

The Runner



Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 10 March 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 March 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.

******* March 2016 Program *******

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



Keith Hardison joins us to share a seldom discussed facet of Civil War history: Humor that makes fun of disastrous, terrifying or life-threatening circumstances.

Keith is a native of Nashville, Tenn., with family ties in North Carolina that date back almost 300 years. Hardison holds B.A. in history from David Lipscomb University and a M.A. in museum science from Texas Tech University.

For the last 28 years, he has served museums, historic sites and government historical agencies throughout the South. Hardison served as executive director of Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home, from 1986 to 1999, where he funded and constructed the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and Museum. In 1999 and 2000, he was director of education, interpretation and visitor services for Pamplin Historical Park in Virginia, where he assisted with the opening of the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier. From 2000 to 2006, he was an administrator with the Louisiana State Museum, supervising development and operation of its award-winning, \$23 million Baton Rouge branch. In 2006, he came to Cultural Resources, where he works to preserve, develop and operate of a statewide system of 24 historic sites.

Hardison is a former member of the Mississippi Civil War Battlefields Commission and is active in a number of professional and historical organizations including the American Association for State and Local History, the North Carolina Museums Council, and the North Carolina Historical Society. He is a popular lecturer on Civil War, general history, museum and heritage tourism-related topics.

******* Trivia Questions for March *******

1 – When did the term “gallows” humor come into use?

2 – What was the significance of the oil lamp at the Dinner Meeting?

******* 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.



Raffle Master Ed Gibson

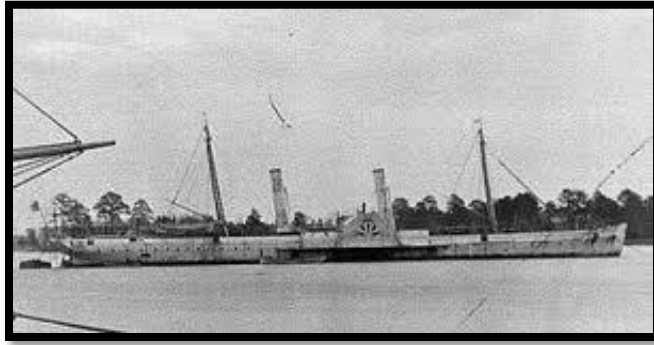


Kelly Hinson – A Winner

Thank you to all that participated in the auction and dinner.

As information: Bruce Patterson has signed up Kelly, as Rose O’Neal Greenhow, and the Blockade Runner Resort for the 2017 CFCWRT Annual Dinner. Mark your calendar, Thursday, February 9, 2017.

***** **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 – **Al Hines**, long-time CFCWRT Web Master and RT member, has decided to cut back on his many activities. Al had moved to the North Carolina mountains some years ago, but had maintained his ties to our RT. Al had been instrumental in maintaining the high quality of our web site and newsletter, *The Runner*, for many years. His efforts, skills, and counsel will be missed and his past service will be appreciated for a long time.



Thank you, Mr. Hines, for a job well done. The CFCWRT wishes you and your family all the best that mountain living can provide.

Long-time member, **Richard Buggeln**, has assumed the duties of the CFCWRT Web Master. Richard, like Al, had been a Web Master for several web sites, notability: the Tidewater Camellia Club site..



The CFCWRT thanks Richard (and wife, Betty Gail) for stepping up to ensure that our web site will continue to support our mission of encouraging education and research into that historic conflict.

Check out cfcwrt.org to see what the web site can offer Civil War students and researchers.

2 – *Civil War Artillery Thunders once again at Bentonville Battlefield* **March 19-20**

FOUR OAKS, N.C—Said to be the “King of Battle,” artillery played a key role in the 1865 Battle of Bentonville. See the destructive firepower of massed artillery at Bentonville 151st anniversary program, “The Ground Trembled Under Our Feet,” March 19 and 20. This year’s program will focus on artillery’s contributions to the battle.

Several artillery pieces from across the state will participate. Members of these crews will demonstrate the operating and firing procedures of cannons commonly used in the Civil War including 6-pounder field guns, 10-pounder Parrott rifles and 3-inch Ordnance Rifles. These guns will demonstrate how batteries would have worked together to deliver concentrated cannon firepower on the battlefield.

In addition to artillery, members from the 4th Regiment ANV will demonstrate infantry tactics and drill. Visitors can enjoy viewing a recreated Civil War encampment, and interact with the living historians. Demonstrations will take place throughout the day Saturday and Sunday. Visitors can also take a guided tour of the Harper House, which was used as a field hospital during the battle, and view civilian demonstrations near the Harper House kitchen.

The program will include presentations by Col. (Ret.) **Wade Sokolosky**, author of “To Prepare for Sherman’s Coming,” “The Battle of Wise’s Forks, March 1865” and **Thomas Robertson, Jr.**, editor of “Resisting Sherman, A Confederates Surgeon’s Journal and the Civil War in the Carolinas, 1865.” Sokolosky will present on the battle of Wise’s Forks Saturday at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Robertson will speak at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 19. Book signings will follow both presentations.

***** February Program *****

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



The February Dinner Meeting was held at The Blockade Runner Resort and was a decidedly successful event. **Kelly Hinson** was able to convey the essence of a love affair that existed between one of the most recognized soldiers of the Civil War and his wife. The evening was a fitting prelude to the Valentine season.



Silent Auction Table



Dr. Fonvielle, Kelly, and Lance

******* Trivia Questions for March *******

1 – When did the term “gallows” humor come into use? According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Gallows humor came into use around 1901.

2 – What was the significance of the oil lamp at the Dinner Meeting? I did not ask Kelly about the lamp. If any of you did ask her, please let me know. Until I hear from someone, I will think the oil lamp was just a prop used to transport the listener back to the period that Anna Jackson was occupying.

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

I am still distracted; however, history did repeat itself. My daughter, Laura, delivered a beautiful baby girl on January 30th instead of February 14th. Caroline Ann Robison, 7# 6oz., arrived at 10:59 p.m. on Saturday nite. Mother and daughter are doing well. As you can see, I also am doing quite well.



PawPaw & Caroline