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Wilmington set to host the 2017 National Convention

WILMINGTON, NC – The last major seaport open to the Confederacy will be the site of the 2017 Military Order of the Stars and Bars National Convention. The three-day convention is set to take place on Wilmington's historic waterfront at the Best Western Coastline Inn & Conference Center July 6-8, 2017.

The 2017 convention will open on Thursday night with the Commander General's Reception featuring a visit from famed Confederate Spy Rose O'Neal Greenhow. Special ladies activities are included in this year's convention which will conclude Saturday evening with a banquet at the historic Cape Fear Club. The Convention Committee has met several times and will soon release the convention preregistration information packets.



Wilmington, North Carolina's historic waterfront at one time was filled with Blockade Runners supplying much needed goods for the Confederate war effort and for the people of the South.



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NC Society News

Welcome New Transfer Member

Major General W.H.C. Whiting Chapter 305
Walter Robert Newton, Farmville

Welcome New Members

Major General W.H.C. Whiting Chapter 305
Nathan Edward Kye, Winnabow, NC
Timothy Wade Kye, Winnabow, NC
John Howard Talley, IV, Columbia, SC
Stephen P. Talley, Leland, NC

Welcome New Society Life Members

Major General W.H.C. Whiting Chapter 305
Donald Watson, Wilmington

Gov. Zebulon Vance NC HQ Chapter 307
Michael Latta, Raleigh



NC Society Commander David M. Edwards (left) is shown presenting Donald Watson his new NC Society Life Membership Certificate.

Society Commander's Message

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

Greeting Compatriots,

I wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! A great year is in store for the North Carolina Society as we are hosting the National Convention in Wilmington during July. I hope everyone will seriously consider attending. My wife and I were recently discussing the various conventions of different historical societies that we are members of. We both agreed that none match the MOSB's conventions. Costs are lowest and events are better. Plan now on attending and see if you don't agree!

Having just enjoyed Thanksgiving, I decided to look into how Thanksgiving Day was mentioned in New York and Anson County newspapers between the years of 1861 and 1864. There were many annual articles in the New York newspapers on the observance of Thanksgiving Day. In the *North Carolina Argus* (published in Wadesboro) there was only one - that Thanksgiving Day was September 18, 1862.

"Once more upon the Plains of Manassas have our armies been blessed by the Lord of Hosts with a triumph over our enemies. It is my privilege to invite you once more to His footstool, not now in the garb of fasting and sorrow, but in joy and gladness, to render thanks for the great mercies received at his hands. A few months

since and our enemies poured forth their invading legions upon our soil. They laid waste our fields, polluted our alters, and violated the sanctify of our homes. Around our capital they gathered their forces, and, with boastful threats, claimed it as already their prize. The brave troops which rallied to its defense have distinguished those vain hopes, and under the guidance of the same Almighty hand, have scattered our enemies and driven them back in dismay. Uniting these defeated forces and the various armies which had been ravaging our coast with the army of invasion in Northern Virginia, our enemies have renewed their attempt to subjugate us at the very place where their first effort was defeated and the vengeance of retributive justice has overtaken the entire host in a second and complete overthrow.

To this signal success accorded to our arms in the East has been graciously added another equally brilliant in the West. On the very day on which our forces were led to victory on the Plains of Manassas, in Virginia, the same Almighty arm assisted us to overcome our enemies at Richmond, in Kentucky. Thus as once and the same time have two great hostile armies been stricken down and the wicked designs of our enemy set at nought

In such circumstances it is meet and right, that as a people



*North Carolina Commander
David M. Edwards*

we should bow down in adoring thankfulness to that Gracious God, who has been our bulwark and defense, and to offer unto him the tribute of thanksgiving and praise. In His hand is the issue of all events, and to Him should we in an especial manner ascribe the honor of this great deliverance.

Now, therefore, I, Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States, do issue this my proclamation, setting apart Thursday, the 18th day of September inst, as a day of Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the great mercies vouchsafed to our people, and more especially for the triumph of our arms at Richmond and at Manassas; and I do hereby invite the people of the Confederate States to meet on that day at their respective places of public worship, and to unite in rendering Thanks and Praise to God for these great mercies, and to implore him to conduct our country safely through the perils which surround us, to the final attainment of the blessings of peace and security.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Confederate States at Richmond this fourth day of September AD 1862 By the President: Jefferson Davis, J.P. Benjamin, Secretary of State”

There was a follow-up article printed below the proclamation titled “God’s Providence Over Us”. Psalm 107 verses 1-21 were quoted.

1. Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3. And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

4. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

5. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

7. And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

8. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

9. For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

10. Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;

11. Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:

12. Therefore he brought down their heart with labor; they fell down, and there was none to help.

13. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

14. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

15. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

16. For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17. Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

18. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

19. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.

20. He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

21. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

“The above is a portion of the 107th Psalm. We copy it for the reason, that those who never look between the lids of God’s Book, and who, if they do not see and read it in some out-of-the-way place, like the present, may never see and read it, may do so. We give it as a piece of news, and call special attention to it. We desire that it may be read by all who see it, this Thanksgiving Day morning. It will be a fitting prelude to the duties of the day. If there be

one in our midst whose heart is not touched by the unmistakable evidence of God’s presence and power and manifest interference in behalf of the people of the South – if there be one who cannot see, and seeing, appreciate His goodness, mercy and loving kindness towards us as a people, that one must be morally blind and dead to all humanizing affluences, with a heart as hard as the nether millstone. We are called upon by every consideration – human and divine – to give thanks to Him to whom they are due. This is our first duty. Let us then evidence that we are sincere by assembling ourselves together and unitedly (being with one accord in one place) pour forth songs of gratitude and praise to Him, who, if worshiped acceptably must be worshiped in spirit and in truth.”

What is fascinating to me is how the North celebrated Thanksgiving Day in November, year after year, in much the same manner as we do today. In a lot of ways, Southerners have been subjugated and assimilated. The liberal Northerners who want to vanish all traces of our Confederate heritage recognize this. They jokingly refer to the South as “Jesus Land”. But, how much better would our Nation be if we observed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day in worship, in spirit and in truth. Let’s stand together, honoring our Confederate ancestors, and God by observing these days the way God wants us to observe them. It is part of our heritage.

Deo Vindice

28th Annual

Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration

**Saturday, January 21, 2017
1:00 PM**

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

**Keynote Speaker
Brigadier General Gary Pendleton
United States Army Reserves, 1966-1991**

The ceremony is open to the public

**Sponsored by:
Captain James Iredell Waddell Chapter MOSB, Raleigh
Captain Samuel A'Court Ashe Chapter UDC, Raleigh
47th Regiment NC Troops Camp SCV, Wake Forest**

Chapter News

News From Across
The North Carolina Society

Greensboro Chapter



Chapter Commander Ron Perdue at the Rockingham County Veterans Park

GREENSBORO—The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 joined with the Reidsville SCV and UDC May 29, 2016, for their annual Confederate Memorial Service at Rockingham County Veterans Park. Commander Perdue delivered the keynote address.

On June 11, 2016, the chapter was well represented with members Larry Brown, Bill Bunting, Keith Jones, Ronald Lee Perdue, Ronnie Roach, Dwain Roberts and John Williams present at the 2016 North Carolina Society Convention in Wilmington.

On Saturday, July 23, 2016, the Virginia Flaggers raised another flag which is their largest to date in the

Last Capitol of the Confederacy. This epic event was supported by descendants of Confederate Veterans from all over the South.

The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67, originally formed in Danville, Virginia, thanks Susan Frise Hathaway and the VA Flaggers for raising another flag in response to the city council taking the flag down at the historical museum. Our members were proud to support them and our Orange Light Artillery, 40th NC Troops, CSA was honored to make some noise in the Confederate Memorial Cannon Crew.

On November 5, 2016, member Keith Jones shared his new program at the chapter's quarterly meeting at their Monticello Headquarters. This interesting program on South Carolina soldiers at the Battle of Gettysburg was based on his new book *Echoes from Gettysburg – South Carolina Memories and Images*. They enjoyed an evening of great food, fellowship and history.



Chapter member Keith Jones addressing the Chapter on November 5, 2016.

Chapter News continued

Raleigh - Waddell Chapter

RALEIGH—Don Scott, Commander of the Col. Leonidas L. Polk SCV Camp, Garner, addressed the November 17, 2016, meeting of the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter 32. His program was on *Confederate General Stephen Dill Lee*.

Two of the Chapter members will be honored at the 28th Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration to be held at the NC State Capitol in Raleigh on January 21, 2017.

Michael Cooper will be awarded the War Service Medal by both the MOSB and SCV for his service in the US Air Force in Iraq. **Darwin Roseman** will be awarded the Southern Cross of Honor by the MOSB for his service in the US Army.

Wilmington Chapter

WILMINGTON – On August 13, 2016, several members of the NC Society of the MOSB, the Gen. W.H.C. Whiting Chapter 305 and the local OCR Chapter 46 came together to continue to plan for the MOSB National Convention to be held in Wilmington in the summer of 2017. Shown above right from left are Harry Watts, Dave Edwards, Donald and Martha Watson, George Valsame, Yvonne and Larry Brown, Linda Lashley and Byron Brady. Volunteers signed up for various assignments with the attendees agreeing to come back in October to report on their progress. OCR President Yvonne Brown advised that the OCR No. 46 members will contribute to the convention bags by sewing water bottle holders. She brought in a sample of her idea. She also suggested that members of the Society of the Black Rose, the OCR's "Mourning Ladies," would be available to meet the tour bus visiting Ft. Fisher. It was noted that entertainment for wives and girl-friends is a large part of the convention and tours are in the planning stages for them.



Shown from left are Harry Watt, Dave Edwards, Donald and Martha Watson, George Valsame, Yvonne and Larry Brown, Linda Lashley and Byron Brady.



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MOSB Scholarship Program is now Accepting Applications

The Military Order of Stars and Bars has established a college scholarship program for genealogically proven. It is time to start considering candidates for the 2017 awards. All Chapters and Societies are encouraged to submit applications of worthy individuals for these scholarships. Please carefully read all the necessary information on the MOSB national website.

www.militaryorderofthestarsandbars.org/scholarship-program/

Five copies of all requested material should be packaged together and mailed to: **MOS&B Scholarship Committee, c/o Gary M. Loudermilk, 2801 14th Street, Brownwood Texas 76801**

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2017, to be eligible.

If you have questions, please contact Committee Chairman Gary M. Loudermilk at the above address or email: gmlhdl@harrisbb.com

Gary M. Loudermilk, Scholarship Chairman



MOS&B GEC
set to meet in
Fort Worth
March 18th

FORT WORTH, TX– The Spring 2017 meeting of the MOSB General Executive Council will be held in Fort Worth, TX on Saturday, March 18, 2017.



Members of the Gen. Douglas H. Cooper Chapter 15, Oklahoma City, at the 48th Annual Stand Watie Birthday Party held in Edmond, OK, on December 3, 2016. Shown from left are PCG Jeffrey Massey, PCIC Beau Cantrell, Dr. James G. Caster, Lt. Commander-General Byron Brady from North Carolina, Patrick Sohrwide, Dr. Phillip Isett, PCIC Charles Smith, Lloyd Elder and Nick Massey. Dr. Caster delivered the tribute to General Watie. The event was sponsored by the Stand Watie Society.