

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



November, 2018

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Message from the Commander

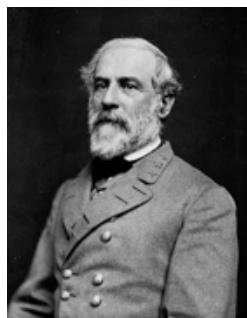
Commander Jeff Frank

It didn't take long to see our camp's donation from last month put to work! On Veterans Day (Sunday, November 11th), the Capital Brigade had a plane flying over Chapel Hill and Raleigh with a huge Army of Tennessee Battle Flag and a banner with the message, "Restore Silent Sam Now".

Right on the heels of this news, notification of a new North Carolina mega flag project was received. Another opportunity for our camp to aid the division. With the end of the year quickly approaching, don't forget that donations to the SCV are tax-deductible! And just as important, the NC Heritage PAC can put your donations to excellent use (non-deductible donations).

Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet

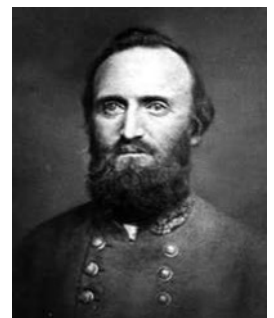
Presented by:
COLONEL JOHN SLOAN CAMP #1290
Greensboro, North Carolina
January 15th, 2019



Reception 6:00 pm / Dinner 6:30 pm
Guest Speaker: Jack Marlar,
ANV Department Councilman

\$20 for SCV, OCR or UDC members/guests

Location:
Oak Branch Event Center
23 Oak Branch Dr.
Greensboro, NC 27407



This Month's Program

Steve Campbell will present, "The Angel of Marye's Heights"

Please Complete and Return by January 8th, 2018.

Member or Guest Name: _____
Address: _____
Total Number of Members/Guests: _____
Total Amount Enclosed: _____

MAIL TO: Josh Myers, Adjutant
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For questions, call Lt. Commander Don Saunders at (336) 299-2996

In case you missed it...

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



Keith Jones during his program on "General Joseph Wheeler on Sherman's Flanks, in Georgia and the Carolinas".

Guests attending included:

- Alan Shipton

Motions were made to make donations towards two projects.

- The Lt. F. C. Frazier Camp #688 in High Point is accepting contributions towards building a memorial wall around the 50 Confederate soldiers in Oakwood Cemetery, in High Point.

Motion to donate \$100. Passed.

- The Capital Brigade is planning a flyover of UNC Chapel Hill with a huge Army of Tennessee Battle Flag and a banner message of "Restore Silent Sam Now".

Motion to donate \$100. Passed.

Announcements

- A Nomination Committee has been formed and is comprised of the following members; Charlie Long, Charles Locke and Gordon Teeter.

The Nomination Committee will announce a slate of officers to the membership in November, with elections held at the December meeting. Candidates can also be nominated from the floor. Elected officers are: Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Chaplain and Adjutant-Treasurer.

- A reminder about volunteering opportunities for the NC Division booth at the NC State Fair.
- "Save our Memorials" yard signs available.

Just a few of the many facts from Keith Jones' program on General Joseph Wheeler.

- At Shiloh, Col. Wheeler was moved from commanding infantry to commanding cavalry.
- Providing cover for the retreat from Corinth displayed Wheeler's strengths.
- Interesting Fact: Both Gen. Wheeler and Gen. Kilpatrick were short in stature, 5' 4" and 5' 3" respectively.
- In Georgia, Gen. Wheeler's cavalry numbered 4,000, with orders to nip at the flanks of Sherman's army, forcing them to narrow their path and therefore narrowing the path of destruction.
- Waynesboro, GA, was saved by Gen. Wheeler's men who put out fires previously set by the troops of Gen. Kilpatrick.



Lt. Commander Don Saunders presenting Commander R. Lee Perdue (Lt. F. C. Frazier Camp #688) with the Col. John Sloan Camp's donation for the memorial wall around the Confederate soldiers in Oakwood Cemetery.

Richmond Examiner – 3/5/1864

FULL DISCLOSURE OF THE ENEMY'S PLANS--RICHMOND TO BE DESTROYED--THE PRESIDENT AND HIS CABINET TO BE KILLED, ETC.

The following papers and memoranda were found on Dahlgren's person, and contain the indisputable evidence of the diabolical designs of the enemy.

The following address to the officers and men of the command was written on a sheet of paper having in printed letters on the upper corner, "Headquarters Third Division, Cavalry Corps, -----, 1864:"

OFFICERS AND MEN:

You have been selected from brigades and regiments as a picked command to attempt a desperate undertaking--an undertaking which, if successful, will write your names on the hearts of your countrymen in letters that can never be erased, and which will cause the prayers of our fellow-soldiers now confined in loathsome prisons to follow you and yours wherever you may go. We hope to release the prisoners from Belle Island first, and having seen them fairly started, we will cross the James River into Richmond, destroying the bridges after us and exhorting the released prisoners to destroy and burn the hateful city; and do not allow the rebel leader Davis and his traitorous crew to escape. The prisoners must render great assistance, as you cannot leave your ranks too far or become too much scattered, or you will be lost. Do not allow any personal gain to lead you off, which would only bring you to an ignominious death at the hands of citizens. Keep well together and obey orders strictly and all will be well; but on no account scatter too far, for in union there is strength. With strict obedience to orders and fearlessness in the execution you will be sure to succeed. We will join the main force on the other side of the city, or perhaps meet them inside. Many of you may fall; but if there is any man here not willing to sacrifice his life in such a great and glorious undertaking, or who does not feel capable of meeting the enemy in such a desperate fight as will follow, let him step out, and he may go hence to the arms of his sweetheart and read of the braves who swept through the city of Richmond. We want no man who cannot feel sure of success in such a holy cause. We will have a desperate fight, but stand up to it when it does come, and all will be well. Ask the blessing of the Almighty, and do not fear the enemy.

U. DAHLGREN,

Colonel, Commanding.

SPECIAL ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

The following special orders were written on a similar sheet of paper and on detached slips, the whole disclosing the diabolical plans of the leaders of the expedition:

Guides.--Pioneers (with oakum, turpentine, and torpedoes), signal officer, quartermaster, commissary. Scouts and pickets. Men in rebel uniform. These will remain on the north bank and move down with the force on the south bank, not getting ahead of them, and if the communication can be kept up without giving an alarm it must be done; but everything depends upon a surprise, and no one must be allowed to pass

ahead of the column. Information must be gathered in regard to the crossings of the river, so that should we be repulsed on the south side we will know where to recross at the nearest point. All mills must be burned and the canal destroyed, and also everything which can be used by the rebels must be destroyed, including the boats on the river. Should a ferry-boat be seized and can be worked, have it moved down. Keep the force on the south side posted of any important movement of the enemy, and in case of danger some of the scouts must swim the river and bring us information. As we approach the city the party must take great care that they do not get ahead of the other party on the south side, and must conceal themselves and watch our movements. We will try and secure the bridge to the city, 1 mile below Belle Isle, and release the prisoners at the same time. If we do not succeed they must then dash down, and we will try and carry the bridge from each side. When necessary, the men must be filed through the woods and along the river bank. The bridges once secured, and the prisoners loose and over the river, the bridges will be secured and the city destroyed. The men must keep together and well in hand, and once in the city it must be destroyed and Jeff. Davis and cabinet killed. Pioneers will go along with combustible material. The officer must use his discretion about the time of assisting us. Horses and cattle which we do not need immediately must be shot rather than left. Everything on the canal and elsewhere of service to the rebels must be destroyed. As General Custer may follow me, be careful not to give a false alarm. [ed. note: the following paragraphs do not appear in the photographic copies that General Lee sent to General Meade.]

The signal officer must be prepared to communicate at night by rockets, and in other things pertaining to his department.

The quartermasters and commissaries must be on the lookout for their departments, and see that there are no delays on their account.

The engineer officer will follow to survey the road as we pass over it, &c.

The pioneers must be prepared to construct a bridge or destroy one. They must have plenty of oakum and turpentine for burning, which will be rolled in soaked balls and given to the men to burn when we get in the city. Torpedoes will only be used by the pioneers for destroying the main bridges, &c. They must be prepared to destroy railroads. Men will branch off to the right with a few pioneers and destroy the bridges and railroads south of Richmond, and then join us at the city. They must be well prepared with torpedoes, &c. The line of Falling Creek is probably the best to work along, or as they approach the city Goode's Creek, so that no re-enforcements can come up on any cars. No one must be allowed to pass ahead for fear of communicating news. Rejoin the command with all haste, and if cut off cross the river above Richmond and rejoin us. Men will stop at Bellona Arsenal and totally destroy it, and anything else but hospitals: then follow on and rejoin the command at Richmond with all haste, and if cut off cross the river and rejoin us. As General Custer may follow me, be careful not to give a false alarm.

Calendar of Events

Veterans Day

Sunday, November 11th

424th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, November 20th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Steve Campbell's program will be, "The Angel of Marye's Heights".

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 22nd

Jamestown Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 2nd, 3:00 PM

425th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, December 18th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Dennis Barbour will present a program on, "The Lees of Virginia".

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th

New Year's Eve

Monday, December 31st

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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