

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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This Month's Program

Brian and Alex Green will present a program on the "Confederate Generals' Mail During the War"

Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

The camp's website has had some long overdue updates, with links to other relevant sites and information, as well as many new external news articles.

I attended the E. Fletcher Satterfield Camp #852 meeting in Roxboro on Thursday, February 8th, where their guest speaker was Mr. John Greenbacker. Mr. Greenbacker is graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary. He served over 20 years as a prosecutor in Virginia, including 16 years as Commonwealth's Attorney for Halifax County and currently has a private law practice in Halifax, Virginia. His topic for the evening was the activist group/movement known as Antifa. He provided information on their history, strategy and tactics, as well as suggestions on dealing with them.

See the article in this issue covering some material from his program.

Here's an update on the status of those arrested for the destruction of the Confederate monument in Durham on August 14, 2017 (as law officers stood by and watched).

All felony charges were dropped against eight of the "activists", by Durham County District Attorney Roger Echols, with charges being dismissed for three. Initially twelve people were charged with felonies. North Carolina General Statue 14-288.2 states, "Any person who willfully engages in a riot is guilty of a Class H felony, if: (1) In the course and as a result of the riot there is property damage in excess of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500)". The charges are at the discretion of the District Attorney, with no recourse available to the public (until the next election cycle).

Please consider making donations to support the defense of our heritage. Think of the sacrifices made by our ancestors. Think about the unprecedented attacks against our heritage and history. There has never been a greater need for funds, and now may be our last chance! Donations to the NC Division Heritage Defense Fund are tax-deductible and go towards the cost of legal fees. Donations to the NC Heritage PAC are not tax-deductible, with those funds supporting candidates for public office who support and defend the preservation of our heritage, as well as other related actives.



Mr. Greenbacker holding a copy of the book *Antifa: The Anti-Facist Handbook*.

Lee-Jackson Banquet

Our Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet as held at the Oak Branch Event Center on Tuesday, January 16th. We had a good turnout, including compatriots and guests from some neighboring camps, ladies of the UDC and NC Division/National officers. Stan Clardy's program on "Where Is Dixie?" was both interesting and entertaining. According to Stan, there are three things that scare Southerners; rattle snakes, tornadoes and Yankees with a U-Haul :) Special thanks to Lt. Commander Don Saunders for organizing the event and to Joyce Phillips, and the Ladies of the OCR, for their assistance with decorating. Thanks again this year to Above & Beyond Catering for providing the evening's meal.



Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration

The 29th Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration was held on Saturday, January 20, 2018, at the North Carolina State Capital.

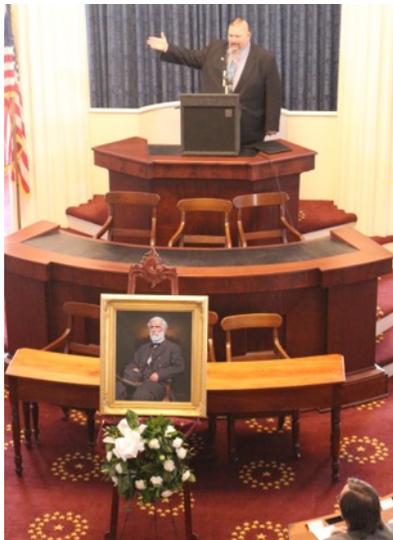


Sgt. Major James Haymes, United States Army (Ret.) speaking to the assembly in the historic House Chambers.

The event was very well attended, with the entire chambers being filled (300+ attendees)! A sole demonstrator with a megaphone was outside the Capital building upon our arrival, yelling the routine insults. Gov. Coopers administration refused the SCV's request to fly the Confederate First National Flag over the Capital for the event.

Greetings were given by,

- Mr. Harry Watt, Commander, NC Society, Military Order of the Stars & Bars
- Mr. Kevin Stone, Commander, NC Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
- Mrs. Peggy Johnson, President, NC Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy
- Mrs. Margaret Vincent, President, NC Society, Order of the Confederate Rose



NC Division Commander Kevin Stone

The featured speaker was Sgt. Major James Haymes, United States Army (Ret.), who served as the Chief Tour Guide of the White House of the Confederacy in Richmond. Sgt. Major Haymes was introduced by Ms. Teresa Roane, archivist for the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The following awards were presented at the event.

- Judah P. Benjamin Award
- UDC Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal
- MOS&B Southern Cross of Honor
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- UDC World War II Cross of Military Service
- UDC Global War on Terror Cross of Military Service

Mrs. Debbie Roseman sang "How Firm A Foundation", "Amazing Grace" and "Dixie" during the afternoon's program.

(For more information and photos, visit the [webpage](#).)

2018 Winter DEC Meeting

The 2018 Winter DEC Meeting of the NC Division SCV was held on Saturday, January 27, 2018, in Clinton.

- We are currently in the most important fight in our lifetime! The division is asking each member to donate a minimum of \$30 to the NC Heritage Defense Fund. Organizations attacking our heritage have dozens of lawyers at their disposal, who provide their services for free. We do not share that luxury and depend on the donations of members and supporters to pay for legal services.
- Confederate Flag Day will be on March 3, 2018, with a celebration at the NC State Capital at 1:00 pm. Ronnie Roach, Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia and NC Division Chief of Staff, will be the featured speaker.
- Heritage Day at the NC Legislature will be held on May 8, 2018.
- A new division logo was selected from the six designs submitted. The process included some passionate discussions related to selecting a design that included the Confederate Battle Flag.
- Blue Ridge Brigade has a project to provide a new headstone for Tom Dula.
- Central Brigade has created a GoFundMe page, [NC Division SCV Monument Fund](#), to raise funds for the restoration of the monument destroyed in Durham.
- Lamar Pender, North Central Brigade Commander and Commander Poplar Spring Grays Camp #1700, reported results for the NC State Fair Booth. There was an overwhelming support by visitors, with a significant increase in donations and good product sales. Approximately 20,000 heritage stickers were distributed!

- The membership of the North Carolina Division is the third largest division in the organization, only slightly behind Texas, with Georgia being #1.
- The Col. John Sloan Camp was recognized for its support of the NC Division booth at the NC State Fair and for its donation to the NC Heritage Defense Fund.

Comments on the Relocation of Monuments

The N.C. Historical Commission Committee appointed to study the proposed relocation of three Confederate monuments from the State Capital grounds in Raleigh to the Bentonville Battlefield Historic site, as requested by Governor Cooper, met via a conference call on January 22 at 3:00 pm. A motion was made to provide an online method for the public to provide comments, as well as receiving comments via standard mail. The motion passed, and by the end of the week, both forms were available.

Comments may be submitted online at;

<https://www.ncdcr.gov/comment-relocation-monuments>

If you prefer sending comments via the US Mail, send to the following address.

NC Historical Commission Monuments Committee
Attn: Dr. Kevin Cherry, Secretary
4610 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699

As always, please state your opinions in a polite and well-articulated manner. Additional information on the initial request and the N.C. Historical Commission's actions can be found online at, <https://www.ncdcr.gov/about/history/nc-historical-commission>

The committee also passed a motion to hold a minimum of 1 public hearing. The timing of which is to be determined at a later time, after the committee has received sufficient information from outstanding requests to begin forming their opinion.

Multiple university law schools, specific history professors etc... have been contacted for their opinions/advice, per the motion passed at the September 22, 2017, meeting of the N.C. Historical Commission, but none have responded as of the meeting on January 22.

Additionally, an opinion is to be solicited from historian David S. Cecelski, while Earl Ijames with the North Carolina Museum of History is to participate in providing input to the committee.

UPDATE: The above information was initially sent to camp members with email accounts on January 26th. On February 1st one of our camp members, who had recently provided

comments on-line, was contacted by the media. While the web page provided for submitting comments does state, "All comments are subject to release under the N.C. Public Records Law." The speed at which this information was made available is extremely surprising.

A reminder from Jake Sullivan, Heritage Officer, NC Division: "As a reminder, if you are contacted by the press, you may obviously speak to them as yourself (i.e. not on behalf of the NCSCV or SCV) if you so desire. However, the Division staff prefers to handle comments on the NCSCV's behalf."

AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is an automatic way for customers of Amazon to support a specified charity. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate 0.5% (or more) of the purchase price from your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.



Our camp's name has been updated to make it easier to identify our camp when searching for a charity to associate with your account. A search for "Sons of Confederate Veterans Inc" will return 665 results, which is all that most camps are identified by. Our camp name has been updated to, "Sons of Confederate Veterans - Col. John Sloan Camp 1290", which makes it significantly easier to find and differentiates it from the previous camp located in Greensboro (Pvt. Lorenzo Dow William Camp).

To enable this function, simply go to smile.amazon.com. On your first visit, you will select a charitable organization. Then every purchase you make at smile.amazon.com results in a donation, automatically. All the same products are available, you are just accessing Amazon via a different entry point.

Supporting: Sons of Confederate Veterans Inc	
Sons of Confederate Veterans - Col. John Sloan Camp 1290 Change Location: Greensboro, NC About AmazonSmile	Generated by you \$5.24 as of February 11, 2018 All charities have received \$69,949,133.28 as of November 2017

Your currently selected charity appears at the top of the page, just under the product search. If you hover your cursor above the "Supporting: Sons of Confederate Veterans Inc" label, a window will pop-up providing the full name and location of the charity, plus the amount of donations you have generated.

Antifa

In July, 2017, the Park Service prepared for the possible disruption of events by members of Antifa at the Gettysburg National Park over the anniversary weekend. Members of Antifa were involved in the violent clashes in Charlottesville on August 12, 2017.

A quick on-line search of the term will return headlines like;

- *Antifa members attack peaceful right-wing demonstrators*
- *Columbia University Republican leaders 'doxed,' harassed by Antifa group*
- *Antifa violence forces Berkeley campus police to rethink their tactics*
- *Dartmouth faculty supports professor's comments justifying Antifa violence*

What is Antifa?

Roots of the organization can be traced to the “united front” of the Soviet Union’s Communist International (Comintern) during the Third World Congress in Moscow in the summer of 1921. Their initial purpose was to bring about communist dictatorship in Germany, where Antifa served as the paramilitary arm of the German Communist Party (KPD).



Antifa flag displayed during the 1932 Unity Congress of Antifa in Berlin.

The movement is a self-proclaimed anti-fascist organization, with “antifa” being an abbreviated form of the anti-fascists term. So, who does Antifa consider fascists? Simply put, anyone who’s opinion differs from theirs. They claim to be against “hate speech”, but of course they get to define what “hate speech” is. They demonize their opponents by labeling them fascists, racists, homophobic, Islamophobic, etc.... They attempt to shut down any gatherings where the topic differs with their views/opinions, with force if necessary. Michael Qazvini, in an [article](#) published by the Dailywire, stated “Antifa uses fascist tactics to achieve its goals. Antifa is to anti-fascism what Stalin was to freedom. Antifa is fascism personified.”

“Anti-fascism is a strategy rather than an ideology.”

-Bern Langer, former member of Autonome Antifa

What is their goal?

The goal of Antifa, and similar organizations like the Workers World Party (a Marxist-Leninist party, who’s members participated in the destruction of the monument in Durham), has not changed. The end goal is to bring about a socialist revolution where capitalism is destroyed and the existing government is replaced by a communist regime, “to improve the lives of the working class and especially the oppressed peoples.” Any activities that help to create civil discourse aid a stated objective of making America “ungovernable”.

An additional strategy that is employed to aid in a revolution, in societies where it proves difficult (like America), is to take over institutions and bring about “cultural Marxism”. Proof of this infiltration is extremely obvious in academia, the legal system and government administrations.

The “long march through the institutions” (German: der lange Marsch durch die Institutionen) is a slogan coined by student activist Rudi Dutschke to describe his strategy for establishing the conditions for revolution: subverting society by infiltrating institutions.

The information available on this topic is too broad to cover in a brief article. For more information, please refer to the articles provided below. You are encouraged to do your own research and educate yourself on the organization.

- The Communist Origins of the Antifa Extremist Group
https://www.theepochtimes.com/the-communist-origins-of-the-antifa-extremist-group_2282816.html
- In Their Own Words: The Radical Political Goals Of ‘Anti-Fascists’
<http://dailycaller.com/2017/08/16/in-their-own-words-the-radical-political-goals-of-anti-fascists/>
- EXCLUSIVE: Anti-PC Professor Suing NYU Speaks Out
<http://dailycaller.com/2018/01/15/michael-rectenwald-nyu-lawsuit/>
- Keith Ellison Poses With Antifa Handbook
<http://dailycaller.com/2018/01/03/keith-ellison-poses-with-antifa-handbook/>
- Reds Exploiting Blacks: The Roots of Black Lives Matter
<https://www.aim.org/special-report/reds-exploiting-blacks-the-roots-of-black-lives-matter/>
- DOJ ends Holder-era ‘slush fund’ payouts to outside groups
<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/06/07/doj-ends-holder-era-slush-fund-payouts-to-outside-groups.html>
- The U.S. Civil Rights Commission refuses to condemn antifa violence.
<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/450651/antifa-violence-willfully-ignored-civil-rights-commission-refuses-condemn>

Calendar of Events

415th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, February 20th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Brian and Alex Green will present a program on the "Confederate Generals' Mail During the War".

Confederate Flag Day Celebration

Saturday, March 3rd, 1:00 pm
 Featured speaker: Ronnie Roach, Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia and NC Division Chief of Staff
 North Carolina State Capital Building
 Historic House Chambers (Second Floor)
 1 East Edenton St.
 Raleigh, NC 27601

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 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Wade Sokolosky will present a program on, The Battle of Wise's Fork.

North Carolina Division Reunion

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

Pre-registration \$20.00, or \$25.00 at the door
 Make checks payable to: SCV Camp 2152
 Mail to: Martin T. Warren, Adjutant
 10116 NC Hwy 210
 Four Oaks, NC 27524

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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