

# Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

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NEWSLETTER

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## THE GETTSYBURG SPLASH! An Evening with Richard M. McMurry

Cape Fear Club

Corner Second & Chestnut Streets

Wednesday, October 16

Social Hour 6:30-7:30 pm, Hors d'Oeuvres

Program 7:30 pm

The Cape Fear Civil War Round Table will host at its October 16 meeting one of the leading Civil War historians in America. Richard M. Murry has written and lectured extensively on the Confederate Army of Tennessee. He is the author of *John Bell Hood and the War for Southern Independence*, the definitive biography of General Hood, and *Two Great Rebel Armies*, an analysis and comparison of the Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of Tennessee. He is currently working on a history of the Virginia Military Institute.

Dr. McMurry is one of the most sought-after speakers in Civil War circles. His presentations are lively, entertaining, and provocative.

Richard McMurry, a native of Atlanta, received a B.A. degree in history from the Virginia Military Institute. After serving for two years in the US Army as the Personnel Management Officer at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, he entered graduate school at Emory University in 1963 and received the M.A. degree in 1964 and the Ph.D. in 1967.

Dr. McMurry taught history from 1967-1981 at Valdosta State College. He taught at North Carolina State University from 1981-1989. Since 1989, he has been a freelance writer and speaker and has served as a guide/historian for many tours and cruises. He has authored more than 100 articles on various facets of the Civil War. His two major books, listed above, were listed in 1994 among the 100 best modern Civil War books as selected by the eminent historian, Gary W. Gallagher, for *The Magazine Civil War*.

Richard McMurry has spoken to Civil War groups, college and university students, historical and library societies, and civic clubs in twenty-four states and the D.C. He is a member of numerous historical societies and is active in such organizations as the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites and the Blue and Gray Education Society. He currently lives and writes in Americus, Georgia.

The social hour from 6:30-7:30 pm will feature finger sandwiches, vegetable, cheese and fruit trays, nuts and chips, and soft drinks. Come early and socialize!

### OFFICIAL RECORDS' MILITARY ATLAS OF THE CIVIL WAR Raffle to Help With Expenses of October Meeting

Tom Broadfoot, member of the RT, and founder of Broadfoot Publishing Company, has donated the OR *Military Atlas* to be raffled at the October 16 meeting. The *Atlas*, which accompanied the original Official Records, is an over-sized book with hundreds of original color plate maps of CW battlefields. It retails at \$75.00 and is an essential book in any CW library. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and will be available at the door. Proceeds will go towards the cost of refreshments at the meeting. Thanks, Tom!