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Waddell Members Celebrate the Return of the CSS *Shenandoah*

LIVERPOOL, GB—Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter Lt. Commander **Gary Hall**, and Chapter Adjutant **Byron Brady** participated in the Last Flag Down event in Liverpool November 4-7, 2015. The Last Flag Down commemorated the 150th anniversary of the return of the CSS *Shenandoah* to Liverpool on November 5, 1865. The week-long event included the dedication of a marker to the crew of the CSS *Shenandoah* and the presentation of the European Confederate Medal of Honor to Capt. James Iredell Waddell, CSN. The Last Flag Down event, organized by **Gerald Wells** of Richmond, Virginia, also included a Memorial Service for the men of the *Shenandoah* and for two members of the crew of the CSS *Alabama* buried in Liverpool. See Page 2 for more photos.



The European Confederate Medal of Honor was presented to Captain James Iredell Waddell during a ceremony held at Hindley Hall in Wigan, England on November 4th.



This plaque, dedicated to the "Honor and Memory of the Officers and Crewmen" that served aboard the CSS Shenandoah, was dedicated at the Alabama House in Liverpool on November 7th. The Alabama House at Rumford Place, Liverpool, was the unofficial home of the Confederate fleet.



Byron Brady (left) and Gary Hall are shown holding their Chapter Flag in front of the ZEBU, used in the 125th Anniversary of the return of the CSS Shenandoah in 1990.



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NC Society News

Welcome New Members

Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter, Raleigh
Michael Aaron Cooper, Louisburg

Gov. Zebulon B. Vance NC HQ Chapter
James Ward Fitzpatrick, III, Charlotte
Frank Grady Hall, III, Salisbury

More Last Flag Down Photos



Society Commander's Message

David M. Edwards, Commander, Confederate Officers of North Carolina Society

Hope all compatriots have enjoyed their summer and autumn. We always have some family reunions during that time of the year. My great grandfathers' family reunions - Frank Pope reunion in July; Steve Edwards reunion in August; Calvin Sneed reunion in September. The attendance is slowly drifting down, the upcoming generations are not interested in attending. These great grandfathers were products of the greatest generation the South has ever known. Their fathers fought for Southern independence. Know your roots! Be proud of your people!

In August, the North Carolina Society presented the MOSB's first Real Son Legacy Award to the Old North State's last known real son Clifford Hamm in Gastonia. Byron Brady and I were able to attend his surprise 92nd birthday party and present this.

I encourage all compatriots to be active recruiters. All of us want to see a growing organization with active chapters engaged in stimulating projects and programs. The only way to accomplish this is by re-

cruiting new members. Reach out to your acquaintances and invite them to your local chapter meetings.

Planning is ongoing for our 2017 National Convention in Wilmington. If called, would you serve in some capacity?

Did you participate in the Legacy Fund drive? Never too late to make that ten dollar or more donation. Please send in what you can today! Also don't forget to give to the NC Society.

Sam Currin, of the Webb Chapter, and I attempted to arrange a meeting with legislation to thank them for defending Confederate history and heritage. The plan was for the SCV NC Commander, Sam, and I, to make the rounds. Due to scheduling difficulties, we were not able to accomplish this but we will be attempting in 2016.

All of us are ambassadors of the Society to our elected officials. When you see them, thank them for their efforts. If you don't see them or correspond with them, that is an indication that you need to be more involved in the political



*North Carolina Commander
David M. Edwards*

activities of your community and State. Be vocal. Let them know of your concerns and interests.

Plan to attend the Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration on Saturday January 16, 2016 at the NC State Capitol in Raleigh. The Celebration is scheduled to start at 1PM. Look forward to seeing you there.

I want to touch on communications a little. If you think I should know something, or want to inform me of some event or news item, please let me know. Sometimes I am able to attend events, sometimes not. Never assume I am privy to information that you know. Call me or send me an email. The only reason I am State Commander is to serve you.

David M. Edwards

Chapter News

News from across
the North Carolina Society

Greensboro

GREENSBORO—The Generals Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter No. 67 met at their Monticello Headquarters on Saturday, August 1, 2015. ANV Department Commander **John Williams** and Past ANV Commander **Larry Brown** reported on the recent MOS&B National Convention held in Alexandria, VA. A Stonewall Jackson medal was presented to **Ronnie Roach**.

IHQ Manager **Byron Brady** of Raleigh presented the program on *The Escape Route of John Wilkes Booth*.



Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter Commander Ron Perdue is shown presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to MOS&B IHQ Manager Byron Brady at the Chapter's August 1, 2015 meeting.

Raleigh - Waddell Chapter

RALEIGH—Two members of the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter received national awards at the MOSB 2015 National Convention. Commander **James Izzell** was awarded the Lt. Charles Read Meritorious Service Medal and **George Pearson** was awarded the John Pelham Legion of Merit Award.



Capt. James Waddell Chapter Commander James Izzell (left) and Chapter Historian George Pearson are shown with their awards.

Chapter News continued

Raleigh - Waddell Chapter

At the Chapter's August 20th meeting, Chapter member **George Pearson** presented the program on *Lt. Col. John W. Pearson and the Battle of the Weldon Railroad*.

The Chapter joined with the Capitol Brigade SCV Camps for a major recruitment event at the Dixie Gun & Knife Show November 21-22nd at the Jim Graham Building at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh.



Chapter Lt. Commander Gary Hall is shown making the presentation of the European Confederate Medal of Honor to Capt. James I. Waddell, CSN, at historic Hindley Hall in Wigan, England November 4, 2015.

Raleigh - Webb Chapter

RALEIGH—The Colonel Robert Fulton Webb Chapter No. 195 met October 20th. We had a great attendance by our members, which was most gratifying. We caught up on each other's lives since the last time we met in July. And interspersed among those personal threads, we had a free-wheeling discussion on a wide range of subjects.

Among the more serious topics of discussion was the continuing agitation by so-called “students” and professional outside activists for the removal of the “Silent Sam” memorial from its present location on the campus of UNC-CH. All present expressed concern over the current situation with this and the persistent problem with our Confederate monuments and memorials being vandalized and defaced by cowardly criminals. One of our members suggested that alumni of UNC-CH within the NC Society of the MOS&B be identified and contacted in order to see if they can pressure to bear upon the university administration and protect the “Silent Sam” memorial.

We are going to explore the idea of visiting the grave site of our namesake, Colonel Webb, who rests in the old Maplewood Cemetery, in Durham.

The Colonel Webb Chapter No. 195 meets quarterly, usually the third Tuesday of the first month of the quarter. Our next meeting will be January 19, at 7 PM, at the Tribeca Tavern (6004 Falls of the Neuse Road), in North Raleigh. We welcome all current members of the NC Society of the MOS&B, as well as our past chapter members and prospective members, to join us.

Chapter News continued

Wilmington

WILMINGTON—The Maj. Gen. W. H. C. Whiting Chapter No. 305 met on September 12, 2015 at Carolina Bar-B-Q in Wilmington, NC. Member **George Valsame** was given the Lt. Reid Meritorious Award that was presented to him at the National Convention in Alexandria, VA.

The speaker was, **David Reavis** who spoke about his new book, *Upon These Steps*, which tells about his ancestors who were in the 23rd North Carolina.

On October 27, 2015, member **Larry Brown** helped the Cape Fear UDC Chapter present a program on blockade running at the Wrightsboro Elementary School in Wilmington, NC. The program was given to 4th and 5th grades.

The next meeting will be held on December 18, 2015 at Carolina Bar-B-Q on College Road in Wilmington, NC. The speaker will be **Lori Salinger** from The Maritime Museum at Southport. Her topic will be on Maj. Gen. W. H. C. Whiting, our namesake.

MOSB Assists with Educational Program

Member Larry Brown was instrumental in helping to present the Victorian Mourning Program offered by the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society-Latimer House, in downtown Wilmington, NC. On October 31, 2015, Larry reenacted the part of a mid-century Undertaker, and gave an educational talk on funerary practices of the period. His presentation came complete with a coffin and rosemary/magnolia remembrance décor in the Latimer's 1852 family parlor. The three tours that attended were

enthralled with his tales of the past, and the last group of Halloween revelers joined in with an offer to call him when his services were needed. He promised to go a good job, including tying a bell to a hand to ring in case they are accidentally buried while in a coma!



Larry Brown shown at the Latimer House in Wilmington



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International Headquarters News



Members of the MOSB GEC and their guest are shown following their October 24, 2015 meeting held at the Nash Farm Battlefield Conference Center at Hampton, GA.

2016 National Convention to be Hosted by Gen. Liddell Chapter

FAIR HOPE, AL—The host of the 2016 MOSB National Convention, the St. John Richardson Liddell Chapter # 271, was chartered in Bay Minette, Alabama on April 8, 2002.

The Chapter sponsored the Gulf Coast Civil War Expo three times in Bay Minette and also sponsored Confederate Memorial Services, Lee Jackson Dinners and hosted the State MOSB Convention in 2003.

The Chapter has procured Confederate History Proclamations each year from the City of Bay Minette and Baldwin County and recently from the cities of Foley, Robertsdale, Spanish Fort, Gulf Shores and Summerdale. It has also arranged for reenactors to march in the Veterans Day Parades.

The Chapter also actively searches for graves of Confederate Officers and, where necessary, cleans and maintains them.

Regular Chapter meetings are always open to visitors and are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. The meetings are held at the Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley Alabama. For more information, please contact the webmaster at bdb3@bellsouth.net.



MOS&B GEC to meet in Franklin February 20th

FRANKLIN, TN— The Spring 2016 meeting of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars General Executive Council is scheduled to meet in historic Franklin, Tennessee on Saturday, February 20, 2016.

Historic Franklin, Tennessee has several significant sites directly related to the War for Southern Independence. Carnation Plantation and Confederate Cemetery are open daily for tours. This site is part of the Battle of Franklin battlefield and is a must see when visiting Franklin.



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