

Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter # 67



**Confederate Officers
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The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter's Memorial Cannon Crew, 40th North Carolina Troops, Orange Light Artillery were honored to support the Living History and Lantern Tour Weekend in October at Alamance Battleground hosted by the SCV Col. Charles F. Fisher Camp 813 of Graham, North Carolina.

Military Order of Stars & Bars

The War Between the States produced some of the most outstanding civil and military leaders in the history of mankind. To perpetuate the idealism that animated the Confederate Cause and to honor the courage, devotion and endurance of those who dedicated their lives and services during four years of devastating war, and who, throughout the dreadful decade of reconstruction, labored heroically for the restoration of self-government as the most precious heritage of the American Revolution, male descendants of the officers who honorably served in the Army, Navy and other commands of the Confederate States of America and male descendants of the elected and appointed officials of the Confederate Executive and Legislative branches of government unite to establish The Military Order of the Stars and Bars, a patriotic Society.

If eligible, we invite you to join this prestigious organization. More information available on the MOSB official website or contact our Adjutant Ronnie Roach, 919 602 2449, email ronnie_s_roach@hotmail.com or mail at 303 Shambley Road, Mebane, NC 27302.

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The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 of the Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society – Military Order of Stars & Bars was established in 1984 in Danville, Virginia.

The Chapter was named in honor of General Richard Garnett of Virginia and General James J. Pettigrew of North Carolina.

The Chapter was honored with the “Dr. James M. Edwards Distinguished Chapter Award” in 1998 for Best Chapter in the Confederation. In 1996, 2006 and 2011 our newsletter was recognized with the “Captain John Morton Newsletter Award” and 2nd Place in 2013. The Chapter recognized with the “Turner J. Fakes Award” for best Chapter scrapbook in the Confederation in 2006, 2007, 2010 and 2011.

The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 has adopted and maintains five Confederate Infantry Brigade markers including A.P. Hill Headquarters, Carter’s Battery, 11th Mississippi Regiment and the state monuments of Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia at the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Our meetings are held at the Monticello Community Center located at 7069 McLeansville Road, in Monticello, NC.

Pledge of the MOSB

We, the posterity of the Officer Corps and civil officials of the Confederacy, do pledge ourselves to commemorate and honor the service of leadership these men rendered in the cause of the fundamental American principles of self-determination and states' rights and to perpetuate the true history of their deeds for the edification of ourselves, our society, and for generations yet unborn.

Salute to our Flags

I salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence, and undying devotion to cause for which it stands...

I salute the North Carolina Flag and pledge to the Old North State love, loyalty, and faith...

I salute the Flag of Virginia, with reverence and patriotic devotion to the “Mother of States and Statesmen” which it represents - the “Old Dominion,” where liberty and independence was born.

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Our Chapter Calendar

The members of the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 MOSB invite you to join us in our meeting for great food, fellowship and history at our Monticello Headquarters.

On Saturday, **April 5th**, our guest speaker, Melissa Fox Jones, will share a program on her ancestors during the war entitled “My Silver Relatives in the 58th North Carolina Troops” with the story on “A Silver Murder in the Toe River Valley”.

Meeting starts at **6:30 pm** at Monticello Community Center, 7069 McLeansville Road, in Monticello, North Carolina.

Please RSVP if you plan on joining us for supper as we call it in the South with meals still only \$8.00 per person. Request you contact the Commander by email at gpmosb@gmail.com or calling 336 880 8243 to give us the opportunity to confirm the number people for planning the evening’s meal.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday evening and you are encouraged to invite guests. Meals are only \$8 per person.

Commander's Column

Friends of the Order,

The members of the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 MOSB invite you to join us in our meeting on Saturday, April 5th, for great food, fellowship and history. Our guest speaker, Melissa Fox Jones, will share a program on her ancestors during the war entitled "My Silver Relatives in the 58th North Carolina Troops" with the story on "A Silver Murder in the Toe River Valley". She is a member of the Order of Confederate Rose and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

In February our members enjoyed a program from our chapter member Keith Jones. He shared an interesting presentation entitled "Georgia Remembers Gettysburg" from his new book. We would like to thank him for this summary of his program for the members who could not attend the meeting.

Georgia Remembers Gettysburg

During the Gettysburg Campaign, troops from Georgia formed a sizable portion of General Robert E. Lee's famed Army of Northern Virginia. From the first crossing of the Potomac River to the bravery and sacrifice exhibited in heavy fighting on July 1 and 2, and ultimately through the agonizing retreat back to Virginia, Georgians played a key role at every stage of the campaign. This collection of accounts written during and after the war by Georgia soldiers provides a unique view into the Gettysburg Campaign from the perspective of those who were in the ranks over the course of those momentous days in the Summer of 1863.

This collection contains many fine stories about common soldiers from the Peach State from the time Brigadier Gen. John B. Gordon marched the first Confederate infantry troops through Gettysburg until the 26th Georgia covered Lee's retreat. Gordon's Brigade saw the first ground troops to see action at the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge over the Susquehanna River.

Among the interesting stories is the account of how Sgt. Jephth Campbell and William Kirby of the 38th Georgia captured 280 Yankee soldiers hiding in a barn. After the first day, when they had chased the Federals from the field and through the town, Campbell, Kirby and three others volunteered for picket duty. Their orders were to take all prisoners willing to surrender. They came to a brick barn and upon entering it they discovered it to be full of Yankees. Campbell would use subterfuge to persuade the enemy troops to surrender themselves to Kirby and him.

There is also the story of Lt. Thomas P. Oliver of the 24th Georgia who took pity on Lt. J. J. Purman of Pennsylvania. Oliver risked his own life to pull Purman from certain death between Confederate and Union lines in the Wheatfield. Lt. Purman—a Medal of Honor winner—never forgot his rescuer and sang Oliver's praises for the rest of his days.

There is the story of two Athens, Georgia Soldiers who discovered buried gold while searching for an appropriate headboard to mark the grave of a friend killed on the second day. They dug this treasure up and took it back South with them. The missing gold would be buried in Athens only to be discovered and stolen by Federal troops later.

These are but a few of the over eighty first-hand accounts from the Battle of Gettysburg in this volume.

*J. Keith Jones, Author
Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67*

The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 Memorial Cannon Crew, 40th North Carolina Troops, Orange Light Artillery had the privilege of participating in the Living History and Lantern Tour at the Alamance Battlefield. Our Adjutant, Ronnie Roach, would like to personally thank them for supporting this event as the Adjutant of the hosting SCV Camp 813 in Graham.

Our Memorial Cannon Crew is looking forward to supporting several events in 2014. We are pleased to announce they will be firing the cannon twice on Confederate Memorial Day. We invite you to join us on May 10th for these services observing Confederate Memorial Day in the State of North Carolina.

Confederate Memorial Day 10th May 2014

OAKWOOD MEMORIAL PARK
HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA
3:00 PM

The Lt. F.C. Frazier Camp 668 & Laura Wesson Chapter 5 will host their annual Confederate Memorial Day Service at the marker of Heroine Laura Wesson in front of the Confederate Monument and the Hallowed Grounds of Fifty Confederate Soldiers who died at the Wayside Hospital in High Point from 1863 to 1865 in the historic Oakwood Cemetery located at **312 Montlieu Avenue**, High Point.

As Commander of the Lt. F.C. Frazier Camp 668, I invite you to join us in our annual service as we remember the courage, dedication, and sacrifices of our ancestors during the War Between the States.

We are excited that the GPMOSB Memorial Cannon Crew will be firing the cannon during for the first time this year.

GREENHILL CEMETERY
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA
6:00 PM

Our Memorial Cannon Crew is proud to maintain their tradition of supporting the annual UDC Guilford Chapter 301 service this year.

The Col. John Sloan Camp 1290 of Greensboro will be hosting this year's annual service with the support of the UDC Guilford Chapter and the Children of the Confederacy Guilford Chapter.

The service will be held at the Confederate Burial Mound, a mass gravesite of 300 Unknown Confederate Soldiers in historic Greenhill Cemetery located at **901 Wharton Street** in Greensboro.

The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 is honored to be selected as the host of the North Carolina Society Reunion by delegates at the North Carolina Society Winter Executive Council Meeting on March 8th in Durham, North Carolina.

The 2014 North Carolina Society Reunion will be held at our Headquarters, Monticello Community Center, located at 7069 McLeansville Road, Monticello, North Carolina. The Reunion will start at 10:00 am on June 14th, 2014.

In closing I would like to thank Past Commander Larry Brown and Lt. Commander Dwain Roberts for handling our February meeting which I was unable to attend. I also thank Adjutant Ronnie Roach for his support at the meeting and representing our Chapter at the Winter Executive Council Meeting.

Until next time, as always, I remain in dedicated service with you for the Guardianship of their Memory...

Ronald Lee Perdue
Commander
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