

The Runner



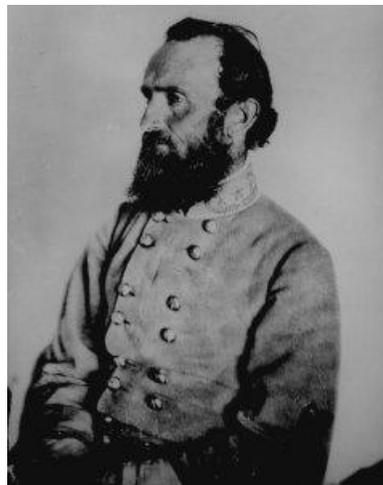
Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 4 February 2016** at the Blockade Runner Resort – Nighthawk Room (275 Waynick Blvd, Wrightsville Beach) at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 7:00 followed by “a not to be missed” presentation. \$35/attendee will include dinner and raffle tickets. ***Last chance*** to reserve your place at the dinner table will be **January 31st** – contact **Bruce Patterson 910-794-8905**.

Please join us at our February 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.

******* February 2016 Program *******

**An Evening with
Mrs. Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson:
Reflected Glory: Letters to Anna**



While some people will find history as nothing more than the boring repetition of dull, cold and little cared-about facts, those members and guests who will be in attendance at our February dinner meeting will be treated to a special performance. **Kelly Hinson** will “share” the personal letters that Stonewall Jackson had written to his wife during the war.

Be forewarned, a tear will appear in many an eye (or at least a lump in several throats). For a while on this Thursday evening, history will become entertainment of the most special nature.

The following is Kelly's description of her one-woman play:

I researched, wrote and perform in first person & full mourning, the story of the beloved General's wife, Anna. Taken entirely from her own factual accounts, as written in her book, *The Memoirs of Stonewall Jackson: by His Wife Mary Anna Jackson*, I recount his views on secession, slavery and the Confederacy. I begin by telling of how they met and married, and the tragedies that shaped both their lives. I tell of their early years together in beautiful Lexington Virginia, where he finally acquired what he most desired in life: a home and family of his own. Then I read selected letters written by Gen. Jackson to his "esposita" during the War, adding Anna's own thoughts to the events he describes. I end with his tragic death, after his wounding by friendly fire, on May 10th, 1863. The play is an hour long and is performed by oil lamp light, enhancing the audience's feeling of stepping back in time to 1864. The War is still raging, the blockade still in effect, and times are hard for the Southern civilians, and even harder for the soldiers. Anna's story is a love story, but also a tragedy in that she is widowed and remains in mourning for the rest of her life. She and General Jackson both believed in "Divine Providence" and that God brought them together, that God brought him to VMI before the War, and that God protected him on the battlefield. The theme of God and his religious views is central to the play.



Image: Until We Meet Again Mort Kunstler, Artist

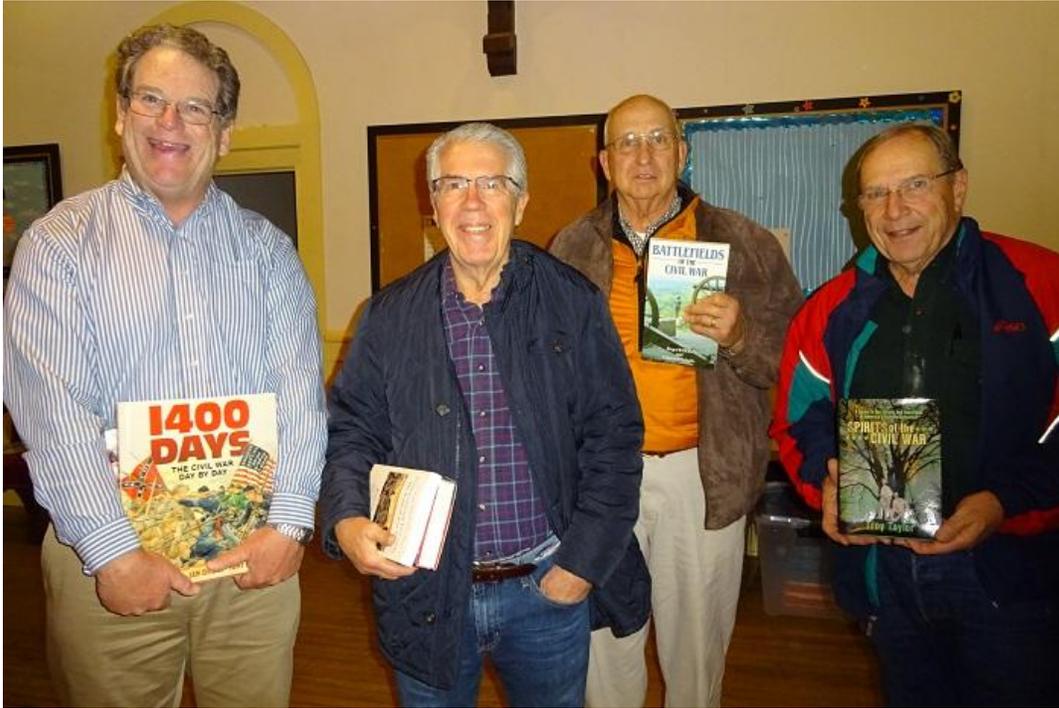
Kelly Atkins Hinson is a 10th generation North Carolinian, born in Pinehurst, NC, now residing on her Confederate ancestor's farm in Jackson Springs, NC. She is the proud mother of two little rebels, Tripp, 8 and Shiloh, 6 yrs old. They are often dressed in their 1860's garb and attending living history events alongside their mother. Kelly is a 1994 graduate of nursing school at Sandhills College, but currently is a stay-at-home mom.

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

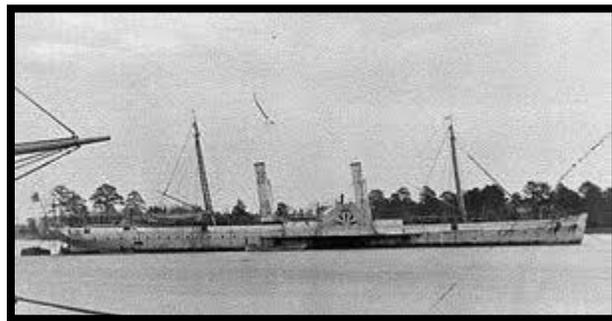
Raffle Master: Ed Gibson

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.



Book Raffle Winners

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



Blockade Runner the *Robert E. Lee*

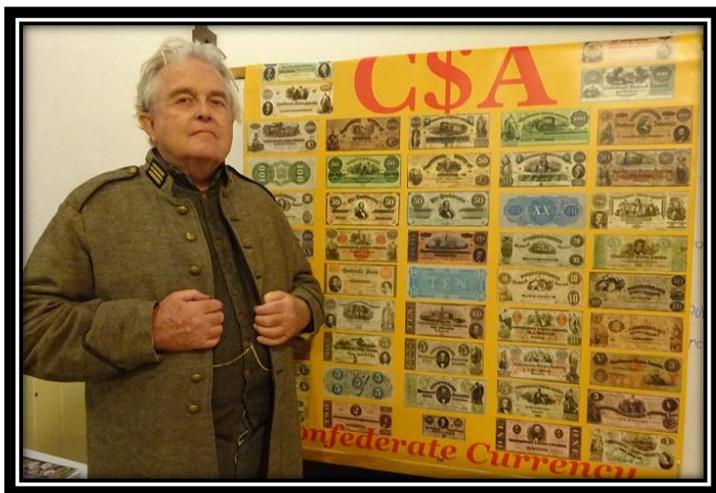
If you have member news or news about Civil War events that you think would be of interest to CFCWRT membership, send me an email with the details. Thank you.

1 – “**Help Wanted**” - We thought we would send out a notice to the area Civil War Roundtables letting you know that we are [seeking volunteers at Fort Fisher](#). We are

seeking people interested in history to assist us with giving tours of the fort and to help with group tours, as well as those who have experience in retail to help in the museum store. In the spring, we will also be seeking volunteers to work in the garden. Contact Becky Sawyer (becky.sawyer@ncdcr.gov) or John Moseley (john.moseley@ncdcr.gov).

***** January 2016 *****

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Southern Currency
During the
War Between the States



David Meisky gave a most interesting and informative presentation about the currency issued by the Confederate government, state governments, local banks and Union counterfeiters during the 1861-1865 war. What was a subject little covered in most Civil War histories, David made currency a relevant issue that any Civil War student needed to learn about to understand another facet of the war.

***** **Thoughts** *****

I am a little distracted. This issue of *The Runner* is the shortest that I have ever delivered to our membership..... While several may think this a good thing, my thoughts are with my daughter and her family as she awaits the birth of a daughter on February 14th. If history does indeed repeat itself, baby girl will be here before Valentine's Day.



Laura & Luke