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Mattie Rice Memorial Service held in Monroe October 18th

MONROE—Hundreds of Southerners proud of their Confederate ancestry were in attendance on Saturday, October 18, 2014 for a memorial service celebrating the life of Confederate Real Daughter Mattie Clyburn Rice.



The photo above shows Miss Mattie Rice when she had the privilege of unveiling the Union County Confederate Pensioners of Color Marker which honored her father and nine other Confederate Veterans on December 8, 2012 at the Confederate Monument on the grounds of the historic Union County Courthouse in Monroe.

The ceremony was sponsored by many MOS&B, SCV, UDC, OCR, and Children of the Confederacy Chapters and Camps from across the South and spearheaded by Garnett-Pettigrew MOS&B Chapter Commander Ron Perdue, who served as Master of Ceremonies

A memorial marker, contributed by many different Confederate heritage organizations, was unveiled during the ceremony as a gift to the family of Miss Mattie.



Shown above is the grave of Weary Clyburn, the father of Mattie Clyburn Rice, located in Hillcrest Cemetery, Monroe.



The memorial marker shown above was a gift to the family of Mattie Rice. Bronze markers representing the SCV Mechanized Cavalry, UDC, SCV, and MOS&B are shown on the marker.

Speakers for the ceremony included the City of Monroe Mayor, Union County Board of Commissioner, and representatives from the MOS&B, SCV, UDC, OCR, and Children of the Confederacy organizations from four different states.

NC Society Chief of Staff Ronnie Roach and SCV Chief of Heritage Operations and former US Congressman Ben Jones gave remarks. Teresa Roane, UDC General Headquarters Archivist delivered the special message.

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NC Society News

Gov. Zebulon Vance Headquarters Chapter Being Formed

In June 2014, the NC Society Military Order of the Stars and Bars voted to establish a NC Headquarters Chapter to include those MOS&B members from around the state that did not have a Chapter in their area.

The Gov. Zebulon Vance Chapter was hence formed and is now currently accepting charter members. Longtime MOS&B member and former ANV Dept. Commander Larry Beeson from King, NC, has agreed to become the charter Chapter Commander.

This new Chapter is scheduled to officially charter on May 13, 2015, Gov. Vance's birthday. Those members wishing to become a charter member of this HQ Chapter should contact Society Adjutant Byron Brady at byronbrady@aol.com or at 919-622-0606.

Should you wish to become a charter member of this new chapter, please submit a completed and signed transfer form to NC Society Adjutant: Byron Brady, 1332 Garden Crest Circle, Raleigh, NC 27609. You will also need to submit a check made payable to: NC Society MOS&B for \$45.00 per member. This amount includes your NC Society dues of \$10 and your International Headquarters (IHQ) dues of \$35. If you are already a life member of the NC Society and the IHQ, then no dues will be due at this time. After the Chapter has been chartered, the chapter members may vote to establish Chapter dues.

New Wilmington Chapter Chartered

WILMINGTON—The Gen. William Henry Chase Whiting Chapter MOS&B chartered officially on November 24, 2014. Officers include Commander Donald Watson, Lt. Commander George Valsame, and Adjutant Glenn Kye. Other charter members are Larry Brown, John Talley, III, Eric Machdo, and Charles Green. The Charter Banquet will be held later in 2015.

Attention Chapter Commanders and Adjutants

Please remember that your Chapter's 2015 dues are due into me no later than December 31, 2014. These dues payments should include a list of all paid members with addresses, email addresses, and your Chapter Activity Report. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Byron Brady
Society Adjutant

More Photos from the Mattie Rice Memorial



Group photo of those in attendance at the Mattie Rice Memorial Service in Monroe on October 18, 2014.
Photo courtesy Judy Smith Photography



Miss Mattie Rice's marker lay at the foot of the grave of her father.

Wreaths of remembrance were placed at Miss Mattie's marker by the following organizations: Order of the Confederate Rose's NC, SC, and VA Chapters along with



The 16th South Carolina Volunteers Confederate Honor Guard provided the colors and military musket salute for the ceremony.

Chapters from High Point and Sanford; the Southern Soldier Remembrance Foundation; the UDC General Headquarters and Florence, SC UDC Chapter. The family of Mattie

Rice also participated in a special rose laying ceremony at her marker. The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter Memorial Cannon Crew provided an artillery salute to end the service.

Society Commander's Message

David Edwards, Commander, Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society

Greetings Fellow Compatriots,

I hope this newsletter finds each of you in good spirits! Fall colors and cooler weather are a welcome change in seasons. It has been a busy time since our last newsletter for the Edwards' family. But we are finished with the goat show circuit and are, as I am writing this, preparing for Luke's wedding in Wilmington.

I was talking with my daughter the other day about people in general. We were discussing "doing" versus "talking about doing". It had dawned on Katie that people can be separated into two groups. Those who do things (or accomplish objectives) and those who talk about doing. You have met them. The doers are magnets and a pleasure to be around. The talkers will talk a great deal, but never accomplish much.

This fall I have been reading John A. Wyeth's book titled "Life of General Nathan Bedford Forrest". In some respects, General Forrest was definitely a much different personality than Lee or Jackson. A doer who when faced with impossible situations chose to do something. One of his quotes – "Never stand and take a charge. Charge them too!"

I encourage all compatriots to do all you can to enjoy life and accomplish things. A person of example was Mrs. Mattie Clyburn Rice who sought recognition of black Confederates. She did not talk about it. She worked to have the blacks recognized for their service to the Confederacy.

And with the mention of Mrs Rice, thank you Ron Perdue, the Patterson Battery, and other compatriots, who recognized her life and "doings" with the recent memorial service in Monroe. We have many others in the Society who match Mrs. Rice's enthusiasm for doing. Some receive public recognition and others' doings are behind the scenes. I want to thank all of you for your efforts and wish to encourage you. Some are able to do a lot of activities to promote the Society and we thank you. Some are not able to do a lot of Society related activities because of their health, jobs, and other pressing needs. To those compatriots I would like to encourage you to keep going, to keep fighting.

The Society has items of interest coming up. The marker at Fort Fisher is being prepared and as soon as it is ready I will let you know so that we can participate in it's unveiling. The second item of interest is the Junior Tarheel Historians Essay contest. Once again we will be helping with this contest for the youth by judging the essays and awarding the winners in the spring. In January there are plans underway for Robert E. Lee's birthday celebration at the State Capitol. If you are able to attend or help with any of these events that would be great. Just send me a note.

Our North Carolina Headquarters Chapter is underway. The Gov. Zebulon Vance HQ Chapter is now being formed. If you do not live in an area with an active Chapter, I hope you will consider joining.



*North Carolina Commander
David M. Edwards*

For those who are members of a local Chapter, I hope you are attending Chapter meetings when you are able. The Society consists of its members. Without people we are nothing.

We had to cancel the campaign tour to Fort Anderson/Fort Fisher because of some schedule conflicts and there was not enough interest in the two-day tour. We will be holding some one-day tours so be sure to check our Facebook page periodically. Take care, and enjoy our Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays!

Deo Vindice
Dave Edwards

Welcome New Members

Capt. James I. Waddell
Chapter, Raleigh

Franklin D. Powers

Chapter News

News from across
the North Carolina Society

Greensboro



Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter No. 67 Memorial Cannon Crew (Orange Light Artillery) 40th NC Troops, 2nd Co. G, 3rd Regiment of Artillery, at the memorial service for Real Daughter Mattie C. Rice on Oct 18, 2014 in Monroe, NC at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Raleigh - Webb Chapter

The Colonel Robert Fulton Webb Chapter No. 195 met in North Raleigh on Tuesday, October 28th. Our meeting schedule for 2015 is the 3rd Tuesday of the first month of each quarter (January, April, July, and October), at the Tribeca Tavern, on Falls of the Neuse Road. We have a reserved room from 7 to 9 PM. We welcome members from other chapters and members-at-large, as well as visitors and prospects.

The new chapter officers are as follows: **Bill Jarrett**, Commander; **Drake Berryhill**, Lt. Commander; and **Bill Berryhill**, Adjutant.

Raleigh - Waddell Chapter



Kelly Hinson of Jackson Springs, NC, addressed the November 20th meeting of the Capt. Waddell Chapter on the *Southern Soldier Remembrance Foundation*.

The Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter No. 32 met November 20th at the Barbecue Lodge in Raleigh. Guest speaker for the meeting was **Kelly Hinson** who gave a program on the *Southern Soldier Remembrance Foundation*, who are responsible for placing new Confederate Veteran grave markers at Hollywood and Oakwood cemeteries located in Richmond, VA.

At this meeting, new officers for the coming year were elected. Serving the Waddell Chapter in 2015 are: **James Izzell**, Commander; **Gary Hall**, Lt Commander; **Byron Brady**, Adjutant & Editor; **George Pearson**, Historian; **David Lanier**, Chaplain; **John Huss**, Color Sgt.; **Robbie Broyles**, Watch Officer, and **Frank Powell**, Parliamentarian. Past Commander Powell was recognized for leading the Chapter for the last 10 years.

Chapter News

26th Annual

Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration

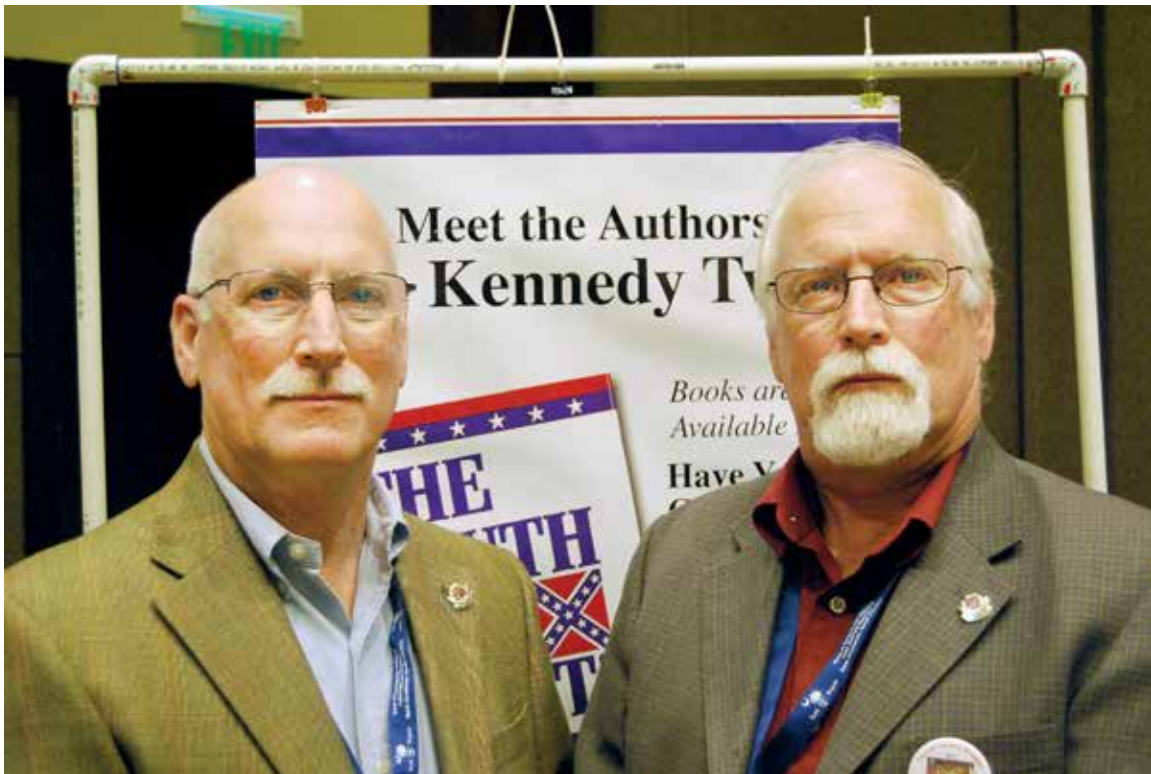
Saturday, January 17, 2015

2:00 PM

(Musical Program will begin at 1:30 PM)

**Historic NC House Chambers
NC State Capitol, Raleigh**

This ceremony, co-sponsored by the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter No. 32, Raleigh, is open to the public. Seating is first come, first served



Walter D. Kennedy (left) and James R. Kennedy, from Louisiana have agreed to be the keynote speakers at the 26th Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration.

Namesake of the Henry C. Grady Chapter No. 296 Wadesboro

By David M. Edwards, NC Society Commander

Part 5 of a continuing series on the history of the namesakes of NC Society Chapters

In Union County, NC, a company known as the “North Carolina Defenders” was raised on September 16 1861. This company was mustered into service on November 20 and became Company D of the 37th North Carolina Infantry.

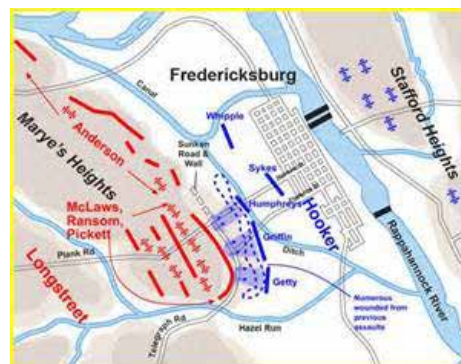
Henry C. Grady was five foot eight and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, sandy haired, grey-eyed seventeen-year-old farmer when he enlisted with the company on September 16. Mustered in as a corporal at Camp Fisher, Grady served faithfully.



In May 1862, the 37th Infantry was a part of Branch’s Brigade engaged in the Battle of Hanover Court House. The regiment as a whole was badly cut up with about 275 killed, wounded, and missing. Company D, under Captain Ashcraft, and Company E was sent to picket the Pamunkey River on May 26. The next day the two companies and the 28th NC Infantry regiment found themselves separated from the rest of the Confederate forces by the 25th New York. A fight occurred

between these forces and the 25th New York was driven away. But the two picketing companies found themselves between part of Porter’s V Corps and Stoneman’s cavalry. Captain Ashcraft led his men on an elusive escape back to Confederate lines, but many were captured in the process. One of these was Corporal Henry Grady. For the next month, Grady was a prisoner of war at Fort Columbus in New York Harbor until he was paroled and transferred to Aiken’s Landing on the James River, Virginia.

After returning to duty he was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in October and soon after promoted to 1st Lieutenant on November 17, 1862 at Camp Lee near Winchester, Virginia. The 37th was part of the newly created 2nd Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia commanded by Stonewall Jackson. Leaving Winchester, they traveled down the Valley Pike to New Market, then towards Madison Court House. A couple of weeks later found them in camp five miles south of Fred-



ericksburg. On December 12 they were ordered to move into the lines previously held by Hood’s division. This position was on a ridge with the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad in the front. They held this position until forced out by Gibbon’s Division during the Battle of Fredericksburg. Almost running out of ammunition, the North Carolina Defenders held on until driven back. Many survivors called this battle one of the hardest fights the company was engaged in. After the battle, the 37th camped at Moss Neck for the winter.

The spring of 1863 brought new engagements. At Chancellorsville Company D participated in Stonewall Jackson’s famous flank attack,



fighting on the Orange Plank Road. Grady was wounded during this battle sometime in the later part of the battle. He was sent to the General Hospital No. 4 in Richmond, Virginia on May 6. On May 7 he was transported to Charlotte, NC for thirty days leave.

After this heavy fighting at

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Henry C. Grady Chapter Namesake

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Chancellorsville, the Defenders found themselves back at Moss Neck on May 7. In June they were crossing the Blue Ridge Mountains near Chester Gap, then reaching Front Royal they crossed over the *Shenandoah*. On June 24, the 37th crossed the *Potomac*. On the 27th they arrived near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and on the 30th neared Cashtown. The next morning, Company D moved up Hagerstown Road to Gettysburg.

The 37th engaged the enemy and pushed them back to Seminary



Seminary Ridge - Gettysburg

Ridge (who then commanded Company D) was wounded. Bost was appointed Major on July 24 and Grady was promoted to Captain on that same day. The 37th was in the area around Culpeper Court House during this time in recuperation from Gettysburg.



Hanover Court House

In October, the Defenders participated in the battle of Bristoe Station. After wintering at Camp Liberty Mills near the *Rapidan* River, they had a visitor in March 1864. Governor Zeb Vance spent a few days checking on the condition of the North Carolina troops.

The month of May began with Grant launching his Overland Campaign. The 37th fought at the battle of the Wilderness, then moved towards Spotsylvania. It was here on May 12 that the 37th and others of Lane's Brigade were ordered to charge and take some of Burnside's artillery, which was causing considerable trouble. The Yankee artillery fired a shell into the midst of Company D. Captain Grady was mortally wounded in the thigh and wounding several other men. Grady died that day and is buried at the Confederate Cemetery in Spotsylvania, Virginia. Grady was twenty years old.



**Grave of Capt. Henry C. Grady,
Confederate Cemetery,
Spotsylvania, Virginia**



Members of the Capt. Samuel A. Ashe Chapter No. 2572 UDC, Raleigh, and the Robert F. Hoke Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, Raleigh, are shown by their chapter-sponsored Wayside Marker located at Fort Anderson State Historic Site across the Cape Fear River from Fort Fisher near Wilmington. Members toured Confederate points of interest in the Wilmington area on August 16, 2014.



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National News

Military Order of Stars and Bars Scholarships

The Military Order of Stars and Bars has established a college scholarship program for genealogically proven: (1) descendants of Confederate Officers; (2) descendants of the Confederate Executive or Legislative branches of government; and (3) descendants of members of the Confederate States' legislatures, judiciary, and executive branches of government. It is time to start considering candidates for the 2015 awards. All Chapters and Societies are encouraged to submit applications of worthy individuals for these scholarships. There are certainly many possible candidates among our active membership, active membership's children, grandchildren and friends.

The General Executive Council has determined that each Department scholarship awarded will be in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). The number of scholarships awarded each year will be determined by the GEC. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2015 to be eligible.

Please carefully read all the necessary information on the MOS&B national website.

<http://www.militaryorderofthestarsandbars.org/scholarship-program/>

MOS&B Scholarship Committee, c/o Gary M. Loudermilk, 2801 14th Street, Brownwood Texas 76801

GEC Holds Meeting in Galveston

GALVESTON, TX- The Military Order of the Stars and Bars General Executive Council (GEC) met in Galveston, TX at the Moody Gardens Resort on Saturday, September 27, 2014. The major items of business discussed were approval of the upcoming organization's budget and discussion on the location of the 2017 General Convention. A bus tour of the Galveston area followed the meeting. Michael Farr (SC) and Byron Brady, both Department Councilors, represented the Army of North Virginia Department.

The next meeting of the GEC is scheduled to meet in Vicksburg on Saturday, March 14, 2015.



IHQ Moves to Virginia Beach

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA—The International Headquarters of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars has moved from White House, TN to Virginia Beach, VA.

Ed Stack, the immediate past MOS&B Awards Chairman, will head up IHQ. The new mailing address is:

MOS&B IHQ
P.O. Box 56251
Virginia Beach, VA 23456



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