

The Runner



Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 11 January 2018** at Harbor United Methodist Church located at **4853 Masonboro Loop Road**. Come early – the meeting starts promptly at 7:00p.m. See **cfwrt.org** for details of future speakers and their subjects.

***** January 2018 Program *****

Amongst Immortals Raging: Gettysburg's 3rd Day Begins

Of the more than 50,000 books written about the American Civil War, *Amongst Immortals Raging: Gettysburg's Third Day Begins* stands alone as the only Iliad-style work ever written in the high Victorian language of the past, and organized almost exclusively around the attack of July 3, 1863. **Marshall Conyers** speaks with poetic reverence of *all* those men in Blue and Gray who collided there on that rolling Pennsylvania countryside individuals who forged history at the point of a slashing saber, or through the barrel of a smoking musket.

Marshall Conyers is a native of Wilson, N.C. He began his working career as a Junior High School science and history teacher (and Basketball and Track coach). He is an avid kayaker and bicyclist. Marshall loves the natural world, and is at his happiest when wandering through the quiet solitude of an old-growth forest with his beloved dog Pal. Marshall is also an amateur anthropologist who possesses a fine collection on Native American artifacts.

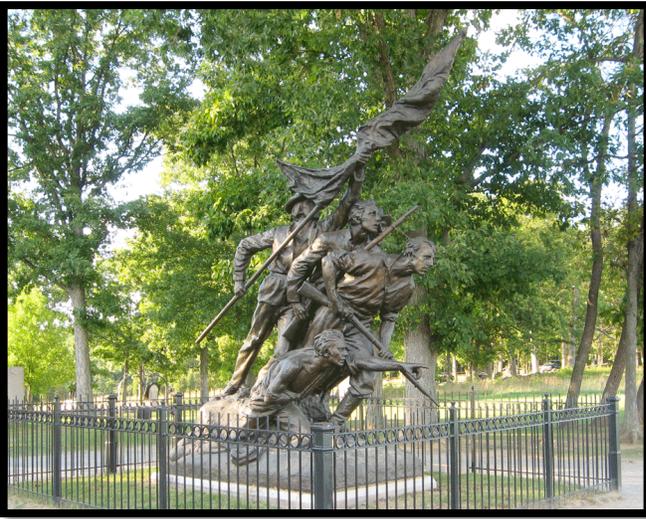
Amongst Immortals

*All life is lived, all time is done,
no memory lingers here
beneath this gentle earth
so rife with springtime sun.
We sleep forever and unknowing
of this hallowed ground we made.
On battlefields of honor, our youth poured
out,
played out in violent days.
One instant there amongst immortals raging,*

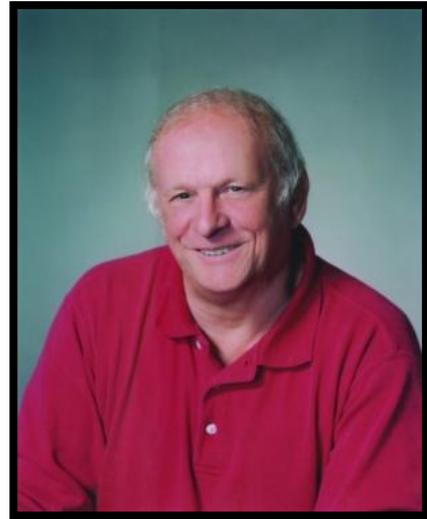
*something darkened out our sun.
Now all is quiet, so solemn here
where weathered stones inscribe our names,
where once our race was run.*

*All life is lived, all time is done.
We sleep forever now with angels
who sing of glory and of sacred honor won,
of life and time that's never done
as long as one true heart remembers us*

..... this land's most valiant sons.



NC Monument at Gettysburg



Marshall Conyers

******* Trivia Questions for January 2018 *******

1 – Why was the Third Day at Gettysburg so critical to those who wore the Blue and Gray?

2 – Mexican General Santa Anna built strong defensive positions to block Scott’s advance on Mexico City. What actions did the Americans use to attack the defenders?

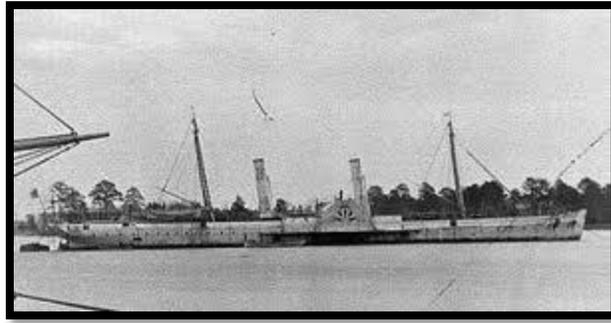
******* Raffle Winners *******

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.

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| <i>Men of God</i> | Bill Hewitt |
| <i>Ewell</i> | George Holston |
| <i>I Rode with Stonewall</i> | Jim Gannon |
| <i>Fighting for the Confederacy</i> | Jim Gannon |
| <i>Embattled Rebel</i> | Bill Jayne |
| <i>H.L. Hunley</i> | Judy Ward |

******* 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 – Happy New Year!!!!!!!

2 - Cape Fear 3 and the **Blockade Runner** Chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be collecting old medicine/pill bottles for overseas uses in medical missions.

Remove the labels and donate bottles to this worthy cause. Please give used bottles to **Linda Lashley** at our next RT meeting.

3 – Two Weeks of Fury – Wise’s Fork, Monroe’s Crossroads, Averagesboro, Bentonville - September 28-30, 2018

The Two Weeks of Fury Symposium will begin with an optional half-day on Friday, Sept. 28, in Kinston. Friday evening will include a key-note lecture at The Barn at [Broadslab](#). Saturday's tours begin with a rare trip to Monroe's Crossroads battlefield and a guided tour of Civil War Fayetteville and Averagesboro. Saturday will wrap with an intimate meet and greet at Bentonville Battlefield featuring heavy hors d'oeuvre and drinks. Sunday will conclude with a guided tour of Bentonville Battlefield.

Only 100 tickets will be sold, with a limit of 25 being sold for the optional Friday, half-day. Tickets include two meals, snacks, water, soda, and Saturday evening hors d'oeuvre and drinks. Your price includes venue admissions and a copy of Mark Moore's *Historical Guide to Bentonville*, an excellent map guidebook of the Carolinas Campaign. The price for the event will be \$350 or \$395 if you include the Kinston trip on Friday afternoon.

Contact (910) 594-0789 amanda.brantley@ncdcr.gov

I attended a similar symposium some years ago with many of the same speakers. I highly recommend this event.

4 - Cape Fear Civil War Round Table - Dinner Meeting at 7:00p.m. – February 8, 2018 – Blockade Runner: Wrightsville Beach – Nighthawk Room– Speaker: Rod Gragg, Subject: “Up Close & Personal: Witnesses to the War.” Dinner and Presentation \$35 per attendee: An early & reasonably priced evening that your Valentine will enjoy. Please

put this on your calendar. Contact Bruce Paterson at 910-794-8905 or
bppatterson@earthlink.net

******* December 2017 Program *******

Forged in Battle: Mexican War as a Civil War Proving Ground

Jeff Bockert presented an excellent talk about the Mexican War and the impact it had on the soldiers who would face each other during the coming American Civil War.



Zachary Taylor (Old Rough and Ready) and Winfield Scott (Old Fuss and Feathers) were the generals who mentored the untested soldiers. The men who learned and remembered the strengths and weaknesses of their fellow officers would respond well during the coming struggle. R.E. Lee and U.S. Grant remembered. George McClellan did not remember.

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1 – Why was the Third Day at Gettysburg so critical to those who wore the Blue and Gray? At the end of the Day One, the Blue forces had been bloodied; however, through the “reluctance” of Dick Ewell, the Blue held the high ground. The right flank of the Union line held against the savage Confederate attacks. Day Two was as bloodied along the Union left flank, but the 20th Maine and others had stopped the attacks of Longstreet and others Confederate forces.

Day Three dawned with decisions that would forever change the history of the United States. Meade held a war counsel to decide whether to stay or flee – they chose to stay and fight. Lee took his own council to extend one more strong push to break the Union center and possibly end the war – Today.

2 – Mexican General Santa Anna built strong defensive positions to block Scott’s advance on Mexico City. What actions did the Americans use to attack the defenders? Scott used his engineers (Lee, Johnston, Beauregard and McClellan) to find paths to the rear of the Mexican positions. Once the paths were cleared for troop movements, the Americans launched “flank” attacks.