

The Runner



Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

Our regular meeting will be held on **Thursday, 8 March 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.

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

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

Noah Andre Trudeau will present his well researched book on the sixteen days that Lincoln spent at City Point, Virginia in the company of such notables as U.S. Grant, W.T. Sherman, David Dixon Porter and the Army of the Potomac. During this short period, the end of the war became clearer and the plans for the reunited Union began to form in Lincoln's thoughts.

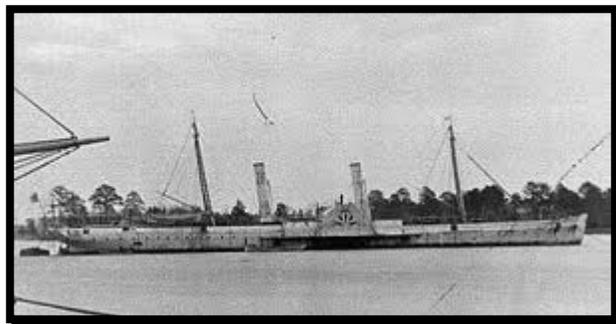


Noah Andre Trudeau attended the State University on New York at Albany where he graduated with a history degree. Trudeau has written numerous Civil War books and received multiple awards for his efforts.

******* Trivia Questions for March 2018 *******

1 – Who did President Lincoln first invite to Ford’s theater to see *Our American Cousin*?

******* 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 – 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.

2 - 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.

***** February 2018 Program *****

From Fields of Fire and Glory: Letters of the Civil War



Rod Gragg entertained attendees at our Dinner Meeting with the stories penned by individual soldiers who shared their Civil War experiences. Rod covered nearly every facet of the life of the Civil War soldier. From entering the service, to enduring the training and battles, to facing wounds and/or sicknesses, to becoming a prisoner of war, to dealing with victory or defeat, and finally to reconciling with a hated foe, Rod's book traced a soldier's journey through the emotions of 1861-1865.

From Rod's book, Chapter 18 "Pa Died Very Easy."

The close association of family and friends in the ranks was unquestionably reassuring for many soldiers, but it also added a very personal element to the risks of war. When Georgia attorney John C. Mounger volunteered for Confederate service, he was followed into the army by his three sons – two of whom served most of the war in their father's regiment. Mounger rose in rank to lieutenant colonel and second-in-command of the 9TH Georgia Infantry. In May 1863, Lieutenant Colonel Mounger had the heartrending task of writing his wife

to report the death of their son Terrell, a captain in the 14TH Georgia Infantry, who had been mortally wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville.

Less than two months later, Mounger's two surviving soldier sons – John Junior and Tom – had to write their mother a similar letter, reporting the death of their father in the second day's fighting at Gettysburg. A year later, both sons were killed at the battle of the Wilderness.

I think what I learned from Rod's presentation was that the average soldier, Confederate or Union, was very similar in the make-ups.



Rod Gragg addresses the CFCWRT Dinner Guests

Editor

***** Trivia Questions for March 2018 *****

1 – Who did President Lincoln first invite to Ford's theater to see *Our American Cousin*? President Lincoln invited General and Mrs. Julia Grant to attend the play with him and Mrs. Lincoln. Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Lincoln had several disagreeable moments during the Lincolns visit to City Point. They declined the president's invitation. Lincoln then invited Major Henry Rathbone and his fiancée, Clara Harris, to attend the play.