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Commander's Corner

Compatriots,

Here's hoping everyone is enjoying the fine weather we're having plus a little rain, of course.

We are enjoying much success in accomplishing our goals as set by National and Society. Our Real Sons' project is almost complete and has been sent to Nationals and we owe a real debt of thanks to several people, some of whom are not even in the MOSB. Cmdr. Bert Bailey is still working hard on the Confederate Flags' project and will give a report at the upcoming Society Convention.

Speaking of the Society Convention, I hope everyone will be attending this event May 1, 2, and 3. Our fellow compatriots from Charlotte have been working very hard to make this a successful event and it is the first time that it has been held outside Raleigh in a number of years. Jim Summers is heading this event along with Tim Green doing the parade on Sunday and we should have a weekend to remember! They have made many special plans for us and we should make the most of these exciting events. On Friday, we will have the MOSB portion of the convention with several special guests attending. Within our own ranks, we have several exciting projects to make you aware of. Greensboro has taken the lead with a very original idea on a scholarship establishment.

Since hearing from you last, I have attended an Executive Council meeting at Elm Springs in March and several old projects were discussed along with a couple of new ideas concerning Elm Springs.

Hope to see each and everyone of you at the Convention in Charlotte. Remember that the rooms are going fast and the deadline for the special rate ends April 14th.

Albert D. Jones



Albert D. Jones, Jr.
Commander

1998 MOSB Society Convention to be held in Charlotte May 1

CHARLOTTE—The Gen. Rufus Barringer Chapter will host the 1998 Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society MOSB Convention May 1 at the Adams Mark Hotel in uptown Charlotte. The business session will begin at 2:00 p.m. with Society Commander Albert D. Jones, Jr. presiding.

Later that evening from 7-11 p.m., a reception will be held honoring Society Commander Albert Jones and SCV Division Commander Frank B. Powell, III.

MOSB Chapter Commanders are reminded that they or their representative will be called upon during the business session for a report

on the activities since the convention in May 1997.

Society Officers and Committee Chairmen will also be called upon for reports.

At this time, there have been no constitutional amendment changes proposed.

All members are reminded that May 1 is the deadline for all proposed designs for the new NC MOSB Society Life Membership Pin. The Convention will approve the winning design May 1.

Room reservations can be made directly with the Adams Mark at (704) 372-4100. Ask for the special SCV rate. A block of rooms have been reserved for the SCV and MOSB.



Pictured left to right are Albert Jones, NC Society MOSB Commander; Frank Powell, NC Division SCV Commander; SCV Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Rev. Larry W. Sizemore; UDC Chaplain General Mrs. Larry W. Sizemore; NC Division UDC President Mrs. Norman G. Baird; and NC Division OCR Sponsor Sara Powell at the 9th Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration held at the State Capitol January 19, 1998.



Gen. James Johnston Pettigrew: The Leader Of The Charge

up behind a screen of their cavalry.

After the first encounter with the enemy, Pettigrew's Brigade was put in the center of Heth's line with Tennesseans on the right. During the attack, Heth was severely wounded in the head and Pettigrew assumed command and lead Heth's Division in the final assault on McPherson's Ridge. After driving the yankees from three lines, Heth's Division was relieved by Pender's Division, and the attack continued until the federals retreated to Cemetery Heights just south of town.

On July 2, Pettigrew's Division was held in reserve all day and was not engaged.

About noon on July 3, the batteries opened on the enemy's position. Robert E. Lee hoped that the heavy fire of his artillery would soften up the position on Cemetery Ridge so that his infantry could break the center of the enemy line and split the yankee army. Pettigrew's division remained in the woods behind the artillery until 2 p.m. when the barrage ended and it was ordered to advance.

Pettigrew heroically

lead the assault, advancing at the head of his division, while Gen. George E. Pickett and his staff hid behind a stone barn. Since we all know the results of the misnamed "Pickett's Charge", it is unnecessary to recount the disaster here.

The initial assault column consisted of 41 regiments: 19 Virginia, 15 North Carolina, 3 each from Tennessee and Mississippi, and 1 regiment and 1 battalion from Alabama. More than 70% of the officers and the men in Pettigrew's division were killed or wounded.

And despite his incredible bravery and leadership during the charge on July 3, 1863, Pettigrew's reputation was tainted almost immediately by the preposterous charge that he failed to support Gen. Pickett.

Gen. Pettigrew died July 17 near Bunker Hill, VA (now West Virginia) and is buried in the Pettigrew Family Cemetery at Bonarva.

This article taken from *Carolina Cavalier: The Life and Mind of James Johnston Pettigrew* by Clyde N. Wilson, University of Georgia Press.

Albert Jones to run for MOSB Lt. Commanding General

NC Society Commander Albert D. Jones, Jr., has announced that he will be a candidate for MOSB Lt. Commanding General at the MOSB Convention in St. Louis August 5-8, 1998.

Two New Life Members

NC Society Life Memberships continue to grow with two new Life Members this issue.

Life Member No. 5 is **Charlie Dun Alston**, a member at-large.

John G. Sloan, Jr., a member of the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter, Raleigh, has become Life Member No. 6.

All Society Life Members receive a special certificate and a Life Member lapel pin. You may become a life member of the NC Society with a one time payment of \$100 to the Society Adjutant. There is no application to complete, just attached a note to your check and mail to: **Byron Brady, P.O. Box 6181, Raleigh, NC 27628**. The funds go into the Society Endowment which will someday fund special projects for the Society.

Confederate forces under the command of General Heath reached Cashtown, PA, June 29, 1863. The next morning, Gen. Pettigrew was sent to procure supplies at Gettysburg, PA. The stage was set for one of the greatest battles of the War Between the States.

Gen. Pettigrew took the 11th NC down the Cashtown Road to confirm Gen. Jubal Early's report of shoes at Gettysburg and to see what was in front of the advancing Confederates. Pettigrew had been warned by a local farmer and a Confederate spy that elements of the Army of the Potomac were close by.

Hill arrived at Cashtown with Gen. William Dorsey Pender's Division during the evening of June 30. Pettigrew informed both Hill and Heth of the results of his reconnaissance. Hill rejected Pettigrew's information that the federal army's main body was coming

Chapter Dispatches



CHARLOTTE: The Gen. Rufus Barringer Chapter has been busy the past few months preparing for hosting the 1998 MOSB Society Convention to be held in Charlotte at the Adams Mark Hotel May 1 at 2:00 p.m.

meeting site of the MOSB Chapter.

The chapter has established a scholarship in memory of Stonewall Jackson at Oak Ridge Military Academy at Oak Ridge. A special memorial service for Gen. Jackson will be held at the Academy on May 15 beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Chapter Commander Ed Martin.

RALEIGH: Despite snowy conditions outside, the 9th Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration was held inside at the State Capitol January 19, 1998. Despite al-

most every other activity being cancelled that night in the greater Raleigh area, a near standing room only crowd were in attendance to pay tribute to the South's greatest son. The event was sponsored by the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter and cosponsored by the Capt. Samuel A. Ashe Chapter 2572 UDC and the Nancy Blount Branch Chapter of the Order of Confederate Rose. Members of the Children of the Confederacy served as ushers.

SCV Chaplain-in-Chief Rev. Larry W. Sizemore of Petersburg, VA was the keynote speaker and his wife Mrs. Larry W. Sizemore, Chaplain General UDC gave the invocation and benediction.

On March 19, Ches Crow addressed the Waddell Chapter on "Celtic Influences In The South."

RALEIGH: The Col. Robert F. Webb Chapter held a joint meeting with the Pvt. Henry L. Wyatt Camp 1297 SCV March 3 at Ballentines Cafeteria in Cameron Village. Fred Kiger, who teaches history in the Orange County Public Schools, spoke on "The 1850's - A Decade Leading To Disaster."

On March 25, the chapter hosted the Wake County MOSB Chapters at Ballentines Cafeteria to hear Robert Krick speak on Stonewall Jackson. Over 60 members and guest were in attendance from the Webb and Waddell Chapters.

WINSTON-SALEM: The Brig. Gen. William R. Boggs Chapter held their 9th Annual War Between the States Memorabilia and Antique Only Gun Show March 7-8, 1998 at the Elks Lodge in Winston-Salem.

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Welcome New Members

From the Garnet-Pettigrew Chapter, Greensboro/Danville, VA: Rodney Patrick Williams, Calvin Odell Jones, Brian Michael Green, William Franklin Burton, III, and James R. Campbell.

From the Brig. Gen. Rufus Barringer Chapter, Charlotte: Nelson P. Kelley.

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MOSB Pledge

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.



**NC Society World
Wide Web Page
now online**

RALEIGH - The Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society MOSB now has a web site on the world wide web. The site was constructed by Society Adjutant Byron Brady and SCV Division Commander Frank Powell.

You can access the site at: **<http://members.aol.com/ncmosb/>**

While you're on the web, check out the Capt. James I. Waddell's web site at: **<http://members.aol.com/jiwaddell/>**



**New Life
Membership
pin designs
wanted**

RALEIGH - As discussed at the Society Executive Council meeting in Greensboro December 13, the NC Society is now accepting designs for the new Society life membership lapel pins. Please send in your designs to Division Adjutant Byron Brady no later than April 15, 1998. Mail them to: **Byron Brady, P.O. Box 6181, Raleigh, NC 27628.**



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