

# SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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### This Month's Program

Jake Sullivan will present, "The Case for Preston Brooks: An examination of the famous beating, the Code of Honor, and an often-overlooked Southern hero".

## Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

Before beginning our meeting on the evening of February 20<sup>th</sup>, we received an update regarding the results of the "trials" of the individuals charged with the destruction of the Confederate memorial in Durham. ALL charges were dropped by the District Attorney "for lack of evidence"! As stated by the NC Division press release, it was a total miscarriage of justice.

*(Reminder...The Central Brigade has created a GoFundMe page, [NC Division SCV Monument Fund](#), to raise funds for the restoration of the Confederate memorial destroyed in Durham.)*

The N.C. Historical Commission committee held a conference call meeting on the afternoon of Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. The procedures for the upcoming public hearing were determined during this meeting, which are available [here](#). During the meeting, it was mentioned that over 3,700 comments had been received so far, not including emails to individuals and letters received.

The public hearing is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor auditorium of the Archives and History/State Library Building (109 E. Jones St., Raleigh). If you plan on attending, please review the procedures prior to the event.

Comments submitted online are not limited in length and will be given the same consideration as comments made in person. Individuals that sign-up to speak at the hearing will be limited to 1 minute. The online comment portal is available at <https://www.ncdcr.gov/comment-relocation-monuments>.

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. Please inform Lt. Commander Don Saunders with the total number of bags you want to order.

If you are receiving the camp's newsletter via the mail, consider changing to the electronic version (email delivery). Benefits of the electronic version include; earlier receipt, ability to click hyperlinks to visit referenced websites, full color content and it lowers the camp's expenses.



**Henry Lawson Wyatt  
First Confederate Soldier to Fall  
in Battle in the War Between  
the States**

## In case you missed it...

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



**Alex Green, tag-teaming with his father Brian Green, to present the evening's program.**

- Guests attending included Connie Shea (UDC), Judy Ballard (UDC), Jonci Martin (UDC), Kimberly Crone and Kim McCortney.
- Announcements
  - All of the charges were dropped by the District Attorney "for lack of evidence" against the defendants charged with the destruction of the Durham monument.
  - Reminder regarding submission of Comments of the Relocation of Monuments
  - Confederate Flag Day, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the North Carolina State Capital
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> Flag Greenhill Cemetery
  - May 8<sup>th</sup> Heritage & Legislative Day
  - May 10<sup>th</sup> Confederate Memorial Day
  - Vidalia Onions in May (\$10/10 lb.)
  - The pole for Camp Stokes historical marker was damaged (not believed to be vandalism) and a replacement has been ordered.
- Brian and Alex Green presented their program on "Confederate Generals' Mail During the War". A few notes from the program...
  - The Confederate stamp with President Jefferson Davis is the first and only American stamp with a living person's picture.
  - No "Free Franks" under the Confederate Postal Service. Everyone has to pay postage (except postal service), even the president. *(A Free Frank was a mark applied to mail to*

*indicate that the item did not require postage.)*

- After the fall of Vicksburg, the Trans-Mississippi mail was ferried across the Mississippi by row boats during the night.

## Appomattox Court House National Historical Park

The park has numerous special events planned for the 153<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Surrender, from Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> through Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>. Below is a partial listing for Saturday and Sunday. Note that Patrick Schroeder, who will be our speaker for April, is presenting several of the programs throughout the week.

### Saturday April 7, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Tactical Demonstration (Meeks Field)
- 10:20 a.m. The Battles of Appomattox Station and Appomattox Court House by Patrick Schroeder (In Visitor Center Theater)
- 11:20 a.m. Two Rivers, Two Railroads and a Highway: The Appomattox Campaign by Albert Carter
- 11:50 a.m. Confederate Firing Demonstration (Meeks Field)
- 12:20 p.m. Coleman site Archeology by Archeologist Dr. Kevin Fogle (In Visitor Center Theater)
- 12:50 p.m. Cavalry and Artillery Demonstration (Meeks Field)
- 2:20 p.m. Paroles and the Oath of Allegiance by Patrick Schroeder (Clover Hill Tavern)
- 2:50 p.m. Stacking of Arms (on stage road east of the Courthouse)
- 3:50 p.m. Federal Firing Demonstration (Meeks' Field)
- 5:20 p.m. A Visit to Old Appomattox with George Peers by Patrick Schroeder (a first-person living history program)
- 7:00 p.m. The Hannah Reynolds Story by Wolfbane Productions (in front of the Kelley House)
- Luminaries (4,600) through the village

### Sunday, April 8, 2018

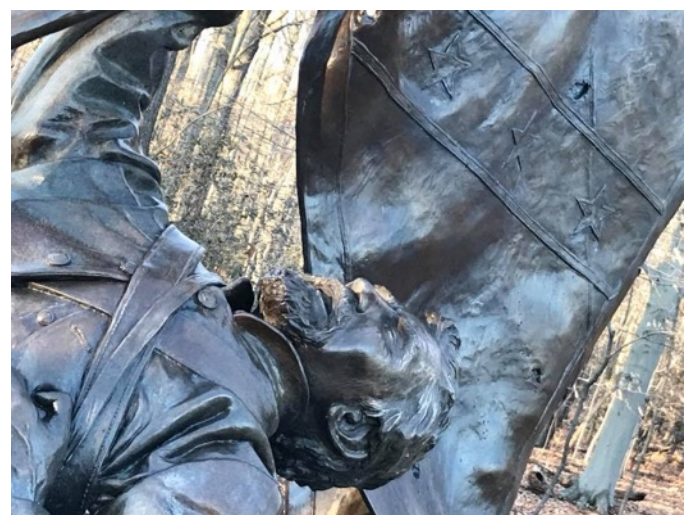
- 9:50 a.m. The Appomattox Campaign by Alyssa Holland
- 10:20 a.m. Confederate Firing Demonstration (Meeks Field)
- 11:00 a.m. Cavalry and Artillery Demonstration (Meeks Field)
- 11:20 a.m. Lee and Grant Photo op with Curt Fields/Thomas Jesse (McLean House)
- 12:50 p.m. Stacking of Arms (on stage road east of the Courthouse)
- 1:20 p.m. Two Rivers, Two Railroads, and a Highway: The Appomattox Campaign by Albert Carter
- 2:20 p.m. The Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox by Chris Bingham
- 3:30 p.m. Going Home: The Confederate Soldier Experience by Ernie Price
- 4:00 p.m. The Battle of Appomattox Station by Patrick Schroeder (on site at Appomattox Station Battlefield)

For the complete schedule visit,  
<https://www.nps.gov/apco/153rd-anniversary.htm>.

## North Carolina Monument at South Mountain (Fox's Gap)

The North Carolina Monument at the South Mountain State Battlefield in Maryland was vandalized the first of March. The vandals sprayed red and white paint on the monument, including the symbol of an "A", presumably in reference to the Antifa movement.

Members of the Central Maryland Heritage League, who discovered the damage, went to work cleaning the monument with additional volunteers from the Sharpsburg Sons of Confederate Veterans and other concerned residents. Photos of before and after the restoration efforts provided courtesy of Alan Eney.

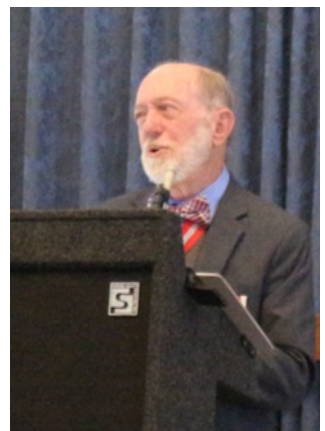


*The North Carolina Monument South Mountain Monument was a joint effort of The Living History Association of Mecklenburg, Inc. (NC) and the Central Maryland Heritage League (MD).*



## Confederate Flag Day Celebration

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Confederate Flag Day Observance and Celebration was held on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, at the North Carolina State Capital. Attendance was good, while not quite as many as attended the Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Mr. Ronnie Roach, Commander Army of Northern Virginia Department SCV and NC Division SCV Chief of Staff, was the keynote speaker. Mr. Roach spoke on the difference of culture and heritage.



**Mr. Ronnie Roach speaking at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Confederate Flag Day Celebration**

## Calendar of Events

### 416<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm  
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409  
 Speaker: Jake Sullivan will present a program entitled, "The Case for Preston Brooks: An examination of the famous beating, the Code of Honor, and an often-overlooked Southern hero".

### 417<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 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).

### North Carolina Division Reunion

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Heritage & Legislative Day

Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am  
 Legislative Building (1100 Court/NE Court)  
 16 W. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

### Confederate Memorial Day Service

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm  
 Green Hill Cemetery, 901 Wharton St. Greensboro, NC 27401

### 418<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 (Virginia Flaggers).

## 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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