

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

Brigade Commander Mitch Flinchum and I met with our local UNC Board of Governor, Marty Kotis, on Thursday, May 9th, to discuss the Silent Sam memorial on the campus of UNC Chapel Hill.

Thanks to all those that helped with the pick-up and distribution of the Vidalia Onions on Friday, May 3rd! Lt. Commander Don Saunders managed the orders and made the trip to Fayetteville. Vic Denning drove the truck. TJ Mayer, Louis Mayer, Sammy Scott and Vic Denning helped with the unloading/distribution. Jim Hicks and Chaplain Don Long helped contact everyone regarding the arrival time. 25 members participated in the fundraiser this year, with 3 making donations. We transported orders for the Reidsville, Mt. Airy, High Point and Thomasville SCV camps, and for Guilford Chapter 301 UDC. A total of 7,760 lbs. of Vidalia Onions!

And this year's Onion King is....GORDON TEETER!!! The Knights of Vidalia (top sellers) include; Thad Tucker, Josh Myers, John Plybon, Michael Moore and Don Saunders!

Also, thanks to everyone that came out and helped with placing flags on our veteran's graves at Green Hill Cemetery prior to the Confederate Memorial Day service; Roy Smith, Assistant Chaplain Peter Brewer, Jr. and Lt. Commander Don Saunders. A special thank you goes out to Michael and Andrea Moore for helping so soon after Michael's surgery!

On Wednesday, May 9th, Superior Court Judge Eric C. Morgan dismissed the UDCs complaint against the city of Winston-Salem, regarding the return of the Forsyth County Confederate Memorial. The city plans to relocate the memorial to the Salem Cemetery, with a current projected cost of \$50,000.00. In the interim, the memorial is reportedly being stored in a "secure" location somewhere in Guilford County.

The cultural genocide continues, as a "group" calls for changing the name of the "Dixie Classic Fair" in Winston-Salem. Any decision to rename the fair would come from the Winston-Salem City Council, potentially in August, with the change not taking effect until 2020. On May 6th, it was reported that over 8,000 responses have been submitted to an on-line survey, with the majority of respondents wanting to keep the existing name. Dixie Crystal Sugar and Dixie Cups will certainly be targeted in the future to continue with the elimination of any and all Southern references!

The online survey is available through June 3 at, www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCFNameInput. Suggestions can also be called in to the city's citizen feedback line at 336-734-1400.

This Month's Program

Alex Cheek will present a program on, "The CSS Stonewall".

Reminder 😊

If you haven't already paid for your onion order, please bring payment to the May meeting. Thank you!

In case you missed it...

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



Dr. Bill Partin presenting his program, "The Noblest of Conflicts: Winston Churchill's Thoughts on the War Between the States".

Guests attending included...

- Shawn Plybon
- Jim & Cathy Flanagin
- Ed Deaton

The camp was informed of Michael Moore's recent hospitalization and a card was passed around for members to sign.

A reminder was announced about the Vidalia Onion delivery day (Friday, May 3rd) and the need for a volunteer to drive the rental truck, due to Commander Jeff Frank attending the Battle of Cloyd's Mountain in Dublin, Virginia, that weekend.

A reminder of the local Confederate Memorial Day Service was also announced.

A motion was made for a \$100 donation to be given to Bishma (our waitress), who had to return to Nepal for a period due to health issues with her parents. The motion passed.

Chaplain Don Long was presented with his SCV Chaplain Medal.

A few highlights from Dr. Bill Partin's program on Winston Churchill's thoughts on the War Between the States.

- Churchill's mother was American (from Brooklyn, NY) and he made numerous trips to America.
- "Nothing in life is so exhilarating as to be shot at without result." – Winston Churchill
- In 1929, he visited Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Spotsylvania, and the battlefields of the Seven Days campaign.

- During his 1931 visit to America, he was seriously injured after being hit by a taxi on New York's Fifth Avenue. He had stepped out in front of the oncoming vehicle, after looking the wrong direction for traffic (we drive on the opposite side of the road).
- The first-hand recounting of the fighting at the Angle at Spotsylvania Court House had a profound effect on him.
- An alternate history written by Churchill, "If Lee Had Not Won the Battle of Gettysburg", was considered the best version of alternate history by Shelby Foote. (<https://winstonchurchill.org/publications/finest-hour-extras/qif-lee-had-not-won-the-battle-of-gettysburg/>)

Suggested reading, *Great Republic: A History of America* by Winston S. Churchill.

NC Division SCV 2019 Reunion

The NC Division SCV 2019 Reunion was held on Saturday, April 27th, and was hosted by the Fayetteville Arsenal Camp #168. The event was attended by three camp members; David Moore, Lt. Commander Don Saunders and Commander Jeff Frank.



Historic Oak Grove Plantation, with the Sons of the South Bluegrass Band playing on the front porch.

The business meeting and lunch was held in Fayetteville, after which a Confederate Caravan proceeded past the Mega Flag site on I-95 (Lt. General Theophilus Hunter Holmes Memorial) on the way to historic Oak Grove Plantation. Unfortunately, the planned fly-over did not occur during the caravan (due to the pilot having a personal issue to handle), which was a shame because the weather was perfect for it! The afternoon was filled with speakers, music and food. Speakers included Jack Marlar, SCV ANV Department Councilman, and Jake Sullivan, NC SCV Division Chief of Staff.

Music was provided by the Sons of the South Bluegrass Band. They have a new CD coming out soon (summer of 2019), *Stories and Traditions – Our Songs Our Way*, which will include an original song entitled *Jackets in Grey*. Visit their website, www.sonsofthesouthbluegrassband.com, for more information.



Commander Jeff Frank with race car driver Tracy Mullis (from Indian Trail, NC) proudly sponsored by the NC SCV, his car and trophy from the Florence Motor Speedway.



Another shot of Tracy Mullis' #55 car, showing the NC SCV logo on the rear fender and NCSCV.ORG on the front fender, in addition to the SCV logo on the hood.



Group photo in front of Oak Grove Plantation.

Confederate Memorial Day Service

The Confederate Memorial Day Service was held on Saturday, May 11th, at Green Hill Cemetery. While a line of thunderstorms passed through the area earlier, the event

proceeded without any rain (no doubt due to Chaplain Don Long's "weather" prayer ☺).



The event was hosted by Guilford Chapter 301, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the guest speaker was Ron Perdue, Commander Lt. F. C. Frazier Camp #668 and Lt. Commander NC Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Lt. Commander Don Saunders provided greetings from the Col. John Sloan Camp and Rodney Williams, past Commander NC Society Military Order of the Stars & Bars, provided greetings from the NC Division MOS&B.



NC Division SCV Lt. Commander Ron Perdue.

The Orange Light Artillery did not attend, due to the weather conditions, however Billy Horne and Commander Jeff Frank, of the Col. John Sloan Camp, provided a rifle salute.

Chaplain Don Long, Col. John Sloan Camp, provided the benediction and *Amazing Grace* was performed by Conrad Worley on bagpipes.

The ladies of Guilford Chapter 301 provided refreshments following the service and Rodney Williams distributed reprints of the program from the 1969 re-dedication service. The program included a proclamation signed by Carson Bain, Mayor of Greensboro, recognizing observance of Confederate Memorial Day.

Calendar of Events

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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155th Anniversary Battle of New Market

Saturday, May 18th, and Sunday, May 19th
 New Market Battlefield State Historical Park
 8895 George Collins Parkway
 New Market, VA 22844
 For details visit, <https://www.vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/virginia-museum-of-the-civil-war/the-reenactment/>

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27th

Father's Day

Sunday, June 16th

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 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Brigade Commander Mitch Flinchum will present a program on, 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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