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North Carolina Celebrates Robert E. Lee's Birthday

RALEIGH—UDC Archivist Teresa Roane delivered the keynote address to the 27th Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration held at the State Capitol January 16th. A standing-room only crowd of more than 150 people were in attendance in the historic House Chambers at the State Capitol. The ceremony was co-hosted by the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter, Raleigh.



UDC HQ Archivist Teresa Roane gave an inspiring address.



Teresa Roane is shown speaking in the historic North Carolina House Chambers during the ceremony.



The Stars and Bars flies over the Capitol during the ceremony.



Debbie Roseman provided music for the ceremony.



Confederate Color Guard from the Garner and Wake Forest SCV Camps posting the colors.

More Photos from the Robert E. Lee Celebration



NC Society MOSB Commander David M. Edwards brings greetings.



NC Division SCV Commander Danny Bolick brings greetings.



Karen Powers, President of the Captain Samuel A. Ashe UDC Chapter, Raleigh, served as Co-Host along with MOSB ANV Councilor Byron Brady.



Shown left to right are John Perry, Woody Ragan, Darwin Roseman, and Keith Hargraves of the combined Confederate Color Guard from the Col. Leonidas L. Polk SCV Camp, Garner, and the 47th Regiment NC Troops SCV Camp, Wake Forest.

Annual Confederate Flag Day Ceremony

Saturday, March 5, 2016 - 2:00 PM
Historic North Carolina House Chambers
State Capitol - Raleigh

Inaugural NC Legislative Day *For Confederate Heritage Organizations*

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

North Carolina General Assembly Building,
Raleigh
More details to follow

Both events sponsored by the
NC Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

**Robert E. Lee Birthday
Celebration photos
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NC Society News

Welcome New Members

Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter, Raleigh
Robinson W. Williams, Smithfield

Col. Robert F. Webb Chapter
Samuel T. Currin, Raleigh

Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter
James E. Gill, Jr., High Point

North Carolina Society Has 47% Increase in Membership

The North Carolina Society experienced a 47% increase in membership in 2015 over their 2014 totals. The Society reported 61 members at the end of 2014 and 90 members at the end of 2015. This increase was spearheaded by the chartering of the Gen. W.H.C. Whiting Chapter in Wilmington and the Gov. Zebulon B. Vance NC HQ Chapter.

Three Chapters had a 100% retention of members or an increase over their 2014 totals thus qualifying for the 2015 Lt. Gen. Simon Buckner Award. These were the **Capt. James Waddell Chapter, Raleigh**; the **Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter, Greensboro**; and the **Maj. Absolom Knox Simonton Chapter, Statesville**.

Wilmington Chapter to Host 2016 Society Convention

WILMINGTON—The Gen. W.H.C. Whiting Chapter No. 305 will host the 2016 NC Society Convention at the Carolina BBQ in Wilmington on Saturday, June 11th. The Chapter will also conduct a tour of Oakdale Cemetery following the meeting. The NC Society will host the 2017 MOSB National Convention.

Society Commander's Message

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

Greetings fellow compatriots! Winter is continuing its course. We have had temperature swings from cold to unseasonably warm. Attacks on our Confederate heritage continue also with monument and cemetery vandalism. The vandal of the "Silent Sam" monument at Chapel Hill was apprehended. To date, the criminal who damaged the tombstones in Oakwood Cemetery is still at large. The North Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has offered a two thousand-dollar reward for their arrest. If any compatriot would like to chip in for a similar reward from the North Carolina Society of the MOSB, please send designated funds to our Adjutant Byron Brady.

Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the Carolina BBQ, Wilmington, we will hold our NC Society Convention. Time will be 11 AM to 2 PM. They are located on College Road near the intersection with Oleander. Members of the Whiting Chapter will offer a tour of Oakdale Cemetery after the meeting for those interested. Should be a great State Convention.

Planning is continuing for our 2017 National Convention, which is to be held in Wilmington. Also don't forget that 2016 National Convention is being held in May to avoid bad weather. Location is at Fair Hope, Alabama.

I appreciated the invitation to attend the January 16 celebration of Robert E. Lee's Birthday at the Raleigh State Capitol. Thank you for all responsible for the event. Good events do not just happen, and I appreciate all the hard work by those compatriots. I also enjoyed visiting with many of you that day.

Did you participate in the Legacy Fund drive? Consider giving to this fund, and don't forget to give to the NC Society. Small amounts given by all members add up to great opportunities to promote our Society's objectives.

Sam Currin, of the Webb Chapter, and I have tentatively scheduled May 10 to meet with state legislation to thank them for defending Confederate history and heritage. If you wish to go with us, let me know.

Plan to attend the Confederate Flag Day on Saturday



*North Carolina Commander
David M. Edwards*

March 5 at the NC State Capitol in Raleigh. The celebration is scheduled to start at 1PM. Look forward to seeing you there.

If anyone would like to help with the Tarheel Junior Historian judging, please send me an email (david.edwards.de33@gmail.com). This is a great opportunity to serve as a judge, with no travel involved. The entries will be mailed to the judges with score sheets. Score sheets are sent in and final tallies made for the winners. Awards will be presented at the NC History Museum in April. Please consider this great opportunity to help our youth.

Please consider these opportunities and act. Remember and put into practice Stonewall Jackson's words – "All I am and all I have is at the service of my country."

Chapter News

News From Across
The North Carolina Society

Greensboro Chapter

We are pleased to report our guests, members and visitors enjoyed great food, fellowship and history on November 7th 2015 during our 4th Quarter Meeting at Monticello Headquarters. Chapter Member Damon Webb shared history for the evening from the diary of Sheriff Richard Pascal of Chatham County which was an insight into life back home during the war. The Sheriff served his community by keeping law and order during difficult times for the State of North Carolina. There were interesting stories from this diary which had detailed accounts of his daily activities with a glimpse of the battles, support to the cause, impacts of the Federal invasion to citizens and the sacrifices of those back home during the war.



Chapter Member Damon Webb



Chapter Commander Ron Perdue introducing the speaker, Teresa Roane, of Richmond, VA.

The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67 was well represented at the 27th Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration in support to our brethren from the Captain Iredell Waddell Chapter 32 in Raleigh. Keith Jones, Ronnie Roach, Damon Webb and I enjoyed this tribute to an American hero in the standing room only historic Chamber of the past House of Representatives.

It was an honor to have the privilege to introduce her to the packed room of fellow proud descendants of Confederate Veterans representing the Military Order of Stars & Bars, Order of Confederate Rose, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Miss Teresa presented a heartfelt inspirational tribute to Robert E. Lee who gave each of us an example of

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Greensboro Chapter

courage, character, faith, humility, principles and wisdom to follow in our lives while honoring the traditions of our ancestors.

We are grateful that she has provided this presentation for those who could not be present in this newsletter. On the behalf of our chapter we would like to thank her for this presentation and especially for her loyal commitment to sharing her knowledge by teaching the truth in our history.

She had the blessing of touching historical documents that many of us have never seen during her time as the Archivist at the Museum of the Confederacy when it existed. We will definitely not ever see them now since they were stored in boxes hidden to never to see the light of day because they contradict the "Fairy Tales" of the reasons of the war that has been taught in our schools for over 150 years.

On March 5, 2016, there will be another special day at the State Capitol starting at 2:00 pm that you do not want to miss. We encourage you to plan on joining us at the annual Confederate Flag Day and bring your family and friends.- *Ronald Lee Perdue, Commander*

Raleigh - Waddell Chapter

The Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter met November 19th at the BBQ Lodge, Raleigh, Chapter Commander **Gary Lee Hall** and Chapter Adjutant **Byron Brady** addressed the Chapter on the 150th Anniversary of the return of the *CSS Shenandoah* to Liverpool, England.

On January 16th, the chapter co-hosted the 27th Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration at the NC State Capitol (see Pages 1 and 2 for more related article). Chapter Adjutant **Byron Brady** was a co-master of ceremonies. Member **Darwin Roseman** led the Salute to the Confederate Flag and also participated in the combined Color Guard with member **John Perry**. **Debbie Roseman** furnished the music for the ceremony.

Raleigh - Webb Chapter

The Colonel Robert Fulton Webb Chapter #195 met for their 1st quarter and first meeting for 2016, on Tuesday evening, January 19. Due to our small attendance for the evening, we combined work and pleasure together, and had a working supper.

We commenced our meeting around 7 o'clock, at the Tribeca Tavern in North Raleigh and discussed old business. We started off with reviewing our chapter outing to the gravesite of our namesake, Colonel Robert F. Webb, and those of his wife and children, in the older section of Maplewood Cemetery, in downtown Durham. Four of us from the chapter made the trip, on that Sunday afternoon.

Then, we talked about the very successful 27th Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration, which was held in the Old House Chambers, in the State Capitol, the previous Saturday, January 16. It was noted that the keynote speaker was an archivist with the UDC, in the Richmond, Virginia, headquarters. The attendance was beyond expectation and most heartening. I, along with John Harman, was in attendance and represented the chapter.

Further into old business, we briefly discussed membership renewals and retention. Both seem to be perennial problems, but I'm confident that we are up to the challenge. We successfully filled the post of chapter treasurer with our vice commander, Drake Berryhill, consenting to take-on the additional responsibility. It relieves a burden from our chapter adjutant, Bill Berryhill. The last topic under old business was the new member recruitment and we have some definite prospects in mind.

Under new business, we discussed an idea proffered by one of our members. He had suggested a reward fund being established by the NC Society of the MOS&B for the identification and apprehension of those responsible for the recent wanton and malicious vandalism of monuments and headstones in the Confederate section of the Oakwood Cemetery, in downtown Raleigh. Each of the several active chapters of the state society could contribute a small amount, accord-

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Raleigh - Webb Chapter

ing to their means, to the fund with the state society adding to that amount. I discussed the idea with the Commander David M. Edwards, both on-line and prior to the General Lee Birthday Celebration, and he was very receptive of the idea.

So, as the hand on the clock gradually moved to 9 o'clock, we adjourned our meeting and bid each other a good evening. Then, we went into the night and journeyed back to our respective homes until the next time.

The Colonel Webb Chapter #195 meets quarterly, usually the third Tuesday of the first month of the quarter. Our next meeting will be April 19, at 7 PM, at the Tribeca Tavern (6004 Falls of the Neuse Road), in North Raleigh. 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 Southern conviviality and comradeship.

Wilmington Chapter

December 18, 2015 found the MOSB, Maj. Gen. Wm. Henry Chase Whiting Chapter No. 305, attending a joint meeting with the OCR (Order of the Confederate Rose-Katherine Davis Whiting-Magnolia Belles #46). The two groups partnered to host keynote speaker Lori Sanderlin, Curator-NC Maritime Museum at Southport, NC, who gave a riveting power-point presentation on our namesakes.



Several marriages within the two groups make joint meetings more economical for those traveling long distances, with members coming from as far away as Greensboro, NC and Myrtle Beach, SC to attend in Wilmington, NC.

Wilmington Chapter

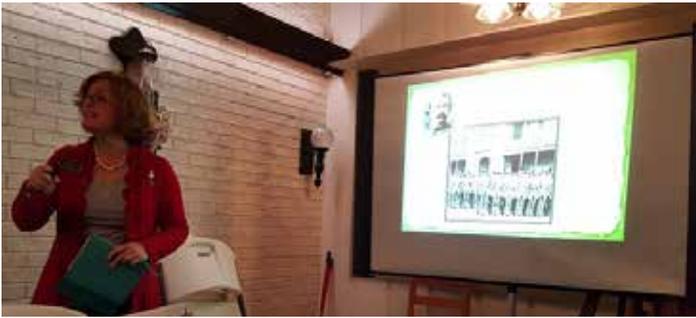


Larry Brown, left, and Lori Sanderlin.

Lori led us from Whiting's early days at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, from which he graduated first in the class of 1845, through his days as a brilliant engineer. Having been appointed Second Lieutenant of Engineers in the US Army, Whiting was involved in constructing seacoast defenses in Maryland and Florida and surveying military routes and frontier forts in west Texas. The year 1853 found him promoted to 1st Lieutenant and he was sent to California to erect harbor fortifications. In 1858, having spent five years improving rivers, canals, and harbors in NC, SC, GA, and FL, he was again promoted, this time to Captain, Corps of Engineers. After resigning his commission to fight for the Confederacy, he led men into battle, including the Seven Days War and eventually attained the rank of Maj. General. He was, as we all know, instrumental in the building of Ft. Fisher's fortifications. An interesting tid-bit Lori found in her research was of a newspaper "Lost and Found" notice about Whiting having lost his diary near Tom's Drug Store in Wilmington and asking for its return. She also answered the age old question about why Bragg was sent to Wilmington to take over command from Whiting. Whiting had written letters to the Governor and Pres. Davis, critiquing the performance of the Mississippi regiments and that did not find favor. Gov. Vance asked for Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard to replace Whiting, but Pres. Davis "sent his buddy" instead. Whiting was wounded during the siege of Ft. Fisher and taken prisoner, where he died March 10, 1865. His loving wife had him reinterred in Oakdale Cemetery -Wilmington in 1900, dying shortly thereafter.

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Wilmington Chapter



Chapter Commander Donald Watson

The MOSB Maj. Gen. Wm. Henry Chase Whiting Chapter #305 was honored to have **Larry Brown** invited to give the keynote address on January 9, at the annual United Daughters of the Confederacy, Chapter #3 Lee, Jackson, Maury Birthday Luncheon.



Larry Brown addressing the Lee-Jackson-Maury UDC Luncheon in Wilmington

Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne came to life for the ladies as Larry presented an in depth study of this lawyer, entrepreneur and pharmacist who was born on St. Patrick's Day and immigrated from Ireland to Helena, Arkansas. Formerly a Corporal in the British Army, he sided with the Confederacy due to his love of the Southern people, who had welcomed him to our shores.

Rising through the ranks from private to Maj. General, he became known as the "Stonewall of the West" after surviving the Battles of Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, among others, where he distinguished himself as a brilliant military tactician. After losing three horses, he met his fate bravely leading his men on foot with sword raised, at the Battle of Franklin, and was buried in Tennessee, later exhumed to his beloved adopted hometown of Helena.



Cape Fear UDC Chapter's Lee-Jackson-Maury Luncheon in Wilmington

The Maj. Gen. Whiting Chapter is proud to host the 2016 NC Society Convention in Wilmington on Saturday, June 11, 2016. More details to follow.

Tar Heel Junior Historian Association

The Tar Heel Junior Historian Association Civil War essay contest entries are due in early March 2016.

Their awards ceremony will be held on Friday, April 29 at the NC Museum of History in Raleigh.

Arnold & Cooley Sword and Bayonet Factory

In 1848, Earle Coole, a native of Middletown, Connecticut moved to Wadesboro. In time, he married a local woman and started a dry goods business with Seth Arnold, also a Middletown native. This business was located near the square of downtown Wadesboro on West Wade Street. Across from the store was a warehouse that they kept stocks of bacon, flour, corn meal, and other groceries.

Starting in February 1862 they had a contract with the Confederate Government to manufacture fire-arms, swords, and etc. The first factory was located on West Wade Street. In the beginning, they made swords, daggers, bowie knives and sword type bayonets. Advertisements were placed in the local paper for brass to make the sword and bayonet handles.

In March, 1862 as business improved, they leased a parcel of land owned by Alfred Baucom for one thousand dollars. The parcel was located off Jones Creek near Baucom's mill just outside Wadesboro. The factory built and the Baucom mill pond was enlarged to power the factory's overshot wheel. 500 pound bundles of steel were supplied by the Confederate Government. At this factory the newer style bayonets were made and also rifled muskets were assembled.

They had seven employees that are named in various documents. One was a slave named Adam belonging to George Willoughby. On May 13, 1863, Adam drowned in the factory pond. He and some other workers went to the pond for a swim after dinner. It was supposed that he was overheated and cramped after diving into the fifteen-foot deep water. Efforts were made to resuscitate him, but the efforts failed

It is not known how many swords, bayonets, and rifled muskets were made at the factory.

The only known Arnold & Cooley sword (a copy of the Nathan Starr sword) resides in the Greensboro Historical Museum. Earle Cooley's daughter gave to the sword to the museum.

Below is a similar pattern sword. This sword belonged to Colonel Risdan T. Bennett of the 14th North Carolina Infantry and is now property of Anson County



The information of this article comes from Confederate contract documents, Anson County deeds, wartime issues of the North Carolina Argus newspaper, and an interview with one of the workers, Gaston Huntley, which was recorded in the "Book of Remembrances" page 301. This book is a one of a kind and does not exist anywhere in print. It is a large ledger book with handwritten articles and original photographs that was put together by the Anson County United Daughters of the Confederacy per request by the county commissioners in the mid 1930's. *Submitted by David M. Edwards*



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Members of the MOSB GEC are shown at their Winter Board Meeting



Members and their guest at the Saturday luncheon



Past MOSB CIC Ed Cailleateau speaking at the Luncheon



Past MOSB CIC Beau Cantrell giving the History of the MOSB at the Saturday luncheon



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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