

# Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

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NEWSLETTER

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## THE CIVIL WAR IN DEPTH A Slide Presentation By Bob Zeller

Thursday, February 8  
St. Andrew's On-The-Sound Episcopal Church  
Social Hour 7:00 pm....Program 7:30 pm

With his discoveries in Civil War photography, his work as a motorsports writer and his award-winning investigative newspaper reporting, writer and journalist Bob Zeller finds hidden stories and brings them to light. Zeller's highly acclaimed *The Civil War In Depth, Vol I*, was the first 3-D photographic history of the war ever published. It has captivated thousands of Civil War buffs who were unaware that the greatest wartime photographs were created in 3-D. *The Civil War In Depth, Vol II*, complete with a 3-D viewer, was recently published by Chronicle Books. This new volume features more photographic discoveries, as well as a chapter of wartime views in color.

Bob Zeller, a native of Washington DC, is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism. He was an investigative reporter (1976-1990) at *The Clarion-Ledger* in Jackson, Mississippi and *The Press-Telegram* in Long Beach, California. As a motorsports writer (1991-1998) for Landmark Newspapers, he covered the NASCAR Winston Cup series. In late 1998, Bob left his newspaper career to become a freelance writer. Bob resides in Pleasant Garden NC.

We're pleased to have Bob with us again. Members enjoyed his presentation to our group in November, 1998, and we look forward to another program and slide show featuring Bob's fresh discoveries. Copies of his new book will be available for sale and signing.

## BATTLE REPORT January Meeting

The Cape Fear Civil War Round Table enjoyed hosting Mark Bradley and his wife, Nancy, at our meeting on January 11. A large crowd was present for Mark's program about the last days of the war in North Carolina. Mark's work in this area has been ground-breaking, since no one has ever before examined in such depth the events leading up to the surrender of Joseph Johnston's army to William Sherman near Durham NC. Mark pointed out that, though the surrender at Appomattox has received so much attention through the years, the Bennett Place surrender, in military and political terms, is far more interesting. Many of our members purchased Mark's book after the meeting.

## THE WILMINGTON CAMPAIGN SPRING TOUR ! Sign Up Now ! New Registration Deadline Is February 12

Register immediately for the conference and tour, March 2-4, and reserve your seat on the tour bus with Ed Bearss! New registration deadline is Monday, February 12. Contact Tommy King (O.763-7318) with questions and forward payment to Dan Geddie, Treasurer (CFCWRT, Box 10535, Wilmington NC 28404).

## THE SWORDS OF GRANT AND LEE

Forever sheathed those famous blades that led the eager van,  
They shine no more among the glades that fringe the Rapidan;  
Today their battle-work is done, go draw them forth and see  
That not a stain appears upon the swords of Grant and Lee.

The gallant men who saw them flash in comradeship today,  
Recall the wild, impetuous dash of valorous blue and grey,  
And 'neath the flag that proudly waves above a nation free,  
They oft recall the missing braves who fought with Grant and Lee.

They sleep among the tender grass, they slumber 'neath the pines,  
They're camping in the mountain-pass where crouch the serried lines;  
They rest where loud tempests blow destruction in their glee  
The men who followed long ago the swords of Grant and Lee.

Methinks I hear a bugle blow; methinks I hear a drum,  
And there, with martial step and slow, two ghostly armies come;  
They are the men who met as foes, for 'tis the dead I see,  
And side by side in peace repose the swords of Grant and Lee.

Above them let Old Glory wave and let each deathless star  
Forever shine upon the brave who led the ranks of war.  
Their fame resounds from coast to coast, from mountain tops to sea;  
No other land than ours can boast the swords of Grant and Lee.

Today no strifes of section rise, today no shadows fall  
Upon our land and 'neath the skies one flag waves over all;  
The Blue and Gray as comrades stand, as comrades bend the knee,  
And ask God's blessing on the land that gave us Grant and Lee.