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Confederate Memorial Day Celebrated at the NC State Capitol

RALEIGH—North Carolina joined with South Carolina and celebrated Confederate Memorial Day on Sunday May 10, 2015, at the NC State Capitol. The Stars & Bars flew over the Capitol dome all day while a wreath, placed by the NC Division SCV, honored the Confederate dead at the Confederate Monument.



The Stars & Bars is shown proudly flying over the NC Capitol dome on May 10th while a memorial wreath, placed by the NC Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, honors our Confederate dead at the Confederate Monument. May 10th is the 152nd anniversary of the death Confederate General Stonewall Jackson.

NC Museum of History Awards



Students gather at the NC Museum of History for the Awards Program.

RALEIGH—The North Carolina Tarheel Junior Historian Awards ceremony was held at the NC Museum of History on April 26, 2015. George Pearson represented the NC Society in presenting the NC MOS&B awards.

Winners of the Elementary School Civil War Essay Contest were: 1st Place - **Lauren Potts**, Orange Charter School, and 2nd Place - **Samuel Pelton**, Underwood Elementary. Winners of the Intermediate CW Essay Contest were : 1st Place - **Tiffany Gates**, Piedmont Community Charter School, and 2nd Place - **Litao Tu**, Wake Junior

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Men's Leadership Academy.

Winners of the Secondary School CW Essay Contest were: 1st Place - **Elizabeth Revels**, Johnston County Home Educators, and 2nd Place - **Samuel Young**, Johnston County Home Educators.

The CW Markers and Monuments winners were: 1st Place - Capt. Samuel T. Williams, **Ezra Moore**, Rocky Mount Academy, and 2nd Place - CW Marker., **Laurel Historians**, Laurel Elementary School.

North Carolina Charters Two New Chapters

WADESBORO—Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society MOS&B Commander David M. Edwards is pleased to announce the chartering of two new Chapters in North Carolina.

General W. H. C. Whiting Chapter No. 305 - Wilmington

The General William Henry Chase Whiting Chapter No. 305 chartered March 22, 2015 with 6 charter members. The new Chapter Commander is **Donald Watson**. The Chapter Lt. Commander is **George Valsame** and the Chapter Adjutant is **Glenn Kye**. Other charter members include **Larry T. Brown, John H. Talley, III**, and **Charles F. Green**.

The charter date of March 22nd was chosen as this date is the birth date of General Whiting. Gen. Whiting was wounded at the second Battle of Fort Fisher in January 1865 and is buried in historic Oakdale Cemetery in Wilmington.

Gov. Zebulon Baird Vance North Carolina Headquarters Chapter No. 307

The Governor Zebulon Baird Vance NC Society Headquarters Chapter No. 307 chartered on May 13, 2015 with 12 charter members. The new Chapter Commander is **Larry Beeson** of Wintson-Salem and the Chapter Lt. Commander is **Albert D. Jones, Jr.**, of Plymouth. Other charter members are **Charlie Dunn Alston, Timothy W. Beryl, Michael H. Byrd, Edward L. Harding, James M. Kennedy, III, Stanley Michael Latta, Michael Latta, Kenneth Caldwell Luckey, William D. Pruden, V**, and **Haywood E. White, Jr.**

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Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society 2015 Annual Convention

Saturday, June 13, 2015 - 9:00 AM
NC UDC HQ, 302 N. Blount Street, Raleigh, NC

Schedule

9:00 - 10:00 AM - Coffee Hour

(Sponsored by the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter, Raleigh)

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



North Carolina UDC Headquarters
302 North Blount Street, Raleigh

Hosted by the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter No. 32, Raleigh

Society Commander's Message

David Edwards, Commander, Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society

As I write this column, Confederate Memorial Day has passed. I hope that all compatriots either participated in, or paused in reflection to our ancestors' Confederate service. As you probably know, the date of May 10 was chosen because that was the day that Stonewall Jackson died.

Members of the Captain

Henry C. Grady Chapter attended a service at Elmwood Cemetery in downtown Charlotte. Following the memorial service there was a monument unveiling of the old Charlotte Naval Yard marker. Mrs. Stonewall Jackson had dedicated the first one. The new Charlotte Civic Center is on the site of the Naval Yard and



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the marker was removed. The old marker has been placed on a new monument with a detail inscription of the Naval Yard with a etched photograph to be installed in the near future. What was destined to become a forgotten piece of Confederate history has been saved.

A brief history of the Charlotte Naval Yard follows. When the United States Naval Yards in Portsmouth and Gosport fell, the machinery was moved by rail to Charlotte. The new Charlotte Yard produced all of the new propeller shafts for the *CSS Albemarle*, *Virginia II*, *Raleigh*, and other ironclads in Wilmington, Charleston, and Savannah. Also made were marine steam engines, ordnance, anchors, naval gun carriages, rifles, torpedoes, and etc. The machine shops and foundries occupied an area over 300 yards in length. Machinists and foundry workers moved down from



NC Society Commander David M. Edwards (right) is shown with the newly unveiled Confederate States Navy Yard Monument in Charlotte. Shown at left is Vernon Brewer, a member of the Henry Grady Chapter No. 296, Wadesboro, and his wife Nancy Brewer.

the Portsmouth area to continue their work.

The month of May was always an eventful month for the Confederacy as we look back on the years 1861 through 1865.

Here are just a sampling of events that occurred in the month of May. At Norfolk on May 30, 1861, Confederates



raised the USS *Merrimack* at the Naval Yard. The burned hull was modified to become the CSS *Virginia*, a ship which was responsible for the largest US Navy defeat prior to Pearl Harbor in 1941. A year later after her stunning naval victory, the *Virginia* was blown up on May 11, 1862 because she had too deep a draft to continue up the James River to escape invading Yankees.

As mentioned, May 10, 1863 is the most famous May day. Stonewall Jackson died after being wounded at Chancellorsville during the great flank attack on O. O. Howard.

In an incident very similar in nature, Longstreet was severely wounded in his magnificent flank attack at the Wilderness on May 6, 1864.

Five days later, on May 11, 1864 J.E.B. Stuart was mortally wounded at the Battle of Yellow Tavern, dying on May 12.

Finally on May 26, 1865, Simon Bolivar Buckner, Richard Taylor, and Kirby Smith surrendered the last significant Confederate army, essentially ending the strongly fought war for Southern independence of four years.

When you set a looking glass on just the events in the month of May, you notice that victories are always accompanied by defeats. Where there are ups, there are downs. The war ended 150 years ago. In the minds of today's Progressives, "the war to end slavery" should also have seen the abolishment of Confederate symbols and memorial services. But we have the privilege and honor to memorialize each May 10 as Confederate Memorial Day. Don't let that day pass without always remembering the sacrifices our ancestors made in trying to secure States Rights, an issue that is still with us today!

It has been an honor serving as your State Command-

er for the past two years. It is election year at this convention, and I would like to serve another two years if given that privilege. We have an exciting future as in 2017 North Carolina will host the MOS&B National Convention in Wilmington. There is also a lot of work to do in preserving our proud heritage. Looking forward to seeing you in Raleigh at our State Convention in June!

Deo Vindice!

Dave Edwards

**Donation from the
CS Ram *Albermarle*
Chapter MOS&B**

The CS Ram *Albermarle* Chapter MOS&B has made a donation to the NC Society of \$349.47 in memory of former member Harry L. Thompson and past MOS&B Commander-General Joy Gay, III.



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www.ncwbts150.com

Chapter News

News from across
the North Carolina Society

Greensboro

GREENSBORO—The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter No. 67 of the Military Order of Stars & Bars experienced great fellowship and history in their first two meetings of 2015.

In February a “Tribute to our Confederate Ancestors” gave their members the opportunity to share either stories about their ancestors or the war, family or personal treasures or anything Confederate.

In May they welcomed local author, educator, historian and story teller **Lynn Salsi** who is known for presenting excellent programs on history. Mrs. Salsi shared her excellent program entitled “Confederate Women as Leaders in North Carolina”. The program focused on interesting stories of women including those who lived in the Piedmont during the War Between the States. She shared a unique perspective to these women for their dedicated support to the troops. These ladies were left behind to handle the day to day matters of home defenseless against the invasion but put their hearts behind the Cause. These ladies were also responsible for the many treasures preserved in our museums and the monuments honoring our soldiers.

This project is made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment of the Humanities. <http://nchumanities.org/>

The chapter also had the privilege of welcoming three Southern Gentlemen **Chris Laton**, **Damon Webb** and **Kenneth Luckey** as proud new members into the Military Order of Stars & Bars.

Many of the chapter members were presented



Chapter Commander Ron Perdue and Lawrence McFall welcome new member Kenneth Luckey.



New member Chris Laton receives his membership certificate.

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Damon Webb receives his new membership certificate from Chapter Commander Ron Perdue and Past Chapter Commander Lawrence McFall.

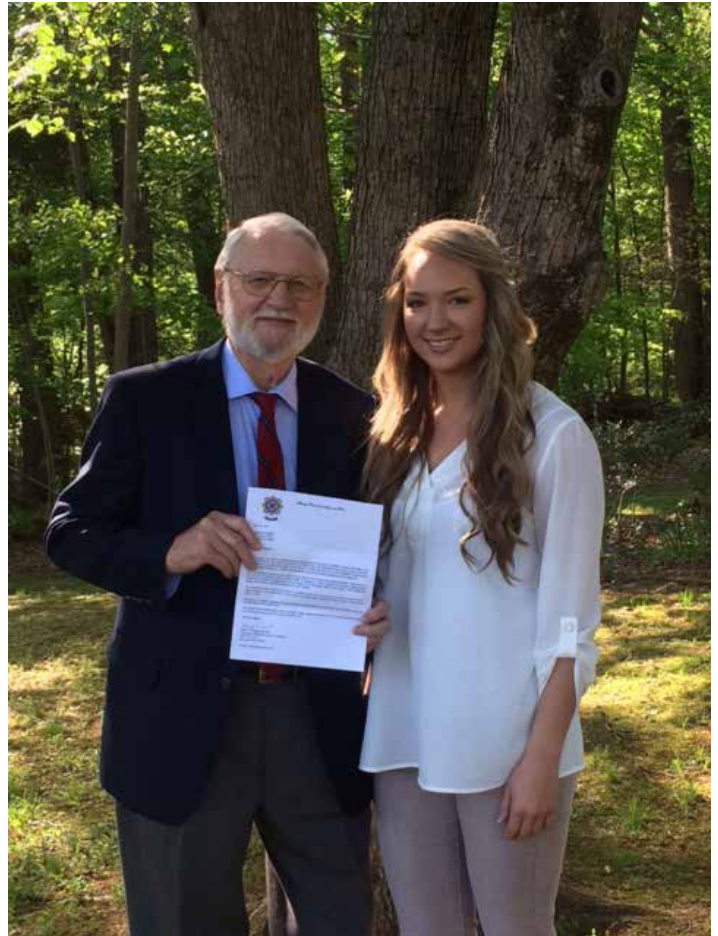
with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Chairman of the Mattie Clyburn Rice Memorial Dedication Committee for their support to this special day on October 18, 2014 in Monroe, North Carolina that will never be forgotten.

Damon Webb, Ronnie Roach and Ron Perdue experienced a memorable day on March 7, 2015 at the 27th Annual Confederate Flag Day in the historic House of Representatives Chamber at the old North Carolina State Capitol in Raleigh co-sponsored by our compatriots in the Raleigh Chapter.

The Chapter's Memorial Cannon Crew participated in the annual Confederate Memorial Service held at High Point's Oakwood Cemetery on May 3, 2015.

The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 is excited to report the news from Charter Member **Lawrence McFall** that his granddaughter, **Elizabeth Slaughter**, was notified that she was selected for the 2015

Elizabeth Slaughter Wins MOS&B Scholarship



Past Chapter Commander Lawrence McFall with his granddaughter Elizabeth Slaughter.

MOS&B General Robert E. Lee Scholarship.

This is very exciting news for our chapter as sponsors for her application to be considered for this award.

This is a testament of what we are about – as descendants passing on our proud heritage to our future generations. Our congratulations to Com-patriot McFall who is very proud grandfather and Miss Slaughter for this recognition.

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Raleigh - Waddell Chapter



Capt. Waddell Chapter Lt. Commander Gary Hall is shown giving the program at the March 19th meeting of the Chapter on "Irish Confederates."

RALEIGH—The Capt. Waddell Chapter No. 32 met March 19th at the BBQ Lodge in North Raleigh. Chapter Lt. Commander **Gary Hall** gave the program on "Irish in the War Between the States - Irish Confederates." The Chapter also heard a report from member **Dave Henderson** who attended the Annual Confederate Navy-Marine Corps Day ceremony in Annapolis, MD on March 14th. The ceremony, sponsored by the Capt. James Waddell SCV Camp in Annapolis, honors Confederate



Dave Henderson is shown placing a memorial wreath at the grave of Capt. Waddell in Annapolis, MD on March 14, 2015.

Navy and Marine Corps members buried in the St. Anne's Cemetery. Compatriot Henderson placed a wreath at our chapter's namesake's grave Capt. James I. Waddell, C.S.N.

Members of the chapter participated in the annual Oakwood Cemetery Confederate Memorial Service held May 2, 2015. The Chapter placed their wreath at the grave of Lt. Thomas J. Dunahoo, Co. H, GA Calvary, who was killed in battle near Raleigh on April 12, 1865. The service was

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Capt. Waddell member Darwin Roseman served as Master of Ceremonies of the May 2nd Confederate Memorial Service held at Oakwood Cemetery.

sponsored by the Col. Leonidas L. Polk SCV Camp in Garner. Master of Ceremonies was Polk Camp Commander **Darwin Roseman**, a member of the Chapter. Members helped place over 1,400 battle flags on the graves of Confederate Veterans buried in the cemetery.

Approximately 100 people were in attendance which included music by **Debbie Roseman**, regimental and artillery salutes, and the raising of the

Confederate Third National Flag. NC Sesquicentennial Commission Executive Director Bernhard Thuersam from Wilmington gave the memorial address. The Capt. Samuel A. Ashe and the Johnston Pettigrew UDC Chapters sponsored a reception in the House of Memory following the ceremony. Other Chapter members participating were **Frank Powell**, **James Izzell**, **Tom Smith**, and **Byron Brady**.

Raleigh - Webb Chapter

RALEIGH—The Colonel Robert F. Webb Chapter met April 21, 2015 at the Tribeca Tavern in Raleigh. Chapter Commander **Bill Jarrett** called the meeting to order. The Chapter discussed the possibility of two new members and mourned over the lost of one of their members and prominent NC historian **Bill Powell**.

NC Society Adjutant **Byron Brady** gave the program on “The Escape Trail of John Wilkes Booth.”

William S. Powell 1919 - 2015

Renowned North Carolina Historian William S. “Bill” Powell, a member of the Col. Robert F. Webb Chapter MOS&B, passed away in Chapel Hill on April 10, 2015. Compatriot Powell was the author of more than 100 books and articles on North Carolina history. Bill and was inducted into the NC Literary Hall of Fame in 2008.

Born in Johnston County in 1919, Bill grew up in Statesville and graduated from Mitchell Junior College in 1938. In 1940, he graduated from UNC-CH and entered the U.S. Army to serve during War World II. Bill is survived by Virginia, his wife of 63 years; and three children. Virginia is considered a honorary member of the Col. Webb Chapter.

International Headquarters News

MOS&B GEC Meets in Vicksburg

VICKSBURG, MS—Members of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars General Executive Council convened for their Spring meeting held at the Hampton Inn & Suites. Following the meeting, members enjoyed a guided tour of the Vicksburg National Military Park.



Shown attending the March 14, 2015 GEC Meeting in Vicksburg are (standing left to right) PCIC Troy Massey, PCIC Anthony Hodges, PCIC Beau Cantrell, JAG Tarry Beasley, PGC Toni Turk, PGC Max Waldrop, AOTC David Floyd, ANVC Michael Farr, PCIC Ed Caille-teau, and ATMC Robert Turk. Shown seated (left to right) are IHQ Manager Byron Brady, LTCG Harold Davis, GC Howard Jones, AG Wayne Snodgrass, and TG Cain Griffin.

GEC Votes for North Carolina Society to Host 2017 National Convention

VICKSBURG, MS—At the March 14, 2015 meeting of the MOS&B General Executive Council, the Council approved the North Carolina's Society's bid to host the 2017 National Convention in Wilmington, NC. The Convention is set to be held July 6-9, 2017 with the Wilmington Hilton as the host hotel. More details to follow as the full convention schedule is formulated.



IHQ To Move to Raleigh

RALEIGH—The International Headquarters of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars has moved from Virginia Beach, VA to Raleigh.

Byron Brady, NC Society Adjutant, will head up IHQ. The new mailing address is:

**MOS&B IHQ
P.O. Box 18901
Raleigh, NC 27619**



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National News

Alexandria, VA National Convention

ALEXANDRIA, VA—Make your plans now to attend the 2015 MOS&B National Convention to be held at the Hotel Monaco in Old Town Alexandria. Set for July 11-14, 2015, the convention will feature business sessions, Awards Luncheon, Prayer Breakfast, and several tours of area sights such as Arlington National Cemetery and other sites in the historic Alexandria area. Registration forms are available on the MOS&B web page.



Historic Old Town Alexandria, Virginia



Christ Episcopal Church, Alexandria, where both George Washington and Robert E. Lee had designated pews



Iwo Jima Memorial, adjacent to Arlington Cemetery



Lee Mansion, Arlington Cemetery



Mount Vernon



The Confederate Monument, Arlington Cemetery



Statue of Stonewall Jackson at Manassas National Military Park

Reduced Registration Deadline is May 31, 2015

The three-day convention is filled with business sessions, luncheons, and tours of the area historic sites.

Make your reservations today. The deadline for the reduced registration fee of \$85.00 per member is May 31, 2015. After this date, the registration fee will be \$105.00 per person.