra, stated he recently graduated with a Master's Degree in History from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where his specialization was in the Civil War/Reconstruction period.

In his article, he states that he found our pledges both "fascinating and disturbing". Further into the article he states, "In addition, the rhetoric of the spokespeople, which emphasized the Confederate soldiers' struggle for their right and honor, further illustrated the neo-Confederate agenda of present day Confederate heritage groups which seek to

marginalize and deny slavery's role as the central cause of the Civil War and as a motivating factor which underlay the Confederacy's bid for Southern Independence."

While it was interesting to see such an extensive coverage of the service in this publication (it spanned seven pages), it was unfortunate that the author appeared to fail to appreciate the reverence we have for our ancestors.

The article is currently available on-line at, <https://www.campchase.com/a-west-coasters-experience-of-confederate-memorial-day//>

General Order 2018-01

Whereas, with the current vicious and despicable attacks being waged against the law enforcement officers around the country today, and

Whereas, law enforcement officers are the domestic protectors of our citizens, our society and our way of life, and

Whereas, responsible citizens have a moral duty to support the institutions and citizens who place their lives in peril every day so that our society can enjoy the rights, privileges and freedoms of citizens of a great republic which our forefathers and God provided us,

Now therefore, the following proclamations is hereby published to the Confederation:

Thursday, August the 16th of 2018 shall be proclaimed as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Camps, Brigades and Divisions are hereby highly encouraged to show their support to their local law enforcement officials on this day by any and all means appropriate on this day. We offer our most sincere thanks and appreciation to those who place their lives in the All Mighty's favor on a daily basis protecting and serving the public.

By order of the Commander - in - Chief,

Paul C. Gramling, Jr.

Calendar of Events

421st Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, August 21st, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Gary Hall will present a program on "Irish Confederates".

North Carolina Historical Commission Committee Meeting

August 22nd, 10:00 AM (Doors open at 9:00 AM)
 Archives and History/State Library Building
 109 E. Jones St.
 Raleigh, NC 27601

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Tuesday, September 18th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Michael C. Hardy, author and NC SCV Division Scholar, will be discussing his latest book, "*General Lee's Immortals: The Battles and Campaigns of the Branch-Lane Brigade in the Army of Northern Virginia, 1861-1865*".

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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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