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North Carolina Celebrates Confederate Flag Day in Raleigh

RALEIGH—For the 29th consecutive year, the North Carolina Division Sons of Confederate Veterans commemorated Confederate Flag Day at the State Capitol on Saturday, March 4, 2017. **Paul C. Graham**, co-founder of Shotwell Publishing from Cayce, South Carolina, delivered the address.

A trio of musicians comprised of **Charles Eatmon**, **Mitchell Flinchum**, and **Ellis Selph** supplied Confederate music for the ceremony including a rousing rendition of *DIXIE* to close out the day. Other participants in the ceremony included *Confederate Veteran* Editor **Frank Powell**, North Carolina Division Commander **R. Kevin Stone**, Col. Leonidas Polk Camp Chaplain **Ed Westbury**, and event organizer **Dr. Boyd Cathey**. Members of the Colonel Leonidas Polk Camp, Garner, furnished the color guard.

The Stars and Bars flew over the Capitol dome during the ceremony.
Photos courtesy Frank B. Powell, III.



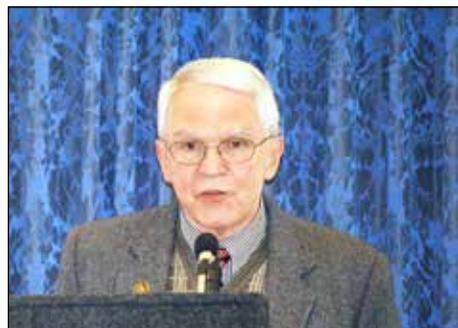
Keynote speaker Paul C. Graham



Division Commander Kevin Stone



Music provided by Charles Eatmon, Mitchell Flinchum, and Ellis Selph.



Flag Day organizer Boyd Cathey



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NC Division News

Confederate Memorial Day Services around North Carolina

NC Division Lieutenant Commander Ron Perdue has compiled a list of Confederate Memorial Day observances from around the state. This list is available on the NC Division SCV web page. See the link below for this list and support your area SCV camps as we honor the service of our Confederate Veterans. www.ncscv.org/component/content/article/315

The Sons of Confederate Veterans have made changes regarding the dues for new and reinstated members. See the letter from Adjutant-in-Chief Douglas Nash below.



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

Sons of Confederate Veterans

"Historic Elm Springs"

March 15, 2017

Notice from the Adjutant-in-Chief:

The General Executive Council (GEC) met in Elm Springs on Saturday, March 11, 2017 and voted, without objection, to change two (2) items which will affect doing business going into the 2017-2018 fiscal Year.

First – As you all know a grace period of 90 days has been afforded to members to renew their dues and not be considered as becoming delinquent on August 1st each year. That period will now change to only 30 days, meaning that a member who fails to renew by **September 1st** will become delinquent.

Second – Currently we prorate dues for both new and delinquent renewing members. Beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year proration will apply to only new members. Delinquent renewing members will no longer be able to prorate.

Respectfully,

Douglas W. Nash, Jr.
Adjutant-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans
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2017 North Carolina Division SCV Reunion

Saturday, April 29, 2017

**Proudly hosted by the Zebulon Baird Vance Camp 15
Asheville, North Carolina**

The Maggie Valley Inn & Conference Center is a 99-room hotel with full service restaurant, pizzeria and lounge serving full breakfast, lunch and supper daily. The meetings will be held on site in the hotel conference room. Registration is from 8:30–10:00 AM. The meeting will be called to order at 10:00 AM. A block of rooms has been set aside with a special rate of \$82.00 per night plus tax & fees for Friday and Saturday nights. No minimum stay required. Ask for the Sons of Confederate Veterans rate at booking.

Maggie Valley Inn & Conference Center
70 Soco Road, Maggie Valley NC 28751 – 866-926-0201
www.maggievalleyhotel.com

Registration is \$25.00 which includes lunch during the meeting. Early registration is encouraged and booking quickly is also suggested. There will be a planned drop-in supper at an off-site location on Friday night for those who are arriving the night before. Supper Friday is at your own expense. Details will be published as time nears. There is plenty to do in beautiful Maggie Valley, located 45 minutes west of Asheville. There are restaurants, scenic drives, a golf course nearby and is less than 30 minutes from Harrah's Casino in Cherokee. Also nearby is the historic town of Waynesville NC, site of the last shot fired east of the Mississippi during the War Between the States. Registration: Make checks payable in the amount of \$25.00 to Zebulon B. Vance Camp 15 and mail to:

SCV Camp 15
Attn: Reunion
PO Box 1423, Arden NC 28704

Questions, please contact:

Commander John Davis: johnnyweb@scvcamp15.org
Lt. Commander Larry Bradley: krazy469@gmail.com



HERITAGE DAY

At the North Carolina Legislature

May 10, 2017

Participating Organizations:

Children of the Confederacy
Order of Confederate Rose
Military Order of the Stars and Bars
Sons of Confederate Veterans
United Daughters of the Confederacy
26th North Carolina Regiment
6th North Carolina State Troops

Members will gather in the 1100 court (NE court) of the main legislative building at 9:00 AM where information tables will be set up for each group. Members will visit their state senators and representatives throughout the day and explain our organizations to lawmakers, staffers, and visitors. All groups will be recognized in the galleries when the Senate and House convene for their respective sessions.

Dress is coat and tie or uniform, no exceptions!

For complete information on General Assembly, parking, etc. see the excellent legislative website: www.ncleg.net



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Commander



Men of the Division

As May approaches, I want to remind everyone it is our most important month of the year as guardians of Confederate heritage. There will be dozens of ceremonies across the state and I encourage you to attend any and all you can. A full list of each ceremony has been organized by our Division Lieutenant Commander Ron Perdue. The list has been featured on the tarheel listserv as it is updated, however, you can also receive the list by contacting Ron directly at rleeperdue.ncscv@gmail.com.

Our most important event in May will be Heritage Day at the NC Legislature on May 10th. A flyer with all of the relevant information is posted in this issue of the *Carolina Confederate* so you know where to be and when. We will meet at the northeast quad of the Legislature (the main building) at 9:00 AM and begin fanning out to meet and greet our legislators. At 11:00 AM, there will be a Memorial Service at the State Capitol in front of the Confederate monument at the end of Hillsborough Street. There, we will lay a wreath and conduct a short service. It is imperative that we have as many members show up for this day as possible. We want to more than double our participation from last year and must do so if we are to remain viable protectors of our heritage. Many of you ask me what you can do or why we aren't doing more to protect our heritage...there

can be no better effort than to show up at the legislature on May 10 to let our political leaders know we care about North Carolina's heritage. If you have any questions or concerns about May 10, please contact our Legislative Affairs Officer, Sam Currin, at samcurrin1@gmail.com.

In terms of what we will be doing at the legislature and what you should be discussing with your representatives, allow me to make some suggestions:

1. Protect our monuments (and all monuments) from political trends;

2. Confederate history is North Carolina History. Inclusion and diversity means including us – not erasing us. Our ancestors built everything we have today; and

3. We are difficult to mobilize for political showmanship because we are productive members of society; however, we are a big group, we vote, and our heritage and history are very important to us. The results of the November election illustrate our “demographics” displeasure with political correctness.

Sam will provide his own talking points in the weeks prior to the event; however, be thinking about what you will say when you are face-to-face with your elected representative. It is important we come off as polished and prepared as possible.

Last, I want to share a speech I gave on April 1, at the Confederate Memorial Day service at Stone Mountain, Georgia. I copy it here so you can not only see what I am up to as your chief representative, but also so that you, like me, will develop a deep appreciation for the men,

like Jefferson Davis, who we honor. As I point out in the words below, we have everything to be proud of:

I bring greetings on behalf of the North Carolina Division and as National Commander of the Mechanized Cavalry. I am honored to be here today, at the greatest remaining monument to our heroes and ancestors, in observance of our most important holiday, Confederate Memorial Day.

Today, I want to share with you the story of one of our Tarheel heroes, and his feelings toward our great and honorable President, Jefferson Davis.

George Davis, of Wilmington, North Carolina, was born on his father's plantation, Porter's Neck, in New Hanover County on March 1st, 1820. He entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill at age 14 and graduated valedictorian in 1838 at age 18.

He studied law in Wilmington and was admitted to the Bar at age 20, receiving his license to practice law the following year. Mr. Davis married Mary Polk of Mecklenburg County in 1842 and their marriage was blessed with four children. He was known as a most thorough, painstaking and laborious lawyer, and in 1848 he became general counsel of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, a position he held for the remainder of his life.

A staunch Unionist until Lincoln's decision to violently coerce the Southern States, the North Carolina Legislature named George Davis as a delegate to the Washington Peace Conference which attempted to avert the coming fratricidal war in 1861.

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After three weeks and a lack of compromise between the sections, Davis returned to Wilmington convinced that the secession of the South was inevitable. North Carolina seceded from the United States on May 20, 1861, and Davis found himself elected to a two-year term as a North Carolina Senator to the Provisional Confederate Congress. During his term, Senator Davis was considered a strong supporter of the Jefferson Davis administration and advocate for North Carolina, though tragedy struck his home as his beloved wife Mary passed away.

President Davis appointed him Attorney General on December 31, 1863, succeeding Thomas H. Watts, and he served in that Cabinet post until the end of the War Between the States and the dissolution of the Confederate government. The defeat of the Confederacy saw his imprisonment at Fort Hamilton, New York, until his parole in January of 1866.

At the April 20, 1911, unveiling of the statue of George Davis, located at the corner of Market and Third Streets in Wilmington, Judge H. G. Conner spoke:

"You shall bring your sons to this spot, tell them the story of his life, of his patriotism, of his loyalty to high thinking and noble living, of his moderation in speech, his patience under defeat, of his devotion to your city and state as a perpetual illustration and an enduring example of the dignity, the worth of a high souled, pure hearted Christian gentleman.

"As you shall look on this statue, it shall be both a memorial and

a lesson of the value of a citizenship which will preserve all that is good in the past, and inspire to patriotism and service in the future."

His last public address was a memorial of his former chief, President Jefferson Davis in December 1889, on which occasion he spoke without notes in Wilmington's famous Thalian Hall Opera House. Already feeble, George Davis spoke of his fallen president being a "high-souled, true-hearted Christian gentleman, and if our poor humanity has any higher form than that, I know not what it is."

Davis ended his last oration with:

"My public life was long since over; my ambition went down with the banner of the South, and, like it, never rose again. I have had abundant time in all these quiet years, and it has been my favorite occupation to review the occurrences of that time, and recall over the history of that tremendous struggle; to remember with love and admiration the great men who bore their parts in its events. I have often thought what was it that the Southern people had to be most proud of in all the proud things of their record? Not the achievement of our arms! No man is more proud of them than I, no man rejoices more in Manassas, Chancellorsville and in Richmond; but all the nations have had their victories."

There is something, I think, better than that, and it was this, that through all the bitterness of that time, and throughout all the heat of that fierce contest, Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee never spoke

a word, never wrote a line that the whole neutral world did not accept as the very indisputable truth.

Aye, truth was the guiding star of both of them, and that is the grand thing to remember; upon that my memory rests more proudly than upon anything else. It is a monument better than marble, more durable than brass. Teach it to your children, that they may be proud to remember Jefferson Davis.

I want to focus on Jefferson Davis here today because over time, historians and academics have vilified a man who was by all contemporary accounts, decent, honorable, and absolutely dedicated to his responsibilities as president of the Confederate States. In addition, he was at the head of a government and nation, the likes of which have never been seen before or after in human history. He held this confederation together for four long years against the longest odds possible and managed to do so honorably and without resorting to the tactics of his enemy. He also had the wisdom to rely on Robert E. Lee when he could have chosen so many others.

No better testament can be given than the words expressed by George Davis about his president. As a member of the Cabinet, he worked closely with President Davis through the end of the war and saw Davis in his darkest hours. He knew the president to be the "high-souled, true-hearted Christian gentleman" that he was.

In Jefferson Davis, like the other heroes portrayed on the mountain behind us, we have someone

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who we can be infinitely proud of. While we remember and honor all of our ancestors, from buck private to full general, we can be certain those who died and suffered did not do so in vain because they were led by men like Jefferson Davis. His leadership, his motivations, and his discretion were of the purest origin and inspired by his faith in God and his trust in the honor of men.

Thank you all for your time and God bless you for being here to honor your worthy ancestors.

See you on the front lines



Kevin Stone
Commander



Lieutenant Commander



Southern Gentlemen of the Old North State,

On behalf of the North Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we would like to thank everyone who joined us for our 29th Annual Confederate Flag Day at the North Carolina State Capitol. This annual observance is a tribute to the First National Flag, also known as the Stars & Bars, which was adopted on March 4, 1861, as the

first official flag of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Alabama. On March 4, 1865, the Confederate Congress adopted the Third National Flag as the official flag of the Confederate States of America. The First National Flag is significant to North Carolina as it was designed by Orren Randolph Smith from Louisburg. The Sons of Confederate Veterans observed this day nationwide again this year.

This year the keynote address was given by Mr. Paul C. Graham of South Carolina as the Stars & Bars flew over the State Capitol. He gave an inspirational message reminding us of the great cost and great personal sacrifice of our ancestors. He reminded us that our sentinels, equestrians, and flags were erected to watch over us and help us remember who we are, where we came from, and what we can and should be—both as individuals and as a people. He concluded his address prepared especially for us in North Carolina with these words by author unknown, *The grey riders are gone, but yet they remain. Asleep in our soil, and alive in our veins. Untouched by fire, untouched by frost, they whisper within us, Our cause is not lost.*

Our next important date will be the NC Division Reunion on April 29, 2017, in Maggie Valley as we honor the tradition of our Confederate veterans who gathered after the war each year for a reunion in North Carolina. We look forward to seeing everyone and trust all camps will be well represented this year.

As mentioned in the last edition there was a motion at the Winter

DEC meeting in Smithfield for the division to consider a new logo. It was decided all submissions be sent to the Lt. Commander by April 1st for a committee to review and make a recommendation at the division reunion. Thank you to everyone making submissions and the committee's recommendation will be presented in Maggie Valley to be considered as our new logo.

In the last edition we also stated as many of us know, there are compatriots who go beyond the call of duty for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. As Southern gentlemen, none of them do what they do as members for personal recognition because we all know it is never what any of us do, but it is what our ancestors accomplished that matters. But many times compatriots are not recognized for their efforts because we are so accustomed to witnessing them doing what they do year after year. These gentlemen do not expect awards but we need to recognize them.

The nominations for national awards must be submitted by April 29, 2017, to Division Commander Stone for approval prior to being officially submitted to headquarters. Please print or type your recommendations on the official form available at www.scv.org/services/documents.php and send to Commander Stone and Chief of Staff Roach. No awards will be given if not approved by the division commander. Please do not have a deserving compatriot not receive a well-deserved award by you not submitting your recommendation in the correct manner.

We are pleased to report the

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resource of recommended speakers for camps has been updated on the division's website available at www.ncscv.org/education/recommended-speakers. If anyone identifies any speakers who need to be removed or know a speaker who would like to be added, please let me know.

We have an update on the North Carolina Division being selected to host a new "SCV Recruiting, Retention & Heritage Operations Seminar" for the Army of Northern Virginia. The original dates scheduled experienced issues for all of the ANV to be so this seminar has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 16, 2017. There will be more details provided at a later date. This event promises to have representation from all the divisions in the Army of Northern Virginia, so let's have a huge turnout from North Carolina.

We cannot stress enough that on May 10th, which is Confederate Memorial Day in North Carolina, we need you at Heritage Day at the North Carolina Legislature. We will spend the day with other historical organizations as we meet with our State Representatives and Senators to let them know we are here preserving our heritage. North Carolina history is very important to all of us. If our membership is not well represented, how do we expect to be taken seriously when opposing threats to our heritage, history and veterans? We need you there along with family and friends as well as significant representation from all of our membership.

There was a special request in

the last issue that camps work with your brigade commanders while scheduling your Confederate Memorial Day services. Please consider spacing out your services with other camps in your area for each camp to receive maximum support from neighboring camps and the division. As you schedule your services share the details with me at rleeperdue.ncscv@gmail.com to add to our list to promote your service to the rest of the division. We have started this list and it is updated as new information is shared by camps. The list is published on the tarheel.listserv.com and our communications officer's network.

As we approach our annual observance of Confederate Memorial Day, please allow me to share some thoughts on this tradition that is special to all of us. "Memorial Day" also known as "Decoration Day" began when Confederate women wished to honor their husbands, fathers, brothers, and neighbors for their service.

There are different opinions on how this tradition was started.

One special to me is Miss Nora Fontaine Maury Davidson who was in charge of a school for young women in Petersburg, Virginia. On June 9, 1865, she took her students to Blandford Cemetery to decorate the graves of the Confederate soldiers. Her goal was to teach her students patriotism and to instill in them early in life the ideals of devotion to duty and never forgetting those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Petersburg is special to me because it is where many of my Pe-

gram ancestors from my daddy's side of the family were from. Some of them are buried in Blandford Cemetery which is the final resting place of more than 30,000 soldiers who wore the "Grey" and where this very special lady and her students would start a tradition.

In 1868 the wife of Union General John A. Logan witnessed the students decorating the graves at Blandford Cemetery. She would tell her husband. He would end up recommending a Federal Memorial Day. This day is still observed today on the last Monday of May as veterans who died for their country from all wars are remembered.

So in case you didn't know, yes, Southerners started this tradition which is still observed today. But like most of the truth in our history they would never teach us that in school.

Also back then Miss Elizabeth Rutherford was serving in the Soldiers' Aid Society in Columbus, Georgia to support the troops during the war. In 1866 Miss Rutherford told a friend about the custom of caring for the graves of dead heroes mentioned in a novel she was reading entitled *The Initials by Baroness von Tautphoeus*.

She suggested that a special day should be set aside in order to honor Confederate soldiers by decorating their graves. The other women in the Columbus Soldiers' Aid Society agreed and they would transform their group into the Ladies' Memorial Association. Ladies' Memorial Association chapters were formed all over the South to make sure the sacrifices of our veterans were not

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forgotten.

The ladies of Columbus would pass a resolution to set aside one day each year to memorialize Confederate Veterans for their honorable service. The women wrote in this resolution, *We can keep alive the memory of debt we owe [the fallen soldiers] by dedicating at least one day in each year, by embellishing their humble graves with flowers. Therefore we beg the assistance of the press, (good thing they didn't try that today), and the ladies throughout the South to help us in the effort to set apart a certain day to be observed.*

The ladies of the South would organize this day of remembrance each year. They, along with their daughters, prepared the flowers to decorate the graves. They would also recruit the young men and boys in their communities to attend to the graves and the cemeteries in preparation for this annual tribute.

On Memorial Day, hundreds, and even thousands, of citizens would gather at some central location in town like a church and march in procession to the cemetery where the women and children decorated the graves with flowers and evergreens. The ladies would schedule representatives from memorial associations to deliver prayers and speeches. In those days whole communities participated in these events honoring the soldiers who died for their country.

Today, regrettably, it is no longer whole communities observing this tradition, but it is us. We keep this tradition to remember the sacrifice and service of the Confederate

veteran.

At each Confederate Memorial Day service I experience, I can't help but think of these women of the South who were responsible for making sure our veterans would be honored and not forgotten. Many of these women lost so much during this time including their fathers, brothers and sons who went off to war to never return.

Many others would return home but would never be the same after suffering the impacts of war, both mentally and physically. There were so many disabled for life, missing limbs and never being able to do normal activities again. This burden had to be long lasting on these families long after this terrible war was over.

I also think of those brave men who died who do not have a headstone with their name, rank and unit marking their final resting place. Major General Fitzhugh Lee in his address *In Memory of the Confederate Soldier* said: *"If drowned amid the hail of shot and shell, his hastily buried body filled a nameless grave, without military honors and without religious ceremonies. No page of history recounted in lofty language his courage on the field or his devotion to his country, or described how, like a soldier, he fell in the forefront of battle."*

There is a special feeling for all of us when we pass the stones with the inscription "Unknown" when we are visiting our cemeteries. We must always remember the 'Unknown Confederate Soldier' and never forget those who do not have these stones marking their final

resting place in unknown hallowed grounds all over the South.

Many of these men are buried in shallow graves where they fell in battle, in lands all over the South. Tragically many others were buried in mass graves after a battle. Also many others were buried in mass graves who died as a prisoner of war. How many are there?

When we visit the battlefields we will never know how many are there in our midst, as Lee said, *his hastily buried body filled a nameless grave.*

As we remember our ancestors and veterans on Confederate Memorial Day, let's also remember these men who died with their families never knowing what happened to them. They have no descendants who know who they were, where they are, to remember them. We must never forget them.

The greatest tribute we can give to our ancestors as Sons and Daughters is to make sure we are the guardians of their legacy. We must teach the truth of our history to preserve this "gift" to us, our beloved heritage, for future generations. In February of 1863, General Robert E. Lee said these words which should give us the inspiration and strength today to accept our duty as their proud descendants – *He who gave freedom to our fathers will bless the efforts of their children to preserve it....*

In closing this should give all of us the inspiration to attend as many Confederate Memorial Day services as possible and to be present and accounted for on May 10th in Raleigh at our 2nd Annual Heritage Day.

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As always, I especially thank you again for all you do in vindicating the cause for which he fought, defending the Confederate soldier's good name, commitment to the guardianship of his history, emulating his virtues, perpetuating those principles he loved and living those ideals that made him glorious which you also cherish.

To the Guardianship of his Memory,



Ronald Lee Perdue

Division Lieutenant Commander

Heritage Officer



Division Members,

My column in this issue is particularly short; however,

its point is paramount to our efforts. Our 2nd annual Heritage Day at the NC Legislature is on May 10th. As you will see from the flyer printed in this same issue, we will be meeting in the northeast quad of the main building at 9:00 AM. Coat and tie is required. Generally, members will then find their legislator's offices and try to spend at least a few minutes reminding them of our purpose. We will all try to have lunch (or "dinner" as it is known) in the

on-site cafeteria in the basement as when we did that last year, it was quite the visual spectacle and we created a buzz. Before that, however, we are having our Division Confederate Memorial Day service at 11:00 AM at the Confederate soldier statue on the grounds of the state Capitol. We will lay a wreath and have a quick service with color guard. It will help remind us why we do what we do. The meetings with your representatives usually go into the afternoon and last year things wound down around 3:00 PM. A more formal schedule will be provided leading up to the event.

If you have any questions about where to go or what to do, I urge you again to pay particular attention to the related flyer printed in this issue. We will also have an organizational meeting on the evening before – the time and location will be announced as soon as possible. Meanwhile, if you still have unanswered questions, please contact our Division Legislative Officer, Sam Currin at samcurrin1@gmail.com.

As for talking points, do not overcomplicate things. Just remember what motivated you to join the SCV in the first place. Our main priority is protecting the legacy of our Confederate ancestors. This means supporting any and all efforts to protect and preserve their monuments, memorials, and final resting places. If you can't think of anything else, bring that up. We are not there to argue with people and to cause controversy. We are there to show our representatives and the public that we are professional, organized, and

willing to come down there on a weekday to show we care about our mission. We must look good and present ourselves in a manner which honors our ancestors, not one which embarrasses them. I look forward to seeing you there.

Jake Sullivan

Division Heritage Officer

Save These Dates

**Saturday
April 29, 2017
10:00 AM
NC Division
Sons of Confederate
Veterans
Annual Reunion
Maggie Valley**

**Wednesday
May 10, 2017
North Carolina
Heritage Day
at the
North Carolina
General Assembly
Raleigh**

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Twitter Officer

Hello, my name is Chadwick J Rogers. I am the Second Lieutenant Commander of the Major Charles Q. Petty Camp 872 and the new Twitter officer (Aide-de-Camp) for the NC SCV. I think most will agree Social Media is going to be key to the growth of the SCV. Twitter and Facebook are two of the most valuable tools on the Internet today for marketing, but Twitter is special because of the age of most users. The key to networking is using resources around you, and Twitter is one we can take advantage of at no cost. A tweet can now have long reaching impacts on large groups of people.

I have come to realize most people don't fully understand the power of Twitter. I must admit, I did not understand it until two years ago. How should you use Twitter? Here are some guidelines I have come up with on how to use Twitter appropriately. Often it is used unprofessionally, which could end up hurting you more than helping. Using it to do good is always supported by the people on Twitter.

First off, create a Twitter handle for you camp — it is simple. Just go to twitter.com and follow the instructions (a “handle” is the “@” in front of your Twitter username, ex. @NCDivisionSCV). Once you have created your profile, it is vital you add a photo of camp or the SCV Logo. Create a short biography for your camp. Be professional in this. Make it in first person; a PR firm is

not representing your camp, interests and experiences. Here is mine: “NC Division SCV @NCDivision-SCV. We kept it simple and to the point. For your camp’s website, if you don’t have one, just leave it blank right now but you can create a blog to voice your opinions in a longer form and use that as your website.

Make your twitter page public. I hear all the time about a camp having a Facebook page or group private which I do not understand. So please don’t make your twitter page private...the goal is to find new members for your camp. This is the biggest Twitter mistake anyone can make. If you make your profile private, people will not follow you. The key to Twitter or Facebook success is having followers. If you have a public profile on Twitter or Facebook you can ban any bad apples who pop up from both platforms, so why hide?

Your first tweet is always the hardest. Pick a Confederate General’s Birthday or something else from the war. Make sure to tweet something with content, something that matters. I have found a picture with information works good on Facebook or Twitter. Tweet about a subject you are passionate about: history, States’ rights, the Constitution, social media, or education. Never use anything you can’t verify factually, however. Use hashtags. These # symbols are created to trend a topic. Use a hashtag to join a discussion. The hashtag creates uniformity about a topic. I use #SCV #NCSCV #HQSCV all the time and I hope more camps will also.

Retweet, retweet, retweet. There is nothing I love more than when someone retweets one of my history posts. Stay relevant and timely, don’t tweet a ton one day and stay off for a couple of months; you will lose followers. Tweet links, i.e. If you see an article you like about the Confederate flag, history or anything else important to you and your camp on a website, copy and share the link with your followers and link it in your tweet account.

Check your grammar! I make this mistake often and need to work on it. Make sure you spell things correctly and write in simple, clear English. However, you do not have to rush like me, take your time and do it right and it will pay off for your camp. They obviously care what you tweet about; you should be respectful and follow back.

Twitter is more than just a place to explain where you are going or what you are doing. It is a way to connect with so many people just by writing in 140 characters or less. Where else are we going to get our camps names out to the public for cheaper? Share your Twitter handle (your @camp username) when you go to meet people and share it with me so I can follow you back. I recommend adding a new title to you camp like aide-de-camp for the person you pick to run your camp’s Twitter or Facebook account. Thank you for your time – I look forward to working with you and for the Division.

Chadwick J Rogers
Twitter Officer

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Chaplain



“The War Continues Against the Resurrection of Jesus”

Matthew 28:6

The celebration of the awful price Jesus paid for our redemption, his burial, and the great victory on resurrection morning may have passed before our *Carolina Confederate* comes out. But from the time that Jesus' body was placed in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, the devil's crowd have been working to discredit this great truth. Why? Because the very foundation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ was, and is, the truth of the bodily resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. This literal jihad against this truth began shortly after Jesus' burial (Matt. 27:62 to 66), and has continued down through history. However, that war did not begin to heat up until the 1800s and grew to a fevered pitch. This war is closely related to the jihad against everything Southern. For the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the very foundation of the Confederate Culture (heritage). Therefore the same evil spirit is behind the efforts to totally eradicate everything Southern.

These attacks in every type of media are examples of the continuing efforts to discredit the Bible truth of the resurrection. Especially in our day these efforts come disguised as a search for the truth. Most of these attacks are from so-called scholars, theologians, preachers, and other important sounding titles which they use. But they are raven-

ing wolves in sheep's clothing.

But let us consider some Bible evidence to back the claim that Jesus of Nazareth was indeed the First Fruit of the resurrection on the first day of the week.

A. The empty tomb. (This was only possible by one of two ways; some one removed the body or Jesus was indeed raised from the dead).

1. Did some one remove the body? The disciples did not, could not, for the tomb had been sealed and Roman soldiers guarded against that happening, (Matt. 27:62 to 66).

2. If Jesus' body had still been there on the first day of the week the enemies of our Lord would have gladly produced it to prove there was no resurrection.

3. The disciples would have been complete fools to be willing to die for something they knew was indeed a lie if Jesus was not raised from the dead as he had foretold.

B. The body of Jesus was resurrected as He had promised them.

1. Jesus' appearances. I do not have the space to list all of the appearances between his resurrection and ascension forty days later. Suffice it to say that there were ten or eleven recorded in God's word, and in one of these appearances we are told Jesus appeared to more than 500 brethren (I Cor. 15:6a).

2. Experimental proof of Jesus' resurrection. This evidence that Jesus came out of the tomb with a new body over which death had no power is the people changed by the power of the gospel. Not reformed individuals, but transformed ones. People may reform themselves, but only through the resurrected One

can a person be transformed. Old things pass away, (the life of sin), behold all things become new, (that life born from above).

If you are a sinner, then come to God through Jesus Christ in true repentance and faith, and you will receive forgiveness of sins and a new life in Him. Rev. 1:18 says, "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

W. Herman White,

D. Min, D.D. Division Chaplain

Quartermaster

As the new NC Division Quartermaster, I will have a division table of merchandise at the upcoming April reunion. I am working with our Division Commander and State Fair Coordinator in keeping an inventory of merchandise for the division. Please be patient as we gather merchandise for you and the public to purchase. Stop by the division table and speak with me about any ideas. Attached is a picture of new stickers (I support Confederate Heritage) for sale (\$20 per roll) at the reunion. Thank you for your patronage.

Darwin Roseman

Division Quartermaster



Confederate Memorial Services in NC

May 6, 2017

7:00 AM – McDowell County Courthouse -Marion

9:00 AM – Confederate monument in downtown Graham

10:00 AM – Euphronia Presbyterian Church, 169 Euphronia Church Road, Sanford

10:00 AM – Old City Cemetery, Raleigh

11:00 AM – Whiteville Memorial Cemetery, Whiteville

2:00 PM – Old Dallas Courthouse Dallas, North Carolina

2:00 PM – Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh

2:00 PM – Montford Cove Baptist Church Cemetery, 4920 Cove Road, Union Mills

May 7, 2017

7:30 AM – Confederate Monument, Old Fort Bragg Road. Fayetteville

May 10, 2017

9:00 AM – Confederate monument on Falls Road, Rocky Mount

HERITAGE DAY

May 10, 2017

9:00 AM – Confederate monument on Falls Road, Rocky Mount

9:00 AM - 2nd Annual Heritage Day, NC Legislative Building, Raleigh

6:30 PM – Cross Creek Cemetery, Fayetteville

6:30 PM – Green Hill Cemetery, Greensboro

7:00 PM – Confederate Memorial Monument, Lincolnton

May 13, 2016

9:00 AM – Old County Courthouse, Dobson

9:00 AM – Maplewood Cemetery, Durham

10:00 AM – Old Courthouse, Statesville

10:00 AM – Court Square, Shelby

11:00 AM – St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Rowan County

May 13, 2017

1:00 PM - Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte

1:00 PM - Haynes Jarvis Cemetery, near 5930 Gate Court, Clemmons

2:30 PM – Lexington Cemetery, 400 N. State Street, Lexington

May 20, 2017

10:00 AM – Silent Sam Confederate Monument, UNC-Chapel Hill campus, Franklin Street, Chapel Hill

2:00 PM – Mingo Militia Monument, corner of Taylor's Chapel Road, Dunn

3:00 PM – Oakwood Cemetery, High Point.

May 21, 2017

2:00 PM – Willowdale Cemetery, Goldsboro,

May 28, 2017

4:30 PM – Rockingham County Veterans Park, Wentworth

New flower bloom named for General William Dorsey Pender



Major General Pender

A new flower has emerged on the landscape of the South. The Major General Pender has been registered in Wilmington, North Carolina by SCV member Edward W. Fredrickson. The new flower bloom was registered in 2017 (ACS Registration Number 3032). The species is japonica and is a semi-double bloom type. The bloom color is pinkish purple with yellow anthers and white filaments. The bloom size is 3.5 inches by 2 inches and its bloom season is mid season. The new plant's growth habit is upright and open. The General bloom type is a profuse bloomer, falls in one piece and is long lasting with heavy petal texture and consistent form. The plant and leaves are dark leaves green have medium serration average. The plant is suitable for landscaping and exhibition uses.

The new bloom was named for Confederate General William Dorsey Pender (1834-1863), one of the youngest generals of the Confederacy who was mortally wounded on the second day of Gettysburg.

SCV National Award Nominations Deadline Set for April 29, 2017

The deadline for nominating a member of your camp for a National SCV Award is April 29, 2017. Award nomination forms are available on the national web page. Send your nominations to ANV Department Commander Ronnie Roach at: ronnie_s_roach@hotmail.com, by the deadline.

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This Issue's Favorite Quote

*"You have no reason to be ashamed of your
Confederate dead; see to it they have
no reason to be ashamed of you."*

**– Robert Lewis Dadney,
Chaplain for Stonewall Jackson**

*Do you have a favorite quote?
Send it to us in care of the Editor.
Include your name and camp.*

Still the Designated Opponent

The Greensboro Historical Museum, Greensboro, NC

The **Greensboro Historical Museum** located at 130 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, has made the decision to close the **Dr. John Murphy Civil War Collection in March of 2017**. This is the largest collection of Confederate manufactured rifles and carbines on display in the United States along with a collection of original Don Troiani paintings.

We are requesting all people who care about this period of history to please take the time to write a polite, but firm letter to the Greensboro Historical Museum Board of Trustees President and Museum Director and request they please reconsider this action. It is our opinion they do not think many people will care if this exhibit is closed. If their e-mail accounts are flooded with responses, they may change their mind. You can also send letters to the editor of the *Greensboro News & Record* newspaper.

What Can You Do?

Please begin e-mailing the following two people and the Greensboro newspaper requesting the decision to close the Dr. John Murphy Civil War Collection be reversed.

Museum Director Carol Ghiorso Hart
carol.hart@greensboro-nc.gov

Museum Board of Trustees President Chris Carlson
carlsonchris20@yahoo.com

Greensboro News & Record letters to the Editor: www.greensboro.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/

We need to act now to stop this injustice!

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From The Mountains To The Sea

News From the Camps In North Carolina

Robert Henry Ricks Camp 75

Rocky Mount

The Robert Henry Ricks Camp 75 cleaned eight cemeteries over the last couple months. They were assisted in this clean up by members of the Gen. William Dorsey Pender Camp 1916. The cemeteries included the Miles Bobbitt Cemetery, the George Ricks Cemetery, the Viverette-Williams Cemetery, the Womble Burial Grounds, the David B. Ricks Cemetery, the Marmaduke Ricks Cemetery, the Lawrence Ricks Cemetery, and the Battle Farm Cemetery.



Before clean up



After clean up

The before and after pictures of David Ricks Cemetery are shown above. David was the father of the camp's namesake.

**The deadline for submitting news
and photos for the next
The Carolina Confederate
is June 1, 2017.**

47th Regiment NC Troops Camp 166

Wake Forest



Shown from left is *Confederate Veteran* Editor Frank Powell, new Hawaii Camp Commander Steve Brock, and 47th Regiment NC Troops Camp Commander Byron Brady displaying the battle flag on Oahu's North Shore in February 2017. The 47th Regiment Camp is assisting in establishing a new SCV Camp for the Hawaiian Islands.

Fayetteville Arsenal Camp 168

Fayetteville

Kelly Hinson provided a presentation at the November 8, 2016, meeting of the Fayetteville Arsenal Camp on Anna Jackson, wife of Stonewall Jackson, and reading the letters that General Jackson sent to her during the War of Northern Aggression.



Kelly Hinson portraying Anna Jackson at the November 8, 2017, meeting of the Fayetteville Arsenal Camp 168.

Lieutenant William Corbitt Camp 525
Rutherfordton



Members of the Lt. William Corbitt Camp 525 originally chartered in the 1920s and reactivated in 2015. Pictured (front row) are Historian William Stallings, Jr., Commander Alan White, Lt. Commander Rev. Creighton Lovelace, Compatriot Lynn Miller, and Color Sgt. Rev. Brian Rome. Pictured (back row) Compatriot James Warren, III, Adjutant Gaither Harwood, and Chaplain Rev. Van Austin Hoyle, Sr.

Lieutenant F. C. Frazier Camp 668
High Point

On February 21, 2017, Division Lt. Commander Ron Perdue recognized a very special lady in North Caroli-

na on the behalf of Thos V. Strain, Jr., SCV Commander-in-Chief. Ms. Valeria Hall Frazier, granddaughter of Confederate Veteran Weary Clyburn of the 12th South Carolina Volunteers, was recognized with the prestigious Commander-in-Chief Ladies Appreciation Award. Ms. Frazier had earned the camp's admiration for her years of support to her dear mother Real Daughter Mattie Clyburn Rice. She is a proud member of the UDC and Life Member of the Order of Confederate Rose Chapter in High Point.



Ms. Valeria Hall Frazier and Camp Commander Ron Perdue at the camp's February meeting.

Columbus County Volunteers Camp 794
Whiteville



Commander Mike Hollingsworth (shown at right) of the Columbus County Volunteers Camp 794 welcomes new member Compatriot Roy Gore.

Colonel Leonidas Lafayette Polk Camp 1486
Garner



Members of the Colonel Leonidas Lafayette Polk Camp 1486 conducted a War Between the States Living History Day at Cary Christian School March 2, 2017. Camp members participating were, Keith Hargreaves, Woody Ragan and Darwin Roseman.

Colonel John B. Palmer Camp 1946
Burnsville



Members of the John Palmer Camp 1946 cleaned their Adopt-A-Highway section on February 26, 2017.

Colonel John B. Palmer Camp 1946
Burnsville

The Colonel John B. Palmer Camp 1946 met January 17, 2017, to hear NC Division Historian Michael Hardy's program on Mrs. Fannie Palmer, the wife of the camp namesake. At the camp's February 21st meeting, Michael Hardy addressed the camp on The Battle of Fish Camp on Watagua Lake.

Rocky Face Rangers Camp 1948
Taylorsville



Members of the Rocky Face Rangers Camp 1948, participated in the Taylorsville, North Carolina Christmas parade held December 3, 2017.

Special Ceremony set for Charlotte May 13

CHARLOTTE—This Stonewall Jackson Camp 23, Charlotte, and the Charles Q. Petty Camp 872, Gastonia, along with several other area camps will be honoring Captain John Randolph Erwin at their joint Confederate Memorial Day service. The service will be held on May 13, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, 7407 Steele Creek Road in Charlotte. The keynote speaker will be R. Kevin Stone, Commander of the North Carolina SCV. The following is information on Captain Erwin.

Captain John Randolph Erwin

The subject of this sketch was born on the 1st day of August, 1838, in Bethesda township, York County, S. C. He was a son of William L. and Annie Williamson Erwin, who belonged to the old Scotch-Irish families who emigrated to this country before the Revolution. Capt. Erwin was raised on a farm,



Captain John Randolph Erwin

and was educated in the old field schools, except two sessions spent at an academy in Ebenezer, S. C. In 1851, William Erwin moved to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, locating at Ranalesburg, Steele Creek Township, and from that time Mecklenburg was Capt. Erwin's home. In the fall of 1856 he entered the general merchandise store of Fisher, Burroughs &

Co., of Charlotte, and remained with that firm until the winter of 1859. Then he decided to improve his fortunes by going West, so he went to Texas with a party trading on the Rio Grande. He remained there until South Carolina passed the ordinance of secession, when he sacrificed his business and returned to his home. He volunteered as a private in the Ranalesburg Rifles, but his popularity soon won for him the position of first lieutenant of his company. Soon after organization this company was ordered to the camp of instruction at Raleigh, and was at the Capitol when North Carolina seceded on May 20, 1861. The company was then ordered to Garysburg, NC, where he was made adjutant of the post by Col. W. D. Pender. Here it was that the Third, afterwards the Thirteenth Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers, was organized, and Capt. Erwin was selected as major of the Regiment. Owing to the absence of his captain, who had been wounded, and to the earnest entreaties of his men, he declined this honor and remained with the company. The company was sent from Garysburg to Suffolk, VA, and from there to Todd's Point on the James River, where they spent the summer. In the fall the company was sent on detached duty to Ragged Island, opposite Newport News, and was in camp there and witnessed the naval engagement of 1861 in which the warships *Cumberland* and *Congress* were destroyed. In the spring of 1862 the Regiment was ordered to the peninsula near Yorktown, VA, to hold in check the advance of Gen. McClellan.

In April of that year he was elected captain of a cavalry company, organized in Charlotte by Maj. M. N. Hart. After equipping and drilling his company at the old fair grounds at Charlotte, Captain Erwin was ordered to join Evan's Battalion at Kinston, NC. In the winter of 1862 the Battalion was ordered to Garysburg, where the Fifth Cavalry Regiment was formed; this regiment was sent to Virginia in 1863, and took part in the memorable campaign of Gettysburg. When the regiment went to Virginia Capt. Erwin was left at Garysburg with typhoid fever, and did not rejoin his men until they returned to Culpepper Court House, where the famous North Carolina Brigade, composed of the First, Second, Third and Fifth Cavalry, was organized. This brigade was commanded by the gallant Gordon until his death in front of the breast works near Richmond in 1864, when Gen. Rufus Barringer took charge of the brigade. In this command Capt. Erwin served till the close of the war, taking part in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged. At the bloody battle of Chamberlain Run his colonel, McNeil, and Lieutenant Colonel Shaw were both killed, and Maj. Galloway being sick, the command of the regiment devolved on him to the close of the war. He did not surrender his regiment, but marched it back to North Carolina, and in Charlotte he received from John C. Breckenridge, Secretary of War, an order to disband his company. After the war Capt. Erwin again entered the mercantile field as a clerk for Taylor & Duncan, which position he held for two years. On the 5th of June, 1867, he married Miss Jennie, a daughter of Maj. Z. A. Grier, of Steele Creek. In January, 1868, Capt. Erwin moved to Steele Creek and began the life of a farmer. In January, 1873, he returned to Charlotte and accepted a position with W. H. Houston, a wholesale grocery merchant. In May, 1873, Capt. Erwin was elected city marshal, or chief of police, which office he held until April, 1875, when he was appointed by D. Schenck, judge of this district, clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg county, in which capacity he served for twelve years.

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Unless your event is considered a Brigade-wide or Division-wide event, you will be limited to no more than three (3) photos per issue due to space limits.

Upon his retirement the following tribute was paid him by Col. H. C. Jones, at the close of Capt. Erwin's last court : "I desire to call your honor's attention to the fact that the term of office of our much esteemed clerk, Capt. Erwin, is about to close. It has been many years since he entered upon the duties of his office, and in all that time he has discharged them so efficiently, with so much fidelity to the important trust committed to him, with such patience and industry, with such kindness and courtesy to the members of the bar, that I know I speak their sentiments when I say we part from him with feelings of affectionate regret. He came to the position entirely without experience and without any acquaintance with the business that his office devolved upon him, but he devoted himself to the task with such patient industry that he soon became, what I now pronounce him, one of the best—if not the very best—clerks within the limits of this State. "In May, 1878, Capt. Erwin's wife died, and on the 11th of December, 1879, he was married to Miss Sallie, daughter of Col. William M. Grier, of Steele Creek, and a sister of Calvin E. Grier, a prominent lawyer of Charlotte, who died in 1889. After leaving the clerk's office, he retired to his farm in Steele Creek, where he had made large investments in a milling plant. In 1888 he was elected chairman of the Finance Committee of the county, which position he held until 1892, when he was elected a member of the State Legislature. Although his first experience as a lawmaker, he at once took a prominent position and was the chairman or a member of several committees. In August, 1893, he accepted a position as private secretary to Congressman S. B. Alexander, and spent two years in the City of Washington. In 1895 he moved back to Charlotte and in the same year was made chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. During his administration and through his influence, the first iron bridges were erected for the County of Mecklenburg. He was also chairman of the committee which had in charge the building of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse. On the 19th of March, 1901, while seated in the courthouse in Charlotte, he died very suddenly, and was laid to rest in the old cemetery at Steele Creek. During the war he had made an enviable record as a soldier, and to all who knew him his name was a synonym for honor and uprightness.—Contributed by Miss F. Grier.

Elmira Prison Camp

ELMIRA, NY—On June 24 - 25, 2017, there will be a dedication of a restored original Elmira Prison Camp building and a reproduction of a prison camp barracks. This dedication includes a newly created memorial garden. Many thanks go to the master gardeners of Cornell University for their work in designing and beginning the construction of the memorial garden. When possible, the state flowers of each Confederate state will be planted in this memorial garden. On June 25th there will be a multi-denominational (Protestant, Catholic, Hebrew) memorial service held in the Confederate sections of the Woodlawn National Cemetery to honor and remember those who died at Elmira and killed in the great Shohola Prison train wreck. Make your plans to attend. For more information may be found at www.elmiracivilwar.com. Keep checking on their website for more information about schedule of events.

Tom Fagart
Cabarrus Guards Camp, Concord, NC

FLAGS ACROSS THE CAROLINAS

The SCV Mechanized Cavalry of North Carolina is proud to announce that the "FLAGS ACROSS THE CAROLINAS" fund has been officially established to raise money to support the project of the placement of mega size Confederate flags in many high profile locations on private land across the Carolinas.

This exciting project was adopted by the NCSCVMC in a partnership with the North Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to post the Confederate Battle Flag like the mega flags flying currently in other States all over the South like the twelve new flags flying in the State of Virginia.

There is a minimum donation of \$10 required to receive one of these new North Carolina Division pins but all money donated above the minimum amount will be collected and donated by NB Forrest Camp 803 to this project to fly our **Flags Across The Carolinas!**

These pins can also be individually ordered as gifts or extras. Consider our mission by adding extra money for postage with your order. Please submit completed form & check payable to NB Forrest Camp 803 and mail to:

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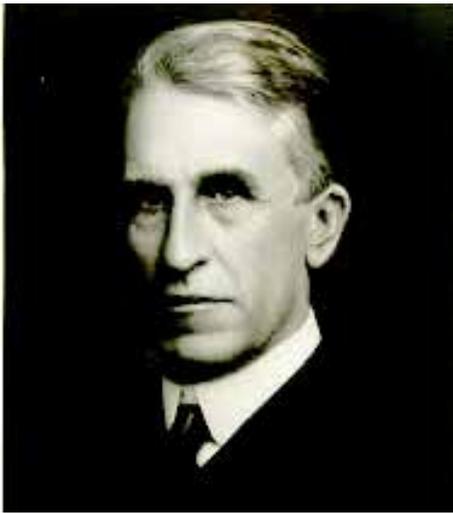
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Powell Benton Reynolds

Company D, 5th Kentucky Infantry and Company K, 50th Virginia Infantry

By Dale Whitfield, Historian, 47th Regiment NC Troops Camp 166, Wake Forest



Powell Benton Reynolds
1841-1914

Powell Benton Reynolds served in the Confederacy during the War Between the States. He enlisted in Company D, 5th Kentucky Infantry and later company K, 50th VA Infantry. The 50th was organized under Captain Jefferson Thompson Lawson at Patrick Courthouse on June 22, 1861. They served along with the 51st Virginia Infantry. In 1863, the 50th fought at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. The 50th fought in the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Courthouse, Lynchburg, Maryland Campaign, Richmond, and Petersburg; but only a handful reached Appomattox. Powell was captured in 1864, imprisoned at Point Lookout Maryland, and paroled April 9, 1865. He served with two of his brothers, and his father was a captain.

After the war ended, Powell Benton started his distinguished

career in education. He was a student at Richmond College from 1865-1870, president of Shelton College in St. Albans, West Virginia from 1872-1884, and pastor of Union Baptist Church in Waynesboro West Virginia. He served as president of Buckner College in Arkansas from 1884-1885. In 1885 he went to West Virginia University as professor of English Literature, was chair of the meta-physics department from 1889-1893, was acting president from 1893 to 1895 (refused to be president), professor of philosophy 1895-1897, professor of meta-physics and political science from 1897-1901, and chaplain/professor of economics and sociology beginning in 1901. He wrote many letters home giving accounts of battles which were made into a book (about 1970) in the West Virginia University library.

Powell Benton Reynolds was a prolific writer who wrote hundreds of letters home telling of his war experiences. The letter below to his Mother Roxanna Shelor detailing his struggles immediately after Gettysburg, is reflective of the condition of our brave Southern men during the war.

Camp near Orange Court House, Virginia on August 7th 1863 (after battle of Gettysburg).

Dear Mother,

I received yours of the 26th of

July yesterday morning, it having been about a week on the road. I also received one from you while we were at Hagerstown in Maryland, dated the 18th of June. So first and last, I suppose I have gotten all the letters you have written. It seems that you have all the writing to do, for I get no letters from any of the rest, nor can I hear of their writing any. I suppose I shall have to excuse them up to this time, as they have all been sick, but I give them fair warning that if they do not get to writing pretty shortly now, I shall get after them. What there can be to prevent Pap, Elam, Hortense or Columbia from writing me a letter almost every week, I cannot imagine. Probably they consider that I have been somewhat slow about writing myself and therefore have no right to complain. It is true I have not written since I wrote the one of the 10th of June of which you spoke, but you must consider the circumstances under which I have been placed.

I suppose that the first thing you wish to hear about is the state of my health. I have had about as hard a time of it as I ever had in my life, but have managed to keep up so far. I stood it tolerably for the first two or three weeks after starting upon the march. But from the time we crossed the Potomac going to Maryland I could feel a perceptible difference every day until it seemed almost impossible

for me to get along at all. I kept along until the day before the fight at Gettysburg, when I was so broken down that I had to get a seat in an ambulance for the first time since I have been in the army. Before going into the first I left my knapsack and all my clothes in the ambulance, for I was so weak that I could not carry them. I have not seen them since; consequently all the clothes I have in the world are on my back. I kept up with the regiment while it was supporting our batteries, but when it started upon the charge I found that I could not keep up with it. I caught up with the company shortly after the charge was over, a little after dark, and was with it through all the fighting the next day. I was not with Dozier when he was wounded nor did I see him afterwards. When we started to fall back from that place, I was compelled to throw away my gun in order to keep up. Since that time I have been able to march part of the time and a part of the time have had to be hauled. We have been resting four or five days now and I feel a little better than I have. I have fallen off until I can span my arms anywhere. I weighed 177 lbs when I left Dublin, but suppose I would weigh 135 now. But do not let this render you uneasy, for I think if I can get some rest I will recruit up again.

I would like to be able to give you all a full account of our Pennsylvania Campaign, but it would require too much time and room for this place. I must content myself with a brief sketch now and defer giving the details until I get home or get more leisure.

You have heard before this time of the part we took in the Battle of Winchester. We moved directly forward by way of Charlestown, to the Potomac, which we crossed at Shepherdstown, some ten miles above Harper's Ferry. We stayed several days near Harpsburg in Maryland lying in line of battle three or four days and nights. We could plainly see the "Stars & Stripes" floating over the enemy's works in Maryland Heights some ten miles distance. We went across Maryland by way of Hagerstown, and entered Pennsylvania at Middleburg, We took the road for Harrisburg, passing through Greencastle, Chambersburg, Shippensburg and numerous other smaller towns. We proceeded as far as Carlisle, supposing all the while that we were going to attack Harrisburg, where we learned that the militia were assembling. But we about faced at Carlisle, and shortly took the road for Gettysburg, crossing the Blue Ridge. We met up with the enemy at the town of Gettysburg, and fought the greatest battle of the war. The particulars of which you have heard before now. I will just remark here that it is given up by good judges that such commanding has never taken place before in the world.

We retired from before the enemy's works on the night of the third of July, and spent the fourth lying in an open field exposed to the rain, about two miles from the town. During the night of the fourth we again commenced falling back, and continued our retreat through rain and mud until we arrived at Hagerstown. We there took a po-

sition and fortified it strongly to keep the enemy in check until the Potomac got fordable. We recrossed the river ten miles above Shepherdstown; at Williamsport Md. on the morning of the 12th of July. We had it to wade, it taking us up to the armpits. We came back to Winchester by the way of Martinsburg. We came on to Front Royal aiming, as I suppose, to recross the Blue Ridge at Manassas Gap, the way we went into the valley, but we found the Yankees there. So we went some 25 miles further up the Shenandoah and crossed near Luray. We then came by way of Madison to this place.

We have been here four or five days, expecting to move every minute. We may stay here several days yet and we may leave in half an hour. I have no idea where we will go. That is wholly dependent upon the movements of the enemy.

We are faring some better here than we have been. We have a much better chance to cook our rations and have been getting a little fruit to eat with our meat and beans. We have been getting some corn meal and bacon, which goes much better than fresh lean beef, sour at that if it has been cooked any length of time. we have been able to wash up our clothes too, and consequently we feel and look much better. I wore my shirt without having it washed from the 15th of June until the 3rd of August. It could not be helped We are all pretty ragged and a great many of us are barefooted. I have shoes now, but was entirely barefooted three days since we came back to Virginia. One day I had to march.

So and being sick and tenderfooted both at once, I suffered more that day than I ever suffered in one day in my life.

The soldiers are all in bad spirits and are deserting in gangs. If matters look as dark in the country as they do in the army there is dark times indeed. Our Pennsylvania campaign has done more to dispirit and demoralize this army than anything that has occurred since the war. I knew it could only serve to discourage our soldiers and unite the enemy before it was made. But I am really sorry that so many are deserting.

If there is not a stop put to it, it will ruin both the army and country. I learn that the mountains up in our country are full of runaways. It is too disgraceful! Some are too ready to give up. It is a gloomy time, but there has been darker times, and light yet came. I do not doubt our ultimate success, and will hang on to the best.

I was really sorry to hear that you are were having so hard a time with sickness, and am really glad to hear that you all have gotten through safely. I am glad to hear that you all have a pretty fair crop, for what you do not produce you will have to do without. You fairly made my mouth water speaking of your vegetables in yours of the 18th of June. I am afraid though that I shall not be there to help eat them. Tell my little brothers that I am glad to hear they are industrious and I hope they will behave well. Nearly all I think about of late is getting back home and having a good peaceable time studying and working with them. Tell

Pap that I have been keeping 50 dollars for him and Grandpa a long time but have had no chance to send it. Tell Grandpa that I hope to get to talk over these war matters with him in peace one of these days yet. Give my respects to the girls and tell them to write to me. Clum and Hortense and Columbia must write. I wrote to Pyrrbus the other day, and sent my respects to Oliver. Uncle Henry is well. I would like to know if Dozier has gotten home yet.

Your affectionate son...
P. Benton Reynolds

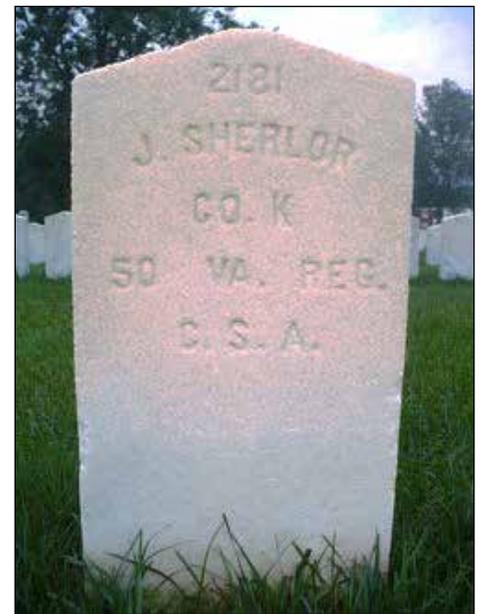
Mr. Reynolds passed away December 29, 1914, and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Morgantown, West Virginia.



Powell Benton Reynolds' grave markers located in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Indiandozer Boganshield Shelor

NOTE: "Dozer" mentioned in this letter is Powell's uncle, **Indiandozer Boganshield Shelor** (1828-1865). He was wounded July 15, 1863, along the line of retreat from Gettysburg. On May 12, 1864, he was captured in the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse. He was a prisoner at Point Lookout from May 18, 1864 to July 30, 1864, then at Elmira, New York, from August 2, 1864 to February 16, 1865, when he died from starvation and exposure. He is buried in Elmira, New York, at marker 1818, J. Sherlor, Co. K, 50 VA Reg, CSA. He signed his name I.B. a lot in his letters and apparently the "I" was confused with "J" in his military records. Elmira death records list him as "Sherlor, J." his last name was also misspelled.



The grave of Indiandozer Boganshield Shelor (1828-1865) Co. K, 50 VA Reg, Confederate States of America, located in Elmira, New York, at marker 1818.

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Camp Stokes Marker Unveiled

Camp Stokes, a Confederate Boot Camp located in Greensboro during the late years of the War Between the States, was marked by the Colonel John Sloan Camp 1290 during Confederate Memorial Day Services in Greensboro May 10th. The location of the marker is in city-owned Alma Pinnix Park. The Camp was named for Confederate Colonel Montford Sidney Stokes of Wilkes County who was killed in Virginia in 1862. Besides being a camp to train young Confederate recruits, Camp Stokes also contained 200 Union prisoners captured at the Battle of Bentonville. Funds for the \$1,000 marker were raised through the camp's Annual Gun Show held in Greensboro in September.

47th Regiment NC Troops Camp Challenge

The 47th Regiment NC Troops Camp 166, Wake Forest, has contributed \$1,000 to the building of the new SCV National Confederate Museum on the grounds of Elm Springs in Columbia, Tennessee.

The camp membership now challenges all other SCV Camps in North Carolina and in the nation, to match our contribution of \$1,000 or to exceed it.

Let's Build This Museum Now!



**Proposed Confederate Museum
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<p>FELIX CICERO FRAZIER Lieutenant Company A, 10th Battalion North Carolina Heavy Artillery Lt. F. C. Frazier Camp 668 High Point, North Carolina (4)</p>	<p>SOLOMON R. HENDREN Pvt. Co. C, 30th Regiment NC Troops Confederate States of America. Wounded and captured at Spotsylvania Courthouse May 12, 1864. POW at Point Lookout, Maryland until released in March 1865 Gary Lee Hendren Gen. James B. Gordon Camp 810 Wilkesboro, North Carolina (1)</p>	<p>MAJOR CHARLES Q. PETTY Co. H, 49th Regiment "Gaston Rangers" North Carolina Infantry Confederate States of America Maj. Charles Q. Petty Camp 872 Gastonia, North Carolina (4)</p>	<p>MAJOR GENERAL BRYAN GRIMES 2nd Corps Division Commander Army of Northern Virginia Confederate States of America Major General Bryan Grimes Camp 1488 Greenville, North Carolina (4)</p>
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<p>HENRY HINNANT Private - Co. H, 11th Regiment North Carolina Troops Wounded in hand, later transferred to Mallet's Battalion. Paroled in May 1865. In Memory of D. Frank Hinnant Fremont, North Carolina (307)</p>	<p>JAMES A. WHITTINGTON Private, Co. B, 7th Regiment North Carolina Infantry Confederate States of America Bill Starnes Major Charles Q. Petty Camp 872 Gastonia, North Carolina (4)</p>	<p>GEORGE JOSEPH TOSTO Co. F, 13th Battalion, Light Artillery 1st Co H, 40th Regt., NC Troops 3rd North Carolina "Branch Artillery" T. Homer Robbins North Carolina Division Color Sergeant Elm City, North Carolina (2)</p>	<p>RUFUS HENRY HOLLAND Corporal - Co. D, 14th Regiment Captured near Petersburg 02 April 1865. Wounded in both legs. POW at Point Lookout, Maryland for 86 days In Memory of D. Frank Hinnant Fremont, North Carolina (307)</p>
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