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Successful National Convention hosted by North Carolina Society

WILMINGTON—The Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society, with the help of the Major General W.H.C. Whiting Chapter 305, Wilmington, hosted a very successful Military Order of the Stars and Bars national convention July 6-8, 2017, at the Best Western Coastline Inn & Conference Center. There were 65 members registered for the three-day convention and a total of 110 members and guest in attendance.

The convention began with a tour of Confederate points of interest in Wilmington's historic Oakdale Cemetery and ended with the Commander General's banquet at the Cape Fear Club in downtown Wilmington. The major items of business was the age elimination for joining the Order and the increase of annual membership dues. More photos are shown on pages 7 and 8.



Delegates attending the Wilmington National Convention are shown following the first business session held July 7, 2017, at the Best Western Coastline Inn & Conference Center.

Harry Watt Elected Society Commander

HIGH POINT—Harry Wade Watt, Commander of the Maj. Ab-solum Knox Simonton Chapter 152, Statesville, was elected Commander of the Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society MOSB at the 2017 Society Convention held June 10th. The Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67, Greensboro, hosted the meeting in High Point. **Michael Byrd** of Kinston, was elected Lieutenant Commander. The 2018 Society convention is set for Raleigh.



Shown at left is Harry Wade Watt, being sworn in as the newly elected Commander of North Carolina Society MOSB by past NC Society Commander David M. Edwards at the NC Society Convention.



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NC Society News

2017 National Awards won by North Carolinians

The following North Carolinians received
Military Order of the Stars and Bars awards in 2017

The Winnie Davis Award

Karen Powers

Lieutenant Charles Read Meritorious Service Medal

Ronald Lee Perdue

Varina Howell Davis Award

Linda K. Lashley
Martha Eason Watson

Colonel Walter H.

Taylor Award

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Captain John

Morton Award

(Best Chapter Newsletter)
3rd Place - *Shepherd's Battery
Dispatch*, Wilmington
2nd Place - *The Gray Line* -
Greensboro
1st Place - *The Shenandoah*,
Raleigh

Lieutenant General

Simon Buckner Award

Capt. James Waddell Chapter
Capt. Henry C. Grady Chapter
Gen. W.H.C. Whiting Chapter
Zebulon Vance HQ Chapter

Major General

Patrick Cleburne

Service Award

Larry Thomas Brown
David Michael Edwards
John Howard Talley, III
George Thomas Valsame
Donald W. Watson
Harry Wade Watt

Henry Timrod

Southern Culture Award

James Keith Jones

Colonel Walter Hopkins

Distinguished Chapter Award

Major General W. H. C.
Whiting Chapter No. 305,
Wilmington

Randall Brackin Jones

Teacher of the Year Award

Raymond V. King, III,
Four Oaks

Army of Northern Virginia

Department

Robert E. Lee Scholarship

David Pope, Sylva
VMI, Lexington, Virginia

Welcome New Members

Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter, Raleigh
Hampton James Cooper, Raleigh

MOSB National and State Dues

National and North Carolina Society MOSB dues will be due into the Society Adjutant and the IHQ no later than December 31, 2017.

Chapter Dues Invoices will be mailed out to all North Carolina Society Chapters on October 1st. Members of the Governor Zebulon B. Vance NC HQ Chapter will also be mailed their dues invoices on October 1st.

Chapter Adjutants will be asked to:

1. Check their individual membership spreadsheet as to accuracy and make changes.
2. Bill your members for \$45.00 for national and \$10.00 for NC Society dues.
3. Complete the Chapter Activity Report form attached or download the auto-fill form from the MOSB web page.
4. Submit your chapter's dues package no later than December 31, 2017. This dues package shall include a check for the correct amount, the original chapter spreadsheet denoting who is filing this report, and your Chapter Activity Report.

Please note on your Chapter spreadsheet which members are paying their dues with your report.

You should be billing your Chapter members no later than October 15, 2017.

Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society 2017-19 Officers

Commander - Harry Wade Watt, Statesville
Lieutenant Commander - Michael Byrd, Kinston
Chief of Staff - David M. Edwards, Wadesboro
Adjutant & Editor - Byron E. Brady, Raleigh
Color Sergeant - Darwin Roseman, Holly Springs
Inspector - George T. Valsame, Castle Hayne
Quartermaster - Ronald Lee Perdue, High Point
Genealogist - David M. Edwards, Wadesboro
Chaplain - Ronnie S. Roach, Mebane



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fought for the
Confederate States of America**

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North Carolina War Between the States
Sesquicentennial Commission
web site at: www.ncwbts150.com**

NC Society Commander's Message

Harry W. Watt, Commander, Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society



*North Carolina Commander
Harry Wade Watt*

Greetings to all of the North Carolina MOSB family!

I hope all those that attended the National Convention in Wilmington in July have shared all the goodwill and fellowship that resulted from our state's hosting the annual gathering of the MOSB on a national level. We hosted what is likely the best organized MOSB National Convention that will ever take place and we have lots of folks to thank.

Our National Convention Committee was lead by Dave Edwards and Byron Brady and was well supported by our local chapter

in Wilmington, the Whiting Chapter. We were also assisted by the local ladies that assisted in the social events and providing a tour of Oakdale Cemetery in Wilmington. Our events for the ladies were smartly organized and well attended. Our ending banquet at the Cape Fear Club was truly an event to remember.

We are being challenged on a local and national level regarding our heritage and I encourage everyone to stand tall and take some measures to support the continued public presence of our historic Confederate monuments. Several of our group were participants at the North Carolina Legislative Heritage Day where we visited our elected representatives in Raleigh to ask their support in keeping the laws regarding the protection of historic monuments as it now stands.

I ask each chapter to keep me in the loop regarding your activities and I do want to visit each chapter. Do be

aware of the SCV training day event that Ron Perdue from High Point is hosting on Saturday, September 16th. I hope you can attend. We do want to work cooperatively with our brothers and sister in the preservation of Confederate heritage.

I am sorry to say that at the Wilmington Convention a dues increase to \$45 a year at the national level was approved. I was not in favor of such a large increase but think that groups like ours should consider developing national and state level fundraisers that can support funding some of our expenses so that dues can be at a low level that would support easier entry for younger and newer members.

Hope you have a good fall season and that the MOSB will continue to prosper!

Harry W. Watt

Three Soldiers from Three Different Wars

Three soldiers from three different wars had their graves marked on the 250th Anniversary of Pittsylvania County, Virginia - July 1, 2017, on Dove Plantation east of Gretna, Virginia.

By Gary Lee Hall

Ancestors of Phillip Jansen Hall and Gary Lee Hall (members of the Captain Waddell Chapter 32), were honored and had their graves marked with granite headstones, and metal markers of respective descendant organizations.

The oldest grave was that of William Dove who served four tours during the Revolution. The first and last tours were with the Fairfax County Militia. William also served two tours on the ship, *General Washington* out of the port of Alexandria, Virginia. In 1778-79, he served as a marine in a voyage to France carrying dispatches from the Continental government to our representatives in France; those representatives were under the direction of Benjamin Franklin. The second naval tour in 1780 aboard the same ship was bound for Amsterdam,



Shrouded grave markers for all three veterans prior to the dedication



Grave of George A. P. Dove, Company I, 53rd VA Infantry

Holland. While crossing the Atlantic Ocean the *General Washington* fell in with, and captured a large British merchant ship. William, along with seven other sailors were chosen to sail the prize to Philadelphia to be sold. William Dove died in 1847 and was buried in the family cemetery on his Dove Plantation situated on the South Fork of Stinking River.

Revolutionary War soldier William Dove's second son was also named William Dove. This son served as corporal in the War of 1812 in the 6th Regiment Virginia Militia. Another son, George Dove, volunteered in the same unit. Elisha Dove, a young cousin, was also part of this Pittsylvania unit, serving at the same time. These three Dove men marched to Norfolk to defend that city from British attack. The British did not advance on Norfolk

but raided other less defended sites on the Chesapeake Bay. Young Elisha Dove died in service and was buried in a mass grave in Norfolk. Brothers, William and George returned to their plantation. William Dove died in 1863 and was buried near his father.

The Confederate soldier's grave which was marked, was that of George A. P. Dove. G.A.P. Dove was in his forties at the beginning of the War Between the States, and did not initially enlist; however, his eldest son, William A. Dove (age 18) enlisted in the 21st Virginia Infantry. William A. Dove was killed along with another cousin, William J. Dove, on the same day (August 9, 1862) at Cedar Mountain. Both cousins were buried on the battlefield. A touching note is the fact that

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Confederate reenactors participating in the grave marker dedication ceremony

within two months in 1862, George A. P. Dove not only lost his son at Cedar Mountain but also lost two daughters on the plantation. Margaret (age 8) and Elizabeth A. “Betsy” (age 17) died one day after the other and both are buried in the old Dove Family Cemetery.

In 1864 southern soldiers of any age were needed around Richmond and George A. P. Dove joined

Company I, 53rd Virginia Infantry. George was wounded February 8, 1865 (gunshot to left leg). After treatment in Chimborazo Hospital No. 3, he returned to duty February 24, 1865. Paroled at Lynchburg, Virginia, George walked back to his plantation. His parole was covered by Robert E. Lee’s surrender at Appomattox. Confederate Veteran George Dove died in 1900 and was buried near his father and grandfather.

This grave marking ceremony was well attended, and representatives from the Pittsylvania County Historical Society, Historic Staunton River Foundation, UDC, DAR, SCV, Virginia Society of the War of 1812, SAR, SR and Order of the Founders and Patriots participated in the event. Reenactors of the Revolution, War of 1812, and WBTS were present. Many organizational wreaths were presented, and a three gun salute was fired in honor of the soldiers.

The Dove family were like many families in the South that fought

first to establish the nation, then to protect the nation, and finally to preserve the founding principles.



The Libation Ceremony marking the end of the dedication

From the Society Adjutant

I want to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Wilmington National Convention Planning Committee and to the members of the Major General W.H.C. Whiting Chapter 305 for everyone’s help in hosting a very successful convention. I continue to hear positive comments from our July event.

As I have already discuss with many of you, the 2020 MOSB National Convention is required to be held in the Army of Northern Virginia Department. I have approached the leadership in Virginia, Maryland, and South Carolina societies to see if any of these organizations were interested in hosting that convention. All three have reported back they were not interested. This sets us up to host the 2020 convention and I have suggested our Confederate Capitol of Raleigh as the host site.

I am asking the membership to contact me should they be interested in helping out on the host committee. Society Commander Harry Watt will soon be calling a special meeting for the Society to vote to host the convention.

Byron E. Brady, Adjutant

More photos from the Wilmington National Convention



Devin and Diane Lindsey from Texas at the CG's Banquet Saturday evening.



Martha and Donald Watson from the Wilmington Chapter shown at the CG's Banquet Saturday evening.



Mitchell Bush, General Society Sons of the Revolution General President, brings greetings during the opening ceremonies on July 7th. Mitchell is a member of the General Lafayette Mclaws Chapter 97, Savannah.



Paul Tyler-Lee Sizemore, a member of the General P.G.T. Beauregard Chapter 300, Charleston, SC, was awarded the Military Order of the Stars and Bars Southern Cross of Honor at the Friday Awards Luncheon. Paul serves as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force Reserves.



Martha Killian, wife of Chaplain General Dr. Rev. John Killian, is shown receiving the Varina Howell Davis Award from CG Harold Davis.



Bob Newton, a member of the MG W.H.C. Whiting Chapter 305, Wilmington, is shown at the grave of his chapter's namesake General Whiting. Photo taken during the Thursday Oakdale Cemetery tour.

*Convention photos courtesy
Bob Newton*

More photos from the Wilmington National Convention



Kelly Henson (center) is surrounded by members of the Katherine Davis Whiting Chapter 46 of the Order of Confederate Rose during the Thursday evening CG's Reception. Kelly portrayed Rose O'Neal Greenhow.



Shown from left is past Commander General Albert D. Jones, Jr., Denise Jones, and Lieutenant Commander General Byron E. Brady at the CG's Banquet Saturday evening.



Participants are shown taking a tour of the Confederate points of interest in Wilmington's historic Oakdale Cemetery, given by the MG W.H.C. Whiting Chapter on Thursday morning.



The Women's Backwater Tour of the Cape Fear River held on Saturday morning.



Army of Northern Virginia Department Councilor Larry Brown of Greensboro is shown prior to the opening ceremonies.



Dr. Chris E. Fonvielle Jr., speaking on the "Last Rays of Departing Hope" at the Commander General's Banquet Saturday evening at Wilmington's Cape Fear Club.



Chaplain General Dr. Rev. John Killian presiding over the Prayer Breakfast held Saturday morning.

The Wilmington National Convention concluded at the Commander General's Banquet Saturday evening by Convention Chairman David M. Edwards wishing everyone safe travels and hoping to see everyone in Baton Rouge in 2018.

Chapter News

News From Across
The North Carolina Society

Raleigh Waddell Chapter



CG Harold Davis presenting the 2017 MOSB Teacher of the Year Award to Captain Waddell Chapter member Ray King shown with his wife Debbie and daughters Eva and Katie



CG Harold Davis presenting the Captain John Morton Best Chapter Newsletter Award to the Captain Waddell Chapter. Accepting is chapter member Darwin Roseman

Greensboro Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter

GREENSBORO—Shown below are photos from the annual Confederate Memorial Service in Green Hill Cemetery in Greensboro, held May 17, 2017. Past NC Society Commander Rodney Williams brought greetings from the NC Society.



Infantry volley salute to end the ceremony

Chapter News continued

Greensboro Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter



Gary Lee Hall, Lieutenant Commander of the Captain James Iredell Waddell Chapter 32, Raleigh, is shown holding the charter of the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67, Greensboro, at the chapter's August 5th meeting held at the Monticello Community Building. Gary and Waddell Chapter Commander Byron Brady addressed the Chapter on the *CSS Shenandoah* and the 150th Anniversary of its return to Liverpool, England. Gary is a charter member of the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter and enjoyed a homecoming visit with his former chapter members.

Statesville A. K. Simonton Chapter



CG Harold Davis is shown presenting the Patrick Cleburne Award to Harry Wade Watt, Commander of the Major Absolum Knox Simonton Chapter 152, at the MOSB Awards Luncheon in Wilmington July 7th

Wadesboro Henry C. Grady Chapter



David M. Edwards, Commander of the Capt. Henry C. Grady Chapter 296, is shown with his wife Sharon at the Commander General's banquet Saturday evening at the Wilmington national convention

Chapter News continued

Wilmington

W.H.C. Whiting Chapter



CG Harold Davis presenting the Colonel Walter Hopkins Distinguished Chapter Award to the Major General W.H.C. Whiting Chapter 305 at the Wilmington Award Luncheon. Accepting the award are Howard Talley (center) and Chapter Commander Donald Watson.



Chapter Commander Donald Watson is shown bringing greetings on behalf of the MG Whiting Chapter at the opening ceremonies of the Wilmington National MOSB Convention held July 7, 2017.



Linda K. Lashley is shown receiving the Varina Howell Davis Award from CG Harold Davis.



Members of the Major General William Henry Chase Whiting Chapter sponsored the opening tour of the Wilmington National Convention at Wilmington's historic Oakdale Cemetery on July 6, 2017. Members and friends of the chapter are shown at then grave of their chapter namesake General Whiting.

International Headquarters News

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Conway Moncure
awarded the
Robert E. Lee
Chalice



Virginia Society Commander Conway Moncure was awarded the 2017 Robert E. Lee Chalice during the 2017 Commander General's Banquet held at the Wilmington Cape Fear Club July 8th.

Judge Richard Abel Elected
Honorary Commander General



Shown at left is Judge Richard Bender Abel, a member of the General Samuel Cooper Chapter 105, Alexandria, Virginia, receiving the Honorary Commander General designation from MOSB Adjutant General J.J. Smith. Judge Abel was unanimously elected Honorary Commander General by the MOSB Wilmington Convention delegates on August 7th. The presentation took place in Alexandria in August. Judge Abel served the MOSB as a past Commander of the Virginia Society and has received numerous other awards from the Order during his career.



MOS&B GEC to meet at Beauvoir

BILOXI, MS—The next meeting of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars General Executive Council is set for Saturday, October 21, 2017, at Historic Beauvoir, the last home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis.