

*Piedmont Chapter No. 504*  
National Sojourners, Inc.  
and  
Guilford Courthouse Camp, Heroes of '76



# Dispatches

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Marshall Brother Wally Stopkey  
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## **From The President:**

Greetings Brother Sojourners,

Our June 21 stated was my first meeting as your president. I want to thank you for the honor.

My first official duty was to award certificates to Brother Luigi Ammons, Past Camp Commander and Brother Johnny Davis Past President for their service. We salute you both for a job well done

Mr. James Prosser, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the State of NC, gave us a very informative address on how veterans can obtain their benefits. At our next stated, I hope to have additional information to assist veterans which I'll pick up from Mr. Prosser's office.

Micki Reynolds, winner of our scholarship to the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge will give us a recap of her trip to Valley Forge at our next stated

Please mark on your calendar there will be a practice bivouac on July 22 in Goldsboro. Also circle August 5 as this is the date of the statewide encampment and will be hosted by Chapter 97 at the Masonic Center in Fayetteville. Please support Chapter #97 in this effort by your assistance and attendance.

I am happy to announce Col Ripley has graciously volunteered to continue as coordinator of the ROTC medal distribution. THANK YOU COLONEL. Col Ripley and Luigi Ammons will distribute the medals and I will act as liaison.

It was just announced Brother Ken Whichard will be honored as a recipient of the 33 degree. Congratulations

Always keep in your prayers our brave men and women of the armed forces.

Fraternally Yours

David Glass, President Piedmont Chapter #504 National Sojourners

**Minutes of the March Meeting:**

Meeting called to order by Brother President David Glass at 1830 hours.

The Prayer was offered up by Brother Johnny Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Toast to the Flag were led by Brother Luigi Ammons.

Dinner was served.

Our distinguished member, Brother Richard Ripley, Past National Historian was introduced

The Happy Box was passed followed by the tip box.

The Treasurer reported \$1,883.66 in the bank account.

All committees reported.

The program was presented by Mr. James Prosser, Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs for the State of North Carolina. Mr. Prosser described in detail the services that his organization offers to veterans in NC and encouraged all to take advantage of them.

Several members commented on their experiences with the local NC Veteran services and their successes with same.

The presentation was very well received.

Brother Terry Washam reported on his efforts concerning the National Sojourners Masonic Apron. He stated that it appears that the Grand Master, MWB Gene Cobb was willing to approve the use of the apron in NC under certain circumstances. Brother Washam will work with the Grand Secretary and report on the details later.

There being no further business to come before the Chapter, Brother Glass closed the meeting at 2030 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Willis K. Whichard, Jr., Secretary

**From the Camp Commander:**

**IEAR**

Please support the Regional encampment in Fayetteville on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Attached you will find a registration form and agenda for the meeting. Please get your registration in ASAP

**E I A R**

**From Your Editor:**

I thank Brother Glass for mentioning my being elected to receive the 33° in the Scottish Rite. I must point out that both he, Brother Glass, and our Brother, and Chapter member, Don Butto, have been elected to receive the 32°, Knight Commander of the Court of Honor for the 2017 biennium. Congratulations to both of them! You might want to go to Winston Salem on November 18<sup>th</sup> to observe their investiture.

Keep all of our service men and women in your thoughts and prayers during this time we celebrate the birthday of our nation!

**The July meeting of Chapter 504**

**will be at**

**The Golden Corral in Raleigh/Garner**

**At 1830 hours Wednesday, July 26th**

**Please be there.**

# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 329 Meets	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 Raleigh YR Meets	8 Summer Assembly Maggie Valley
9 Summer Assembly Maggie Valley	10 Summer Assembly Maggie Valley	11 Summer Assembly Maggie Valley	12 97 Meets	13 Raleigh SR Meets	14	15
16	17	18	19 504 Meets	20	21	22 NC Heroes Encampment Planning Meeting, Goldsboro
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



# 2017 North Carolina Conference & Encampment



*Two rascallions identifying themselves as Sojourners and claiming to be Old North State Rekruits have been detained near the perimeter of Fort Fayetteville. Accordingly, the National Commander in consultation with the Commanders of the Cornelius Harnett, Tun Tavern, and Guilford Courthouse Camps has issued*  
**A CALL TO ARMS**  
*for all Heroes to assemble for the purpose of interrogating the prisoners at the encampment detailed below.*

In addition, the North Carolina Regional Representative of National Sojourners cordially invites all Sojourners and their Ladies to attend the associated Conference and related activities.

**WHEN: 5 AUGUST 2017**

**WHERE: Fort Fayetteville—Fayetteville Masonic Center at 2680 Village Dr. Fayetteville, NC 28304 (1 block from the hotel)**

**COST: Registration \$10\* (\$13 after 15 JULY); Lunch \$10; Bennington Banquet \$20**

**RESERVATIONS: Mail check and registration form (below) to Bro John Chandler, 2061 Seashore Hills Rd SW, Supply, NC 28462 — registration deadline is 15 JULY 2017**

**HOTEL: Ramada Plaza Fayetteville Fort Bragg Area & Bordeaux Convention Center 1707-A Owen Drive Fayetteville. NC 28304 — PHONE: 910-323-0111— SEE NOTE 5 ON REVERSE**

*\* Includes 2017 Patch Segment as shown on top of page 2 -- Base Patch - \$5*

**CUT HERE**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HERO: YES  NO | CAMP NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

LADYS NAME (IF ATTENDING): \_\_\_\_\_ | CAMP FOLLOWER: YES  NO

MY LADY DESIRES TO BECOME A CAMP FOLLOWER AT THIS EVENT: YES

REGISTRATION FORM

Mail completed form with check  
 PAYABLE TO **NC Chapter #97**  
 to:  
 Bro. John Chandler  
 2061 Seashore Hill Rd SW  
 Supply, NC, 28462

ITEM	QTY	UNIT AMT (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
REGISTRATION		10.00 <sup>‡</sup>	
LUNCH		10.00	
BENNINGTON BANQUET - Steak		20.00	
BENNINGTON BANQUET - Chicken		20.00	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			

<sup>‡</sup>Late registration after 15 July is \$13

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

Registration Check-in—0800 to 0900 HRS

Open Chapter—0910 HRS

Conference/Training<sup>NOTE 2</sup> - 0920 to 1200 HRS

- Welcome & Intros—Bro Denny Norris (RR)
- Remarks—Bro Brian C. Coffey (Area Rep)
- Better Chapter Meetings—Bro Harry Sanders (PNP)
- Remarks—Bro Ron Sortino (NP)

Close Chapter—11:50 HRS

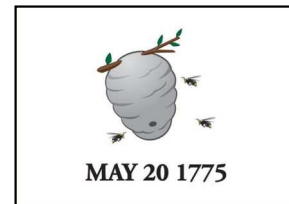
Lunch—1200 to 1300 HRS

Open Encampment—1300 HRS

Camp Followers Degree<sup>NOTES 2,3</sup>—1310 HRS

Heroes Degree<sup>NOTE 2</sup>—1400 to 1600 HRS

Bennington Banquet<sup>NOTES 2,4</sup>—1830 HRS



## NOTES:

1. The host Chapter is NC Chapter # 97.
2. The Conference, Camp Followers Degree, and Bennington Banquet are open to ALL Sojourners and their Ladies—the Heroes Degree is open only to Heroes.
3. The Camp Follower Degree is an open event—ALL Sojourners and Ladies are invited to attend. Ladies who desire to become a Camp Follower must be sponsored by their Hero and must have demonstrated support for their Hero by attendance at this or any previous Area/Regional Encampment—this a fun patriotic event and there are no dues, no chapters and, in fact, no organization!
4. Bennington Banquet—open to ALL Sojourners and their Ladies—**TICKETS REQUIRED**—pick-up at registration check-in. Dress for banquet—Colonials preferred or suit and tie. Menu for Bennington Banquet — Grilled New York Strip Steak or Baked Chicken Breast in Mushroom, Sauce, Baked Potato, Salad, Dessert, and Beverage.
5. **HOTEL INFO:** National Sojourners group rate (good for 4-5 Aug) for reservations made prior to 15 July is \$82.00 plus tax — includes Wi-Fi, Full Breakfast, and reservation for Sports bar Friday night for 50 people — Hotel is 1 block from the Fayetteville Masonic Center! For transport TO/ FROM airport — call Bro John Chandler in advance [910-842-8674].
6. Changing rooms will be available at the Fayetteville Masonic temple for the both Sojourners and their Ladies to change clothes.
7. Late Registration Fee—after 15 JULY a late fee of \$3 will be added.
8. Additional patches will be offered for sale during registration check-in.
9. Questions—contact Bro RR Denny Norris—e-mail: [dnorris8@ec.rr.com](mailto:dnorris8@ec.rr.com)

