



# Farthest To The Front

*The official newsletter of the  
Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society Military Order of the Stars & Bars  
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## NC Society Reunion held in High Point

HIGH POINT—The Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society MOS&B held their 2014 Society Reunion at the High Point Elks Club, hosted by the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter No. 67, Greensboro. There were five chapters represented and eight Society Officers in attendance.

Chapter Commander Ron Perdue is to be commended for his work in hosting a successful convention. Following a luncheon of superb southern cuisine, some attendees were given a tour of Confederate points of interest of High Point's Oakwood Cemetery. Real Daughter Mattie Clyburn Rice was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the NC Society MOS&B and the Rebecca Jones Alford Bonnie Blue Award by the NC SCV. The 2015 Society Reunion will be held in Raleigh hosted by the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter No. 32.



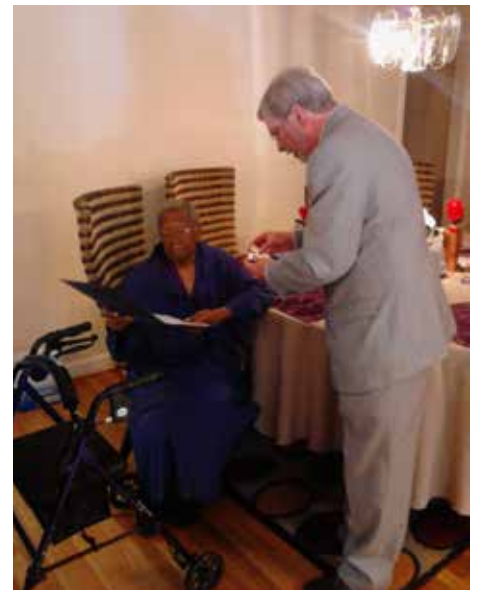
*NC Society Commander David M. Edwards is shown presenting a Society Certificate of Appreciation to Real Daughter Mattie Clyburn Rice on June 14 at her home in Archdale.*



*Some of the Reunion attendees are shown above at High Point's historic Oakwood Cemetery.*



*Confederate section of Oakwood Cemetery*



*Capt. Waddell Chapter Commander and Past NC SCV Commander Frank Powell is shown presenting the Bonnie Blue Award from the NC SCV to Real Daughter Mattie Clyburn Rice.*

*More Society Reunion Photos are shown on Page 2*



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## More photos from the NC Society Reunion



*Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter Commander Ron Perdue addresses the Reunion and welcomes everyone to High Point.* Photo by Ron Perdue

*NC Society Chief of Staff & Chaplain Ronnie Roach addresses the Reunion prior to giving the opening invocation.* Photo by Ron Perdue



*Members of the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter Color Guard are shown receiving awards from Society Commander David M. Edwards.* Photo by Ron Perdue



*Society Commander David M. Edwards is shown presenting a Society Commendation Medal to Capt. Waddell Chapter Commander Frank Powell.* Photo by Ron Perdue



*Society Commander David M. Edwards pins a Society Life Membership pin on member John Williams.* Photo by Ron Perdue

# NC Society News

## Ronnie Roach Named Society Chaplain

NC Society Commander David M. Edwards has named Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter Adjutant Ronnie S. Roach as the new Chaplain for the Society. Ronnie also serves the Society as Chief of Staff.

## Waddell Chapter to Host 2015 Society Reunion in Raleigh

RALEIGH—The Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter will host the 2015 Society Reunion in Raleigh on Saturday, June 13, 2015 beginning at 10 AM. A coffee hour hosted by the Chapter will begin at 9:00 AM.

Following the Reunion, a tour of Raleigh's Confederate Section at Historic Oakwood Cemetery will be given by the Chapter.

More information on the 2015 Society Reunion will follow at a later date.

## North Carolinians Elected to the General Executive Council

CHARLESTON, SC – **John Williams** of the Capt. Henry Grady Chapter was elected Commander of the ANV Department and **Byron Brady** of the Capt. Waddell Chapter was elected Councilor of the ANV Department during elections held

July 12, 2014 during the 77th Annual Reunion of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars held in the historic holy city of Charleston, SC.

The 2015 Reunion will be held at the Monoco Hotel in historic Old Town Alexandria, VA, July 9-11, 2015.

## North Carolinians Receive Awards at Charleston Reunion

CHARLESTON, SC - *Farthest To The Front* was awarded the **Col. Walter H. Taylor Award** for the Best Society Newsletter in 2014. Society Commander David M. Edwards accepted the award from MOS&B Commander General Toni Turk during the Awards Luncheon held on July 11th at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Charleston.

Other Awards presented during the Reunion are as follows:

Distinguished Commander  
**Rodney Williams**, Reidsville

Commander General's Service  
**2nd Co. G, 40th NC Troops,**  
**Orange Light Artillery, CSA**  
**"Patterson's Battery"**

Col. John Pelham  
Legion of Merit  
**Ronald Lee Perdue**, High Point  
**Byron E. Brady**, Raleigh  
**David M. Edwards**, Wadesboro  
**Harry Watt**, Statesville  
**Ronnie S. Roach**, Mebane

Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne  
Meritorious Service  
**Craig Phippen**, Creedmoor

Henry Timrod Southern Culture  
**Nancy Brewer**, Concord

Varina Howell Davis Award  
**Christine McPeak**, NC

Lt. Charles Read  
Meritorious Service  
**C. Drake Berryhill**, Raleigh

Joseph Evans Davis  
**Katie R. Edwards**, Wadesboro

Capt. John Morton  
Best Chapter Newsletter  
*The Shenandoah*  
**Capt. James I.**  
**Waddell Chapter**

Lt. Gen. Simon Buchner  
Membership Retention  
**Capt. James I.**  
**Waddell Chapter**

Gen. Thomas Jackson Award  
**John Williams**, Concord

Randall Brackin Jones  
Teacher of the Year  
**Cathy Hanford West**, Raleigh

Col. Walter Hopkins  
Distinguished Chapter  
**Capt. James I.**  
**Waddell Chapter**



# Wilmington - Last Open Seaport of the Confederacy

*A two-day tour sponsored by the*

**Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society - Military Order of the Stars and Bars**

**Friday and Saturday, October 18-19, 2014**

**Meet at Fort Anderson at 9:30 AM**

Fort Anderson is located at the Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site

8884 St. Phillip's Road SE, Winnabow, NC 28479 (910) 371-6613



**This is a fund raiser for the NC Society MOS&B. To register, send your check (non-refundable, made payable to the NC Society MOS&B) of \$10 by September 18, 2104 to: Byron Brady, 1332 Garden Crest Circle, Raleigh, NC 27609.**

*Please indicate whether if you are interested in attending the Thalian Hall show.*

## Saturday, October 18th

### **Schedule**

- Fort Anderson
- NC Maritime Museum
- Fort Johnston/Southport Museum
- Fort Fisher
- Sugar Loaf
- Battle of Forks Road
- 7:30 PM: *The Capitol Steps* performance at historic Thalian Hall. (Tickets for the show range from \$40/\$32/\$22)
- *All admissions and meals are "Dutch."*



*Historic Wilmington Waterfront*

Host Hotel  
**Hampton Inn**  
124 Old Eastwood Road  
Wilmington, NC  
(910) 791-9899



*Confederate Monument  
Oakdale Cemetery*

## Sunday, October 19th

### **Schedule**

- Oakdale Cemetery
- Confederate Monuments
- Cape Fear Museum of History & Science (Admission-\$8 Adults/\$7 Seniors & College Students/\$5 youth)
- Bellamy Mansion ( Admission-\$10 Adults/ \$9 Seniors/ \$5 Students)
- Wilmington Railroad Museum (Admission-\$9 Adults/ \$8 Seniors/\$5 Children)
- *All admissions and meals are "Dutch."*



*Fort Fisher  
State Historic Site*



*Fort Anderson  
State Historic Site*



*Grave of Rose Greenhow  
Oakdale Cemetery*



*Cafe Fear Museum  
of History & Science*

# Society Commander's Message

David Edwards, Commander, Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society

Greetings Fellow Compatriots:

It was good to see all attendees in High Point for our annual State Convention on June 14. The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter treated the Society to a great meeting place and very good food. It was a memorable day with many favorable comments! Thank you Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter and Quartermaster Ron Purdue!

We made changes to our Constitution to enable the creation of a State at large Chapter for those members that do not have a local chapter established yet. Several Chapters recognized members for their extraordinary service and I was fortunate to present many well-deserved awards to compatriots. And we enjoyed an interesting tour of the old Confederate cemetery. Afterwards we met Mrs. Mattie Clyburn Rice, daughter of a Confederate. I am looking forward to next year when we will gather for our Convention in Raleigh.

I also had a memorable time in Charleston, SC at our National Convention. North Carolina Society "cleaned the clocks" with awards and I got my exercise walking to the front accepting the awards for compatriots who were unable to attend.

A hearty congratulations to all recipients! In particular I would like to extend congratulations to Nancy Brewer, wife of

Compatriot Vernon Brewer. She was awarded the Henry Timrod medal for her historical novels. A graceful Southern belle, Nancy's novels are top notch. Visit her website (<http://nancybbrewer.com>) or read one of her many novels.

It was enjoyable to meet MOS&B members from around the country - Maryland, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, California, and other states. Several years ago, my family had seen the Hunley and it was very interesting to see the progress that has been made in restoration. Some of the attendees were able to tour the UDC's museum above the market. The matron of the museum was a spirited Daughter of the Confederacy who gave us a splendid tour of the place with many background stories.

One of the items on display in the museum was a large portrait of the Protector of Charleston - G.T. Beauregard. It had previously been displayed proudly at City Hall, until the mayor deemed it was politically incorrect and turned the painting towards the wall. The UDC rescued the portrait and is on display in a home with an atmosphere of greater appreciation. After returning home I was able to secure an old biography of him, "P.G.T. Beauregard - Napoleon in Gray" by T. Harry Williams. Beauregard was instrumental with pre-



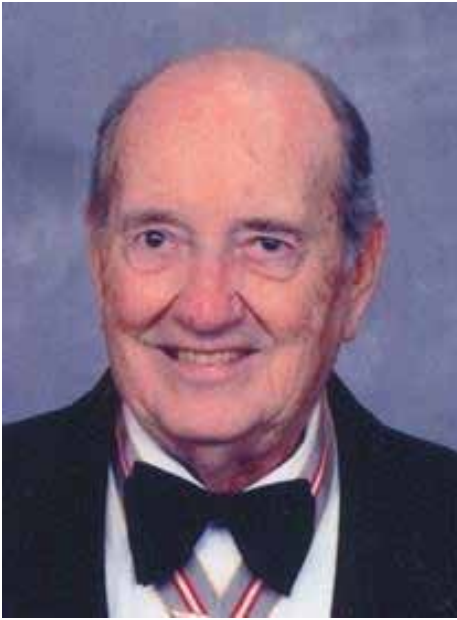
*North Carolina Commander  
David M. Edwards*

paring Charleston, SC for war and finished the war in Greensboro, NC. He had fought the good fight with all of his skills. Suffering setbacks along the course, Beauregard always got up to continue the course. That is a good example for us. We all have skills that we can apply to good use. Are we doing that? Are we continuing the course set before us?

Mark your calendars for October 18 & 19! The NC Society will conduct a campaign tour to Fort Anderson and Fort Fisher with points of interest in between. Friends and family are invited. There is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee to raise funds for NC Society projects and to have a firm headcount. If you can't make it for both days we will have it set up to attend one day. Additional details are in this newsletter.

Deo Vindice  
*Dave Edwards*

# Past Commander-General Dan Jones Passes Away



**Daniel Wilbur Jones**  
**1918 - 2014**

Daniel Wilbur Jones crossed over the river to rest on the other side on June 6, 2014. Born in Raleigh, NC on April 24, 1928, he was the son of Wiley P. Jones and Mary Cable Jones. He graduated from Cary High School in 1945. Dan served as Commander of the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter No. 32 MOS&B from 1999-2000 and went onto to serve the national organization as Lt. Commander-General from 2002-04 and Commander-General from 2004-06.

He was editor of two anniversary history books about the organization and received numerous awards and citations from the MOS&B including their highest award, the Robert E. Lee Chalice which is given for "Superior Achievement and Outstanding Service." Dan received an Associate of Arts degree from Louisburg College in 1949 and served as Editor of the year book in his senior year. He then enrolled at East Carolina College where he

was a feature writer for the student newspaper and also served as Editor of the year book during his senior year. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1951.

Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the Air Force. Among his duties, he served as a Senior Information Specialist/Historian and helped compile and edit two technical histories.

After leaving the Air Force, he was appointed as Superintendent of Fort Macon State Park and remained for two years. While there, he helped to restore the museum and conducted many lectures on the history of the Fort for civic clubs and schools.

Dan returned to East Carolina University and earned his Master's degree. In 1955, he was hired as Principal of Swift Creek Elementary School and with his wife and new son, he returned to Cary, where 2 years later a daughter was born.

At the time, school Principals were paid for only ten months and so he worked at a series of summer jobs, including measuring tobacco and supervising recreation programs for the Raleigh City Parks.

In 1960, he accepted a position with the Controller's Office of the State Board of Education. Thus began his thirty year tenure with the State Board and the Department of Public Instruction.

Dan was active in church, civic, fraternal and educational activities. He served as a Boy Scout Troop Councilor, and was voted into the Order of the Arrow. He was a Mason (Veterans Emblem) of Cary Lodge 198, a member of the Scottish Rite, and Amran Shrine. He belonged to

the American Legion and served as President of the State Employees' Association and received the Association's Employee of the Year.

Dan helped organize and was the first President of the Cary Jaycees. He served as Precinct Chairman and as President of the Wake County Democratic Men and he was named "Boss of the Year" by Educational Office Personnel. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Order of the Southern Cross, and the National Rifle Association. He belonged to the Raleigh Civil War Round Table.

He was a three time finalist for the Governor's Award for Management Excellence from the State Board of Education, and received the Executive of the Year Award from the State Board of Education Controller's Office. Governor Jim Hunt appointed Dan to the Board of Trustees, Teachers and State Employees Retirement System, the N.C. Foundation for Alternative Health Programs, and the N.C. Cemetery Commission. Governor Mike Easley re-appointed him to the Cemetery Commission and he served for ten years until resigning for health reasons. He pursued and enjoyed genealogy, woodworking, shooting, fishing, writing and historical research. He often said his most satisfying life experience was teaching. Perhaps this was the incentive for aiding two organizations in establishing scholarship programs that have helped many students obtain a college education.

The NC Society MOS&B dedicated their 2014 Reunion to Dan. He was truly a southern gentleman.



# Chapter News

News from across  
the North Carolina Society

## Greensboro



*Past NC Society Commander Rodney Williams presented Mrs Christine McPeak the Varina Howell Davis Award Certificate on August 4, 2014. Christine has been instrumental in scanning past NC Society and national MOS&B newsletters as well as printing the Society Convention programs in 2012 and 2013.*



There were presentations following their report starting with ANV Commander John Williams presenting the MOS&B National Col. John Pelham Legion of Merit Award to our Commander Ronald Lee Perdue and our Adjutant Ronnie Smith Roach.



At the August meeting of the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67, chapter members enjoyed Past ANV Commander Larry Brown and our new ANV Commander John Williams sharing a report on the 2014 MOS&B National Reunion in Charleston, South Carolina.



The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 Confederate Memorial Cannon Crew Captain Larry Brown & John Williams presented Corporal Stripes to Calvin Jones for his promotion earned for his dedication to the cannon crew.

# Chapter News



Past Commander Larry Brown was our speaker sharing his program on General Archibald Godwin, born in Virginia and was the third commandant of the Salisbury Confederate Prison.

Gen. Godwin formed the 57th Regiment NC Troops and fought in many battles. He was killed at the Battle of Third Winchester and is buried there.

The members have made plans to not have our meetings in October and December this year to celebrate our chapter's 30th Anniversary with a special event on November 15th at our Monticello Headquarters. All are invited and more details will follow as plans are finalized.

## 4th Annual Battle of Martinsville, VA

Members of Garnett-Pettigrew's Memorial Cannon Crew took part in their first battle reenactment at the Battle of Martinsville, VA June 7th-8th, 2014. The event was hosted by the Stuart-Hairston SCV Camp No. 515 in Martinsville, VA. Since the Orange Light Artillery, CSA is an unaffiliated unit and not connected with any other reenactment unit, we were asked to be Union since no Union Artillery had signed up for the event at that point. As chances were, we were asked to do our Union impression of the 4th Iowa Independent Battery of Light Artillery, USA.

Members set up camp and talked to dozens of people about the MOS&B and that they were really a Confederate unit asked to be Federal for the battle. Past NC Society Commander Calvin Jones (member of the crew) even told a low information spectator that "We expected to beat up pretty good on Johnny Reb today, we have also relieved several local homes of their fine silverware and took a farmers last ham from his smokehouse." The lady looked surprised! Well, when asked to be a Yankee, be a Yankee. Saturday night all spectators were treated to an awesome Night Fire Cannon Exercise.



Photo by: Carol Hoglan



NC Society Chief of Staff Ronnie Smith Roach presented John Williams the MOS&B National General Thomas Jackson Award that he received in Charleston in another special ceremony for his fellow members of Chapter 67 to witness.



The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 Confederate Memorial Cannon Crew (2nd Co. G, 40th NC Troops, Orange Light Artillery, CSA "Patterson Battery") received their certificates for the Commander General's Service Award presented by Commander General Toni Turk in recognition of their efforts at the National Reunion.



# Chapter News

## Greensboro (continued from Page 7)

In the course of the two day event, Garnett-Pettigrew's Memorial Cannon Crew exchanged fire with the Virginia Confederate Artillery firing 20 volleys. Both days as the Confederate Infantry drew close, Pvt. Calvin Jones and Cpl. Patrick Williams were ordered by Captain Larry Brown to exchanged fire with the Confederate Infantry with Colt and Remington pistols. At the close of the second day's battle, Confederate forces defeated the Union Infantry and soon our Cannon crew started to fall. Captain Larry Brown tried to rally the crew but soon John Williams, Calvin Jones, Patrick Williams and Rodney Williams fell wounded by infantry musket fire. Captain Brown spiked the cannon before he was hit. Ordnance Sgt. John Martin was surrounded and our cannon was captured by the Virginia Infantry. You could hear the Rebel Yell go up upon the winds to our ancestors. It was truly an honor to be part of this living history event. The Stuart-Hairston SCV Camp No. 515 did an excellent job putting on the event and The Orange Light Artillery, "Patterson's Battery" was honored to be a part of it.



Photo by: Carol Hoglan

***Members of the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 Memorial Cannon Crew are shown above at the reenactment of the Battle of Martinsville held June 7-8, 2014.***

## Raleigh



***The Capt. Waddell Chapter honored their namesake on June 10, 2014, by placing a Confederate flag and memorial wreath on Capt. Waddell's grave in Annapolis, MD.***

Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter Adjutant Byron Brady represented the Chapter at the 77th Annual General Convention of the MOS&B held July 10-12 in historic Charleston, SC. At the Convention's Awards Luncheon, the Chapter won the Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner Award for maintaining 100% membership retention, the Capt. John Morton Award for best Chapter Newsletter, and the Col. Walter Hopkins Award for the most outstanding Chapter in the Order for 2014.

The Chapter conducted a tour of Confederate points of interest in Oakdale Cemetery in Wilmington on August 16th and placing floral tributes at the graves of Rose Greenhow and Capt. John Newland Maffitt, CSN.

# Chapter News

## Raleigh



*The Capt. Waddell Chapter, while conducting a tour of Confederate points of interest in Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington, NC, place flags and a floral tribute at the grave of Confederate Naval Capt. John S. Maffitt, Commander of the CSS Florida. This tribute at Capt. Maffitt's grave was done for the members of the Capt. John Maffitt Chapter 252 SCV, Daytona Beach, FL.*

At the August 21st meeting, Ernie Dollar gave a program on the ***Battle of Morrisville and the Current Effort at Preservation***. Members present also posed for a photograph with the Walter Hopkins Award won at the MOS&B's 77th Annual Convention held in Charleston, SC in July.



*Ernie Dollar of the City of Raleigh Museum is shown presenting the Battle of Morrisville and the efforts of preserving the battlefield.*



*Shown left to right are Waddell Chapter members at the August 21st meeting holding the Col. Walter Hopkins Award for the best chapter in the Order for 2014: James Izzell, David Lanier, Stan Caton, John Perry, Darwin Roseman, Gary Hall, Robbie Broyles, Byron Brady, Rick Miller, George Pearson, Frank Powell, and John Huss.*



*Robbie Broyles is shown with a bell that he will be ringing at the beginning, the end, and every half hour during the meeting to recreate a Watch Officer's duties on a Confederate Navy Ship*



# North Carolina Republic Flags Placed at Hollywood

By Ronnie Roach, Chief of Staff, NC Society

RICHMOND, VA—In 2011, Mitch Flinchum, Commander of the Northern Piedmont Brigade, NC SCV ordered eleven gross (1,584) of NC Republic flags which he personally paid for. He and his family put about 600 flags in Oakwood and Hollywood cemeteries in Richmond each of the previous two years. A trip is being considered for this year to return to Oakwood to place flags there..

The NC Republic flags at the nearly 200 Tarheel veterans' gravesites in Hollywood Cemetery were placed by Keith Jones and myself of the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67, along with the Northern Piedmont Brigade Commander Flinchum.

**Photos below are of North Carolina Confederate Veterans buried at Hollywood Cemetery**





# Namesake of the C.S. Ram Albemarle Chapter No. 291 Plymouth

By Byron E. Brady, NC Society Adjutant and the Port O' Plymouth Museum, Plymouth, NC  
*Part 4 of a continuing series on the history of the namesakes of NC Society Chapters*



*NC State Historical Marker located adjacent to the courthouse in Plymouth.*

In 1863, the federal blockade of southern ports began to gradually choke off the flow of import and exports for the Confederacy. In 1863, the Confederate States Navy began working on a new Ironclad in eastern North Carolina. This new ironclad would hopefully loosen up the blockade and allow more supply ships into Wilmington and other ports on the coast.

The CS *Albemarle*, named for the Albemarle Sound, was constructed in a corn field near Hamilton, NC., Construction was managed by a 19-year old North Carolinian and Ma-



*CS Albemarle in the Roanoke River of North Carolina*

rine Engineer Lt. Gilbert Elliott.

The *Albemarle*, designed by CS Navy Chief Instructor John L. Porter, had a draft of 9 feet and was 152 feet in length.

The ship was completed in April 1864, and with the Roanoke River at flood stage, the *Albemarle* was floated down the river backwards on April 17, 1864. In the darkness of the night, she floated past federal fortifications with ease before encountering two yankee steamers. A brief battle followed before the *Albemarle* sank the USS *Southfield*. The USS *Miami* escaped to the Roanoke Sound. However, her Captain was killed during the battle. This maneuver was part of the Battle of Plymouth, a coordinated attack between the *Albemarle* and Confederate ground forces. Federal forces quickly surrendered and Plymouth was once again in Confederate control.



*Painting in the Port O' Plymouth Museum depicting the USS Southfield ramming the CS Ram Albemarle.*



*A model of the CS Ram Albemarle as displayed in the Port O' Plymouth Museum in Plymouth.*

On May 5, 1864, the *Albemarle*, accompanied by two small steamers, ventured down the Roanoke River and encountered nine federal ships bent on destroying the Confederate Ram. The *Albermarle* survived the attack and escaped back up the Roanoke.

The US Navy in the Roanoke sound area was no match for the *Albemarle* who had complete control of the area's waterways. They had to devise a plan to destroy her other than a direct combat with their wooden ships.

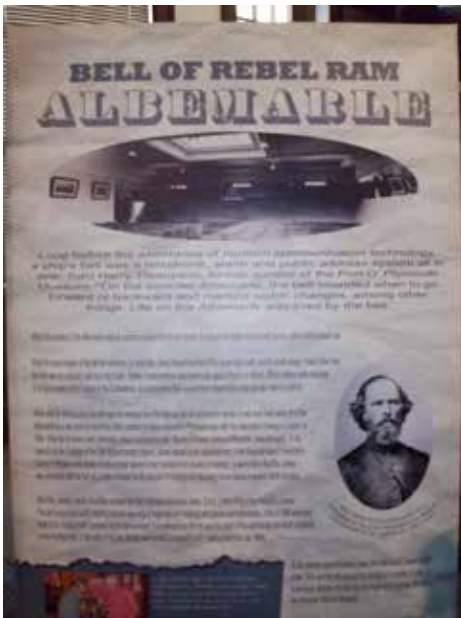
## The Sinking of the Albermarle

On October 27, 1864, fourteen volunteers from the USS *Wyalusing* attached a 100-pound torpedo to the hull of the *Albemarle* under the cover of darkness and the ensuing explosion sank her.

Only this type of attack could



*The bell of the CS Ram Albermarle was salvaged when the ship was raised in April 1865 and is on display at the Port O' Plymouth Museum, Plymouth.*



*Displays as the one above from the Port O' Plymouth Museum in Plymouth describes how the bell was used during the operation of the CS Ram Albermarle. The bell sounded when going forward and backwards and marked watch changes. The museum is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays.*



*Shown above is a look at the Roanoke River as seen from today.*



*Shown above is a shell fired from the CS Ram Albermarle. The shell was found on Christmas Eve 2008 by a local relic hunter. The shell was approximately 15 feet underground and was likely shot at Fort Williams, the last remaining stronghold in Plymouth.*



*Today, docked on the Roanoke River adjacent to the Port O' Plymouth Museum in Plymouth is a 3/8 scale model of the CS Ram Albermarle as shown above. The model is used at different times of the year to demonstrate why the Confederate ship was so effective.*

have taken down this mighty ship. With the *Albermarle* and CSS *Ram Neuse* no longer in action, the Confederacy lost control of the North Carolina sounds for the remaining part of the war.

### **Raising of the Albermarle**

The CS *Ram Albermarle* was raised by the US Navy on April 21, 1865 and towed to the US Navy Yard in Norfolk, VA by the USS *Ceres*. The Confederate ship was sold at auction on October 15, 1867 and sold for scrap.

The smokestack of the *Ram* was however saved and is on display at the Museum of the *Albermarle* located in Elizabeth City, NC. The CS *Albermarle* was honored by men in the Plymouth, NC area when the CS *Albermarle* Chapter No. 291 was chartered on September 30, 2004.



*The Port O' Plymouth Museum, Plymouth, NC*



The Port O'Plymouth Museum, located at the east end of Water Street in downtown Plymouth, is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays.



# National News

## 77th Annual General Convention Held in Charleston

CHARLESTON, SC—The Military Order of the Stars and Bars held their 77th Annual General Convention in the historic Holy City of Charleston, SC. The headquarters for the convention was the Doubletree Hotel.

At the Saturday Business Session, William Howard Jones, CA was elected Commander-General and Harold Franklin Davis, SC was elected Lt. Commander General.

Items of business included announcing the sites for the 2015 & 2016 Convention sites. The 2015 Convention will be held at the Hotel Monoco in Olde Town Alexandria, VA July 9-11th. The 2016 Convention will be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Fair Hope, AL with an exact date to be announced later. The NC Society has put in a bid to host the 2017 Convention in Wilmington, NC, the last major seaport open to the Confederacy.



*Historic Fort Sumter*



*Members of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars from across the country are shown during the Friday Business Session at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel.*



*Shown left to right is newly elected Commander General William Howard Jones, CA, NC Society Commander David M. Edwards, and newly elected Lt. Commander General Harold Franklin Davis, III, SC.*



*Cathy Hanford West of Raleigh, NC is shown receiving the 2014 Randall Brackin Jones Teacher of the Year Award from MOS&B Commander-General Toni Turk at the Awards Luncheon.*



*North Carolinians attending the Charleston Convention were (shown left to right) John Williams, Concord; Larry Brown, Greensboro; Society Commander David M. Edwards, Wadesboro; and Byron Brady, Raleigh.*



*Farthest To The Front Editor Byron Brady is shown with NC Society Commander David M. Edwards after receiving the Col. Walter H. Taylor Award for the best Society Newsletter.*