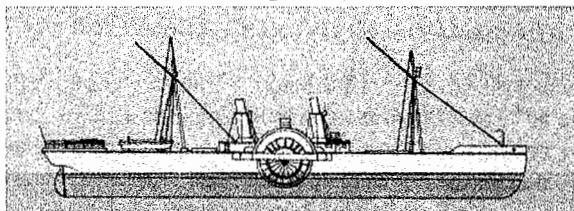


## *The Runner*



**Newsletter of the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table**  
**May 2004**      **P.O. Box 10535, Wilmington, N.C., 28404**      **Editor: Bob Cooke**

**Our next meeting will be 13 May at the Cape Fear Club Ballroom (206 Chestnut St.)**  
**Social Hour 6:30 p.m., meal 7:00 p.m.**

**Please note that you must pay in advance (\$25) we have to have an accurate number count:**  
Money is due by Friday 7 May -The dress for our meeting is "business casual" - Seating is limited to 60.

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**Our guest speaker for May will be Gordon Rhea.** Mr. Rhea needs no introduction to members of the Civil War community; he is well-known as an author and has spoken to numerous historical societies and Round Tables around the country (including ours, in 1999). Mr. Rhea has written extensively on the battles of 1864 (*The Battle of the Wilderness: May 5-6 1864* and *The Battles of Spotsylvania Court House and The Road to Yellow Tavern: May 7-12 1864*).

### Confederate History Month

May is Confederate History Month and there are a few programs being offered by various organizations in the area.

**Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson** (Saturday 1 May) will offer a tour by the Site Manager, Jim Bartley. If you haven't seen their new exhibit gallery displaying artifacts from the Colonial and Civil War periods, it is well worth a trip. Contact Brenda Marshburn at 910-371-6613.

**The Cape Fear Museum** is offering several programs (with regular Museum admission) including:

*The Civil War in the Carolinas*, by author Dan Morrill.(Friday 7 May, 1 P.M.) Contact Rebecca Dotterer 910-341-4350, ext. 3010 for all Museum programs.

*Seeing the Light of Day: The UDC Collection.* (Friday 7 May, 1:45 P.M.) Sue Miller will discuss the evolution of the Cape Fear Museum collections.

*Southern Skies* (Saturday 15 May 10 A.M., ages 5 to 10) Visit the Museum's Starlab planetarium and learn how Civil War seafarers, soldiers and common folk navigated by using the stars.

*Civil War Art* (Saturday 1 May, 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.) Civil War battle scenes painted by Brian Krauss (Morehead City artist and educator) and the pewter miniatures of Gary Gerber will be on display and will be available for purchase throughout May.

*Focus on Collecting* (7 May 1:45 P.M.) The Museum will be showing off their new lobby exhibit, outlining the evolution of their collections "from relic room to the premier regional Museum of today.

**Ft. Fisher** will be sponsoring (Sunday 8 May, 11 A.M. admission free) author Ken Duffus (*The Lost Light: A Civil War History of Extinguished Southern Sentinels and Hidden Lighthouse Lenses*). Mr. Duffus will examine the mystery of the Hatteras lighthouse lens, as well as detailing 200 years of lighthouse history. Contact Ray Flowers 910-458-5538.

**United Daughters of the Confederacy**, (Sunday 16 May, 3 P.M.) Cape Fear Chapter No. 3, will honor the Confederate dead at the Confederate Mound at Oakdale Cemetery.

**The Bellamy Mansion Museum** (501 Market St.) will be giving tours throughout the month of May (Tuesday-Saturday, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.) Contact Madeline Flagler 910-251-3700, ext. 104.

**The League of the South** will host two programs: *Black Soldiers of the Confederacy* (Sunday 9 May, 3 P.M.) Historian Alex Cheek will speak on the contributions of African-Americans ("in combat roles") during the war; the talk will take place at Williston Auditorium, Cape Fear Museum. Contact Bernhard Thuersam 910-763-9515. *Lincoln Reconsidered Conference* (Friday 21 and Saturday 22 May) Authors Dr. Thomas DiLorenzo and Dr. Clyde Wilson will speak about Lincoln "amid the economic and political influences" on the road to war. There is a \$25 registration fee; the conference will be held at the Wilmington Inn. Contact Bernhard Theursam (for the time of the talk) 910-763-9515.

**Greg Biggs did show up in Wilmington** to speak to our RT, perhaps to get away from 2+ inches of snow in Clarksville, Tn. Where he resides. He brought with him a thorough knowledge of military organization and tactics used by Napoleon's army. After giving an in-depth study of cavalry development in Europe (and some of the personalities involved) he turned to a true cavalry general who worked his unit in textbook fashion. Nathan Bedford Forrest, a self-taught cavalry strategist, who never attended West Point, nor did he have any other type of military training. Greg told us that Forrest carried out most of his raids by generally accepted cavalry tactics and was very thorough in carrying out his objectives. He gave the example of when Forrest tore up railroad tracks, they remained out for nearly eight weeks; compared to other areas where tracks were repaired within a week. Greg also pointed out that Forrest never received the promotion (to Major General) he deserved.

[Thanks to Wayne Carver for the report!]

### **Did Gen. Pat Cleburne Give His Boots?**

The story has been told repeatedly...that Gen. P.R. Cleburne required a barefooted soldier to don his boots, and that he went to his death barefooted. Col. J.A. Watrous of the United States army, quotes a report of it as follows:

"General Cleburne died barefooted. While riding along his division from Spring Hill a few hours before the battle of Franklin, where he was killed, General Cleburne saw several soldiers trudging along with nothing on their feet. Coming to one who was leaving blood in each track, the General stopped, swung his right foot to the side of his left, and said, 'my man, take off my boots.' 'Why General?' 'Never mind why; take them off.' The private with bleeding feet obeyed his general's command reluctantly. 'Put them on; you need them more than I do,' said the division commander. 'And you go barefooted, General?' 'Do as I tell you, and at once, and catch up with your command.' General Pat Cleburne, of Cheatham's Corps, Hood's army, fought his division in his last battle barefooted and died, with his men, at the forefront of that awful battle of Franklin, where seven general officers were killed or wounded. It is said that General Cleburne had a premonition that he would be killed in that battle. [Confederate Veteran, 20:358, 1924]

**Puzzle Time!** Connect the names on the left with those that best fit those in the right column. For example, Louisiana is known as the Pelican State. Good Luck and the answers are at the bottom of page four! (And yes, there is one letter that will answer two questions!)

- (A) Louisiana
- (B) Texas
- (C) G.G. Meade
- (D) North Carolina
- (E) South Carolina
- (F) Georgia
- (G) W.T. Sherman
- (H) Virginia
- (I) Tennessee

- (1) *Sic Semper Tyrannis*
- (2) Palmetto
- (3) Goober Grabbers
- (4) The Orphan Brigade
- (5) Commanded pre-war California militia
- (6) Pelican
- (7) Last State readmitted to the Union (March 1870)
- (8) U.S. officer born in Spain
- (9) Tarheels
- (10) Lone Star