

# The Runner



## Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

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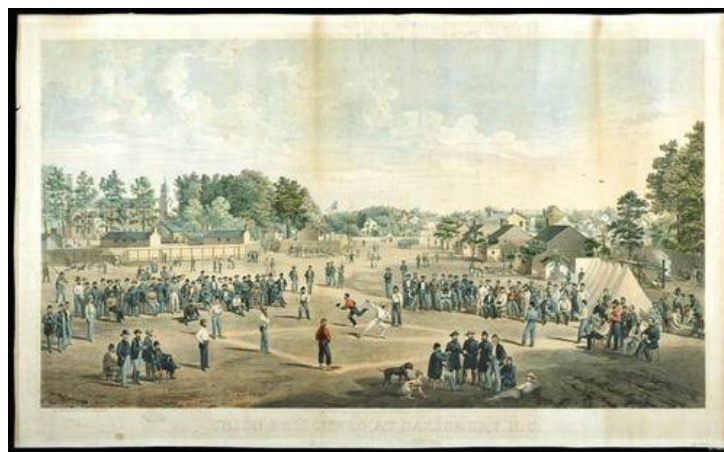
Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 13 April at St. Andrews On-the-Sound Episcopal Church located at 101 Airlie Road.

**NOTE: Due to church services, the RT will meet in the *new fellowship hall*. Please park down the hill behind the fellowship hall.** Come early - the meeting starts promptly at 7:30p.m. See [cfcwrt.org](http://cfcwrt.org) for details of future speakers and their subjects.

Please join us at our fourth meeting of the 2017 Program Year. Visitors are always welcome – ***bring a friend***. Each of our speakers strives to enlighten, entertain, and add to our knowledge of Civil War history. This serves our mission of encouraging education and research into that historic conflict.

\*\*\*\*\* April 2017 Program \*\*\*\*\*

### Salisbury Prison



**Dr. Gary R. Freeze** will present a look at the Confederate prisoner of war camp that was located in Salisbury, North Carolina. The Confederate government will use a former textile mill, Maxwell Chambers mill, as the prison for Union soldiers captured during the course of the war.

The prison will be designed to hold 2,500 men; however, that number will be increased as the battles of 1864 will be fought. As the number of prisoners increased, the prison conditions will deteriorate and result in the deaths of many Union soldiers.



**Dr. Freeze** has taught at Catawba College since 1994 where his specialties have included North Carolina history, the Civil War and the American South. Dr. Freeze received his B.A., M.A. and PH.D. at UNC - Chapel Hill. While studying at UNC, Freeze served as a Teaching Assistant (TA) for imminent state historian, William S. Powell.

**Editor**

**\*\*\*\*\* Trivia Questions for April \*\*\*\*\***

1 – What was the maximum prisoner population at Salisbury? How many prisoners died at the camp during its operation?

2 – Who was Major John Gee?

**\*\*\*\*\* 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](mailto: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.

***Distant Thunder -***

***Bloody Groves -***

***Robert E. Lee -***

***Generals South, Generals North-***

***Champion Hill -***

***Brave Men-***

***Gettysburg -***

***The Dahlgren Affair-***

***Framed Fort Fisher Photographs-***

Tim Barron

Mike Powell

Joe George

Dennis Wynn

Bill Jayne

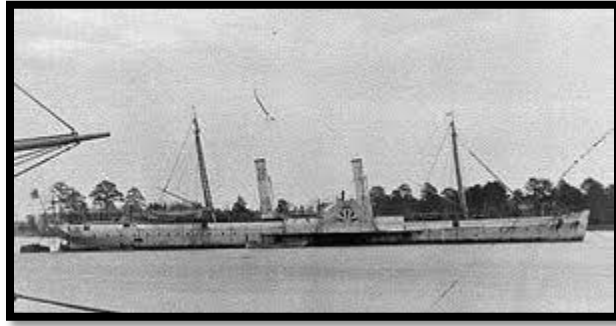
George Holton

Tom Taylor

David Munnikhuisen

Mike Powell

\*\*\*\*\* **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. Thank you.

**1 – Meeting of the Cape Fear Revolutionary War Round Table with be on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Bellamy Mansion at 7:00pm.** Speaker: J.D. Lewis.

**2 –** If you have plans to do some traveling and want to know about upcoming Civil War events in that area, check out *civilwar.travel*. This site is for 2017 events.

**3- Cape Fear Civil War Symposium at Fort Caswell, May 5-7, 2017.** Featuring the following speakers: Dr. Robert M. Browning, Jr., Dr. Stephen Wise, Dr. Chris Fonvielle, Col. Wade Sokolosky and Jim McKee. If you want to learn about Cape Fear Civil War history as it relates to Blockade Running, this is the symposium for you. See **fortcaswell.com** for details and registration form.

**4 - View from the Homefront** – A symposium presented by the CSS *Neuse* Civil War Interpretive Center and CSS *Neuse* Gunboat Association. Saturday, **June 10, 2017** – 9:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$15 per person, includes four presentations and admission to the museum (\$10 discount for students and teachers – CEU credit available). Lunch on your own – explore the great options available in downtown Kinston!

Presenters

William H. Brown, Archives Registrar, State Archives of North Carolina  
Michelle Lanier, Director, NC African American Heritage Commission  
Dr. Angela Marritt, Assistant Professor of History, Meredith College  
Dr. Jaime Martinez, Associate Professor of History, UNC-Pembroke

For more info, or to register contact Rachel Kennedy at 92520526-9600 x223 or Rachel.kennedy@ncdcr.gov

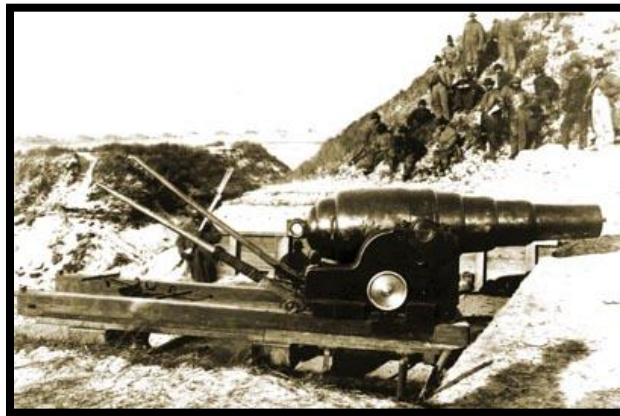


**12 pdr. Whitworth Breechloading Rifle**

**\*\*\*\*\* March 2016 \*\*\*\*\***

### **Guns of the Cape Fear**

**Jim McKee** shared with our membership the story of the heavy guns that were placed in the numerous fortifications that the Confederates occupied to protect the Cape Fear region. Jim provided details about the many types of guns and where they were acquired.



**The Fort Fisher Armstrong gun**

**Editor**

**\*\*\*\*\* Trivia Questions for April \*\*\*\*\***

**1 – What was the maximum prisoner population at Salisbury? How many prisoners died at the camp during its operation?** By October 1864, approximately 10,000 prisoners were confined to this camp. Poor sanitation, poor diet and poor shelter resulted in the deaths of 4,000 or more prisoners.

Source: <http://northcarolinahistory.org/encyclopedia/salisbury-prison-civil-war/>, accessed April 2, 2017.

**2 – Who was Major John Gee?** Gee was the prison warden. In 1866, he was charged with war crimes. Unlike Heinrich Wirz who was hanged for war crimes as warden at Andersonville camp, Gee was acquitted of his crimes.

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