

The Runner



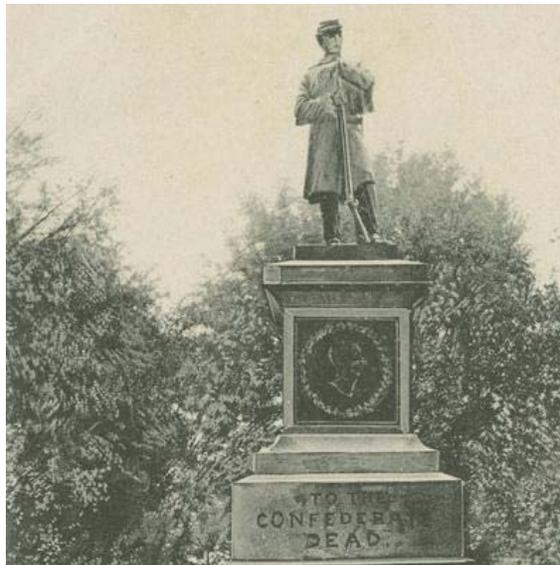
Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 14 April 2016** at St. Andrew's On-the-Sound Episcopal Church (101 Airlie Road). Social Hour begins at 7:00 p.m. (with light refreshments), meeting at 7:30.

Please join us at our April meeting as we continue our 2015-2016 Program Year. Visitors are always welcome – ***bring a friend or two.*** Each of our speakers strives to enlighten, entertain, and add to our knowledge of Civil War history. This serves our mission of encouraging education and research into that historic conflict.

******* April 2016 Program *******

THE SILENT SENTRIES: The Civil War



Confederate Soldiers Monument, Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington

Our April meeting will be unique for a North Carolina Round Table. It will be the first presentation of a three year project initiated by one of our members, **John Winecoff**, to document military memorials scattered throughout all one hundred counties of this state.

John's reason for undertaking this daunting project follows:

In April 2013, I stopped by a memorial on a little stretch of NC Highway 210 that I had passed many times. It was a small memorial dedicated to a WWII Army Air Force crew that had crashed nearby and had been erected by donations from nearby villages.

Resuming my trip, I reflected on the memorial and what I had learned from it. I wondered what else I had missed by not pausing to view the knowledge these monuments and memorials waited to impart.

They reminded me of Silent Sentries who seemed to guard the honor, the sacrifices, and great deeds these men and women had accomplished but yet were willing to share their stories to anyone willing to listen. A person had only to be willing to listen with their eyes instead of their ears to learn about the military history of a great state.

With these thoughts in mind, I vowed to begin a journey and to visit, document, and share what I learned from these SILENT SENTRIES. Soon I would be joined in the project by another RT member, **Ed Gibson**, who had the job of setting the images I had photographed into pages for the SILENT SENTRIES Binders and developing a power point presentation.

From that day in April 2013, until the official end of the project in December 2015, I visited all 100 counties in North Carolina, listening to and documenting their stories. The work resulted in over 455 pages of more than 560 monument and memorials contained in two volumes of binders.

A large number of this work related to the Civil War - with over 145 pages and 155 monuments and memorials. Ed and I then decided to do a special power point presentation SILENT SENTRIES—The Civil War, which will be presented for the first time to the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table.

Both **John Winecoff** and **Ed Gibson** are native born Tar Heels who share military and law enforcement backgrounds.

***** Trivia Questions for April *****

1 – Where is the oldest North Carolina Confederate memorial located?

2 – Where did General Lee observe the chickens of Maryland roosting as Hood's Texas Brigade marched through the area in September 1862?

***** Raffle Winners *****

Raffle Master: Ed Gibson

If you have books, prints, or other items that you would like to donate to the raffle, contact Ed Gibson (egibson759@aol.com) before our next meeting. ***The raffle is one of the components which allow the CFCWRT to fund our activities***

and our speakers. Please take part in our raffle by contributing items and/or purchasing tickets.



(L-R) Jim, John, Bill, Ed and Bruce

******* April Civil War Events *******

April 2, 1866 – President Andrew Johnson declares the “insurrection” at an end in all Confederate states except Texas.

April 3, 1865 – Union troops occupy Richmond.

April 9, 1865 – Robert E. Lee Surrenders at Appomattox (Virginia)

April 12, 1861 – Confederate open fire on Fort Sumter. The fort surrenders the next day.

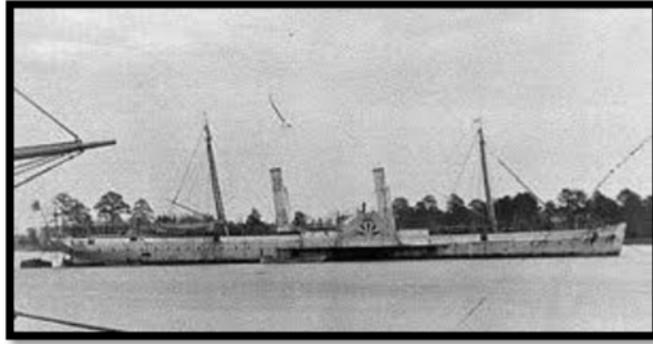
April 14, 1865 – Abraham Lincoln shot by John Wilkes Booth; dies the next day.

April 17, 1861 – Virginia convention votes for succession.

April 18, 1861 – Union forces burn armory at Harper’s Ferry to prevent it from falling into Confederate hands.

April 21, 1865 – Confederate Col. John S. Mosby disbands his Rangers.

***** **Member News & Activities** *****



Blockade Runner the *Robert E. Lee*

If you have member news or news about Civil War events that you think would be of interest to CFCWRT membership, send me an email with the details. Thank you.

1 – The CFCWRT would like to greet new members **Alfred Anderson, John Gill, Edward Holston, Mark Swanstrom and Roger & Marie Winzinger** to our group. We are excited that you have decided to join us and look forward to studying the Civil War with you. Welcome!

Linda Lashley

2 – Members at Park Day - The call went out, and we would like to thank our CFCWRT members who gave up their Saturday on April 2 to assist Ft. Fisher with their annual cleanup day: **Lance Bevins, John Bolger, Dale Lear and Linda Lashley**. The “fabulous four” worked hard to rake the area under the popular oak grove across the street and clear out the dead limbs. The roadside, Battle Acre, the erosion prevention rock area and the gazebos were cleared of trash – just in time for a wedding in the afternoon.

Linda Lashley

***** **March Program** *****

The Lighter Side of Johnny Reb: The Role of Humor in the Civil War

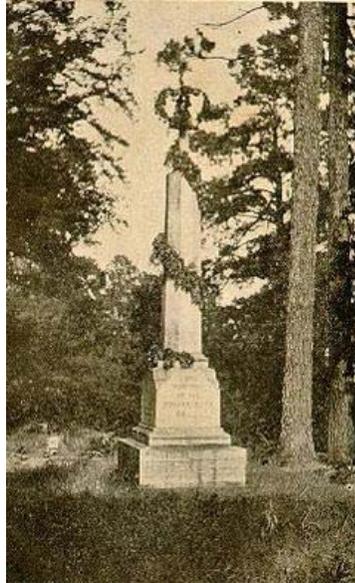


Keith Hardison provided examples of how Confederate soldiers used humor as: 1) A diversion from hardships associated with their service. 2) A physiological outlet from the horrors they experienced on the battlefield.

From Keith's presentation, there appeared to be no subject off-limits from the soldier's ridicule: **Leadership** – good and bad, **uniforms** – or lack of them, **food** – or lack of it, **camp life** and **comradeship**.

******* Trivia Questions for April *******

1 – Where is the oldest North Carolina Confederate memorial located? Dedicated on December 30, 1868, the Cumberland County Confederate Monument is located in Fayetteville's Cross Creek Cemetery.



“Nor shall your glory be forgot,
While Fame her record keeps,
Or honor points the hallowed spot
Where valor proudly sleeps.”

“On Fames eternal camping ground
Their silent Tents are spread.
Rest on embalmed & sainted dead
Dear as the blood ye gave.”

2 – Where did General Lee observe the chickens of Maryland roosting as Hood's Texas Brigade marched through the area in September 1862? General Lee remarked to General Hood that Maryland's chickens roosted very high in the trees when the Texas Brigade marched through the countryside.

Update: **What was the significance of the oil lamp at the Dinner Meeting?** Kelly Hinson provided her answer to this March Trivia Question:

It (the lamp) set the scene and gives a soft light, taking us back to War times years. The lamp represents the light of General Jackson's life, and then, as the cue that the play is over, when I blow it out, it represents the end of his life.