

FOOT CAVALRY DISPATCH

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To the Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

Honoring our Confederate Veterans rightful place in American History

Commander's Comments

Compatriots,

Last Saturday Becky and I traveled to Rt. 301, South of Petersburg for the Virginia Flaggers dedication of their latest flag pole. It was cold, 27 degrees, and windy, but that didn't keep the supporters away. Over a hundred people showed up and witnessed the raising of the 20 foot by 20 foot battle flag being hoisted to the top of the 80 foot pole. This is a perfect location only about 40 yards from I-95. The cost of the pole and flag was \$12,000 and all this money is through donations.

Susan Hathaway, leader of the Virginia Flaggers, will be our speaker this Saturday night at Lillian's Restaurant. I hope each of you will bring along cash or a check as a donation for the next flag to go up. If you cannot attend you can send a check to the Virginia Flaggers, P.O. Box 547, Sandston, VA 23150. If you bring a check or send one write Stonewall Camp #380 in the bottom left hand line of the check.

This is a great way to preserve the history and sacrifices our ancestors made than with a flag flying high above our highways. It reminds everyone that we still care!

I would like to wish a February Birthday to compatriot's Robert Powell & Don Taylor.

Our rescheduled Lee-Jackson Banquet is this Saturday, February 20th at 6:00pm. Please plan on attending to support our camp & speakers.

John A. Sharrett II
Commander

'Commander'

John A. Sharrett III

'1st LT. Commander'

Fred Ingram

'2nd LT. Commander'

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STUART SMITH WAS DEVOTED TO LOCAL HISTORY
 BY TONY STEIN Chesapeake Clipper 1-31-2016

One of my most unpleasant memories of the 1960s is the way college students en masse decided that being under 30 endowed them with the wisdom of the world. Therefore they were certain that the study of history was useless, so they were righteous in destroying historic resources at unlucky universities. But some people understand the importance of history. One such local man was Stuart Smith, and history was an important part of his life – a life that ended Dec. 27. He served in World War II, was a Chesapeake police officer for 31 years, a past president of the Norfolk County Historical Society and a **past commander of the Stonewall Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans**. He lent his eager interest and diligence to other historical groups as well. Helen Spruill, current president of the historical society, said he was known as “the” Chesapeake historian by many of his peers. In some comments she wrote for me, she called him “a gentle, quiet, unassuming gentleman who was very proud of his Norfolk County heritage and especially devoted to the preservation of its history. His guidance led us through some of the society’s lowest times, but he never lost faith and untiringly protected its collection, frequently contributing books, documents and artifacts from his own collection.” I asked Spruill about her reference to the society’s lowest times and she cited the 1980s, when a number of the original members passed away or became inactive. In the comments she wrote me, she said “no matter what the job was, whether it was digging in the dirt for artifacts or organizing one of our special events, he was there. Whenever our members and volunteers couldn’t find the answers to questions relating to Norfolk County history they would say, ‘We’ll ask Stuart. He’ll know.’ And he nearly always did.”

John A. Sharrett III of Suffolk was a friend and fellow Civil War reneactor and historian with Smith. He told me that Smith was among the ranks of soldiers in the movie “Gettysburg,” a major 1993 film production. “History had always been an important part of Stuart’s life,” Sharrett said. History is at the heart of one of Chesapeake’s treasures, the Wallace Memorial History Room at the Central Library in Great Bridge. It is filled with books and documents that tell the stories of how we got to where we are. The collections belong to both the library system and the historical society. And what’s on view is only a part of the legacy of the past. There’s an archives room filled with materials to be explored and made part of the historical scene. What I would love to have happen is for someone, the historical society or the people at the Chesapeake campus of Tidewater Community College, to create a spoken archive of yesterdays gone by. How wonderful it would be to have videotaped histories of old-timers talking about the scenes and experiences of their years. One of the most enjoyable afternoons of my career was spent talking with a Great Bridge woman then in her 80s. I remember the pleasure I felt as she described how in her youth the doctor might come calling in one of those rattling early autos and mix medicines out of the contents of his black bag. I think Smith would have had good stories to tell. Sharrett said he always thought Smith was too easy-going to be a police officer, similar to Andy Griffith in the May-berry TV show.

“He was a good police officer with a kind heart,” Sharrett said, “a kind and gentle man, a friend for 55 years who left his mark on the world.”

**"Let us cross over the river and
 rest under the shade of the trees."
 - Last words of Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson**





Important Dates in CSA History



February

- 1 1873 Matthew Fontaine Maury died.
- 3 1807 General Joseph E. Johnston's birthday
- 4 1861 First session of the Provisional Confederate Congress in Montgomery, AL
- 5-7 1865 Battle of Hatcher's Run, VA
- 5 1861 Resolution for formation of the Confederate States of America
- 6 1832 John B. Gordon's birthday (CSA General and statesman, First Commander in Chief of the UCV)
- 6 1833 General J. E. B. Stuart's birthday.
- 6 1834 General William D. Pender's birthday
- 6 1862 Battle of Fort Henry, TN
- 7 1817 Leroy Pope Walker's birthday (CSA general, cabinet member, statesman)
- 7 1861 Choctaw Indian Nation declares alliance with the CSA.
- 8 1817 General Richard Ewell's birthday.
- 8 1861 Provisional Confederate Constitution is adopted (Confederate Constitution Day). Arsenal at Little Rock, AR occupied by State Troops.
- 8 1862 Battle of Roanoke Island, NC
- 9 1861 Jefferson Davis elected by the Provisional government as President and Alexander Stephens as Vice President of the Confederate States of America
- 11 1812 Birthday of Alexander H. Stephens
- 13-16 1862 Battle of Fort Donelson, TN
- 14 1862 Confederate shore batteries of Fort Donelson, exchange fire with Union Ironclads.
- 15 1861 CSA Provisional Congress provides for a Peace Commission to the US Government.
- 16 1861 Texas troops occupy Arsenal and Barracks at San Antonio, TX.
- 16 1865 Fall of Columbia, SC
- 17 1864 Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley becomes the first submarine to sink and enemy ship (USS Housatonic) in combat off Charleston SC
- 18 1817 General Lewis A. Armistead's birthday
- 18 1861 Inauguration of President Jefferson Davis of the Confederate States of America. All US military posts in Texas are surrendered to state authorities by General Twiggs.
- 19 1865 Sherman's invading army burns most of Columbia, SC
- 20-21 1864 Battle of Olustee, FL
- 20 1861 Confederate States Navy founded
- 21 1863 Battle of Valverde, NM
- 22 1862 Official date adopted by the second and permanent Confederate Congress for formation of the CSA to honor the 130th anniversary of General and President George Washington's birth day. (who is featured on the Great Seal of the Confederate States)
- 22 1865 Fall of Wilmington, NC
- 23 1838 General Gilbert Moxley Sorrel's birthday
- 25 1833 General Clement A. Evans birthday
- 25 1862 Occupation of Nashville, TN throughout the war.
- 26 1861 CSA Congress passes Act to organize a general staff of the Army.
 - 27 1863 President Davis calls for a national day of fasting and prayer
 - 28 1863 CSS Nashville is destroyed by the US Montauk near Fort McAllister, GA.





Lee and Jackson - Southern Cavaliers, Heroes and Gentlemen



By James W. King

There was a land of cavaliers and cotton fields called the Old South. Here in this world gallantry took its last bow. That civilization is now Gone With The Wind and was portrayed in the epic 1939 movie bearing that title. Two of the gallant knights of the Old South who played major roles in the WAR FOR SOUTHERN INDEPENDENCE (aka Civil War) were Robert Edward Lee and Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson. Lee was born Jan.19,1807 at Stratford Westmoreland County Virginia and Jackson was born Jan.21,1824 at Clarksburg Virginia (now West Virginia). Both men served in the Mexican War and U.S. Commander Winfield Scott described Lee as the best soldier I ever saw in the field.

A Culture War began about 1830 between the North and South. The North became increasingly Socialist along the lines of Jean Jacques Rousseau and Karl Marx politically and liberal in religion espousing Atheism, Unitarianism, Transcendentalism and other isms. The South adhered to the Constitution and Bill of Rights as established by America's founding fathers who were primarily Southern gentlemen from Virginia and remained Orthodox Christian. Northern violation of the Constitution and Yankee greed, intolerance, hypocrisy, and aggression caused the Southern States to secede from the Union and seek Independence from the tyrannical, despotic, and dictatorial North who was increasingly treating the South as an agricultural colony and forcing the South to pay 75 to 85% of the money to operate the Federal Government via an unfair sectional tariff. The upcoming Morrill Tariff increased the tax rate to 50%.

Both Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson were destined to play major roles in the South's valiant and heroic struggle to achieve INDEPENDENCE against overwhelming numbers and resources. The great English author Charles Dickens wrote "the Northern onslaught against Southern slavery is a specious piece of humbug designed to mask their desire for the economic control of the Southern states". There were 10 causes of Southern secession one of which was slavery, but it was already a dying institution before the war and most educated Southerners were in favor of orderly graduated emancipation.

Secession was not treason and was legal by the 10th Amendment and all early attempts were by the Northern state of Massachusetts in 1803 and 1814. Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Salmon Chase stated in 1867 "If you bring these leaders (Confederate) to trial it will condemn the North, for by the Constitution, secession is not a rebellion. What the North won on the battlefield will be lost in a court of law".

Both men were devout Christians and their greatness can best be judged by the positive statements made by Northerners who were their former enemies in battle and by later U.S. presidents and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill who called Lee "the most noble American who ever lived". In 1880 E. Benjamin Andrews president of Brown University and a former Union veteran said that "any father when asked who he would want his son to emulate would answer Robert E. Lee if he were wise". U.S. president Dwight Eisenhower promoted Lee as a role model for American youth and said "a nation of men of Lee's caliber would be unconquerable in spirit and soul". When the CSA army went into Pennsylvania Lee refused to commit barbaric atrocities in retaliation for what the Yankees had done to Southern civilians especially women. Post-War a Northern insurance company offered Lee \$50,000 for the use of his name. Lee desperately needed money but he declined saying "my name is my heritage and about all I have left and it is not for sale".

The late Franklin D. Roosevelt, America's 32nd president, spoke at the unveiling of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Statue in Dallas, Texas, on June 12, 1936 and said, quote, "I am happy to take part in this unveiling of the statue of Lee. All over the United States we recognize him, as a great general. But also, all over the United States, I believe we recognize him as something much more than that. We recognize Robert E. Lee as one of our greatest American Christians and one of our greatest American gentlemen". British Army Field Marshal G. Joseph Wolseley met Lee during the war and stated "I judged Lee to be made from a different mold and of finer and superior metal than other men". Stonewall Jackson was of the same quality.





2016 Lee—Jackson Banquet / Stonewall Camp 380 Portsmouth Virginia



Our rescheduled Lee-Jackson Banquet be held on Saturday, February, 20th 6:00p.m. At Lillian's seafood restaurant . This will be a buffet dinner with our guest speaker, Susan Hathaway of the Virginia Flaggers. Please bring a friend, wife or significant other. Our installation of 2016 Officers will be installed by Frank Earnest, Past Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia.

Come out and listen to Susan talk about her travels through the South with the Virginia Flaggers organization she started in 2011.

2016 Virginia Division Convention

On To Richmond – April 15-17, 2016

This title may not be politically correct from an SCV point of view but it works for this purpose since next year's Virginia Division convention will be held for the first time in a number of years in the Richmond area. The convention is being hosted by the General James Longstreet Camp # 1247 at the Wingate by Wyndham hotel in Glen Allen, VA.

The dates for the convention will be Friday April 15, 2016 through Sunday, April 17, 2016 and the featured business will be the election of new officers for the 2016-2018 term.

The hotel's address is 13991 North Gayton Road, just west of Short Pump Town Center, one of Virginia's largest destination malls. The hotel provides a free shuttle to and from the center every half hour as well as many other locations on request. Guest rooms will be available for \$101.00 plus tax as well as a limited number of very nice king suites. Ask for the SCV Convention rate. Reservations may be made at your convenience by calling the hotel at (804) 421-1600.

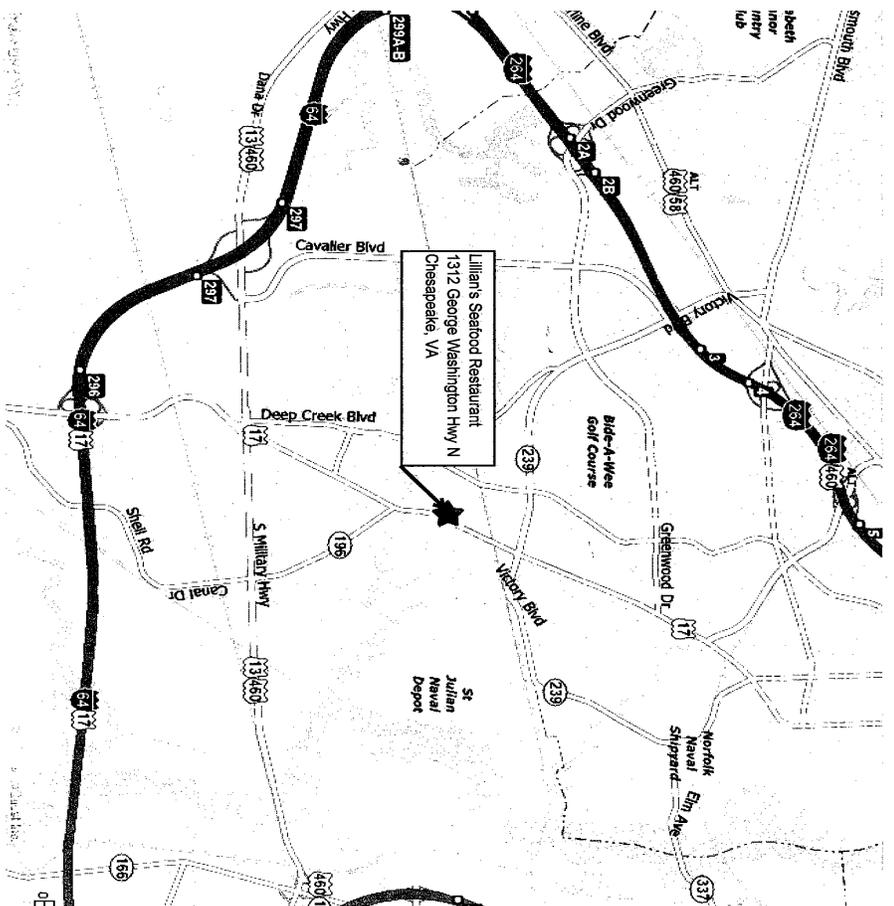
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