

The Runner



Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 10 November 2016** at St. Andrews On-the-Sound Episcopal Church located at 101 Airlie Road. Come early - the meeting starts promptly at 7:30p.m. See cfwrt.org for details of future speakers and events.

Please join us at our third meeting of the 2016-2017 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.

******* November 2016 Program *******

The Fall of Richmond: April 1865



Robert “Bert” Dunkerly will share the opening paragraphs in the final chapter of the history of the Confederate States of America. This will be a story full of drama, suspense, and controversy. To this day, many historians still disagree on many events during these hectic days. Bert will discuss the evacuation, the fires and the riots that broke out over night, and with the final Union army march into the city. With the visit of President Lincoln on April 4, 1865, the Confederacy will be on its deathbed; President Jefferson Davis will be on the run.



Bert Dunkerly is a historian, award-winning author, and speaker who is actively involved in historic preservation and research. He holds a degree in History from St. Vincent College and a Masters in Historic Preservation from Middle Tennessee State University.

He has worked at nine historic sites, written twelve books, including *Redcoats on the Cape Fear*, about the Revolution in Wilmington. His research included archaeology, colonial life, military history, and historic commemoration.

Dunkerly is currently a Park Ranger at Richmond National Battlefield Park. He is past President of the Richmond Civil War Round Table, and serves on the Preservation Commission for the American Revolutionary Round Table – Richmond. He has visited over 400 battlefields and over 900 historic sites worldwide. When not reading or writing, he enjoys hiking, camping, and photography.

Editor

******* Trivia Questions for November *******

- 1 – On April 4, 1865, Abraham Lincoln visited the city Richmond. Who accompanied Lincoln on his visit?
- 2 – What happened to the Confederate treasury and its gold and silver?
- 3 – Did the Confederate States of America ever receive recognition from any other country?

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

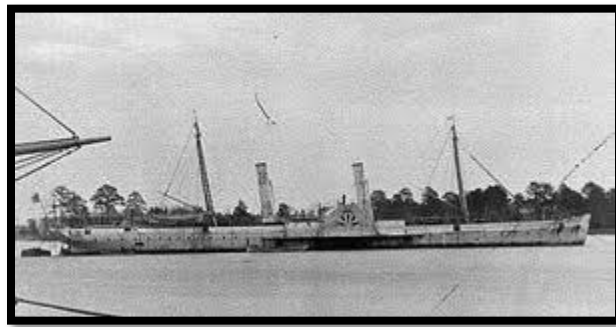
Raffle Master: Ed Gibson

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.



They Met at Gettysburg: Bill Jayne
Grant: Jim Gannon
Civil War Curiosities: Jim Gannon
U.S. Sharpshooters: Bob Cooke
Diary from Dixie: Al Anderson
Soldiers Blue & Gray: Linda Lashley

***** **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 – Welcome to all returning and new members of the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table. New members include: **Oliver Acheson, Alfred Anderson, John Branson, Michael & Elizabeth D’Attilio, Red Earley, John Gill, Bill Keifer, Norm Melton, David Mork, and David Munnikhuysen.** Your participation in our meetings and activities make this a continuing learn experience.

2 – If you have plans to do some traveling and want to know upcoming Civil War events in that area, check out *civilwar.travel*. This site is for 2016-2017 events.

NOV 5-6 NC Reenactment, “Battle of Fort Branch,” at the fort site on the Roanoke River near Hamilton. Camps and demonstrations with battles at 1:30 pm each day. Small parking fee goes to fort preservation. fortbranchcivilwarsite.com



NOV 30 TN Anniversary illumination at Carnton Plantation in Franklin. 10,000 luminaries. Tour is free. boft.org

***** October 2016 *****

The Changing Face of the Civil War: Has the War the Keeps on Giving Given Out?



The Chicago Civil War Round Table was founded on December 3, 1940. The speaker at its first meeting was Percival G. Hart and his subject was “Stonewall Jackson’s Valley Campaign.” Founder Ralph G. Newman stated the purpose of the group was to study the Civil War and the Great Emancipator. From that small beginning with sixteen attendees, Civil War Round Table discussion groups expanded to hundreds of groups scattered throughout the United States and around the world.

Dr. Chris Fonvielle, past President of the CFCWRT, led a spirited discussion of the current status of Round Tables. Are Round Tables dying or has the general population just lost interest in military history and the leaders of that period? Are younger people just not interested in the war or are they embarrassed by aspects of slavery that defined that period? How should the discussion of our founding fathers and later leaders be judged today? Dr. Fonvielle stated that many of his students seem to define that period with, “Ya’ll lost the war; get over it.”

I was absent from the October meeting, but Linda Lashley provided me with voluminous notes on the many subjects that were discussed. Where will the current focus on race, gender and politics take Round Tables? As always, history will decide.

Editor

***** Trivia Questions for November *****

1 – On April 4, 1865, Abraham Lincoln visited the city Richmond. Who accompanied Lincoln on his visit? Lincoln arrived on the USS *Malvern* accompanied by his son, Tad, and Admiral David Dixon Porter.

Lincoln's assassination, less than a week following Lee's surrender, ensured that the events of the previous week would forever remain mysterious. Hundreds of fanciful, romantic, and second-hand accounts gained traction in the public mind, causing even Lincoln's first historians to throw up their hands in frustration at the lack of similarity in the accounts of his Richmond visit. Over time, the event faded from public memory. Interest returned on April 5, 2003, when the National Park Service unveiled a statue at the Historic Tredegar Iron Works commemorating Lincoln's 1865 visit to Richmond. The life-sized sculpture by Louis Frech features the President and his son Tad, resting on a bench in front of the words "To Bind up the Nation's Wounds" - a phrase taken from Lincoln's second inaugural address.

Source: <https://www.nps.gov/rich/learn/historyculture/lincvisit.htm> (accessed October 31, 2016).

2 – What happened to the Confederate treasury and its gold and silver? Who really knows? This is a question that maybe Bert can answer.

3 – Did the Confederate States of America ever receive recognition from any other country? The CSA never gained recognition as a legitimate nation from any nation.

One of the most overlooked facts of the American Civil War Era is the sympathy the South gained from Europe's most influential monarch - the pope of Rome.

Pope Pius IX never actually signed any kind of alliance or 'statement of support' with the Confederate States of America, but to those who understand the nuance of papal protocol, what he did do was quite astonishing. He acknowledged President Jefferson Davis as the "Honorable President of the Confederate States of America."

From this we can glean three things about Pope Pius IX...

1. He called Jefferson Davis by the customary title "Honorable."
2. He acknowledged him as president of a nation.
3. In doing so, he (at least on a personal level) effectively recognized the Confederate States of America as a sovereign entity, separate from the United States of America.

Source: catholicknight.blogspot.com, (accessed 10/31/2016).

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

Many years ago, I attended a company school in Atlanta, Georgia. Among the many attendees was a student from Wisconsin. During an after-hours bull-session, she asked why we Southerners were so preoccupied with the history of that long ago Civil War. I had a simple reply: "Because, we didn't burn your house down." I know that was just too simple an answer. Since the first two Round Tables were founded in Chicago and Milwaukee, others, in addition to us burnout Southerners, must have had an interest in the late unpleasantness also.

There are all kinds of reasons why people are and will continue to have interest in the Civil War. If you interested in history, it is important to you; if you are not interested in history, it will never be important to you.

"Those that fail to learn from history, are doomed to repeat it."
Winston Churchill

Amen.

Editor

******* Recommendation *******

Peter Cozzens' *The Earth is Weeping: The Epic Story of the Indian Wars for the American West* has recently been released. Cozzens' book covered the many episodes (1862-1891) that followed the consequence of the American expansion into this vast area.

Of special interest to Civil War enthusiasts, Cozzens follows the careers of many Union officers after the war. Sherman, Sheridan, Crook, Miles, Terry, Gibbon, Custer and many others fill the pages of this book. If you only know of Custer's Last Stand, you have much to learn about these men and their Indian adversaries.

Of special interest to CFCWRT members, Peter Cozzens will be the speaker at our May 2017 meeting.