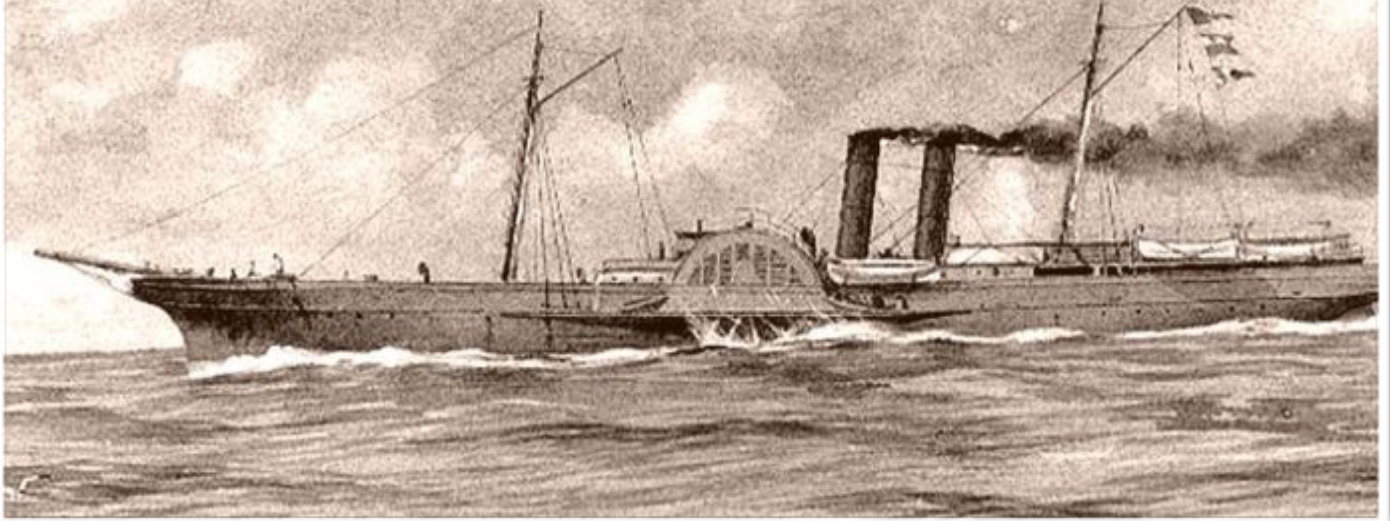


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**The Official Newsletter of the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table**

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## The Return of the Prodigal Newsletter

By Fred Claridge, Newsletter Editor

Welcome to the newly “rebooted” Runner Newsletter - the official newsletter of the Cape Fear Civil War Roundtable. At my first meeting at the roundtable, I checked a box suggesting I would be interested in helping with the newsletter. The next thing I knew I had coffee with Bill and a new title as the Editor of the Newsletter. This is a new experience for me, so we’ll learn all about what goes into putting together a newsletter together. Thanks to everyone who agreed to help and who submitted content for this first issue. Our hope as a newsletter staff is that we’ll get contributions from a number of our members. This is your newsletter after all. Let us know what you’d like to see in it. Better yet, don’t just tell us what you’d like to see, write it up and turn it in.

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## Membership Report

By Bruce Patterson, Secretary

Membership in our Round Table stands at 79 paid members, 5 of whom are either remote or Associate. With attendance at approximately 48 attending regularly scheduled meeting, we can claim a very respectful 63% per capita attendance. While Zoom attendance is not significantly large, we continue to provide that service to remote members, visitors, and local members who may, for whatever reason, be unable to attend meetings in person.

Although our Zoom attendance is low, we have, during the height of the pandemic, had attendance at a single meeting from as far away as Tasmania, Australia, and Glasgow Scotland. This writer can attest to the thrill of talking to and communicating with folks that far apart.

Your membership chair will report monthly, reminding members that our membership year is for 12-months, calculated on a monthly basis, thus members who joined or renewed in April 2022, are due for renewal. Please remit your annual dues of \$30. to **CFCWRT, 8387 East Highcroft NE, Leland, NC 28451** or better still, bring a check to our next meeting on April 13th. You may also pay online or in person by credit card at the monthly meeting. Next month - the key to membership.

The layout will no doubt change and improve as I figure out what I'm doing, but we feel good about getting something together before the April meeting. Thanks to Bill for all his contributions and for helping to line up some regular contributors. We will always be open to members of the roundtable for your contributions.

As a history major in college, and as a volunteer at the Bentonville Battlefield, I love Civil War history - especially the medical component. One of the treasures we have at Bentonville is a farmhouse used as a field hospital by the Union Army for the three-day battle there. It's set up as it would have looked during the battle - with doors on tables as operating tables, a Hospital Stewards office, and an officer recovery room. The upstairs remains as a set of bedrooms - which the Harper family stayed in during the battle. That would have been a memorable experience to say the least. Not to mention that 54 wounded Confederate soldiers were left at the house after the battle, under the care of the Harper family. 24 of them died; 20 unknowns are buried next to the Harper family burial ground across the road from the visitor center. If you haven't been to Bentonville in a while, come by and take a tour of the Harper House and drive the battlefield. It's a great way to learn about the biggest Civil War battle in North Carolina. We just commemorated the 158<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle on March 18<sup>th</sup> with an extended tour by Wade Sokolosky, re-enactors, period music by the Huckleberry Brothers and gun and cannon firing. We estimate over 4,600 people attended - a great turnout on a very cold day. A full re-enactment is on tap in 2025.

Please read through the newsletter. We think there's some interesting content here that would be worth your time. A good deal of information about upcoming events can be found here too. And again, don't hesitate to let us know if there's something you'd like to see or even better, something you'd like to contribute. Until next month ...

## **Cape Fear Round Table Discusses “Success is All That Was Expected; The Failed Effort to Take Charleston”**

By Bill Jayne, President

Wilmington’s Cape Fear Civil War Round Table invites the public to attend a presentation by Robert M. Browning, Jr., Ph.D., on April 13th talking about the Union’s herculean efforts to close the harbor and take the city of Charleston, S.C., in 1863. The round table meets at centrally located St. John’s Episcopal Church in Midtown Wilmington near Independence Mall. Doors open at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Browning, retired chief historian of the U.S. Coast Guard, is the foremost scholar on the Union blockade and has authored three books centered on the activities of the U.S. Navy’s various blockading squadrons. A native of North Carolina, he earned his Ph.D. at the University of Alabama. He is the author of six books and more than four dozen articles relating to the Coast Guard, the Civil War, and U.S. naval and maritime history.

President Lincoln proclaimed a blockade of the 3,500-mile coastline on April 19, 1861, soon after the fall of Ft. Sumter. In all the years since, the role of the U.S. Navy in putting down the rebellion has received little attention compared to the monumental clashes of the armies at places like Gettysburg and Chickamauga.

Yet, the role of the navy was crucial to victory. When the blockade was proclaimed, there were only three armed vessels ready for service on the Atlantic coast. By the end of the war, however, the U.S. Navy comprised 671 ships of all kinds from the revolutionary new ironclad monitors to shallow draft wooden gunboats. Enforcement of the blockade was never airtight but by 1864 only custom built blockade running ships could effectively evade the noose that was strangling the Confederate economy. In addition, the navy provided essential logistical, transport and gunfire support for army operations.

In 1993 Dr. Browning published *From Cape Charles to the Cape Fear*, which chronicles the establishment of the crucial blockade from the entrance to Chesapeake Bay south to the mouth of the Cape Fear River. It was crucial to control this stretch of the coast and the inland waters of Chesapeake Bay, James River and the North Carolina sound country.

In 2002, he added *Success is All That Was Expected*, a history of the South Atlantic squadron that sailed the coast from the Cape Fear to Florida. This story covers the harrowing engagements between ships and forts, daring amphibious assaults, and the evolution of submarine warfare in the form of the *CSS Hunley*. In *Lincoln’s Trident*, he continued his magisterial series to chronicle the squadron that operated in the Gulf of Mexico.

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Charleston, of course, was the “seat of rebellion,” the most important city in South Carolina, the state that led the way in secession and the place where the most destructive war in the nation’s history erupted when southern forces fired on Fort Sumter dominating the entrance to the harbor. By 1863, Charleston remained a potent symbol and was also the most important blockade running port in the Confederacy. Its railroads connected the port to the primary Confederate armies in both Virginia and Tennessee.

The summer of 1863 seemed even at the time, the most fateful of the war. Vicksburg fell and “the father of waters once again goes unvexed to the sea,” and the Army of Northern Virginia reached its “high water mark” at Gettysburg, and then receded. What would have happened if Charleston had fallen in that summer?

The entrance to Charleston harbor—through a narrow channel— was guarded by two powerful forts Ft. Moultrie on Sullivan’s Island and Ft. Sumter in the middle of the passage. The distance from Ft. Moultrie to Ft. Sumter is only 1800 yards. On April 7, 1863, Admiral Samuel F. DuPont took a fleet of nine U.S. Navy ironclads, including seven monitors, into that narrow space and attempted to reduce the forts or run through the gauntlet into the harbor. An effective barrier in the channel and the overwhelming volume of accurate fire from the forts stopped the attempt although more effective planning and joint Army-Navy operations might have led to success.

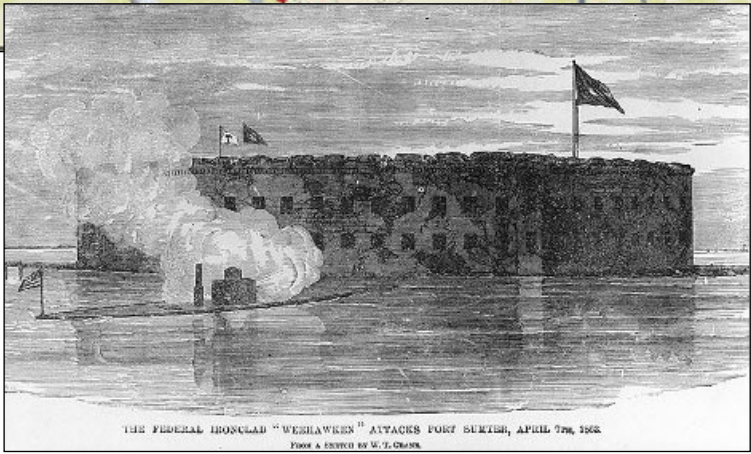
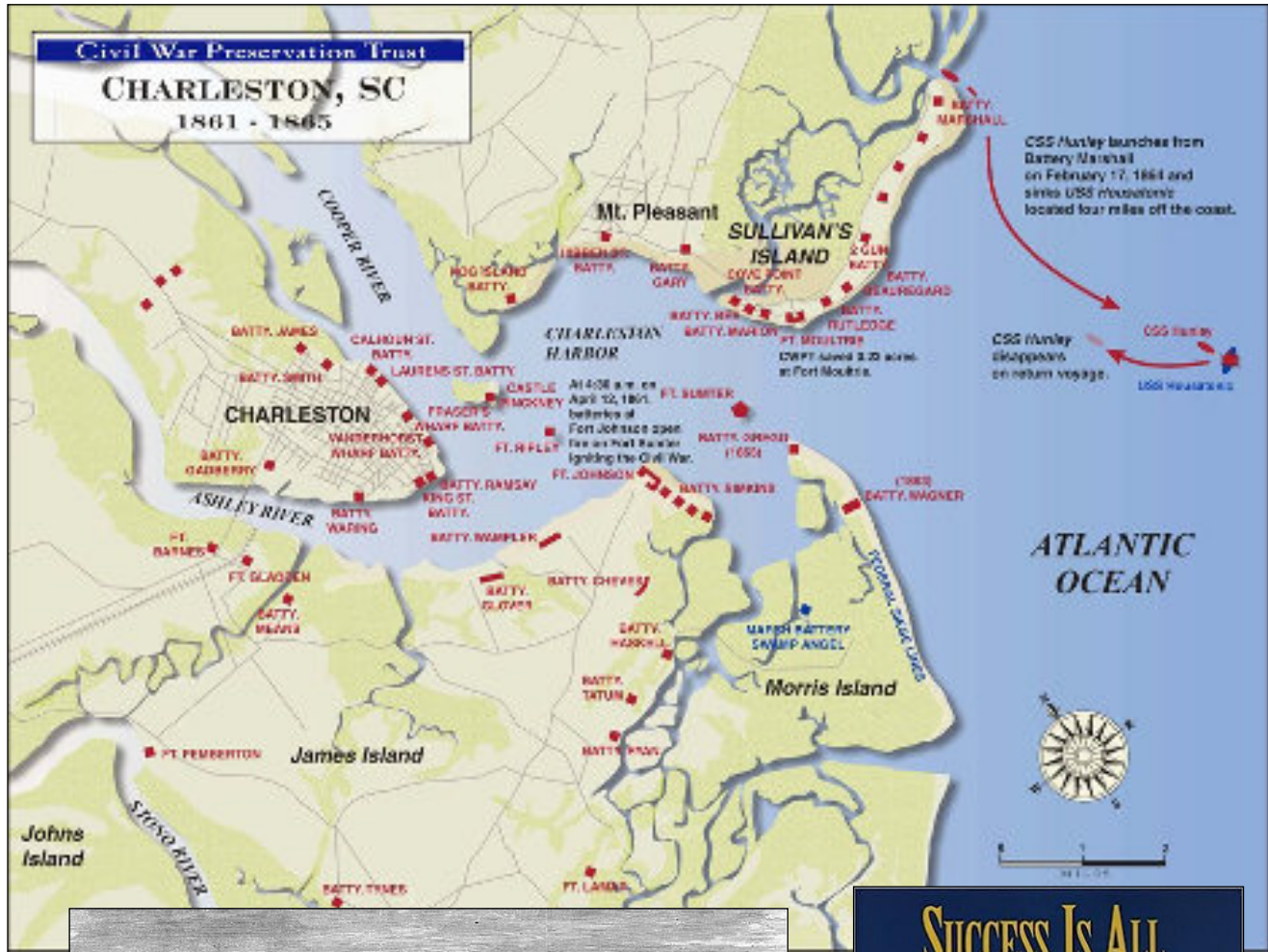
The campaign then shifted to the fragile barrier island known as Morris Island. Most of the island has since washed into the ocean but in 1863 it was the scene of fierce fighting in which the Union army eventually reduced Battery Wagner and other Confederate positions, allowing them to virtually close off the main shipping channel, which ran parallel to Morris Island and batter Ft. Sumter into a pile of rubble that was no longer effective as an artillery platform but as a lightly manned infantry post anchored the obstructions that prevented Union warships from steaming into the harbor.

Although the Confederates didn’t abandon the fort and the city until 1865 when Sherman advanced through South Carolina, it was no longer the premier blockade running port in the south. That distinction fell to Wilmington.

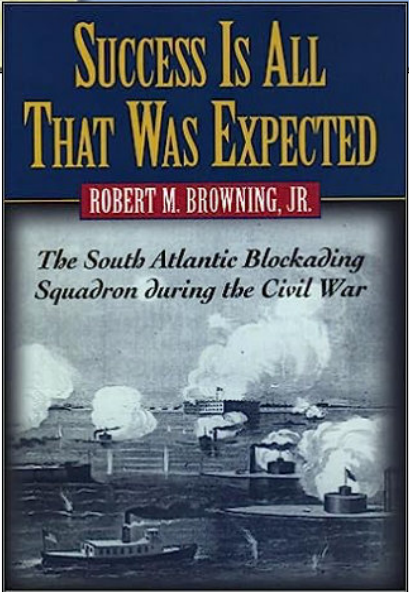
Knowing the Navy’s role in isolating the Confederate economy and preventing the movement of troops and supplies within the South is crucial to understanding of the outcomes of the Civil War, as well as the importance of naval power in military conflicts.

The meeting will be held in Elebash Hall, at the rear of the church, which is located at 1219 Forest Hills Drive. The church parking lot, close to the entrance to the meeting room, is easily accessed via Park Avenue off of Independence Boulevard. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and there is ample time to browse our used books table, talk to members and meet Dr. Browning. For information about membership, go to our website at

<http://cfcwrt.org> and click on “Join”. See you there! (Pictures for this article on the next page.)



The Federal ironclad "Weehawkin" attacks Fort Sumter, April 7th, 1862. From a sketch by W. T. Crane.



Charleston is a city steeped in history and is a fascinating place to explore. Almost the entire downtown area is a historic district, on a peninsula between the Ashley and Cooper rivers. Much of the old architecture remains - as does the very "southern" feel of the city. And it's not far from our area.

## CFCWRT Summer 2023 Programs

### 6/8/23: A Double Feature Member Forum!

#### *Bill Jordan: Civil War Cooking*

There was a whole lot more to Civil War Cooking than salt pork and hardtack crackers. Civil War era cooks used different ingredients than we usually do in order to achieve some very good meals. Bill will dispel the myth that the food was always unpalatable. (Bill might even bring a sample.)

#### *Charles Ewell: Civil War Anesthesia*

Although anesthesia was "discovered" less than two decades before the civil war, any controversy about the benefits was settled early in this conflict. Charles will summarize the milestones that led to general anesthesia and focus on the details of its use in civil war surgery. There are some misconceptions about surgery during the civil war which probably arose from depictions in the movies. Charles will dispel these and try to put the successful organization of anesthesia services into the context of the rapid transformation of surgery from the barber shop to something resembling what we have now. Charles's role as an anesthesiologist brings an interesting and different perspective to his subject.



### 7/13/23: A Round Table discussion led by CFCWRT President Bill Jayne

#### *Victory Snatched from the Jaws of Defeat...or Vice Versa?*

The initial Confederate assaults at the battle of Cedar Creek, October, 1864, came while Sheridan was away, and were spectacularly successful. However, by afternoon, the Confederate attack ran out of steam. In his famous ride, Sheridan turned back from Winchester and hurried to the battlefield, helped rally the Union forces, and ordered a counterattack that proved crushingly successful. The Round Table discussion will focus on the Confederate pause that afternoon. Gen. Gordon urged Early to continue the assault against the stalwart Union VI Corps, but Early seemed confident they would retire. Writing later, Early seemed to lay the blame for the defeat upon the Confederate troops, who, by stopping to pillage Union camps, became too disorganized for further attacks. More will be forthcoming before our meeting, but there is plenty of time to read about the battle and form your opinions before our discussion.



### 8/10/23: Audience Participation

#### *"A War Game of Sorts" led by John Weisz*

The game will focus upon the options available to Major General John Buford leading a division of US cavalry and searching for the main Confederate force which has invaded southern Pennsylvania and Maryland. The audience will play the role of General Buford and will be presented four possible courses of action available to Buford. After our audience discussion we will poll the participants and then review the actual decision made by Buford and why he made that choice. If you were John Buford what would you do?



**If you're interested in Civil War medicine, check out the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Maryland. It's fascinating.**

## May Program Scheduled For Cape Fear Museum USCT Expert Will Talk On Their Role in the Civil War

By Bill Jayne, President

Our May 11 meeting will be held at the Cape Fear Museum at 814 Market Street in Wilmington. Retired U.S. Navy Captain Edward Gantt will present “The United States Colored Troops in the Civil War.”

During the presentation, Capt. Gantt will address the contributions of African American soldiers in the USCT with special attention to their activities in southeastern North Carolina. USCT played an important role in the Battle of Ft. Fisher on January 15, 1865 and led the advance up the peninsula from Ft. Fisher to Wilmington from mid-January to the fall of the city on February 22.

They fought at the Sugar Loaf line in Carolina Beach and the Battle of Forks Road around the intersection of modern-day 17th Street and Independence Boulevard.

Capt. Gantt will address the background of the USCT as well as their contributions in both Eastern and Western theaters of the war. It’s a complicated story, of course. Originally not allowed to join the Army, by the end of the war, some 180,000 to 200,000 Blacks served in the **United States Colored Troops (USCT)** and comprised ten percent of the U. S. Army. There were at least 166 regiments of Black soldiers, who fought in approximately 450 battle actions and were instrumental in

helping to win the Civil War and freedom for their people.

Gantt was born in Maryland and saw combat as a helicopter door gunner and crew chief during a 12-month tour in South Vietnam. His first stint in the service included graduation from the U.S. Army Airborne and Ranger schools.



After his Army service, and following graduation from Howard University, he re-entered the armed forces serving as a naval aviator, including a tour as commanding officer of Fighter Squadron 31 at Naval Air Station Miramar (at that time the home of Top Gun).

In July 2000, Gantt took command of the Navy boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois. At Recruit Training Command (the Navy’s only boot camp), he was responsible for the development of nearly 50,000 sailors annually. He retired from the Navy in September 2003 after 30 years of active service and began a new career as a high school teacher in the Washington, D.C. area.

In the spring of 2014, Gantt began an association with the 23rd Infantry Regiment USCT Civil War re-enactors and living historians. He is currently a member of Company B, 54th Massachusetts Civil War re-enactors and president of the re-formed 23rd Regiment USCT in Spotsylvania, Virginia. (continued on next page)

Capt. Gantt will also present a special program on Friday, May 12, at Wilmington National Cemetery. Established in 1867, the historic cemetery is located at 2011 Market Street and is the final resting place of more than 500 USCT soldiers, the vast majority buried as unknowns.

We will open the Friday event, scheduled to begin at 4 p.m., to the general public and request a donation of \$10 except for school children.



Members enjoy perusing the book table.



### Area Historic Association Events

By Yelena Howell, Tours and Trips Committee

**Sat, Apr 8 2023, 6:15am - 7:15am, Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site, Winnabow: 18th Century Easter Litany.** Period Anglican service in the ruins of St. Philip's with sunrise service starting at 6:45 a.m. Bring your own seating if desired. Cost: adult admission is donation based; children 12 and under are free. For more information, contact Makayla Coley at (910) 371-6613 or [brunswick@ncdcr.gov](mailto:brunswick@ncdcr.gov). Blessed Easter to all who celebrate!

**Thursday, April 13, 2023, 7-8:30 p.m., Cape Fear Civil War Round Table: Dr. Robert M. Browning, Ph.D., former Chief Historian of the US Coast Guard will present *Success is All that Was Expected: The Failed Efforts to Take Charleston*.** As always, we look forward to seeing you at St. John's Episcopal in Wilmington starting at 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 13, 2023, 10 a.m.-3p.m., Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site, Four Oaks, NC.** Explore the natural side of Bentonville during their annual spring program, Bentonville in Bloom. Learn about the plants and wildlife that call eastern North Carolina home. Cost: free. For more information, contact Chad Jefferds at [\(910\) 594-0789](tel:9105940789) or [chadwick.jefferds@ncdcr.gov](mailto:chadwick.jefferds@ncdcr.gov)

**Saturday, Apr 22, 2023, 10 a.m. – 4.p.m., Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site, Winnabow, NC. Living History: Tar, Pitch and Turpentine; Oh My!** Living history demonstration of the production of tar, pitch, and turpentine. Tar production will begin around 11am and another will begin at 1:30pm. Cost: free. For more information, contact Makayla Coley at (910) 371-6613 or [brunswick@ncdcr.gov](mailto:brunswick@ncdcr.gov).



## **CFCWRT Fall 2023 Programs**

By James Gannon, Programs Committee

**9/14/23 John Quarstein**

***CSS Albemarle and the actions at at Edenton, Plymouth and New Bern***

John V. Quarstein is a nationally known speaker and an award-winning historian, preservationist, and author. John served as the director of the Virginia War Museum until his retirement and is now Director Emeritus of the USS Monitor Center at The Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia. He has authored 18 books and has served as an adjunct professor at the College of William & Mary. John is an expert on the Naval War and will speak to us about the Civil War actions that occurred along North Carolina's inland waterways.

**10/12/23 Chris Bryan**

***Author of "Cedar Mountain to Antietam:  
A Civil War Campaign History of the Union XII Corps, July - September 1862"***

Chris Bryan's book is both a unit history and a leadership and character assessment. It is a compelling story of a little studied yet consequential corps and fills a long standing gap in the history of the civil war. It is the story of how this often luckless command began as part of MG John Pope's Army of Virginia in June 1862, endured defeat after coming within a whisker of defeating MG Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain, suffered through the hardships of the campaigns before and after Second Manassas, but despite it all, found its resurgence in Maryland as part of the rebuilt Army of the Potomac. Chris Bryan is a former naval aviator and USNA graduate, and is active with historic preservation and architectural investigations.

**11/9/23 Ed Lowe**

***Author of "A Fine Opportunity Lost:  
Longstreet's East Tennessee Campaign, November 1863 - April 1864"***

Confederate General Longstreet's First Corps and Union General Burnside's IX Corps had already shared battlefields at Second Manassas, South Mountain, Antietam, and Fredericksburg. Unexpectedly, these two old foes from the Eastern Theater now found themselves transplanted to the Western Theater —familiar adversaries on unfamiliar ground. The fate of East Tennessee hung in the balance, and new reputations could be won or lost. General James Longstreet's deployment to East Tennessee gave him the chance for an independent command. For his Union opponent, Major General Ambrose Burnside, the Western Theater offered an opportunity for redemption from past failures. Colonel Ed Lowe USA (Ret) tells the story of how this was "a fine opportunity lost" for both men.

**What's the best Civil War movie you've ever seen? "Glory" and "Lincoln" and "Gettysburg" come to mind. What are some others?**

## CFCWRT Winter 2023/2024 Programs

By James Gannon, Programs Committee

**12/14/23 Everard Smith**

***Civil Warriors: An overview of weapons, uniforms, tactics, medicine, and camp life of both sides including a display of a few actual relics.***

Local historian, former UNCW professor, and Round Table favorite, Dr. Everard Smith returns to our Round Table with another fascinating presentation on a totally new topic. Ev will focus on the volunteer soldier and some of the things he used and experienced in his everyday Army life. His thoroughly researched presentation will include some surprising details and a display of some actual relics of the civil war.

**1/11/24 Pat Garrow**

***Author of "Grey to Blue: Galvanized Yankees in the Union Army"***

Pat Garrow is a CFCWRT member, author, historian and professional archeologist. Pat will present his soon to be published book about Confederate soldiers who joined the Union Army to escape imprisonment. This book is a companion volume to Pat's earlier book that about Union prisoners of war who changed sides to joined the Confederate army. The new book updates and extends Dee Brown's classic volume "Galvanized Yankees." Pat will address the six regiments of US volunteers raised in Union prisons and sent to the western frontier to protect settlers and travelers and will go well beyond that to address lesser known units such as the Union Regiments raised in North Carolina.

**2/8/24. Chris Mackowski**

***Author of "The Battle of Jackson, Mississippi, May 14, 1863"***

CFCWRT welcomes back one of our most dynamic speakers, Dr. Chris Mackowski. Chris is a nationally known speaker, and also very well known for his work as the Editor in Chief of the Emerging Civil War blog. He is the author of more than a dozen books, and will speak to us about his recent work, "The Battle of Jackson." General Grant had his eyes set on Vicksburg, not Jackson, when he crossed the river south of Vicksburg and marched into the interior of Mississippi. A chance encounter with a small Confederate force at Raymond alerted Grant to the Confederate threat massing further east in Jackson under General Joseph Johnston. Chris will tell the story of how Grant turned his army on a dime to quickly capture Jackson and destroy this vital transportation and communications hub, thus isolating Vicksburg and setting the stage for the Union victories at Champion Hill and Vicksburg.

The American Battlefield Trust has preserved more than 53,000 acres of land on which battles from the Civil War, Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812 were fought. The Trust boasts more than 200,000 members. Close to home, the Trust has helped preserve land from the Battle of Bentonville and is now working to preserve land associated with the Battle of Wyse Fork, just east of Kinston. You can learn more about this important organization by going to their website: [www.battlefields.org](http://www.battlefields.org)

## A Tour of the Sugar Loaf Line

By Bill Jayne, President

On a beautiful day of sunshine with temperatures in the 50s, about 20 members and friends of the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table were treated to an eye-opening tour of the Sugar Loaf Lines in Carolina Beach. It was Saturday, February 18, a week after the anniversary of the engagement on February 11, 1865, when several brigades of Union troops, spearheaded by nine regiments of U.S. Colored Troops (USCT) attempted to force the strongly fortified Confederate line of General Robert Hoke’s veteran division. The group met at 9 a.m. at J. Ryder Lewis Park in Carolina Beach near the Publix supermarket. Dr. Chris Fonvielle, Ph.D., professor emeritus of history at UNCW, was our leader, and there is none better.

Lewis Park preserves the remains of the Confederate defensive line that stretched from the inlet in Carolina Beach all the way to the Sugar Loaf sand dune on the Cape Fear River—a fortified line that held up the Union advance on Wilmington after the fall of Ft. Fisher. Remember that in those days, Carolina Beach to Fort Fisher was a peninsula not an island. It wasn’t

cut off from the mainland until Snow’s Cut was excavated by the U.S. Corps of Engineers in 1929. It was not until the Union army sent strong forces across the river and took Fort Anderson that the Confederates under Gen. Robert Hoke, fell back toward Wilmington. We toured the well interpreted new park and then caravanned in our cars to a parking area near the Carolina Beach fire station on Dow Road. From there we tramped into the maritime forest heading toward the Sugar Loaf dune on the Cape Fear River.

The woods were full of earthworks, some several feet high, running east and west across the landscape. Once we reached Sugar Loaf and turned back toward the ocean, we were treated to the remains of a line of rifle pits, or fox holes (often called “Gopher Holes” in Civil War times) discovered by Dr. Fonvielle. Your round table puts together very informative and entertaining tours of the Civil War sites in our area. Be sure to be on the lookout for our next tour!



Dr. Fonvielle



Tour members hike off in search of earthwork fortifications on the Sugar Loaf line. The tour was conducted shortly after the anniversary of the engagement which took place on February 11, 1865.

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## CFCWRT Treasurers Report

By Mike McDonald, Treasurer

Your Round Table is financially in excellent shape. In years past, the first few months were short on revenue and long on expenses; but not this year. We usually have out of town Speakers who travel some distance, and therefore need a hotel night after our evening meeting. Our quarterly rent is due at St. John's church, and only a few Members pay dues (start their new year) in Jan/Feb/Mar.

But this year two of our Speakers didn't need a hotel, and 4 new Members found us. Plus we had revenue from a great tour of the Sugar Loaf area, two Silent Auctions, and very successful book raffles at the meetings.

The net result has been a small net gain for the first quarter 2023, instead of the loss we had last year. We had more in our bank account (at Bank of America) ending March, than we did ending December. So, we are a bit ahead of our budget --- hopefully we can continue that through the balance of the year.

Speaking of December, we had a very good year in 2023, financially speaking. Much of our success was due to two factors: We developed a lot of opportunities for Members and tours, silent auctions, book raffles, logo clothing. Each of these generated a small amount of revenue for the Round Table. Together, they totaled about half of all revenue. (continued on next page)

Many New Members have found us in the last two years—about 20-25 in both of the last 2 years. Each Member contributes his or her \$30, and that is the other half of our revenue. It is great to have them and we appreciate all their involvement. If your friends, family, neighbors have an interest in our subject, bring them along to a meeting --- no obligation, we will be glad to welcome them!

Lastly, our mailing address (snail mail) is 8387 E Highcroft Dr, Leland, 28451.

Any questions, suggestions, comments, don't hesitate to let me know.

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## February Presentation on Confederate Hospitals

By Bill Jayne, President

On February 9, Wade Sokolosky presented an energetic, informative lecture on the Confederate hospitals in North Carolina. Wade is one of the premier historians of Sherman's Carolinas Campaign and his research into the battles of 1865, especially, drew him into the subject of the hospitals and the Confederate medical system.

It was a lively meeting as 54 members and guests, plus eight on Zoom, heard a story that illustrated the difficulties caused by the Confederate tension between states' rights and national control, a tension that greatly affected military affairs. Would the hospitals be run by the military, by the state government, by the Confederate government in Richmond? It's a story that's not often considered but it's one that greatly affected morale, both military and civilian and contributed directly to the Confederacy's ability to maintain itself.

Highlights of the meeting included presentation of an Honorary Life Membership certificate to David Norris, a past president of the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table. David was joined by other past presidents Bob Cooke and Dr. Chris Fonvielle. All three were cited many times in Wade's book *North Carolina's Confederate Hospitals, Volume 1: 1861-1863*.

Yelena Howell, one of the administrators of our Facebook group, received an autographed copy of Wade's book in recognition of her brief interview of the author that was posted on Facebook. To follow the Facebook group, search for Cape Fear Civil War Round Table group. Here's the link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1696952227331256>.

Book sales and raffle activity was brisk, and our speaker was pleased to receive a framed print of member Jim Horton's painting of "The Guns of Fort Fisher," as a memento of his visit to the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table.





Our March meeting - with Charles Knight on Robert E. Lee's daily Civil War chronology - 1861- 1865.



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## *Lincoln's Gettysburg Address*

*Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.*

*Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.*

*But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.*

*—Abraham Lincoln*

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A peek at the editing process: Couldn't get this extra page to go away, so put this great speech here instead of leaving the page blank. It's so beautifully written, it's a nice way to close out this month's newsletter.