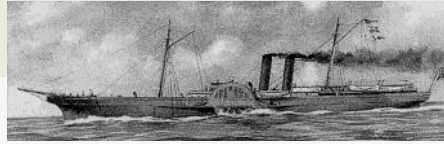




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John R. Scales - General Nathan Bedford Forrest

Nathan Bedford Forrest

The Tennessean was one of the most intriguing and controversial characters to emerge during the Civil War. Books and articles on the man span the gamut from hero worship to condemnation for his involvement with the slaughter at Fort Pillow and later, his association with the Ku Klux Klan. Retired Special Forces Brigadier General John R. Scales plows entirely new ground with *The Battles and Campaigns of General Nathan Bedford Forrest, 1861-1865*, a careful and unique examination of Forrest's wartime activities and how his actions affected the war in the Western Theater..



Scales' study is a meticulous guide to Forrest's campaigns. For example, each action is augmented with detailed driving directions to allow readers to examine his battlefields and the routes his cavalry took during its famous raids. For the first time, students of Forrest's campaigns can follow in his footsteps, experiencing the terrain much the same way he did. Each chapter concludes with a detailed review and assessment of each raid or campaign. Throughout, General Scales relies on his own extensive military background to help evalu-

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Dave Schultz - General James Longstreet

Dave Schultz - Principles, Policies & Politics of General James Longstreet at Gettysburg

David Shultz (1950) was born in Harrisburg Pennsylvania where his North American ancestral roots date back to the early 1800's. His interest in the American Civil War began in 1958 when as a young boy he discovered five direct ancestors participated as enlisted soldiers, four for the Union, one of the Confederacy. His specific interest and study is the Gettysburg Campaign whereas two direct ancestors were attached to army headquarters, Army of the Potomac. He is the recipient of numerous awards including special citations from the House of Representatives and Common-



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NEXT PRESENTATION

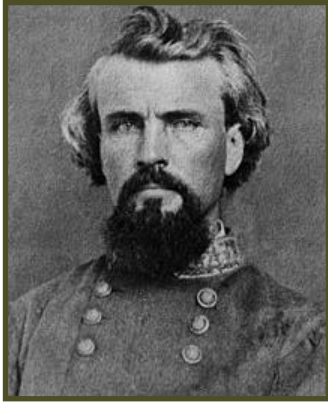
- ◆ Thursday, Sept. 12th
- ◆ John Scales - General Nathan Bedford Forrest
- ◆ 6:30 Social 7:00 Meeting
- ◆ Harbor UMC
4853 Masonboro Loop
Wilmington



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GENERAL NATHAN
BEDFORD FORREST

ate and explain how and why Forrest grew in command ability and potential as a result of his experiences - or didn't.

The late award-winning author Albert Castel asked two major questions about Nathan Bedford Forrest: "Exactly what impact did Forrest's dazzling raids and victories have upon the overall course of the war?" and "Had Forrest been given a higher command and/or greater opportunities, what would have been the potential outcome as regards the fate of the Confederacy?" *The Battles and Campaigns of General Nathan Bedford Forrest* makes it much easier to answer both.

John R. Scales is a retired Special Forces brigadier general with more than three decades of service, including combat tours in Vietnam and Afghanistan. He also has a Ph.D. in engineering and worked in that field after retiring from the military. In addition to receiving five patents for inventions, General Scales had written two previous books: *Sherman Invades Georgia* (Naval Institute Press, 2006) and *A Reluctant Hero's Footsteps* (Westbow Press, 2012). A past president of the Tennessee Valley Civil War Roundtable, he leads Civil War campaign tours in Alabama, Tennessee, and Georgia.

The presentation will take place in the sanctuary of Harbor Church. Enter the front building through the doors marked "Worship Center."

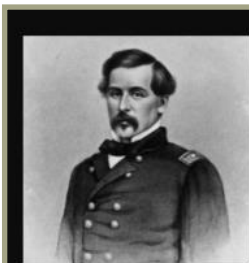
Dave Schultz - General James Longstreet, cont.

wealth of Pennsylvania for Meritorious Public Service for Battlefield Preservation. Having recently retired from his position as a Senior Engineering Technician in the aerospace industry he is currently working on a comprehensive tactical study of the artillery in the Gettysburg Campaign.

Trivia Questions

1. Brigadier General Thomas Francis Meagher led the famed Irish Brigade in the Army of the Potomac. He died in 1867 at the age of 43 and spent most of his adult life outside his birthplace of Ireland. Nonetheless, a grand equestrian statue of him dominates a street in Waterford, Ireland. Why is he commemorated in Ireland?
2. Was the steamship *Granite City* a Union or a Confederate ship?
3. What was the name of Daniel Underhill's horse?

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I now bid farewell to the country of my birth - of my passions - of my death; a country whose misfortunes have invoked my sympathies - whose factions I sought to quell - whose intelligence I prompted to a lofty aim - whose freedom has been my fatal dream.

BRIGADIER GENERAL
THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER

Upcoming Events

September 28th - Free Entrance Day in National Parks

Participate in recognizing National Public Lands Day by visiting a NPS battlefield, site or park with a waived entry fee!

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Antietam National Battlefield, Vicksburg National Military Park, and Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park, are a few sites. [Click here for the complete list.](#)

September 29th - “Before the Civil War” Cruise

Wilmington Water Tours presents a Before the Civil War Cruise led by local history expert Dr. Chris Fonvielle, who discusses the early explorers, Giovanni de Verrazano being the first to arrive in the area, moving on to the Revolutionary War in the late 1700s, and finishing with the Civil War and the Battle of Wilmington in 1865.

October 12th - Lecture with Angela Zombek: Civil War Military Prisons

Lecture with Angela Zombek at Federal Point History Center in Carolina Beach features the UNCW history professor talking about her book, Penitentiaries, Punishment, and Military Prisons, which includes the notorious Andersonville, and one located in Salisbury, NC.

*NC Military Historical Society Symposium -
The Final Year of the Civil War in North Carolina*

Save the Date!

Saturday, May 9, 2020 - 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Raleigh, NC

NC Military Historical Society Symposium
“The Final Year of the Civil War in North Carolina”

Charles LeCount, Assistant Director, NC Historical Sites
North Carolina Junior Reserves in 1865

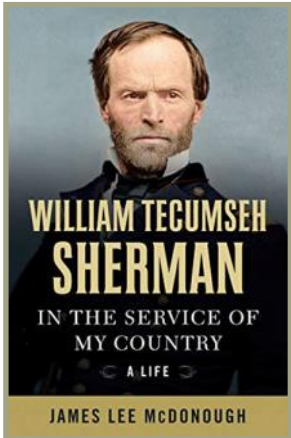
Dr. James K. Bryant, Historian and Author
US Colored Troops in North Carolina

Ernie Dollar, Historic Interpreter, Somerset Place SHS
Somerset Place in the New South

Chris Meekins, State Archives of North Carolina
Presidential Reconstruction in North Carolina



Cape Fear Civil War Roundtable Fundraiser



We're announcing a new fundraiser to help Cape Fear Civil War Round Table continue to deliver world-class speakers for our monthly meetings. Our dues remain low (\$30 per year) and we offer a year-round program featuring interesting and well-received events through the summer months.

Our summer programs are "locally" produced and cost nothing but we do pay travel expenses for out-of-town speakers during our regular program year from September through May.

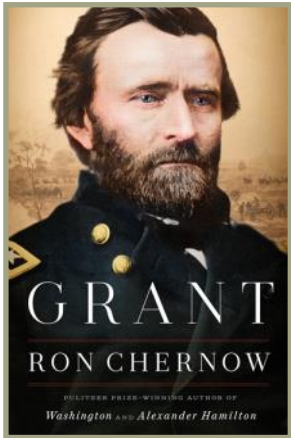
To continue our program at a high level, we will use the silent auction technique to generate bids for special items such as books, art work and memorabilia. Last season, the Round Table benefitted greatly from the generosity of a member who donated a Civil War chess set and another member who submitted a very generous bid for the item. This new fundraising mechanism is in addition to our monthly book raffle.

Many of you will remember that we always auctioned off items at our February dinner meeting as well. We'd like to institute an ongoing effort of this type dedicated solely and entirely to helping to fund our speaker program. Cash contributions are also welcome!

First of all, we ask you—our members—to donate such items to offer as silent auction items. Book series such as *The Civil War: A Narrative* by Shelby Foote, first editions, etc., are most welcome. Limited edition prints are also perfect items for the silent auction.

Currently, we have hardcover, first editions of current biographies of Grant, by Ron Chernow, and Sherman by James L. McDonough. We also have a beautiful lithograph of Confederate reenactors galloping a Napoleon into firing position from the Petersburg National Battlefield group. A nicely framed photograph of the famous North Carolina Gettysburg monument by Gutzon Borglum rounds out our list of items available for bids.

They will be on display at our September 12 meeting. Put in your bid! We will collect bids through the December meeting and announce the winners at the end of the meeting so the timing will be perfect for holiday gifts.



NORTH CAROLINA GETTYSBURG MONUMENT BY GUTZON BORGLUM



LITHOGRAPH OF CONFEDERATE REENACTORS GALLOPING A NAPOLEON INTO FIRING POSITION PETERSBURG NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD GROUP

Summer Discussion Series: Members Forum

The Members Forum, led by Jim Gannon, was a foray into Civil War topics that CFCWRT members John Bolger, Bob Cooke, Mark Swanstrom, and John Winecoff are not only passionate about but also very knowledgeable.

John Bolger led off the round of discussions with a well received talk about General Thomas Francis Meagher, Commander of the famed Irish Brigade. John explained Meagher's background as a fighter for Irish independence, subsequent capture and escape from a penal colony, and his migration to America. As a Union officer he recruited Irish immigrants into the New York militia and rose to the rank of general in command of the Irish Brigade of the Army of the Potomac. His hometown of Waterford erected a statue in his honor.



GEN. THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER, SURROUNDED BY A PORTION OF HIS COMMAND.

[ARMY OF THE POTOMAC]; EDWARD AND HENRY T. ANTHONY & CO. (AMERICAN, 1862 – 1902); ABOUT 1862 – 1864; ALBUMEN SILVER PRINT; 84.XC.979.1562. GIFT OF WESTON J. AND MARY M. NAEF. [THE J. PAUL GETTY TRUST, GETTY'S OPEN CONTENT PROGRAM.](#)



HARRIS LIGHT CAVALRY FLAG

Bob Cooke provided a glimpse into the life of Private Daniel Underhill as he served in the 2nd NY Cavalry, known as the Harris Light Cavalry. Union Army through original letters from Daniel to his family during the Civil War. Copies of these letters were passed through the audience to provide a first hand glimpse into the life of this serving Civil War soldier.

John Winecoff took us to a very seldom discussed Battle of Sabine Pass and the part the Irish Davis Guard played in that battle. He shared the story of the incredible ability of the Guard to fire 107 shots in 35 minutes, a rate unheard of at that time with heavy artillery. Even though they were greatly outnumbered, they outfought their enemy and drove them back. He told of the valor and courage the Davis Guard displayed that led the grateful citizens of Houston to strike a medal which was presented to the Davis Guard upon their arrival in the city.



JOHN WINECOFF
DAVIS CO. & THE SABINE PASS BATTLE

Mark Swanstrom's discussion of the Battle of Chickamauga from the standpoint of Civil War battlefield command and the control difficulties. He clearly illustrated the problems with communication orders and rapidly changing situations on the battle field. He brought forth and perfectly illustrated the dilemma faced by the ground commanders even today.



EIGHT-INCH COLUMBIAD
CANNON USED IN THE
BATTLE OF SABINE PASS

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Summer Discussion Series: Members Forum, cont.



There was great appreciation from the audience for the speakers and the discussions they generated. The majority voiced the opinion for more of this type of presentation in the future.

JOHN BOLGER AND
JIM GANNON



BILL JAYNE - OPENING THE MEMBERS FORUM DISCUSSION MEETING

Fort Fisher - American Battlefield Trust Park Day 2019

Calling all volunteers! On **Saturday, October 5, 2019** (8:30am to noon), Fort Fisher State Historic Site will host Park Day, an annual hands-on event sponsored by the American Battlefield Trust, which brings history enthusiasts together with staff members to help preserve our nation's heritage sites. Fort Fisher welcomes volunteers of all ages and skill levels. This year's activities will include painting the numerous artillery guns and carriages around the site. Groups will also be needed to assist in painting and cleaning up brush, leaves, and debris from around the site. Volunteers are asked to register in advance by calling **910-251-7340** and are asked to assemble in the parking lot by 8:30 am. Tools and gloves will be provided. Volunteers will receive a free Park Day t shirt and lunch provided by the Friends of Fort Fisher, the support group that supports the site and all its programming, and Michelangelo's Pizza and Subs of Carolina Beach, NC.



CFCWRT Upcoming events

October 10th:

Dave Schultz - Principles, Policies & Politics of General James Longstreet at Gettysburg

November 14th:

Jan Croon - The War Outside My Window, The Civil War Diaries of LeRoy Wiley Gresham, 1860-1865

December 12th:

Lori Sandlin, Mgr. Southport Maritime Museum - Finding Post-War Confederate Sailor, Captain H. S. Leiby, Blockade Runner and Privateer

Raffle Winners

August Raffle Winners



These Honored Dead - Jane McDonald

Washington - David Munnickhuysen

A Vast and Fiendish Plot - Jim Gannon

Mary Todd Lincoln - Her Life and Letters - Jim Vaughn

The Civil War - Day by Day and Lee's Last Casualty - Bill Jayne

If you have books, prints, or other items that you would like to donate to the raffle, contact Raffle Master [Ed Gibson](#) before our next meeting. The raffle is one of the components which the CFCWRT uses to fund our activities and our speakers. Please take part in our raffle by contributing items and/or purchasing tickets.



This day in Civil War History - September 16, 1864

With about 4500 men, Forrest, so greatly feared by the North, began operating against Sherman's communications in northern Alabama and middle Tennessee. His expedition left from Verona, MS, and would continue until mid-October.

Grant and Sheridan conferred at Charles Town, WV. Sheridan had learned that Kershaw's division and other units of Anderson's corps had been sent to Petersburg, thus weakening Early's force. Grant approved Sheridan's proposal to cut Early's supply and retreat lines south of Winchester. Meanwhile, there was a skirmish at Snicker's Gap, Virginia, and about ten days of Union operations near Morganza, LA.

South of the James River Hampton's Confederate cavalry and Federal soldier-herders skirmished at little-known Coggins Point, VA, and around Sycamore Church. Hampton (who started his raid on September 11th) succeeded in bagging some 2,400 cattle, plus 300 prisoners, at the cost of 61 casualties to the Confederates. More fighting ensued on the 17th, but Hampton and his "cowboys" brought the desperately needed animals back to Petersburg.

Reference - E.B. Long with Barbara Long. *The Civil War Day by Day - An Almanac 1861-1864* Garden City, NY; Doubleday 1971

*Regimental and Other Group Nicknames***The Orphan Brigade**

At the outbreak of Civil War, Kentucky declared its neutrality. Thus, Confederates couldn't enlist units within its borders. Thousands of Kentuckians went to Tennessee to enlist at Camp Boone and Camp Burnett near Clarksville. These regiments and others raised at Bowling Green, Ky. were organized into the First Kentucky Brigade. The brigade fought at many battles, including Shiloh, Stones River, and the Atlanta and Carolinas campaigns. In September 1864 the regiment of foot soldiers were organized as mounted infantry and continued as such till end of the war. The brigade surrendered at Washington, Georgia on May 6, 1865. They did receive generous parole terms. The mounted units were allowed to keep their horses or mules. Every seventh man was allowed to keep his musket.

After the war, Unit histories and other documents began referring to the unit as the "Orphan Brigade". The origin of name is uncertain but there are several theories.

One theory is the name stems from Kentucky's tenuous political situation. Men had to leave the state to enlist in the Confederacy and, also, it was very hard for soldiers to return home for visits. Being Confederate soldiers they would have been indicted by the Union for treason.

Another theory is that because the unit kept losing commanders, it was an orphan unit. The Unit was originally under Maj. Gen. John C. Breckenridge who was replaced by Brig. Gen. Roger Hanson, who was mortally wounded at the Battle of Stones River. Hanson's replacement was Brig. Gen. Benjamin Hardin Helm who was mortally wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga.

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Trivia Answers



Flag of Ireland

1. Meagher was the son of wealthy, Catholic merchants in Ireland and well educated. Even so, at the height of the Potato Famine and the flight of Irish immigrants to America in the late 1840s, he joined a revolutionary movement in Ireland that advocated violent revolt against their British rulers. Sent as an envoy to France, he was unable to bring back any troops or arms but he brought back the idea for an Irish flag based on the model of the French tricolor. The flag had three vertical bands with the green symbolizing the south of Ireland, orange the north, and the white in between for peace. The rebellion was quickly and violently quashed by the British and Meagher was exiled to Van Diemen's Land, or Tasmania. He escaped and made his way to New York in time to play a prominent role in the Civil War. In 1867, he died in mysterious circumstances on the Missouri River while serving as territorial governor of Montana. Ultimately, however, his idea of a flag became the flag of the Republic of Ireland and that's why he's honored by a statue in his native city of Waterford.



The attack on Sabine Pass,
September 8, 1863

2. The USS Granite City was a Union gunboat that escaped the destruction of the small fleet at the Battle of Sabine Pass (border of Texas and Louisiana) on September 8, 1863. Although damaged, the Granite City was able to escape the battle that saw Confederate shore batteries destroy the US Ships Sachem, Clifton and Arizona. But, wait! There's more. The sidewheel steamer was built in 1862 by the Archibald Benny company of Dumbarton, Scotland, for use as a blockade runner. Originally named the City of Dundee, the sleek steamer was chased as she cleared Wilmington and captured by the US Navy in the Bahamas in March of 1863. So, the privately owned blockade runner was sold as a prize of war to the US Navy and named the Granite City after a town in southern Illinois. She was assigned to the Gulf Blockading Squadron. Avoiding disaster at Sabine Pass, she continued to work the blockade in the western Gulf of Mexico until she was captured by Confederates at Calcasieu Pass, Louisiana, a little east of Sabine Pass, in April 1864. Once again a blockade runner, she attempted to run out of Galveston and other Texas ports but was run aground and destroyed on the beach on January 20, 1865, near Calcasieu Pass. So, between 1862-65, Granite City was British, Confederate, Union and Confederate again.



Civil War Cavalry Horse Sculpture, National Sporting Library & Museum, Middleburg, VA.

3. Sergeant Daniel Isaac Underhill was a stalwart trooper of the 2nd New York Cavalry who saw much active service with the Army of the Potomac from 1862-65. His letters, owned and discussed by past president Bob Cooke, speak very intelligently of the evolution of the Union cavalry and shed interesting light on many notable events in the life of the Army. Following the "Mud March" in early 1863 (in which he sympathizes with the horses and mules but not the infantry), he tells of being on picket duty close to southern lines and how a Confederate officer admired Sgt. Underhill's horse, "Whisky." Underhill thanked him for the compliment but wryly observed that "Whisky was best admired from a distance."

Regimental and Other Group Nicknames, cont.

The most popular theory is that John C. Breckenridge gave the unit its name. Riding with the brigade's survivors at Stone's River, Breckenridge now the division commander, lamented the bloody results of a charge he had opposed. According to legend, he said upon seeing his former troops and learning of the loss of Hanson, "My poor orphans".

However, they came by their nickname they were a very brave and proud unit of the CSA.

Do you have a favorite regimental nickname? Conversely, what was the nickname of your favorite regiment? **Submit your nominations** to the *Runner* Editor.

*Civil War Battle Flags*

The stories involving Civil War battle flags is what makes them so interesting. Here is a story of the brave men who carried one Union battle flag during the Battle of Gettysburg:

"...carried by Color-Bearer Abel G. Peck, a tall, straight, handsome man, and as brave a soldier as ever gave up his life for his country.

He was instantly killed almost at the beginning of the famous charge of the Iron Brigade. The flag was then seized by Private Thomas B. Ballou, who was desperately wounded immediately after, and died a few weeks later. The flag was then carried by Private August Ernst, who was instantly killed. Corporal Andrew Wagner then took the colors and carried them until shot through the breast, from the effects of which he died about a year after the close of the war.

When Corporal Wagner fell, Colonel Henry A. Morrill took the flag, and gallantly attempted to rally the few survivors of the regiment. But Private William Kelly insisted on carrying it, saying to Colonel Morrill, "You shall not carry the flag while I am alive." The gallant fellow held it aloft and almost instantly fell, shot through the heart. Private L. Spaulding then took the flag from the hands of Kelly, and carried it until he was himself badly wounded. Colonel Morrill again seized the flag, and was soon after shot in the head and carried from the field.

After the fall of Colonel Morrill, the flag was carried by a soldier whose name has never been ascertained. He was seen by Captain Edwards — who was now in command of the regiment — lying upon the ground badly wounded, grasping the flag in his hands. Captain Edwards took the flag from him and carried it himself until the few men left of the regiment fell back and reached Culp's Hill. Captain Edwards is the only man who is known to have carried the flag that day, who was not killed or wounded."

The dedication of the southern soldiers to their Confederate battle flags was no less impressive. At the Battle of Antietam, the 1st Texas Infantry followed their flag into the carnage of the Cornfield. Leading their advance was, of course, their regimental battle flag. Color-bearers fell one after the other, and by the end of the day, the 1st Texas had lost nine color-bears. Worse still, the flag was left behind in the Cornfield, but the loss of the flag was minimal compared to the fact that the regiment left more than eighty percent of the 227 men who went into the battle in the Cornfield with their flag. After the battle, a Union soldier found the lost

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Petersburg Engineering: 30 Miles of Hell

Would you like a hands-on opportunity to historically restore Civil War defenses while camping on original battle grounds? Check the link below for particulars.

*If anyone is looking for an alternative to Cedar Creek or for something to do in October of this year the NPS at Petersburg National Park has granted my group permission to restore, rebuild, and improve the defenses located at Auto Tour Stop #3: "Confederate Battery #9" as part of our immersive interpretive program this year. "[Petersburg Engineering: 30 miles of Hell](#)". **October 18, 19 & 20, 2019***

As of now the sandbags in place are made of nylon, which we plan to replace with proper burlap, and the forward firing trench is in great need of repair due to erosion and neglect.

We see this as a great opportunity to not only camp on the original battle ground, but to also assist the NPS, specifically one battlefield in need of volunteer assistance.

Accurate late war Federal impressions, period rations and period tools; shovels, picks, axes, mattocks and saws are a must. We want to be correct in every aspect.

We have permission to camp in the main redoubt, the forward trench, in the woods or in the structures on site.

Registration is free. All we require is name, contact info and what tools you are able to bring.

Please send all inquiries and questions to tommarellom@gmail.com for any interest or questions.



Civil War Battle Flags, cont.

flag of the 1st Texas, and he said that, "...thirteen men lay dead within touch of it and the body of one of the dead lay stretched across it."

Without a doubt, no symbol from the war better represents the courage and sacrifice of the men who fought, than the Civil War battle flags they fought under.

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[Emerging Civil War YouTube Channel](#) - provides fresh prospective of the Civil War by videos.

[The Civil War Today](#) - 150 years after the start of the American Civil War, HISTORY presents The Civil War Today, an award-winning app created exclusively for the iPad. You can experience the war as it unfolded, one day at a time, with daily updates that let you live the events in "real-time" over the course of four years.

[American Battlefield Trust Mobile Apps](#) - Includes visitor guides and battle examinations to help you unlock American history — on the battlefield or at home. All of their GPS-enabled mobile apps can be downloaded for free from the App Store and Google Play for use on your mobile devices.

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If you have member news or news about Civil War events that you think would be of interest to the CFCWRT membership, send an email with the details to the editor, [Sherry Hewitt](#). Thank you.

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The **Cape Fear Civil War Round Table** is a non-profit organization made up of men and women who have a common interest in the history of the Civil War. The meetings include a speaker each month covering some aspect of the Civil War. This serves our purpose of encouraging education and research into that historical conflict.

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