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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 he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish.

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.*

FROM THE COMMANDER:

Greetings Camp 2205 members and friends. I hope each and every one of ya'll had a wonderful holiday experience with your families. I would like to start off by saying that I continue to see great things happening for the Lt. John T. Bullock Camp this year. We have accomplished a lot in 2015, and are looking to do more to honor our Confederate heroes in 2016. I am also really excited about the new members that have joined our camp. Our core group now seems to have the dedication that it's going to take to bring positive attention to our cause. I would especially like to give a great welcome to our newest family that has joined, the Brogdens. Kevin Brogden was sworn in at last month's meeting, with his wife Karla, son Joey, and daughter Cameron in attendance as well. We also have a new recruit in Charles Preddy that we have met a few times now. All of his paperwork has been approved, and we will be voting on his membership into the camp at the next meeting.

I would like to give a big thank you to Mrs. Donna Snipes for giving us a presentation on the Elmira Prison Camp at the last meeting, and bringing to our attention some of the awful conditions that our grandfathers endured while being held there. Donna and her husband David are great friends of our camp, and we always look forward to being in their company.

Our camp has recently begun the "adopt a highway" program, made possible through the dedicated work of our Lt. Commander Roberson. Kevin went through all the steps in getting us approved for a two mile stretch along the Jefferson Davis Highway (US 15) beginning in Creedmoor going north towards Oxford. The two signs were installed the first week in January, and our first cleanup took place on Friday, January 15. We had a decent turnout in which I would like to give thanks to Kevin Roberson, Bobby Jackson, George Kearney, and our OCR president Dee Dickerson for assisting. We gathered approximately twenty bags of trash during this cleanup.

The next thing I would like to speak upon is our camps building fund. We are making great strides in our growing amount, but like we mentioned at last month's meeting, we need to step our game up. Our camps executive council will be meeting soon with ideas in how to accomplish this. One idea that is being thrown around is to hold a gun give away with donations accepted. If this happens, we need each camp member to put forth the effort to make sure this will be a success.

In closing, I am attending the NC Division meeting on Saturday, January 30th in Whiteville and invite anyone who would like to attend to let me know and we will travel together. Joey Dickerson

From the 2cnd Lt. Commander:

It sometimes seems like only yesterday that the little boy rushed home threw down his school books, grabbed his small cup and raced out the back door. He was on a mission. He was part of the "Save Our Battleship" program. He sometimes walked until almost dark doing what he felt was his duty, to be a part of saving a most vital part of our history. To this day when I go to Wilmington, I make an effort to ride through the battleship parking lot, park my car, and just stand there and look. I am still very proud of the little guy, who along with many other kids made this happen. We all saved her. As so, I see the mission of the Camp 2205 building fund. When we all do just a little each month, over time mighty things can be accomplished. In these politically correct times, when our Confederate Monuments are coming down, it sure seems that every true southerner would want, and have a deep desire to be a part of building one that belongs to us. Let's show the world what we are made of, let's show the world what we can do. Please donate to our fund.

William Jackson

NEW RECRUITS

When was the last time you tried to recruit a new member for the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Bullock Camp?

Do you ever approach anyone and ask if they are interested?

Try it once in a while and you might be surprised to find out that there are prospective members just waiting to join!

Don't just wait for someone to ask you first.



Words To Remember...

Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little.

Edmund Burke - Irish Statesman

From The Adjutant:

We are still looking for new members for the Camp Honor Guard. If anyone is interested, please contact either Commander Dickerson or myself. If you want to be a member and have a uniform but no gun, we can see about borrowing a gun for you. We need a few good men to step forward and help us with services and ceremonies. This is a great way to honor the memory of your ancestors.

Joey, Kevin, Bobby, Dee, and myself participated in our 1st adopt a highway cleanup on Friday January 15th. We picked up so much trash, we ran out of trash bags that the State provided for us.

See you at the February meeting.
George Kearney
Camp Adjutant



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 \$5.50 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:

Adjutant Chris Nance
210 High Ridge Drive, Apt. H
Sanford, NC 27330

**Additional Info or Would Like to
Donate Land for a Flag - Contact:**

Commander Kevin Stone
scvmchcav@hotmail.com
919-721-1231



DONATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Qty: _____ Donation: _____

Thank You for Your Support!!!

Marion Thomas Coghill

I particularly enjoyed Mrs. Donna Snipes' presentation on the Elmira prison camp. Like her husband, David, I have an ancestor who died and was buried in Elmira. My 4th great grandfather, Marion Thomas Coghill, enlisted in Company D of the 8th NC Infantry on April 21st 1863. He was in his early 30s. In a little over a year, he was captured at Cold Harbor on June 1st 1864. Marion arrived at Point Lookout on June 11th. He was transferred to Elmira a month later and arrived at Elmira on July 17th 1864. My grandfather survived less than six weeks at Elmira. He died of Rubeola (measles) on September 2nd 1864. Trenches at Cold Harbor Below.

Kevin Roberson



The Confederate Chaplain

On May 3, 1861 Bill 102 was passed by the Confederate Congress giving President Jefferson Davis the right "to appoint chaplains to as many regiment, brigade and or post as he deemed expedient". President Jefferson was often hesitant to appoint chaplains, as he did not want to offend soldiers of one denomination with a chaplain of another. As a result, Davis referred most appointments to the company commander. The bill set the salary at \$50 a month and did not provide a provision for rations, forage, rank, uniforms or official duties. Later legislation raised the salary to \$80 a month, forage for his horse (if he had one), and rations equal to a private.

As previously stated the bill did not provide official duties, or establish criteria for age, education, and ecclesiastical endorsement. Many chaplains wore simple grey trousers with a plain grey jacket. In this "uniform" the chaplain would perform baptisms, daily services, prayer meetings and tend to the spiritual needs of their company. All the major denominations of the time were represented. The Methodist-Episcopal Church South sent the most chaplains followed by the Presbyterian Church, Baptist (various), Protestant-Episcopal Church and the Roman Catholic Church. The chaplain also served as assistants to the field surgeons, ambulance drivers, teachers, attorneys, bearer of death notices, and at times combatants.

Typically the commanding officer of each unit consented to the chaplain carrying of a side arm and sword, but rarely authorized them to carry a rifle. In an official battle report of Shiloh, Reverend Isaac T. Tichenor, chaplain of the 17th Alabama "acquired a rifle and with sharpshooting skills" killed a colonel, a major, and 4 privates. Although he is the exception rather than the rule, field chaplains did engage the enemy. As many as 26 confederate chaplains were killed in combat.

Given their numerous duties during battle, many were taken prisoner. Most if not all Federal chaplains taken prisoner by the South were released to return to their companies. This was not the case however for our chaplains, as many of them finished their service to God and the Confederacy in Federal prison camps.

No doubt the chaplain of the South faced all the hardships of the brave young men and boys fighting for Southern Independence. Some could argue the hardships of war were magnified by the average age of a Confederate chaplain being 56. The number of chaplains serving in the Confederacy has been estimated at 600-1000.

At the war's end, all chaplains that served in the Confederate army were forced to sign a loyalty oath prior to being able to preach in or pastor a church. Many did just that and returned to their home towns to find the house of God had been defiled by the invaders, and was in disrepair. The Federals used Southern churches as field hospitals, stables for Federal horses, and for storage for Federal provisions. In many cases they were burned to the ground.

Chad McHenry

Sources: Chaplainsoftheconfederacy.com, Chaplains in Grey, Christ in the Camp, UNC Archives



Last Months Meeting



Our first adopt a highway cleanup



Lee Birthday Celebration

