

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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This Month's Program

Michael C. Hardy will present a program on his latest book, "General Lee's Immortals".

Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

The Soldier's War Memorial (frequently referred to as "Silent Sam") at UNC Chapel Hill, is to be re-installed within 90 days from the date it was illegally torn down, which occurred on August 20th.

Our camp will be manning the NC Division SCV booth at the opening day of the NC State Fair, Thursday, October 11th. The booth will be located in the Education Building (near the corner of Blue Ridge Road and Hillsborough Street). The fair is running from Thursday, October 11th, through Sunday, October 21st. If you are available to assist with the booth on another date, please contact Lamar Pender, North Central Brigade Commander, at 919 931 0768 or Ranger521844@yahoo.com. The days are broken into three shifts; 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM and 5:00 PM – 9:30 PM (closing).

NC Historical Commission Committee Meeting

On Wednesday, August 22nd, the Confederate Monuments Study Committee and N.C. Historical Commission met. The committee provided their proposed motions to the full commission, which all passed.



North Carolina Historical Commission Committee members (from left to right): Dr. Chris Fonvielle, Sam Dixon, Dr. Kevin Cherry (Deputy Secretary of the DNCR), David Ruffin (Chair), Dr. Valerie Johnson and Noah Reynolds.

The motions, in brief, were; 1) They consider the three monuments an "an over-representation and over-memorialization of a difficult era in NC history", 2) "the Commission at this time is unable to recommend the removal or relocation of the three Confederate monuments" due to North Carolina General Statute section 100-2.1 and 3) "additional signage with historical facts and context should be added adjacent to the three monuments", "the three Confederate monuments on the State Capitol... (continued on page 3).

In case you missed it...

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



Gary Hall, of the 47th Regiment NC Troops Camp #166 and Capital Brigade Commander, presenting his program on "Irish Confederates".

Guests attending included:

- Mitch Flinchum, Northern Piedmont Brigade Commander
- Dr. Marcus Cook, Lt. Commander of the 47th NC Troops Camp #166 (Wake Forest)
- Scott Carter, Lt. F. C. Frazier Camp #668 (High Point)
- Betty Hoots
- Annie Laura Perdue

Welcomed two new members, Thomas Mayer and Louis Mayer, who were presented with their membership certificates!



National Awards were presented to several Col. John Sloan Camp members! Rev. David Long and Color Sergeant John Pugh received the SCV Commendation Medal Award. Charlie

Long and John Plybon received the Superior Achievement Award.



Charlie Long, John Plybon, Color Sgt. John Pugh and Rev. David Long.

Announcements

- The North Carolina Historical Commission Committee Meeting is planned for 10:00 AM on August 22nd., and they are supposed to provide their response to the Governor's petition to relocate three monuments from the NC State Capital grounds.
- A reminder that Michael C. Hardy will be our speaker for next month, discussing his new book, "General Lee's Immortals: The Battles and Campaigns of the Branch-Lane Brigade in the Army of Northern Virginia, 1861-1865".

A few points from Gary Hall's presentation on "Irish Confederates".

- The "Bonnie Blue Flag" is set to an Irish tune.
- Some of the Confederate Irish regiments...
 - 23rd Georgia
 - 6th Louisiana Tigers
 - 10th Tennessee
 - 8th Alabama
 - 1st Virginia Infantry, Co. C, Montgomery Guard
 - 33rd Virginia Infantry, Co. E, Emerald Guard (Stonewall's Brigade)
- General Patrick Cleburne's sword has a shamrock motif on the hilt and the scabbard features an Irish harp.
- The song, "[Kelly's Irish Brigade](#)", based on Col. John G. Kelly's Brigade, from St. Louis, Missouri.

"Poor is the nation that has no heroes, but poorer still is the nation that having heroes, fails to remember and honor them."
- Marcus Tullius Cicero (Roman Statesman, Scholar and Writer)

NC Historical Commission Committee Meeting (continued)

grounds be interpreted with signage”, “one or more additional monuments on Capitol Square to memorialize the accomplishments and contributions of North Carolina's African Americans” and “that the Governor and the General Assembly work together to ensure that one or more additional monuments on the State Capitol grounds is constructed without delay”.

(The proposed motions in their entirety are available at, http://files.nc.gov/ncdcr/Resolutions_amended.pdf)



Frank B. Powell III, NC Division Parliamentarian and Confederate Veteran Editor), addressing the media following the commission's vote.

I find the committee's opinion that the three monuments on the State Capital grounds are an “over-representation and over-memorialization” of the period highly questionable. Actually, I believe a case could quite easily be made for just the opposite. If one considers the total deaths of North Carolinian's during the War, when compared to those of other conflicts (refer to chart below), and then consider that the South's economy didn't fully recover until the 1960s, only three memorials for that period of North Carolina's history seems lacking.

Estimated number of North Carolinian's deaths	
War Between the States	33-40,000+*
World War I	2,375
World War II	8,467
Korean War	805
Vietnam War	1,613
Iraq War	107
War in Afghanistan	49

* Estimates of the number of deaths during the War varies greatly. While a number of 40,000 is frequently quoted, some recent research into North Carolina's muster rolls and service records indicate a number of 33-35,000, while other research suggests that the numbers originally reported drastically undercounted the dead.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 20, 2018

The North Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans wishes to express our disgust and outrage regarding the celebration of anarchy that the world witnessed in Chapel Hill this evening.

Despite our warnings to the UNC administration and requests for police protection of state property, an unruly gang of activists took the law into its own hands. News footage confirmed that the very defendants who were responsible for the unlawful destruction of Durham County's Confederate memorial in August of 2017 were once again at the forefront. This same group of self-proclaimed communists and anarchists were given free reign by a willfully helpless police force to complete their destruction of the University's Confederate memorial, known as “Silent Sam.” As the crowd chanted “we've got the guillotine, you better run,” the memorial came crashing down to rest in the mud and under the feet of the angry mob.

Unchecked by law, these riots will continue and communities across North Carolina will be faced with the same outcome. Until law enforcement and our political leaders are willing to step in, these activists will become more and more powerful. When will it be enough? We demand that the law apply to ALL citizens of North Carolina – not only those who chose to abide by it.

The “People's University” should suffer the consequences of turning its back on the people of North Carolina.

R. Kevin Stone
Commander

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Calendar of Events

422nd Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

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*".

27th Annual Civil War Reenactment and Living History

Saturday, October 6th, and Sunday, October 7th
 Opens at 9:00 AM, Admission \$8.00 per person, Children 12 & under Free,
 Free Parking
www.jebstuart.org
 Laurel Hill, Birthplace of General J.E.B. Stuart
 1091 Ararat Highway, Ararat, VA 24053

NC State Fair

Thursday, October 11th
 Col. John Sloan Camp covers the NC Division SCV booth on opening day of the NC State Fair

422nd Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, October 16th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: TBD.

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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