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North Carolina Celebrates Robert E. Lee's Birthday

RALEIGH—A standing room only crowd of approximately 200 were in attendance in the historic house chambers of the NC State Capitol on January 21, 2017, for the 28th Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration. The ceremony was co-sponsored by the Captain James I. Waddell Chapter 32, Raleigh.

Three members of our nation's armed forces honored were Senior Airman **Michael Aaron Cooper**, USAF (Ret.) with the MOSB and SCV's War Service medals, Lieutenant **Darwin Roseman**, US Army (Ret.) with the MOSB's Southern Cross of Honor, and Captain **Penny Brady Turner**, US Navy (Ret.) with the United Daughters of the Confederacy's National Defense Medal. See Page 10 for more photos.



Photo by John Gregory

Retired Brigadier General of the North Carolina National Guard, Gary Pendleton, was the keynote speaker. Following his address, he was awarded the Military Order of the Stars and Bars' 2016 Judah P. Benjamin Award by MOSB Lieutenant Commander General Byron E. Brady.



A memorial wreath used during the Robert E. Lee Celebration was placed on the grave of General Lee's daughter, Annie Carter Lee, near Warrenton in Warren County.



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NC Society News

June Society Convention to include society elections

NC Society elections will be held at the June 10th Society Convention. The makeup of the Nominating Committee is as follows:

Nominations:

Section 1. Prior to the business session of each state convention at which officers are to be elected, the incumbent State Society Commander shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of five (5) members in good standing. The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by a past State Society Commander in good standing, with two (2) members being chosen from the incumbent Executive Council members and two (2) members from the State Society at large who are not incumbent Executive Council members.

Section 2. If no past State Society Commander is available, the incumbent State Society Commander may appoint any member in good

standing of the State Society to act as chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. All candidates under consideration for the post of State Society Commander and Lieutenant Commander shall be interviewed by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall determine from this conference the willingness and eligibility of the candidates to serve. Each candidate shall present an affidavit from his Chapter Adjutant that he is a member in good standing. Any nominee presented to the Delegates at the State Convention as the choice of the Nominating Committee must have received the vote of a majority of the members of the Nominating Committee.

Section 4. Nominations from the floor can be taken for the election of State Society Commander and Lieutenant Commander.

NC HQ Member Tim Berly

CHARLOTTE—Timothy “Tim” Wayne Berly, 60, passed away March 11, 2017 at his residence. Tim was a dedicated member of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Tim was a former member of the Capt. Henry C. Grady Chapter 296 before becoming a member of the Gov. Zebulon Baird Vance NC HQ Chapter 307. Tim also served as the immediate Past President of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution.

A memorial service was held March 16th at St. Marks Lutheran Church with burial following at Raleigh Memorial Park, Raleigh.

Confederate Officers of North Carolina

Military Order of the Stars and Bars

2017 Society Convention

Saturday, June 10, 2017 - 10:00 AM
Monticello Community Center, Brown Summit, NC

More information to follow

Hosted by the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter 67, Greensboro, NC

2017 Wilmington National Convention Planning Continues

WILMINGTON—The planning for the 2017 MOSB National Convention to be held July 6-8th in Wilmington continues. The host hotel is the Best Western Coastline Inn & Conference Center. Pre-registrations have been coming in at a favorable rate. As of March 15th, the Saturday evening Commander General's Banquet to be held at Wilmington's Cape Fear Club is over sixty-percent sold out.

Members of the Convention Committee include Society Commander David M. Edwards, Society Lt. Commander Harry Watt, Society Inspector George Valsame, and Society Adjutant Byron E. Brady. The remaining members are all associated with the Maj. General W.H.C. Whiting Chapter 305 and the Rose-Katherine Davis Whiting Chapter 46 of the Order of Confederate Rose, both located in Wilmington. These include Larry and Yvonne Brown, Martha & Donald Watson, Glenn Kye, Howard Talley, Stephen Talley, and Linda Lashley.



**Join the
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Ancestral descendants of those who
fought for the
Confederate States of America**

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ncscv.org

**Or contact Andrew Johnson at:
ncscv2ndltcommander@hotmail.com**



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

Society Commander's Message

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

Greetings Fellow Compatriots,

It was in May 2013 my first newsletter column as North Carolina Society Commander was written. It seems like a long time ago, I think I had dark hair back then! But it has been both fun and challenging. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

When I accepted the office of State Commander, I mentioned that we needed to refocus on our core principles. We have refocused and strengthened the Society. The Society has:

a. Cultivated the ties of friendship among descendants of those who shared the responsibilities of Southern leadership in the War Between the States.

b. Provided leadership in the collecting and assembling of data, documents, and material relating to the Confederacy; the wayside markers at Zeb Vance's birthplace, Bennett Place, Fort Anderson, and Fort Fisher are a shining examples!

c. Provided for future generations of the descendants of Confederate officers and civilian officials in the Executive and Legislative branches of

government an organization to commemorate and honor the leadership of their forefathers. This is evident by the increase of Society members!

d. Consecrate in our hearts the Flag of the Southern Confederacy, not as a political symbol, but as an emblem of a heroic epoch for which our forefathers fought and died. Even with the horrible Charleston murders, and liberals continually crying to pull down the Flag, the Society have and are fighting to consecrate this part of our heritage!

e. Maintain a united front against doctrines subversive to the fundamental principles set forth in the Bill of Rights which, as a part of the Federal Constitution, guarantees freedom of speech and the press, together with all other rights and privileges therein provided for the protection of political minorities and of individual citizens. The Society has maintained a strong united front. Relationships with other like minded heritage groups and politicians has improved!

f. Encourage and support true loyalty to the Constitution of the United States of America. Our individual actions in



*North Carolina Commander
David M. Edwards*

this regard speak volumes, the Society is well recognized by the outside community as an organization that encourages education and loyalty to the Constitution!

I had several other personal goals for the Society, and can proudly say that you have all stepped up to accomplish those goals. There is much more work to be done, let's continue this great work. When I joined the MOSB in 2002, I did not have any aspirations of holding any office. All I wanted to do was just be a member. The opportunities you have given me have greatly enriched my life far beyond anything imagined. Thank you! Hope to see you all at the State Convention in the Greensboro area on June 10th and at the National Convention in Wilmington on July 6-8!

Deo Vindice
Dave Edwards



General W.H.C. Whiting

Military Order of the Stars and Bars
80th Annual General Convention
Wilmington, North Carolina
July 6-8, 2017
Convention Registration Form



Name: _____ Title: _____

Chapter Name and Number: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Spouse/Guest(s): _____

Registration _____ @ \$75.00 \$ _____

Late Registration after June 1, 2017 _____ @ \$85.00 \$ _____

The deadline for all preregistrations is June 28, 2017

Thursday, July 6

Commander General's Reception _____ @ \$ 48.00 \$ _____

Friday, July 7

MOSB Awards Luncheon _____ @ \$ 30.00 \$ _____

Women's Trolley Tour (limited to the first 40 to register) _____ @ \$ 15.00 \$ _____

Fort Fisher Bus Tour (limited to the first 50 to register) _____ @ \$ 30.00 \$ _____

Saturday, July 8

Prayer Breakfast featuring Rev. John Killian _____ @ \$ 25.00 \$ _____

Women's Backwater River Tour (limited to the first 40) _____ @ \$ 30.00 \$ _____

Commander General's Banquet _____ @ \$ 50.00 \$ _____
(limited to the first 80 to register) - Select your meal selection below for each participant **

** Select meal choice: ___ Prime Rib ___ Chicken Breast & Shrimp ___ Salmon Fillet **

Ancestor Memorial (See supplemental information sheet) _____ @ \$ 5.00 \$ _____

Additional 2017 Convention Medal (if available) _____ @ \$ 20.00 \$ _____

Additional 2017 Convention Program (if available) _____ @ \$ 10.00 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (check) \$ _____

Make check payable to: NC Society MOSB and mail to: MOSB, P.O. Box 18901, Raleigh, NC 27619-88901



**Military Order of the Stars and Bars
80th Annual General Convention
Wilmington, North Carolina - July 6-8, 2017**

Convention Schedule

Thursday, July 6th

10:00 - 11:30 AM: Free tour of Wilmington's historic Oakdale Cemetery including Confederate graves (transportation on your own with map to cemetery provided)

12:00 - 5:00 PM: Registration

1:00 - 3:00 PM: GEC Meeting - Coastline Conference Center

6:00 - 8:00 PM: Commander General's Reception - Coastline Conference Center

Friday, July 7th

7:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Registration

7:30 AM: Forest Cavalry Corps Breakfast - Coastline Conference Center - Pay at the door

9:00 AM: Opening Ceremonies - Coastline Conference Center

9:30 AM: MOSB Business Session I - Coastline Conference Center

10:00 AM: Women's Trolley Tour of Historic Wilmington

12:00 PM: Awards Luncheon - Coastline Conference Center

2:00 PM: Bus Tour to Fort Fisher

Supper on your own tonight

Saturday, July 8th

7:30 - 12:00 PM: Registration

7:30 AM: MOSB Prayer Breakfast - Coastline Conference Center

9:30 AM: MOSB Business Session II - Coastline Conference Center

10:00 AM: Women's Backwater Boat Tour

Final GEC Meeting: To follow Business Session II

6:00 PM: Commander General's Banquet - Cape Fear Club, in downtown Wilmington. ***This facility is not ADA accessible.***

For questions regarding the 2017 MOSB Wilmington National Convention

Contact Byron Brady at: byronbrady@aol.com or at: 919-622-0606

Description of Convention Events

****The deadline for all preregistrations is June 28, 2017****

Thursday, July 6th



10:00 - 11:30 AM - Free tour of Oakdale Cemetery: Linda Lashley of Wilmington will be giving a free tour of Confederate Oakdale Cemetery. The tour will include a Confederate VA grave marker dedication for Brig. Gen. W.H.C. Whiting. Transportation to the cemetery will be on your own with maps provided. Suggested attire - comfortable casual.



6:00 - 8:00 PM - Commander General's Reception: The Commander General's Reception will be held at the Coastline Inn Conference Center and will feature a visit from *Confederate Spy Rose O'Neal Greenhow* portrayed by Kelly Atkins Hinson of Jackson Springs, North Carolina. Suggested attire - casual.

Kelly Atkins Hinson

Friday, July 7th

7:30 AM - Forest Cavalry Corps Breakfast: Sponsored by the Forrest Cavalry Corps, the breakfast will be held at the Coastline Conference Center. Past MOSB CIC Beau Cantrell will be the featured speaker. Price will be announced later. Suggested attire - coat & tie.

9:00 AM - Opening Ceremonies: Coastline Conference Center. Suggested attire - coat & tie.

9:30 - 11:30 AM - MOSB Business Session I: Coastline Conference Center - Presided over by MOSB CG Harold Franklin Davis, III. Suggested attire - coat & tie.



10:00 AM - Women's Trolley Tour of Historic Wilmington: While the men are in their Business Session I, the women will depart from the hotel on a one-hour trolley tour of the Wilmington historic district. This event is limited to the first 40 people to register. Suggested attire - comfortable casual.

Noon - 1:30 PM - MOSB Awards Luncheon: Coastline Conference Center - Presided over by MOSB CG Harold Franklin Davis, III. Suggested attire - coat & tie.



Bernhard
Thuersam

2:00 PM - Bus Tour to Fort Fisher: A 45-min bus trip to the Fort Fisher State Historic Site and tour of the fort by Bernhard Thuersam, Chairman of the North Carolina War Between the States Sesquicentennial Commission. Mr. Thuersam will describe the Carolinas history beginning in December 1864 and events leading up to the Battle of Fort Fisher. Following a tour of North Carolina's most popular state historic site, Mr. Thuersam will describe the events of the Fall of Fisher and the evacuation of Wilmington on the return bus trip back to the hotel. This event is limited to the first 50 people to register. Suggested attire - comfortable casual.

Saturday, July 8th



Rev. John Killian

7:30 AM - MOSB Prayer Breakfast: The MOSB Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Coastline Conference Center and presided over by Rev. John Killian, MOSB Chaplain General.

9:30 AM - Noon - MOSB Business Session II: Coastline Conference Center - Presided over by MOSB CG Harold Franklin Davis, III. Suggested attire - coat & tie.



not actual boat

10:00 AM - Women's Backwater Boat Tour: While the men are in their Business Session II, the women will depart from the hotel for a two-hour tour of the historic Wilmington waterfront and the backwaters of the Cape Fear River. This event is limited to the first 40 people to register. Suggested attire - comfortable casual. *Unsold seats on the Backwater Tour may be offered to the public.*



Dr. Chris E.
Fonvielle Jr.

6:00 PM - Commander General's Banquet - Cape Fear Club: Held in the oldest continuous Gentleman's Club in the South, the Commander General's Banquet will feature Dr. Chris E. Fonvielle Jr., local author and historian speaking on *Last Rays of Departing Hope*. The Cape Fear Club was founded by Confederate Veterans in Wilmington in 1866. Paid parking is available adjacent to the Cape Fear Club in a city-owned parking deck. The event includes a social hour with a cash bar beginning at 6:00 PM and supper beginning at 7:00 PM. This event is limited to the first 80 people to register. Suggested attire - Formal, coat and tie or Confederate uniform for the men and formal or period attire for the women. *Please note that this event is on the second level of the Cape Fear Club and is not ADA accessible.*

2017 MOSB Wilmington Convention Commemorative Program Advertising Rates

Full Page - \$100.00
Half Page - \$50.00
Quarter Page - \$25.00

Ancestor Memorial - \$5.00
Advertising deadline submittal date - June 1, 2017

Supplemental Registration Information Sheet

80th Annual General Convention

Ancestor Memorial _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____

Limited to 3 lines per Confederate ancestor. (Attached to Registration Form)

Please print legibly - Use additional sheet if necessary

Deadline Submittal Date - June 1, 2017

Ancestor's Name _____

Ancestor's Rank _____

Ancestor's Unit _____

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Chapter News

News From Across
The North Carolina Society

Raleigh - Waddell Chapter

RALEIGH—The Captain James Iredell Waddell Chapter co-sponsored the 28th Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration at the NC State Capitol on January 21, 2017. Over 200 people were in attendance for the standing-room only event.



NC Society Commander David M. Edwards is shown presenting the MOSB Southern Cross of Honor to Capt. Waddell member Lieutenant Darwin Roseman, United States Army (Ret.) during the Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration



Capt. Waddell member Senior Airman Michael Aaron Cooper, United States Air Force (Ret.) is shown receiving the SCV War Service Medal from NC Division Commander R. Kevin Stone at the 28th Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration. Compatriot Cooper also received the MOSB War Service Medal from NC Society Commander David M. Edwards. Michael served in both Kuwait and Iraq during Operation Enduring Freedom.



Chapter Lieutenant Commander Gary Lee Hall is shown addressing the Chapter's February 16th meeting on *John Randolph of Roanoke*.

Chapter News continued

Wilmington Chapter

The husband and wife team of General W.H.C. Whiting Chapter 305 Commander Donald Watson and his wife, Martha, assisted with the Old Wilmington by Candlelight Tour in Wilmington. The event is the largest fund raiser of the year for the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society and the money is used for upkeep of the 1852 Latimer House, a historical home open to the public. Donald and Martha have been reenacting War Between the States era civilians for several years and regularly participate there in period attire.



General Whiting Chapter Commander Donald Watson and his wife Martha at the 2016 Old Wilmington by Candlelight Tour.

Past Army of Northern Virginia Department Commander Larry Brown and wife Yvonne, are both very active in historical interpretation. They jumped to another century at the 18th Century Christmas in Brunswick Town about 15 miles from Wilmington near Winnabow, NC.

It was a Merry Christmas for Chapter No. 305 from new member Bob Newton along with Order of the Confederate Rose 46 members Linda Lashley and Judy Ward, who donated funds to Wilmington's MOSB Chapter for an impressive flag and staff, complete with generous tassels and fringe. Member Larry Brown was instrumental in arranging the donations and finding the right vendor to make it.



Yvonne Brown and General Whiting member Larry Brown shown at the Brunswick Town State Historic Site.



General Whiting member Larry Brown with a replica of the North Carolina Republic Flag used during the War for Southern Independence.

International Headquarters News

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Members of the MOSB General Executive Council are shown following their March 18, 2017 meeting in Ft. Worth, TX.



Shown from left at the March 18th GEC meeting are Treasurer General Cain Griffin, South Carolina; Chief of Staff Howard Jones, California; Lieutenant Commander General Byron Brady, North Carolina; Commander General Harold Davis, South Carolina; Adjutant General J. J. Smith, Virginia; and Judge Advocate General Tarry Beasley, Tennessee. *Photos courtesy Genealogist General Larry Martin.*

MOSB Awards Program Deadline

RALEIGH—The deadline for submitting nominations for the MOSB Awards Program is April 1, 2017. The nomination forms can be found on the MOSB national web page under forms. Send all nominations in by the deadline to MOSB IHQ, P.O. Box 18901, Raleigh, NC 27619-8901.



MOS&B GEC Meets in Fort Worth March 18th

FORT WORTH, TX— The Spring 2017 meeting of the MOSB General Executive Council was held in Fort Worth, TX, on Saturday, March 18, 2017. The meeting was hosted by the Texas Society.

There were 24 members representing 13 state societies.

One of the major items of discussion was a provision to allow members to join the Order at a much lower limit than the current minimum 12 years of age. The Wilmington National Convention will be voting on a constitutional provision to allow that.

The current total membership of the Order remains at the 1600 member level.

The next GEC Meeting will be held during the Wilmington National Convention in July of this year.