

The Runner



Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

Our regular meeting will be held on **Thursday, 12 April 2018** at the Harbor United Methodist Church located at **4853 Masonboro Loop Road, Wilmington, NC**. Come early – the meeting starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. See cfcwrt.org for details of future speakers and their subjects.

******* April 2018 Program *******

George Armstrong Custer and the Battle of Little Bighorn

Join us for what will be a most interesting talk about one of American's most well known soldiers and his epic battle at the Little Bighorn. **Dr. David La Vere**, UNCW Professor of History, will share facts and fiction about the events that led to the June 25, 1876 battle.



Dr. La Vere is an ethnohistorian and the author of seven books on American Indian history. Currently, he teaches and researches on Southeastern Indians, especially those of the Carolinas. In the past, he has written extensively on Southern Plains and Texas Indians.

A native of Louisiana, David received his B.A. and M.A. from Northwestern State University (LA) and his Ph.D. from Texas A&M. David served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

NOTE: Dr. La Vere has periodically taught a seminar on Custer and the Little Bighorn Campaign. I was lucky enough to attend one of his seminars when I attended UNCW in 2007-2010. Dr. La Vere researched deeply and led a seminar that caused his students to investigate who, what, when, where and why at the Little Bighorn.

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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 the CFCWRT to fund our activities and our speakers.* Please take part in our raffle by contributing items and/or purchasing tickets.



Lincoln's Greatest Journey
Jefferson Davis – American
Grant Comes East
For Cause and Comrades
American Insurgents
The Making of R.E. Lee
Blockade Runner

Jim Gannon
Bill Jayne
Ed Gibson
Joe George
John A. Gill
John Bolger
Henry Wood

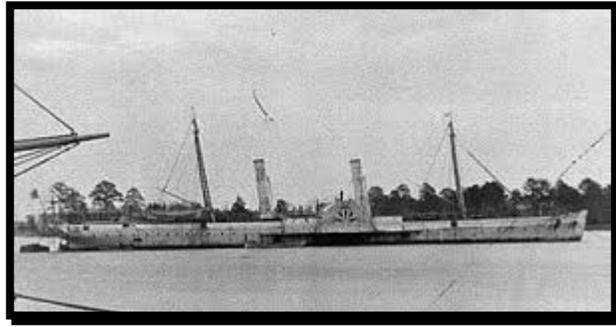
******* Trivia Questions for April 2018 *******

1 – Who was Libby Bacon?

2 – Who was Marcus Reno?

3 – Who was Frederick Benteen?

******* 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 to tpwinstead@gmail.com. Thank you.

1 – Welcome new members: Chuck Harriman, Bill Booth, Tom Wanich and Bill Bailey.

2 - Volunteers needed for Fort Anderson Park Day 2018

Details: Contact Jim McKee, jim.mckee@ncdcr.gov, (910) 371-6623

Meeting place: Visitor Center/Museum

Meeting time: 9:00 AM, Saturday, April 21, 2018

Planned Activities: Landscaping, Painting, Planting, Trash Removal

Planned Low-Impact Activities: indoor cleaning, painting, trash removal

Bring Tools & Supplies: gloves, safety glasses

History or Educational Programs: AS time allows volunteers will get a chance to take behind the scenes tours and to view artifacts not yet on display.

Food provided: Yes, water and snacks

In the Event of Inclement Weather: TBD

3 – A change is coming to the CFCWRT this coming June. Bill Jayne explains:

June Program to Feature Round Table Discussion

The Civil War Round Table movement began in Chicago in 1941 and became very popular during the Civil War Centennial years of 1961-65. The traditional format was a “round table” discussion of a specific topic such as a battle, a book or a personality associated with the war. On June 14, the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table will present a traditional discussion on the Battle of Fort Fisher. Specifically, we will discuss the topic of Hoke’s failure to attack Terry’s force before it was prepared for the assault on Fort Fisher itself.

In essence, the topic would be: "Should Hoke/Bragg Have Attacked the Union Force Before They Assaulted Ft. Fisher?" We will present a PowerPoint with maps, Order of Battle, timeline, and some basic questions. The introductory presentation would be limited to no more than 10 minutes. We will provide a 3- or 4-page basic summary that can be printed out so that all participants are working from "the same sheet of music."

Following the introduction, members of the Round Table would offer comments, opinions, observations limited to about three minutes. This phase of the discussion would be moderated by the discussion leader and limited to about 30 to 40 minutes total, leaving about five minutes for a summary. The total program time would be 45-60 minutes.

If you would like to offer comments, etc., on this topic, please advise Vice President Bill Jayne at jayne.bill@gmail.com. If you'd like to volunteer to be a note taker or timekeeper, please let Bill know as well.

4 - Check out the [Cape Fear Civil War Round Table facebook page](#).

Linda Lashley and Bill Jayne have collaborated to simulate continued interest in Civil War history. They post meeting announcements and pictures, trivia articles, and more.

5 – Thanks to the Management and staff for their assistance in welcoming CFCWRT speakers to Wilmington and the Cape Fear region. Their support and hospitality are most welcome.



******* March 2018 Program *******

**Lincoln's Greatest Journey: Sixteen Days Changed a Presidency,
March 24 – April 8, 1865**



Noah Andre Trudeau explained his research methods as he prepared to write his latest book, *Lincoln's Greatest Journey*. President Lincoln's visit with U. S. Grant at City Point, Virginia shaped the terms given to the surrendering Confederates at the close of the Civil War.

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******* Trivia Questions for April 2018 *******

1 – Who was Libby Bacon? Libby was Custer's wife, his defender and the chief proponent of the Custer myth that grew from the "Last Stand." Libby lived until 1933 and until her last days, she mostly was successful in preventing negative stories about Custer's actions in the West.

Source: *Custer's Trials: A Life on the Frontier of a New America*

2 – Who was Marcus Reno? Major Marcus Reno was Custer's senior subordinate on the 1876 Campaign to force Sitting Bull's warriors to return to their reservations. He commanded one of the four wings into which Custer divided his command. A deeply troubled officer with a drinking problem, Reno performed poorly at the Little Bighorn, and was accused of cowardice and drunkenness. Reno's court of inquiry was the closest the army came to an investigation of the battle.

Source: *Custer's Trials: A Life on the Frontier of a New America*

3 – Who was Frederick Benteen? Captain Frederick Benteen was one of Custer's subordinates who commanded one wing of Custer's split command. Benteen hated Custer and this hate may have impacted the separated commands to come to Custer's defense on Last Stand Hill.

******* Tour of Fort Fisher *******

On March 8, acclaimed Civil War historian Dr. Chris E. Fonvielle Jr., Ph.D., (right in first photo below), a member of the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table, presented a special tour of Fort Fisher for noted author Noah Andre Trudeau (left in first photo). Mr. Trudeau gave a talk to the Round Table that evening on "Lincoln's Greatest Journey," his latest book. Group photo in front of Fort Fisher's rampart: left to right: Trudeau, Fonvielle, CFCWRT VP Bill Jayne, Pres. Bob Cooke, Steering Committee Member Mark Swanstrom, and Steering Committee Member Bruce Patterson. Third photo pictures Steering Committee Member Dale Lear, far left.

Bill Jayne

