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Command Post

by Barton Campbell, Commander-in-Chief



Greetings, Gentlemen of the Order:

I am delighted to report that there has been solid activity within the Order over the winter months - no hibernation on the part of our officers, committee chairs, and membership! Here is a recap of some highlights:

Not to steal Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Dr. Richard Rhone's thunder, but he and his committee have already processed four outstanding new members for consideration at our annual meeting, and are working on a fifth! Who do you know that you should approach about joining?

Dr. Rhone stands ready to assist!

Further into the newsletter, you will find a *tentative* schedule for our annual meeting. We hope many of you have made plans to attend. Specific details and a registration form will be in the July issue of this newsletter.

I am extremely humbled by the gracious generosity of our member Paul Bryant, Jr. Once again, he has underscored his outstanding commitment to our Order - he has recently donated \$20,000 to the OSC, specifically earmarked to enhance our grant program. Our most sincere thanks, Compatriot Bryant!

Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Rhone has been at work with all the committee chairs to develop an SOP manual for the Order. This will serve to provide us with a repository of expertise and experience for our future leadership.

We are blessed with a dedicated, engaged membership. I believe our momentum will only continue to grow.

Yours in the bonds of the Order,

Barton Campbell, Commander-in-Chief

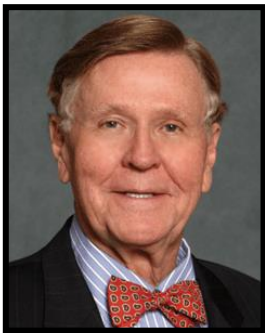


"SAVE THE DATE"

**OUR 2015 ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE IN WILMINGTON, NC, SEPT. 16 - 20.
FORT FISHER, BLOCKADE-RUNNER HISTORY, SOCIAL GATHERINGS, AND MUCH MORE.
ELSEWHERE IN THE NEWSLETTER, YOU WILL FIND MORE PARTICULARS.
PLAN NOW TO BE WITH US.**



**Consider a Charitable Gift to The Order of the Southern Cross
by COL JEB Stuart IV, USA (Ret), Past Commander-in-Chief**



Without the generosity of our members, we would not be able to carry out our important mission. By making a gift of stock, mutual funds, bonds, or cash donations, you play a very important role in the future of our organization and preserving the legacy our forefathers have created. Charitable gifts, whether through direct transfer or certificate form, can easily be facilitated and we have assistance available to answer any questions you may have. You can contact our representatives at Merrill Lynch directly with any questions; ranging from simple administrative questions to more complex inquiries about how to implement various strategies to maximize the applicable tax advantages of your gift. You can reach them directly at

(804)780-1446. When calling, please ask to speak with JEB Stuart, Richard Dickerson, or Randy Tootle. The necessary information to process a gift to the Order of the Southern can be provided to your current brokerage firm and is as follows: Name of firm: Merrill Lynch, Address: 901 E. Byrd Street, Suite 1200, Richmond, VA 23219, DTC#: 5198, Client name: Order of the Southern Cross, Account number: XXX-02096.



**Report of the Grants Committee
James E. Alderman
Grants Committee Chairman**



Fellow members of the Order,

Our website has been updated with the latest Grant Application form and we are scheduled to have our ad appear in both the *"UDC magazine"* and the SCV's *"Confederate Veteran"* by mid-year. I encourage all of you to solicit worthy 501(c) (3) organizations that you come in contact with, who are focused on Confederate Heritage, to apply for one of our grants. 2014 was a big year and we would like to close out the Sesquicentennial with a bigger year in 2015.

We awarded a \$1,000 grant to the Robert E. Lee Memorial Foundation in 2013 to restore Gen Lee's slouch hat. Ms. Caitlin Dunham has notified us that the restoration is complete and the hat is back in Stratford, VA and can be seen by any of our members who would like to view it. She can be reached at (804)493-1970 if you are planning a visit.

We also received word that the General Patrick Cleburne statue that we granted \$4,300 towards completion in 2014 is going to be dedicated on April 11, 2015.



An Additional 2014 Inductee by Jack Dyess, Newsletter Editor



In the Winter 2014 issue of this newsletter, we reported that Committee Chairman Barton Campbell introduced new candidates for membership at the August 2014 annual meeting in Chattanooga, TN. He gave a brief *snapshot* of each one, and indicated that all had been properly recommended by current members, and vetted/approved by the committee. All were elected unanimously at the August meeting and inducted at the banquet. However, Lawrence Edgar Graham, collateral descendant of CPT Jacob Neff, Co. K, 7th VACAV, was elected to membership at the meeting but was unable to join us in Chattanooga due to health issues. Later in the Fall, Commander Campbell and OSC member Lee Scouten visited Larry in Warrenton, VA, administered the oath and presented his membership certificate and membership medal thus completing his induction.



Commander Barton Campbell (left) and OSC member Lee Scouten (right) induct Lawrence Edgar Graham into the Order of the Southern Cross in Warrenton, VA.



2015 Convention Information

by Steve Harriman, Chair, Time and Place Committee



Your officers in the OSC are pleased to alert you to our 2015 Reunion to be held in historic Wilmington, North Carolina beginning on September 16th. Headquarters for our annual event stressing rest, relaxation and fellowship will be hosted at the Courtyard by Marriott Wilmington Downtown at the convenient location of Grace and 2nd Streets in the very center of the Wilmington Historic District. Meetings will be held at the HQ with a couple of events scheduled at the legendary Cape Fear Club whose locale is only a short block from the Courtyard. The Cape Fear Club is billed as the “oldest men’s social club in the South in continuous existence” founded in 1852 but rekindled in 1868 by former Confederate officers who rebuilt the economy of Wilmington following the War. The wives and female attendees will enjoy

the exclusive environment that will play host to a couple of our special functions. Your leaders have focused on centralizing the affairs to these two highly promoted venues although there is a wide selection of private restaurants located within short blocks in each direction. You have your choice of eating establishments with names like the Pilot House, Bourbon Street, and Circa 1922 which has a reputation for some of the most perfectly fried and non-greasy calamari on the planet. You can enjoy some of the best French onion soup and Shepherd’s pie served at Paddy’s Hollow Restaurant and Pub nearby or even venture toward the edge somewhat by visiting Mugsy’s Pub or the famous Front Street Brewery. And of course, a café is located within the Marriott Courtyard for convenience by serving all three meals each day.

We hope all of you will make plans to attend our annual meeting. Your OSC cavalry is running recon on educational and entertaining speakers, enjoyable plans for the women such as potentially culinary tours, carriage tours, trips to the farmers market along the River walk, as well as museums to visit and antebellum mansions such as the Burgwin Wright home that served as the headquarters of Cornwallis during our first war for independence. There are a number of retail shops to patronize within easy walking distance of our hotel.

Everyone will have the opportunity to travel Friday morning by bus 20 plus minutes away to Fort Fisher for our most eventful historical tour of the convention weekend. Many of you are aware that by December 1864, blockade-runners were still able to provide necessary supplies to the Army of Northern Virginia by way of the port of Wilmington. Fort Fisher was the last bastion of protection guarding the port allowing the vital supply line to advance inland to aid General Lee’s forces. The fort fell a few days later, which sealed the fate of our Confederacy.

All in all, we think Wilmington will prove to be a refreshing atmosphere and many of us will finally have an opportunity to experience this choice destination of Southern history for the first time.

Tentative Agenda for Wilmington, NC Annual Meeting

This is a very cursory look at what is planned for our annual convention in Wilmington, NC. Details will be in our summer newsletter, along with registration information and forms.

WEDNESDAY ARRIVE, CHECK IN, AND PICK UP PACKETS
DINNER ON YOUR OWN/WITH OSC FRIENDS

THURSDAY GENERAL TOUR OF THE WILMINGTON DOWNTOWN/HISTORIC AREA --

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
AFTERNOON - FREE TIME/ POSSIBLE TOUR OF *USS NORTH CAROLINA*
BUFFET DINNER FOR ALL, CASUAL, WITH PROGRAM

FRIDAY

FEATURED TOUR OF FT. FISHER
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
SPECIAL LADIES OUTING
COMMITTEE MEETINGS
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S RECEPTION
DINNER ON YOUR OWN

SATURDAY

BUSINESS MEETING
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
FREE TIME IN THE AFTERNOON
BANQUET IN EVENING W/PROGRAM



Courtyard by Marriott Wilmington Downtown - Our 2015 Convention Hotel



Night firing of a 32 pounder at Fort Fisher



Bellamy Mansion and Museum



USS North Carolina



OSC Brochure
by Barton Campbell, Commander-in-Chief

All of you received a copy of the new brochure in the dues notice mailing. We have gotten very positive comments back on this new piece. A number of members contributed to the effort to pull this together, but special thanks go to Colonel Greg Eanes, USAF (Ret), for being the “spark plug” to get this initiative started. Additional copies, for recruiting or soliciting grants and scholarships, can be obtained from Commander-in-Chief Campbell - colbart@earthlink.net.



ORDER OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS ELECTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Barton Campbell - Commander in Chief	Barton Campbell - Investment
Richard Rhone - Lt. Commander in Chief	Richard Rhone - Membership
Greg Fleitz - Adjutant/Treasurer	Jack Dyess - Newsletter
Greg Fleitz - Archives	Jim Atkinson - Orlebeke Scholarship
Dick Knight - Constitution and Bylaws	Steve Harriman - Time and Place
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