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NC Society holds successful recruitment event at the 2016 NC Division SCV Reunion

ALBERMARLE—The NC Society manned a recruitment booth at the NC Division Sons of Confederate Veterans 2016 Reunion on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Commander **Dave Edwards** was assisted by Adjutant **Byron Brady** and Chief of Staff **Ronnie Roach**. The booth was busy all day with SCV members requesting MOSB brochures and information.



NC Society Commander **David M. Edwards** (left) and NC Society Chief of Staff **Ronnie Roach** are shown at the NC Society MOSB recruitment booth during the NC Division SCV's 2016 Reunion in Albermarle on April 30, 2016. The Society had a very successful day recruiting new members.



SCV LTCIC **Thomas Strain** conducts swearing in ceremony for newly elected SCV Division Commander **Kevin Stone** and Lt. Commander **Ron Perdue**.

NC SCV Elects Stone, Perdue

ALBERMARLE—Kevin Stone of Sanford was elected the new Commander of the NC Division SCV at their 2016 Reunion held April 30, 2016 in Albermarle. Kevin is the Commander of the Nathan Bedford Forrest SCV Camp 803, Sanford, and the head of the SCV's Mechanized Cavalry.

Ron Perdue was elected the new Division Lt. Commander. Ron serves as Commander of the Lt. F. C. Frazier SCV Camp 668, High Point, and is also Commander of the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter MOSB located in Greensboro. He was also the Editor of *The Carolina Confederate*.



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NC Society News

Welcome New Members

Gov. Zebulon Baird Vance NC HQ Chapter

Jerry C. Austin, Charlotte

Jeffrey A. Elmore, Shelby

Edward Lee Harris, Jr., Belhaven

Welcome New Life Members

Larry T. Brown, Greensboro

Glenn E. Kye, Winnabow

Carlton M. Mansfield, Pembroke

Ronald Lee Perdue, High Point

Damen C. Webb, Archdale

Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society Military Order of the Stars & Bars 2016 Convention

June 11, 2016 - 11:30 AM

Carolina BBQ

1602 South College Road, Wilmington, NC

**Free historical tour of Oakdale Cemetery to follow the conven-
tion. Please rsvp to lk18@bellsouth.net
if you will be taking the cemetery tour.**

Hosted by the

**Gen. W. H. C. Whiting Chapter No. 305
Wilmington**

Society Commander's Message

David M. Edwards, Commander, Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society

Compatriots:

I hope this finds you well. Spring is in full swing with very nice weather. Our National Convention is very soon, and our State Convention follows. I will not be able to attend the National Convention this year due to three other events that I must attend during the same time period. But I look forward to seeing you at the State Convention at Wilmington in June. Thanks to the Whiting Chapter for hosting our Convention. Both Conventions will be well worth attending.

I have an old book published in 1885 titled *The Southern Poems Of The War* which is a collection of poetry compiled by Emily V. Mason to aid in the education of daughters of Confederate homes, to fit teachers, and to preserve the hopes, triumphs, and sorrows of the War. One poem that I would like to share in hopes that all the readers may find relevant to their ancestral patriots.

Answer of a Rebel to A Yankee Montague

*I did not flinch before your sword
In the battle's fiercest hour;
I will not bend before you now
That I am in your power.*

*I dare your worst! I fear you not!
I've but one life to lose;
And if I mourn my country's lot,
Kind Heaven the tear excuse!*

*The Southern spirit, warm and true,
Doth still inspire my heart
To bear my trials firmly through,
Till I from life depart.*

*The sapling weak the winds suborn,
It rises when they've passed;
The oak is by the roots uptorn,
It bends not to the blast.*

The last line reminds me of what is the first known Confederate monument erected in Cheraw, SC at the St. David's Church Cemetery. Erected in 1867 by the local Ladies Memorial Association, the occupying Yankees would not allow the word "Confederate" on the monument. So, on one side of the monument there is the inscription - "Stranger - Bold champions of the South revere their tombs with love. Brave heroes slumber here." On another side is inscribed "They



*North Carolina Commander
David M. Edwards*

have crossed over the river and they rest in the shade of the trees." Then on another side there is an oak by the roots up-torn, not all the way torn out of the ground. Under the oak is inscribed- "Fallen-Not Dead". Our land was devastated by the war and in the month of May it is time for us to pay tribute to our ancestors in memorial services. We need to pause in remembrance of their lives and be strong like an oak in defense of our Southern culture.

I hope you will take the time and attend one or more memorial services. Whether it is a private ceremony at a lone grave or a large cemetery. Our Southern culture may be "fallen" in this politically correct world. But we are not dead. Let us continue to hold memorial services to our Rebel ancestors and be ready with an answer to the Yankees - Deo vindice!

Chapter News

News From Across
The North Carolina Society

Greensboro Chapter

GREENSBORO—On Saturday, February 13, 2016 chapter member Keith Jones presented his history program entitled *April 1861 in North Carolina Newspapers* from his extensive research of the War Between the States. This presentation was a unique glimpse of how much difference a month can make as reported from local newspapers during this period in our history.



Chapter member Keith Jones is shown addressing the February 13th meeting of the Chapter on *April 1861 in North Carolina Newspapers*.

On April 10, 2016, the Orange Light Artillery 40th NC Troops, CSA, Patterson's Battery and members of the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 served as Confederate Memorial Cannon Crew at the annual Memorial Service at the Old Lutheran Cemetery in Salisbury, NC.



Orange Light Artillery 40th NC Troops, CSA Patterson's Battery paying respect to Col. Charles Fisher at his grave site. Fort Fisher was names in his honor. Memorial Service at the Old Lutheran Cemetery in Salisbury, NC (Confederate section) April 10, 2016.



Orange Light Artillery 40th NC Troops, CSA Patterson's Battery with Yvonne Brown and 6 members of the Sons of Union Veteran of the Civil War in the Confederate Section of the Old Lutheran Cemetery in Salisbury, NC.

Chapter News continued

Raleigh - Waddell Chapter



Larry Norman of Louisburg is shown addressing the February 18, 2016 meeting of the Chapter held at the BBQ Lodge.

RALEIGH—The Captain James I. Waddell held their February 18th meeting at the BBQ Lodge in Raleigh. Louisburg Attorney and SCV member Larry Norman was on hand to address the Chapter on *Our Confederate Flag*.

On March 5th, Chapter Adjutant Byron Brady represented the Chapter at the Annual Confederate Navy & Marine Corp Day in Annapolis, MD. Sponsored by the Captain James I. Waddell SCV Camp, Annapolis, the ceremony honors the 17 members of the Confederate Navy and Marine Corp buried in St. Anne's Cemetery in Annapolis.



The Maryland SCV Color Guard positioned around the grave of Capt. James I. Waddell, CSN.



Shown left to right are Chapter Lt. Commander Gary Lee Hall, Phillip Hall, Barbara Hall, and Chapter Adjutant Byron E. Brady attending the Last Capitol of the Confederacy's Old South Ball in Danville, VA on April 2, 2016.



Chapter News continued

Raleigh - Webb Chapter

RALEIGH—On Tuesday evening, April 19, a small but dedicated band of our members gathered together in order to conduct the business of the chapter and enjoy the companionship of our brothers, at our usual meeting venue, the Tribeca Tavern, in North Raleigh. The meeting was brought to order by the commander, Bill Jarrett, then the floor was given to the adjutant, Bill Berryhill, to discuss old business, which included the perennial need to recruit new members into the chapter. Afterwards, our vice commander and treasurer, Drake Berryhill, brought us up to date on the chapter's finances.

Under new business, Sam Currin gave us a brief presentation on the upcoming Heritage Day at the North Carolina Legislature. A number of Southern heritage organizations, such as the MOSB, SCV, and UDC, are participating in this important event, as well as other invited societies and organizations. It is hoped that this day will provide our elected state representatives an opportunity to meet members of these organizations and establish a rapport with them.

After supper, Commander Jarrett was finally able to give his presentation on his Confederate ancestor, Captain John Carson. He discussed his ancestor's origins in the foothills of western North Carolina, where his family has settled in the late 18th century. Commander Jarrett briefly talked about Captain Carson's service in Company D, 6th North Carolina Infantry Regiment. Towards the end of the War Between the States and after his return home to McDowell County, Captain Carson commanded Company A, 17th North Carolina Battalion (Major Alphonso C. Avery).

As a final announcement, the members present were informed that the next chapter meeting would be on Tuesday evening, July 19th, at 7 o'clock. Then, the final meeting for the year would be the same time on Tuesday, October 18th. So, with all said and done, the meeting was adjourned and we returned to our homes.

We welcome all current members of the NC Society of the MOS&B, as well as our past chapter members and prospective members, to join us for an evening of conviviality and camaraderie. Our meetings are always on the third Tuesday of the first month of each quarter. We meet at the Tribeca Tavern (6004 Falls of the Neuse Road), in North Raleigh.



Shown left to right is Bill Jarrett, Commander of the Col. Robert F. Webb Chapter and Sam Currin, chapter associate member. Sam was the organizer for the Heritage Lobby Day at the North Carolina General Assembly.

Chapter News continued

Wilmington Chapter

WILMINGTON—The first 2016 meeting of the Gen. W.H.C. Whiting Chapter No. 305 met on March 19 with member Larry Brown giving a presentation on *Brig. Gen. Archibald C. Godwin*.



Born in Virginia, he grew to an astounding height for the time, 6'6". He left home at age 19 to eventually amass a fortune in the California gold rush and other ventures. Hearing of his native state's secession, he put his considerable business and land holdings in the hands of two friends and returned to Virginia to volunteer in the Confederate Army, commissioned as a Major and Assistant Provost Marshall at Libby Prison in Richmond. He impressed Pres. Jefferson Davis and was sent to Salisbury, NC as Commandant. While overseeing Salisbury Prison, he longed to fight, and organized and trained the 57th NC Regiment, attaining the rank of Colonel. He was the commanding officer of Larry's ancestor, Capt. James Henry Sloan of Co. A 57th NC Troops. Gaining a reputation as a hard fighter, Godwin participated in the Battle of Fred-

ericksburg, Chancellorsville, Cemetery Hill, Bristoe Station and Rappahannock Bridge, where he was captured by an overwhelming swarm of Union forces and sent to Johnson's Island Prison. Exchanged in the summer of 1864, he returned to battle in the Shenandoah Valley and was promoted to Brigadier General. After heavy fighting at the 3rd Battle of Winchester, he rode out to inspect his lines and was instantly killed by an exploding overhead Union artillery shell. Mourned by his superiors and subordinates alike, he was buried in the Stonewall Jackson Cemetery at Winchester, VA.

The meeting continued with planning for the state NC Society MOSB meeting in Wilmington on June 11, at the Carolina BBQ, 1602 South College Rd. A tour of significant graves in historic Oakdale Cemetery was discussed, to follow the meeting. If you would like to be included in the tour, please email lk18@bellsouth.net so we can get a head count. We hope you can attend, as we will be making plans for the MOSB National Convention in 2017 and your input is valued.



Shown are members of the Maj. Gen. Whiting MOSB Chapter and Kate Whiting Chapter Order of Confederate Rose at their meeting on March 19, 2016.

A Final Resting Place for Henry C. Latta

By E. Michael Latta, Gov. Zebulon B. Vance NC HQ Chapter No. 307

2nd Lt. Henry Caly Latta was laid to rest in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia, on November 14, 2015. It was one-hundred fifty-one years, five months and eight days following his approximate date of death.

The order of ceremony for 2nd Lt. Henry Clay Latta as well as the headstone dedication shows that these activities were the efforts of the Edmund Ruffin Fire Eaters SCV Camp No. 3000 in Richmond, Virginia. The Commander of this Camp is Jimmy Creech, also a MOSB member. His mother was Joyce Faye Latta Creech; her great, great grandfather was the father of Henry Clay Latta.

The life and exploits of Henry C. Latta in the War Between the States, as was known at that time, was published in the *Confederate Veteran* magazine, March/April 2015 issue, along with his photograph. What was not known at that time, was where he died, and where he was bur-

ied. 2nd Lt. Latta died in Confederate Hospital No. 4 in Richmond, Virginia, due in large measure to military wounds. His date of death, depends on which record is searched.

His final burial site and military headstone is shown below along with a Color Guard with a Bagpiper playing. Lt. Latta's headstone reads that he was a "Roll of Honor Member." In the photo of the color guard, the second officer from the left is Charlie Creech. He is carrying the 3rd National Confederate Flag. His mother was also Joyce Faye Latta Creech.

At the end of the ceremony a poem was read by its author with written permission from him.



Members of the Edmund Ruffin Fire Eaters SCV Camp, Mechanicsville, VA are shown proving a honor guard for the Ceremony of Henry Clay Latta.



Grave of Henry Clay Latta, Hollywood Cemetery.

NC Museum of History Holds Tar Heel Junior Historian Awards Ceremony

RALEIGH—The Tar Heel Junior Historians Program, sponsored by the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh, held their 2016 Convention on April 29, 2016. All events were held at the Raleigh museum site.

The Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society MOSB sponsored a War Between the States Essay Contest at the Elementary, Intermediate, and Secondary school levels. **George Pearson**, a member of the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter in Raleigh presented the Awards on behalf of the Society. Society Commander **David M. Edwards** and Society Adjutant **Byron Brady** judged the essays.

The NC Society congratulates the winners of our sponsored essays.

NC Society Sponsored War Between the States Essay Contest Winners

Elementary Level: 1st Place—**Jacob Hill**, History Hounds of Central Carolina, NC Homeschool Adventures; 2nd Place—**Susannah Young**, Homeschoolers Unfolding NC History.

Intermediate Level: 1st Place—**Eden Revels**, Homeschoolers Unfolding NC History; 2nd Place—**David Young**, Homeschoolers Unfolding NC History.

Secondary Level: 1st Place: **Seth Young**, Homeschoolers Unfolding NC History, Johnston County Home Educators; 2nd Place—(tie) **Kailee Ellege**, SMH Over History, Smith McDowell House and **Megan Hastings**, Piedmont Patriot Historians, Piedmont Community Charter School.

Some of the winners are shown below.



Jacob Hill - 1st place winner of the Elementary War Between the States Essay Contest from the NC Homeschool Adventures.



Eden Revels - 1st place winner of the Intermediate War Between the States Essay Contest from the Homeschoolers unfolding NC History.



Kailee Ellege - 2nd place winner (tie) of the Secondary War Between the States Essay Contest from the Smith McDowell House.

Heritage Day at the General Assembly

RALEIGH—The NC Society MOSB joined with the SCV, UDC, Children of the Confederacy, Order of the Confederate Rose, Sons of the American Revolution, and the 6th & 26th NC Regiment Reenactors for the inaugural Heritage Lobby Day at the North Carolina General Assembly on May 10, 2016 - Confederate Memorial Day in North Carolina. Recruitment booths were set up by these organizations in the northeast courtyard of the building. At 2:00 PM when both the NC House and NC Senate went into session, all organizations were recognized in the gallery and asked to stand. The Stars & Bars flew over the State Capitol dome all day.



Wreath laying ceremony at the Confederate Monument on Capitol Square was held at 10:00 AM.



Confederates lobbying the halls of the NC General Assembly.



Raleigh-Waddell and Greensboro Chapter members.



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 Confederate States of America

For more information and to find the
 closest camp to you, go to their web page

ncscv.org

Or contact Andrew Johnson at:
ncscv2ndltcommander@hotmail.com



The North Carolina House Chamber during the recognition of Heritage Organizations during Confederate Heritage Lobby Day.



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Military Order of the Stars and Bars Announces 2016 History Teacher of the Year



Randall D. Young

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars has named Randall D. Young of Thomasville, Georgia, as their 2016 Randall Brackin Jones History Teacher of the Year. This award is given to a deserving teacher of War Between the States and Southern Culture history.

Mr. Young is the current Director of the Audio/Video, Television & Film Department at Thomas County Central High School in Thomasville, GA (grades 9-12). He has a BA in Fine Arts in Television/Radio Production (cum laude) from Valdosta State University (1985) and received his Masters in Education Leadership From Valdosta State in 2004.

His honors include receiving the United Daughters of the Confederacy Jefferson Davis Medal in 1999 for efforts in teaching Confederate history using technology. In 2009, he was named Teacher of the Year for both the Thomas County High School and the Thomas County School System. He was also a finalist for the Georgia State Teacher of the Year. In 2011, he was named to the Thomasville/Thomas County Sports Hall of Fame for 25 years volunteering as "The Voice of Thomas County Football." He writes a weekly column for the *Thomasville Times-Enterprise* newspaper.

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars is proud of the accomplishments of their 2016 Randall Bracken Jones History Teacher of the Year winner.

2016 National Convention Set for Fairhope, AL May 19-21st

FAIRHOPE, AL—The Hampton Inn Fairhope-Mobile Bay Hotel will be the headquarters for the 2016 Military Order of the Stars and Bars national convention. This years host will be the Brig. Gen. St. John Richardson Liddell Chapter No. 271 located in Bay Minette, Alabama.

The Convention begins Thursday evening (May 19) with a Commander General's Reception. Business Sessions are held on Friday and Saturday (May 20th & 21st). The Annual Awards Luncheon will be on Friday and the convention concludes on Saturday evening with the Commander General's Banquet. Complete convention registration is available on the MOSB national web page.

This will be an election year for all Department and National Offices.



MOS&B GEC Meets in Franklin February 20th

FRANKLIN, TN— The Winter 2016 meeting of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars General Executive Council was held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Franklin, on February 20, 2016.

Members representing the ANV Department were Lt. CG Harold Davis, Charleston, SC; ANV Councilor Michael Farr, Inman, SC; ANV Councilor Byron Brady, Raleigh, and Treasurer General Cain Griffin, Charleston.



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