



The Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

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Newsletter of The Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

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Our next meeting will be 11 September 2008 (Patriot Day)



Welcome Back! Our programs for the upcoming season are sure to please you. Beginning with Jeff Bockert, whose talk is titled “Band of Brothers, West Point Graduates in the Civil War” our season will also cover such diverse topics as Potter’s Raid in eastern North Carolina (by our own David Norris), the Battle of New Bern (which is scheduled to be our March trip next year), Civil War Surgery, and even a talk on the crew of the *C.S.S. Hunley*. Our next newsletter will finalize speakers and dates, so tune in then for more information.

For those that do not know him, Jeff Bockert is a native of California who currently serves as the Civil War Specialist for the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources based in Goldsboro, N.C. He is also Chairman of the North Carolina Civil War Tourism Council and has worked in the historic site and museum field for over sixteen years. Mr. Bockert has worked in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., on the Battleship North Carolina as an Associate Curator, has taught history at the Brunswick Community College and Wingate University.

He is the author of several works on presidential and military history and has been published in *White House Studies*. He received both his undergraduate degree in American History and his master’s degree in History from UNC-Wilmington.

We recently received a note from former member “Black Jack” Travis who at present resides in Florida. Mr. Travis has penned a work on a familiar subject: Major James Reilly of the Rowan Artillery. Titled, *Men of God, Angels of Death*, Black Jack has studied and written about Major Reilly and Captain John A. Ramsey and in his words in reading this book one would: “Follow their footsteps from the start of the war to the fall of Fort Fisher in the words of an experienced re-enactor!”

Mr. Travis will be in our area in September; his schedule is as follows: Saturday, 20 September at Fort Fisher from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. At this time the great-grandsons of Major Reilly, Captain Ramsey and Captain Moore will be there with personal military items from their ancestors.

Saturday 20 September at the Federal Point Historical Society at 7 p.m. (The building is located on Lake Park Blvd. next to the Carolina Beach Town Hall.

Thursday 24 September, 7 p.m. in the Stanback Room, Rowan County Public Library, Salisbury, N.C.

**In the latest issue of the Watch Fire, newsletter of the N.C. Tourism Council, a plea is made for any information on men who served in the Confederate States Navy or Marine Corps during the War Between the States. The information is being collected to be added to the Military Collection of State Archives (N.C. Cultural Resources) and will be consolidated into an alphabetical roster. Records for the Navy and Marine Corps are not nearly as complete as those for army personnel. If you have any information that you would like to share, please contact:
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Or you may contact Mr. Harrington via e-mail at sion.harrington@ncmail.net, or by telephone at 919-807-7314.

Please remember to renew your membership, see Bruce Patterson at the September meeting. Regular membership dues are \$30, effective 2 September.

