

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

While we routinely have excellent speakers discussing various topics (thanks to Lt. Commander Don Saunders), I am particularly looking forward to this month's program. When reading newspaper articles of the period, I found reading impressions of the War as viewed from that of foreigners, primarily the British, of particular interest. While there is no denying that the British still had an interest in regaining some presence in America, they didn't directly "have a dog in the fight" as it were, so I feel their comments were from a less biased viewpoint.

Winston Churchill's thoughts on the War Between the States is not a topic I am familiar with, but knowing a little about the man, I am eager to hear his thoughts on the War.

"If we win, nobody will care. If we lose, there will be nobody to care."

- Winston Churchill (1941)

I must share the passing of [Dr. Brooks W. Gilmore](#). Dr. Gilmore, while not a current member, was a charter member of the Col. John Sloan Camp. He passed on Friday, April 5th, at the age of 89. He served in the US Army Medical Corps and was Chief of Medicine at the US Army Hospital at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

The UDC Guilford Chapter is collecting donations for the Salisbury VA Medical Center. You can drop-off items at our meeting each month and they will be passed on to the UDC. Items to donate include: travel sizes of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc., and recent magazines.

The last (maybe:) reminder about the Vidalia onion fund raiser! Get your orders (total number of bags) to Lt. Commander Don Saunders (email: ltcommander@coljohnsloancamp.org or phone: 336-299-2996). **DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS MONDAY, APRIL 29th!** Pick-up/distribution of the onions will be the afternoon/evening of Friday, May 3rd, in the parking lot in front of Whole Foods (3203 West Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27408).

There is still time to contact the UNC System Board of Governors about restoring the memorial at UNC Chapel Hill. Email public@bog.northcarolina.edu, or mail to the following address.

UNC System Office
910 Raleigh Rd.
P.O. Box 2688
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

This Month's Program

Dr. Bill Partin will present a program entitled, "The Noblest of Conflicts: Winston Churchill's Thoughts on 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.



There was a good turnout for the March meeting, with numerous guests attending.

Guests attending included...

- Paula Cox-Fishman (UDC)
- Jonci Martin (UDC)
- Shawn Plybon
- Larry Collins
- John Bell
- Ron Conner
- Walt Thomas
- Charles Long, Jr.
- Al Boswell (Col. Charles F. Fisher Camp 813, Graham)
- Mitch Flinchum, Northern Piedmont Brigade Commander
- Jake Sullivan, NC Division Chief of Staff



NC Division Commander Kevin Stone addressing the camp.

A card was passed around for members to sign for Rev. David Long, just letting him know we're thinking about him!

It was also brought to our attention that Gordon Teeter had recently fractured his leg! (Hope he's healing well by the time this month's newsletter is out!)

Reminder about the annual Vidalia Onion fundraiser.

Reminder to contact the UNC System Board of Governors about restoring the memorial at UNC Chapel Hill, if you haven't already done so.

Reminder that the UDC Guilford Chapter is collecting donations for the Salisbury VA Medical Center. (Items can be brought to our meetings and will be passed on to the UDC.)

NC Division Commander Kevin Stone discussed various recent events, good and bad, and fielded questions.



Campaign finance law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and employee of individuals who make contributions during the election cycle.

Contributions or gifts to [NC Heritage PAC](#), a 501(c)(4) organization, are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.

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Appomattox Court House Special Events

The Appomattox Court House National Historical Park will be concluding its week-long series of [events](#) in recognition of the 154th Anniversary of the Surrender this weekend.

If you have never visited the village of Appomattox Court House, I highly recommend it. At only around 2 hours away from Greensboro, it makes an excellent day or weekend trip.

A stroll through the village is nice anytime, but it's particularly nice with the streets lined with luminaries, as it will be Saturday night.

Saturday April 13, 2019

9:15 a.m. *Two Rivers, Two Railroads and a Highway: The Appomattox Campaign* by Albert Carter

10:00 a.m. Tactical Demonstration (Meeks Field)

10:30 a.m. *Lee and Grant Photo Op* with Thomas Jesse and Curt Fields (McLean House)

11:00 a.m. Confederate Firing Demonstration (Meeks Field)

12:00 p.m. Artillery Demonstration (Meeks Field)

1:00 p.m. *The Last Salute* by Bob Swift

1:30 p.m. *Lee and Grant Photo Op* with Thomas Jesse/Curt Fields (McLean House)

2:00 p.m. Stacking of Arms (on stage road east of the Courthouse)

3:00 p.m. Lee departs from the McLean House as the surrender meeting concludes

4:00 p.m. Federal Firing Demonstration (Meeks' Field)

4:30 p.m. *A Visit to Old Appomattox with George Peers* by Patrick Schroeder (a first person living history program)

6:00 p.m. *Appomattox: The Last 48 Hours* a one act play with Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant (Thomas Jesse and Curt Fields)

7:30 p.m. Luminary Program through the village

All day: Parole Printing Demonstrations (inside Clover Hill Tavern)

All day: Children's Activities in the Clover Hill Tavern Guest House

Sunday, April 14, 2019

10:00 a.m. Last Shots Demonstration (Meeks Field)

10:30 a.m. *Two Rivers, Two Railroads and a Highway: The Appomattox Campaign* by Albert Carter

10:50 a.m. *Meet Lt. Gen. U. S. Grant* by Curt Fields (Union Camp near McLean House)

11:20 a.m. *Lee and Grant Photo op* with Curt Fields/Thomas Jesse (McLean House)

12:00 p.m. Stacking of Arms (on stage road east of the Courthouse)

1:00 p.m. *A talk with Jennie Peers* by Rebecca Hoffman (a first person living history program)

1:20 p.m. *Leadership and the Surrender Meeting* by Beth Parnicza

2:00 p.m. *Two Rivers, Two Railroads and a Highway: The Appomattox Campaign* by Albert Carter

3:00 p.m. Lee departs from the McLean House as the surrender meeting concludes

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All Programs Subject to Change



Calendar of Events

429th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, April 16th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Dr. Bill Partin will present a program entitled, "The Noblest of
 Conflicts: Winston Churchill's Thoughts on the War Between the States".

NC SCV Division Reunion

Saturday, April 27th, sign-in starts at 8:30 am
 Registration \$25.00
 Masonic Center, 2860 Village Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28340

Confederate Memorial Day Service

Saturday, May 11th, 6:30 pm
 Green Hill Cemetery
 901 Wharton St.
 Greensboro, NC 27401

430th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, May 21st, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Alex Cheek will present a program on the "CSS Stonewall".

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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