



The Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

The *RUNNER*

Newsletter of The Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

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Our next meeting will be Thursday, 6 October at St. Andrew's On-the-Sound



Our own Jack Travis will be the guest speaker at our next meeting on 6 October. Jack has recently relocated his business to the Cape Fear region but has long had ties to the area. Jack is well known in the reenacting world, (since 1990) having risen to the rank of Brigadier general before hanging up his uniform. He specialized in muzzle-loading artillery and has provided his services "too numerous to mention," to many UDC and SCV grave marker memorials. He has been a member of the MOSB and SCV since 1985 and is past commander of Camp 166, Wake Forest. "Blackjack," who admits to having a special interest in General E. Porter Alexander and Major James Reilly (both artillerists, of course!) will discuss not only the different types of artillery, but their tactical use as well. Jack's subject is appropriately titled, "Civil War Artillery." Please join us for our "social hour" at 7 p.m.

!!!Attention All Members!!!

At our next meeting we will hand out a questionnaire which will help us to determine the wants of our membership. Please be on hand and give us your input. Thanks!

If you have not yet been to Fort Anderson to view the returned Garrison Flag, you should do so as soon as you can. Please note the donor's plaque, you will see the Cape Fear Civil War RT conspicuously listed among those honorees. Thanks to you, the members who made it all possible!

Mark your calendar: Oakdale Cemetery, 30 October from 2p.m. to 5 p.m., "Gossip, Graves & Grapes." Sponsored by the Friends of Oakdale, this tour will tell the stories of several lesser-

known graves in the cemetery (call 762-6417 for more information and 762-5682 for reservations.)

Wild Rose

Just when you thought there was nothing else to learn about Rose O’Neale Greenhow, along comes Ms. Ann Blackman to show us just how little we really knew about that lady (we did not know she had at least 8 children!) Ms. Blackman, who addressed a meeting jointly sponsored by the Round Table and the Friends of the Library, “rediscovered” Rose’s diary, only to find it was virtually unreadable (one researcher told her it was written in code!) She found Dr. Jones in Chapel Hill, who had for many years, been transcribing the document. After persuading him to “loan” her his notes, she was able to piece more of the puzzle together. The result is her new book, “Wild Rose: Rose O’Neale Greenhow, Civil War Spy, A True Story.” Ms. Blackman took us through Rose’s life and how the “grand dame of antebellum Washington” was able to operate an espionage ring out of her very home in that city. Her unfortunate demise came as she returned from a diplomatic mission to Europe in 1864, on the shores near Fort Fisher, when she drowned while trying to escape a federal blockader. Found by a soldier with the unwieldy name of Doctor J.J. Prosper Formayduval, she was waked in Wilmington (at the Seamen’s Bethel) and buried in Oakdale Cemetery. Her grave continues to attract visitors who admire this “Heroine of the Lost Cause.”

