

# Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter # 67



**Confederate Officers**



**North Carolina Society**

**Military Order of Stars & Bars**



## **The Grey Line**

**The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 Official Newsletter**

**May - June 2014**



*Making Some Noise on Confederate Memorial Day*

The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter's Confederate Memorial Cannon Crew, 40<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Troops, Orange Light Artillery – Making Some Noise on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the Confederate Memorial Day Service in Oakwood Cemetery, High Point, 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 Chapter's Adjutant Ronnie Roach, 919 602 2449, [ronnie\\_s\\_roach@hotmail.com](mailto:ronnie_s_roach@hotmail.com) or mail at 303 Shambley Road, Mebane, NC 27302 for assistance with your application.

## Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 of the NC Confederate Officers Society, Military Order of Stars & Bars are excited about the privilege of hosting the official 2014 North Carolina Society Reunion on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge, 700 Old Mill Road, High Point, NC 27265.

The Reunion is scheduled to start at 10:00 am with a good old fashion Southern menu at 11:30 am prepared especially for our group by the great folks of Above & Beyond Catering. The meal is only \$12.00 per person and will be collected at the door prior to the reunion. The schedule is to wrap up after dinner with a special tour of the Confederate landmarks at historic Oakwood Cemetery in High Point.

Please RSVP by emailing [ronaldleeperdue@yahoo.com](mailto:ronaldleeperdue@yahoo.com) for us to provide the Chef the courtesy of the attendance expected

The regular meeting in June was not held at our Headquarters in Monticello. Our next meeting will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014.

# Special Invitation



## Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society 2014 Annual Reunion

*Hosted by the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 of Greensboro*

**Saturday, June 14, 2014 - 10:00 AM**

**Elks Lodge, 700 Old Mill Road, High Point, NC**

### Schedule

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Business Session

11:30 AM - Lunch (Southern meal catered by Above & Beyond Catering)

**Lunch will be \$12.00 per person attending the meeting.  
So that we can get an accurate number for lunch, please RSVP  
that you will be attending to: [ronaldleeperdue@yahoo.com](mailto:ronaldleeperdue@yahoo.com)  
no later than June 10, 2014.**



*Confederate Monument  
Oakwood Cemetery*

### **Historic Oakwood Cemetery**

**512 Steele Street**

**High Point, North Carolina**

A short tour of the Confederate graves in historic Oakwood Cemetery in High Point will be conducted by Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter President Ron Perdue following the convention.

# Commander's Column

## Friends of the Order,

The members of the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 MOSB enjoyed excellent food, fellowship and history during our meeting on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at Monticello Headquarters. Our special guest speaker was Melissa Fox Jones sharing her program entitled "My Silver Relatives in the 58<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Troops" with a unique family story – A Silver Murder in the Toe River Valley. It was inspirational to witness her share the stories on several of her ancestors before, during and after war. She is a proud of her heritage and is a member of the Order of Confederate Rose and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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These hallowed grounds are the final resting place of Confederate Veterans, Union Veterans, and citizens who experienced the hardships of the War for Southern Independence. During the war the Barbee Hotel was converted into a Wayside Hospital on September 1<sup>st</sup> of 1863 to treat sick and wounded soldiers. There were 5,795 soldiers registered as patients from 1863 to 1865, but only 50 soldiers were known to have died at the hospital and were buried in the cemetery from different Southern States. Including these fifty patriots there is a total of eighty five Confederate soldiers buried in this historic cemetery.



Melissa Fox Jones



It is also the final resting place for Heroine Laura Wesson. Her story is interesting but sad. She was travelling with her father from Virginia to Charleston when they stopped in High Point in 1865. She volunteered to stay in the "pest house" and was the only nurse caring for the soldiers suffering from a smallpox epidemic. Laura Wesson would come down with smallpox and died on April 25, 1865 at the age of twenty. She is buried in an unknown location in the cemetery, but a marker was placed at the entrance of the Confederate Section by the Laura Wesson Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy in 1936. The original marker was said to be a stick with a note on it: "Fed the hungry, clothed the naked, nursed the sick and wounded".

This marker at the entrance with the inscription: In Loving Memory of Laura Wesson, 1845 – 1865, A Heroine of the War Between the States. Erected by the Laura Wesson Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy High Point, NC 1936.

We look forward to welcoming the North Carolina Society for our Reunion in High Point. Please RSVP me at 336 880 8243 or [ronaldleeperdue@yahoo.com](mailto:ronaldleeperdue@yahoo.com) to give us the opportunity to let the caterers know the number of people to plan for at the meeting. We would like to thank Bernita Sims, Mayor of the City of High Point, for issuing a Proclamation declaring 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014 the official 2014 North Carolina Reunion of the Confederate Officers Society, Military Order of Stars & Bars.

We are proud of our members for their support to several Confederate Memorial Day services held all over North Carolina. We sincerely appreciate our Confederate Memorial Cannon Crew, 40<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Troops, Orange Light Artillery, "Patterson's Battery" CSA representing our chapter with their support to Confederate Memorial Day services.

On May 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 the Confederate Memorial Cannon Crew made some noise during the Confederate Memorial Day Service hosted by the SCV Lt. F.C. Frazier Camp 668 & the OCR Laura Wesson Chapter 5 at Oakwood Cemetery in High Point. A photo tribute to this memorable event is presented in this issue of *The Grey Line* in remembrance of the special day.

We regret to report the rain did not allow their annual firing of the cannon salutes at the Confederate Memorial Day Service on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 hosted by the SCV Col. John Sloan Camp 1290, UDC Guilford Chapter 301 and Children of the Confederacy at Greenhills Cemetery in Greensboro. But we are pleased to report that Calvin Jones, Patrick Williams and Rodney Williams had the honor to serve as the Confederate Memorial Color Guard during the service. Past Commander Rodney Williams shared greetings on the behalf of the North Carolina Society, Military Order of Stars & Bars.



Confederate Memorial Day – Greenhills Cemetery in Greensboro

Our Chapter co-hosted the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Confederate Memorial Day Service with the Pvt. Lorenzo Dow Jones Camp 1456 and the United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter 586 of Reidsville on Sunday, May 25, 2014 at Rockingham County Veterans Park in Wentworth, NC.

The Confederate Memorial Service followed the annual Memorial Day Celebration hosted by the Rockingham County Veterans Park with cannon military salutes from our Confederate Memorial Cannon Crew, 40<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Troops, Orange Light Artillery CSA. Our service was concluded with a wreath laying ceremony at our Wentworth Confederate Monument.

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

Ronald Lee Perdue, Commander  
Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67  
Military Order of Stars & Bars



Confederate Memorial Cannon Crew, 40<sup>th</sup> NC Troops, Orange Light Artillery  
27<sup>th</sup> Annual Confederate Memorial Service  
Rockingham County Veterans Park, Wentworth, North Carolina

## Adjutant Special Message

To paraphrase a quote from Five-star General Omar Bradley, "Congress makes us generals, but communications make us leaders." Based on the service of our Confederate ancestors, each of us has been made, as members of the Military Order of Stars & Bars, leaders in the fight to justify the Cause of the War for Southern Independence. As members, regardless of whether or not we have titles, we have a duty to lead. We all have a role to play and must take the reins to guide our organization in the direction necessary to defend the Confederate veterans' good name, while guarding that rich history he provided us. We are sworn communicators of the Southern Cause.

On April 19<sup>th</sup> I had the privilege of participating in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gaston County Confederate Heritage Youth Day. I'm happy to report there was great attendance despite an inch and a half plus of rain the night before and throughout the day with winds and chilling temperatures. At the various stations, the children, and their parents, were exposed to some quality education regarding our Southern heritage and the War for Independence. We commend Bill and Billy Starnes of the SCV NC Division and Kirk Carter of the SCV SC Division for putting together this opportunity in Gaston County. The most impressive part of the day's event was evidenced in how well the many factions worked together for the common good of our Cause. Individuals, regardless of any position they may have held in their respective camps, proved to be leaders by communicating knowledge.

We have now entered the final year of the Sesquicentennial. Those individuals, groups and organizations that oppose us are circling their wagons, chomping at the bits and waiting for the end of the observance of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the war. Social media users, bloggers, editorialist and individuals have already begun preparations to celebrate the defeat of the South, its Reconstruction and subjugation. Their rally cry, "The War is over; you lost; get over it." will be heard loud and clear.

That, in itself, is reason enough for **EVERY** person who is descended from a Confederate veteran, who has Southern blood giving them life, to step up and be a leader, a communicator of truth. It is time for all the various organizations of Historical Honor Societies - SCV, MOS&B, UDC, OCR, Mechanized Cavalry and Flaggers to lay aside any differences and join together. The Cause we all hold dear is much greater than any single entity.

I, for one, am sick and tired of TV and movie producers, authors and the main stream media depicting the Southerner as wearing overalls, ignorant country bumpkins with few teeth and tobacco juice drooling down his cheek. I am tired of seeing the monuments and memorials vandalized and relocated to nondescript locations. I am tired of the Confederate veterans' flags of honor being furled. I am outraged that the socialist federal government practices discrimination when descendants apply to the Veterans Administration for grave markers and headstones.

We **MUST** set aside the differences and concentrate on what we, as an Army of Historical Honor Societies, can accomplish when bound together with the same goals in mind - to honor the Confederate veteran. When those who oppose us and our common goals with their age-old rhetoric of, "the war is over; you lost; get over it.", we **MUST** stand firmly in their presence and say to them, "Until you respect my Southern heritage, until you allow our monuments and memorials to stand undisturbed, until you allow the flags of honor to be unfurled to wave freely, until you support the procurement of grave markers for our Confederate dead", WE as an Army will say to them, "It ain't over until we say it's over!!!!!!"

We look forward to welcoming the Southern Gentlemen of North Carolina to the 2014 North Carolina Society Reunion.

Ronnie S. Roach, Adjutant  
Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67  
Military Order of Stars & Bars

# Confederate Memorial Day



## The History of Oakwood Cemetery The Confederate Veterans Buried There

We gather here today on Confederate Memorial Day to honor the Confederate Veterans buried in this historic cemetery. In 1859 the City of High Point was founded and that same year the city fathers authorized this cemetery called Oakwood where we are now standing. In 1859 High Point was a city of 500 individuals. In 1863 a Wayside Hospital was established alongside the railroad tracks at the Barbee Hotel. Many of you will remember this site when it was named the Biltmore Hotel before it was torn down. A Wayside Hospital was not what we think as a traditional hospital of today. The first Wayside Hospital was established by women in Mar 1862 in Columbia, South Carolina. Waysides were places where Soldiers could get a meal, fresh clothing and have dressings changed while awaiting train connection home to convalesce.

Behind us are 50 grave markers of soldiers whose final stop was as High Point's Wayside Hospital. These individual's names are not in the Hospital Register Book. We assume they died on the train before it arrived in High Point. They come from North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Georgia. Oakwood has a total of 85 Confederate Veterans buried within its borders. Today we will read the names of these brave soldiers to honor their memory.

Keynote Address by Larry Brandon - 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
Oakwood Cemetery, High Point, North Carolina

Office of the Mayor  
City of High Point  
North Carolina

## PROCLAMATION...

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the City of High Point be mindful of its proud history and culture, and;

WHEREAS, the courage, spirit and dedication of those noble ancestors who fought and died for the Confederacy should be long remembered, and;

WHEREAS, The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Military Order of Stars & Bars, Order of Confederate Rose and The United Daughters of the Confederacy have served long and faithfully in making us aware of our proud and cherished past, and;

WHEREAS, the tenth day of May is commemorated annually as Confederate Memorial Day in North and South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bernita Sims, Mayor of the City of High Point, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 10, 2014 as

### CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

in the City of High Point and commend the observance of this day to our citizens which will be celebrated with appropriate ceremony not only in tribute to our Confederate dead, but also in rededication to the pride and courage which was theirs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of High Point, North Carolina this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

  
Bernita Sims, Mayor



## Confederate Memorial Cannon Crew

The 40<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Troops, Orange Light Artillery CSA of the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 MOSB were honored to support Confederate Memorial Day by Making Some Noise!!!



Larry Brown, John Martin, Patrick Williams, Calvin Jones, Rodney Williams, P. Dwain Roberts



## Commander's Message

This was a very special day for me as the current Commander of the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 to experience the support of our chapter's Memorial Cannon Crew shaking the earth while making some noise as the Commander of the Lt. F.C. Frazier Camp 668, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Our chapter has planned for years but there was a conflict with the Memorial Cannon Crew's annual commitment to the Greensboro Confederate Memorial Service at historic Greenhills Cemetery held on the same day every year.

This year was unique with May 10 being on a Saturday which allowed our chapter to support both these services in honor of our ancestors.

Ronald Lee Perdue, Commander  
 SCV Lt. F.C. Frazier Camp 668  
 MOSB Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67

## In Memory of our Confederate Ancestors



These descendants were honored to participate in period dress as civilians and soldiers during the Confederate Memorial Day Service at Oakwood Cemetery representing the Military Order of Stars & Bars, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Order of Confederate Rose and United Daughters of the Confederacy on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 in High Point.

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