

# THE TARGETEER

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## Pledges

### **Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America**

*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the  
United States of America and to the  
republic for which it stands, one  
nation under GOD, indivisible, with  
liberty and justice for all.*

### **Salute to the Confederate Flag**

*I salute the confederate flag with  
affection, reverence  
and undying devotion to the cause for  
which it stands.*

### **Salute to the North Carolina Flag**

*I salute the North Carolina Flag and  
pledge to the Old North State Love,  
Loyalty and Faith.*

## The Charge

*"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Are you also ready to die for your country? Is your life worthy to be remembered along with theirs? Do you choose for yourself this greatness of soul? Not in the clamor of the crowded street. Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng. But in ourselves are triumph and defeat."*

*—Lt General Stephen Dill Lee*

## Upcoming Events

**March 16, 2014**

### **Averasboro Cannon Dedication**

Averasboro Battlefield and Museum is located at 3300 Hwy 82, Dunn, NC 28334. P.O. Box 1811 Dunn, NC.

**March 29-30, 2014**

Living history, "The Cruelty of War; Casualties and Medicine in the Civil War," at Bennett Place State Historic Site in Durham. 10 am-4 pm Saturday, 10 am-3 pm Sunday. Free. bennettplacehistoricsite.com

**April 26, 2014**

### **NC Division Reunion**

American Legion Post 234, 709 Church Street Northwest, Valdese, North Carolina.

**May 10, 2014**

Confederate Memorial Day. Camp #2205 service at the Kittrell Confederate Cemetery.

**July 16-19, 2014**

Sons of Confederate Veterans 119th National Reunion, North Charleston, SC.

## Attention Members

We are looking for volunteers for the Camp Honor Guard for Ceremonies. We are looking for both shooters and flag bearers, in case you do not have a musket, we can still use your services. We are not limiting the uniform to just infantry. If you want a medical or artillery or cavalry uniform, that is fine. Frank and I have committed to wear cavalry uniforms to honor our ancestors. If you are thinking about joining, please contact Frank or myself for more information on uniforms, weapons, or shooting supplies.

We are looking for at least 4 members to get started.

**George Kearney**  
**Adjutant**  
**SCV Camp #2205**

## Next Meeting

Camp #2205 will be meeting at Bob's Barbecue in Creedmoor, NC on Tuesday, March 4, 2013 at 5:30PM

## Commander's Comments

Hello Camp 2205 members and guest. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our March meeting. When I say ALL of you, I know there are certain circumstances that sometimes come up that will keep some members from making the meeting. For those of you that "skip" a monthly meeting, you are missing very good programs. There is a lot of time that goes into planning every monthly meeting. We try very hard to find and schedule someone that will not only educate us further on our southern heritage, but put on an exciting program. I ask for you to please try and attend our meetings. The scheduled date is always the first Tuesday night of the month. At these meetings, we also make a lot of Camp business decisions that everyone as a camp member should be involved in. The attendance at the meetings is the key for our camps success. Please, please try to attend. I would like to personally thank George and Bobby for participating in the planning of our Memorial Day service on May 10. The draft has been drawn up, and it's in the works with the other organizations to be approved by all. I am really excited about this upcoming

service, and know you will also. Our color guard for our camp seems to be coming along well. Anyone interested in helping out, please let George or Frank Keller know. The camp is planning on getting together sometime this month, and visiting the Bentonville Battlefield in Johnston County. I have looked into renting a passenger van and it looks like it will cost around a hundred dollars to rent the van, plus gas cost. Once we decide which date to go, and how many people will attend, we will figure the cost for each person. This will be our first camp field trip. Guests will be invited. We also need to start planning on which dates we will clean the Bullock Cemetery, Jefferson Davis Highway Marker, and talk a little about visiting South Granville High School with a soldier demonstration. As you can see, we plan on our camp being very busy, but this can only be achieved with each members help. I am very proud of our camp, and hope you are as well. See you all soon.

**Joey Dickerson**  
**Commander**  
**SCV Camp #2205**

## March in the War

**March 4, 1861**

Confederate convention adopts the "Stars and Bars" as the nation's flag.

**March 8, 1862**

Confederate victory at the battle of Elkhorn Tavern.

**March 8, 1862**

The CSS Virginia wins two battles with the USS Congress and USS Cumberland.

**March 9, 1862**

The CSS Virginia and USS Monitor clash at the first battle of two ironclads. (Known as the battle of

Hampton Roads").

**March 13, 1862**

Jefferson Davis orders Robert E. Lee to conduct the military leader of the Confederacy.

**March 14, 1862**

Battle of New Bern.

**March 5, 1863**

Confederate victory at the battle of Unionville.

**March 17, 1863**

Battle of Kelly's Ford.

**March 24, 1864**

Nathan Bedford Forrest seizes Union City.

**March 2, 1865**

Confederate victory at the battle of Waynesborough.

**March 8, 1865**

Battle of Kinston.

**March 16, 1865**

Battle of Averasborough.

**March 19, 1865**

Battle of Bentonville.

**March 25, 1865**

Battle of Fort Stedman.

**March 31, 1865**

Battle of White Oak Rd.

**March 31, 1865**

Battle of Dinwiddie Court House.







## History Of The Battle Of Avasboro

The following article looks at the significance and events of the Battle of Avasboro. The events account of this article was extracted in part from the U.S. Congressional Record of the U.S. Senate dated September 5, 1868, Vol. 114, No. 143.

### The Significance

Historically underestimated and under recognized, the Confederate military action on the Smith plantation four miles south of the village of Avasboro was and is of considerable significance. The battle resulted from a deliberate, well-planned, and well-executed Confederate tactical military maneuver in force--the first since the beginning of Sherman's march north. The action was designed to delay and to damage General Sherman's progress, and it did both under the able and experienced leadership of General William J. Hardee.

Of equal and ongoing significance, the

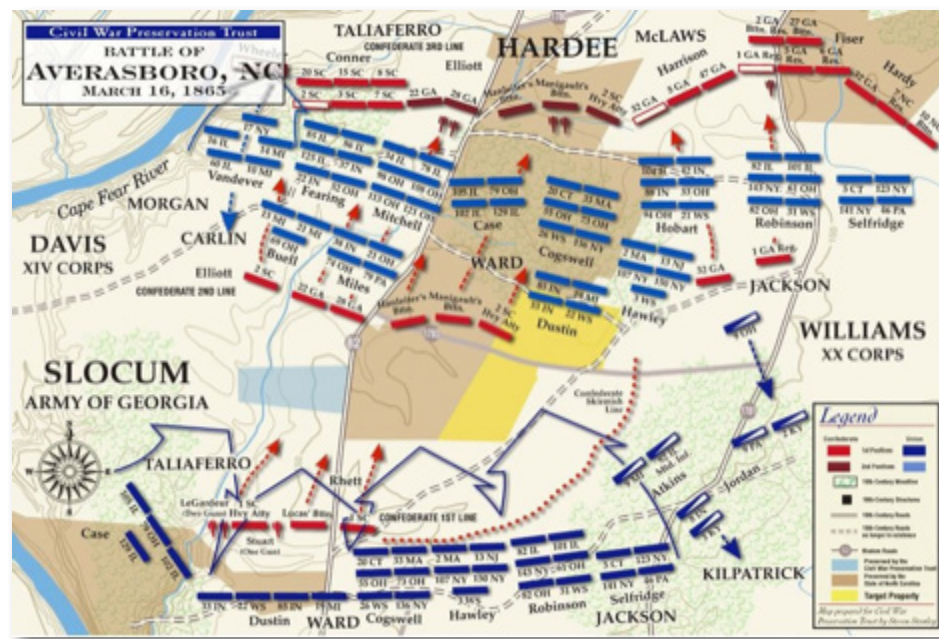
Battle of Avasboro and its aftermath highlight the resolve, the compassion, and the resilience of the Southerners involved--both military and civilian. This spirit survives as a major aspect of the heritage of our ever-developing country.

### The Events

During the last part of his march from Savannah to Fayetteville, Sherman was preceded by a force of retreating Confederates, whom he outnumbered ten to one and whose mission it was to watch and report his movements. These Confederates were commanded by an intrepid Georgian, General William J. Hardee, one-time commandant at West Point and author of "Hardee's Tactics." Hardee crossed the Cape Fear River shortly before Sherman entered Fayetteville and took position near Avasboro in Harnett County on the road leading from Fayetteville to Raleigh by way of Avasboro and Bentonville, while his Fifteenth and Seventeenth Corps marched on a parallel route.

General Joseph E. Johnston ordered Hardee to delay Slocum at Avasboro, so that he could complete the concentration of his forces and be ready to strike the Fourteenth and Twentieth Corps on their arrival at Bentonville. These events precipitated the Battle of Avasboro, which is well described in Captain Samuel A. Ashe's "History of North Carolina." His words quoted are:

"Hardee, on crossing the Cape Fear, took the road leading to Smithfield and Raleigh. On the fifteenth of March he occupied a position four miles from Avasboro, and that evening



a Federal column, being the Fourteenth and Twentieth Corps, approached and there was some skirmishing. Hardee's position was well chosen, the Black River nearly approaching the Cape Fear at that point, and he made excellent dispositions, but had only six thousand men. Early the next morning the Federals, General Sherman being on the field in person, attacked with vigor, using their artillery to advantage; but their infantry was always repulsed. In the early afternoon they moved a heavy force farther to the east, completely flanking the left of Hardee's position, which necessitated a retirement of that wing about four hundred yards to the main line. Here again and again, every assault was repulsed. During the night the Federals proceeded to fortify their position and threw heavy columns across Black River; and Hardee, being thus flanked, fell back towards Smithfield, leaving Wheeler's men in position." (NOTE: Later research indicates that although the Confederate right (west) was flanked on the 1st battle line, it is not established that the

Federals flanked the Confederate left. The Confederate final withdrawal was planned, deliberate and orderly.)

Thus ended the Battle of Avasboro, a fight in which Union casualties totaled 682 and Confederate losses approximated five hundred. By his gallant delaying action at Avasboro, Hardee enabled Johnston to concentrate his total available forces of 25,000 men and boys at Bentonville. Here, on March 19, 1865, Johnston surprised Sherman's Fourteenth Corps.





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