

Following a very active May (regular meeting, a Historic River Cruise with **Dr. Chris Fonvielle** and an evening tour of Fort Fisher conducted by the aforementioned and wonderfully animated **Dr. Chris**), June brought us an even more active three-day period of local history.

At our regular meeting on June 9, approximately 40 members in attendance and about 10 virtual viewers via Zoom,



and about 10 virtual viewers via Zoom, were treated to a splendid presentation by Emily Lapisardi discussing her book, *Rose Greenhow's My Imprisonment: An Annotated Edition*. One member said the talk “was one of the best that I’ve heard from CFCWRT.

Research was awesome and she brought it all together in a perfect narrative style. Not one minute of boredom.”

Then, on Friday evening, Emily appeared as Rose herself at a dramatic presentation at the Greenhow burial site in Oakdale Cemetery. Her dramatic, authentically costumed presentation was a soliloquy of about 45 minutes taken almost verbatim from Rose’s writings and testimonies. There were no notes and the only pauses were caused by airplanes flying over



the cemetery. Approximately 60 attended. Thanks to Oakdale Cemetery for their great support of this event.

Finally, on Saturday, June 11, Emily, once again in period costume and in character, made an appearance at the annual Fort Fisher living history anniversary (date slipped by weather



conditions on January 15th). In photo at left, Emily and member Kim Jordan visited while Kim's son, David, brought his drum calls to the reenactors marching nearby. Emily also had a chance to examine Rose Greenhow's authentic traveling trunk, salvaged from the wreck of the Condor after Mrs. Greenhow

drowned off Ft. Fisher in October 1864. Posing with Emily are Chris Fonvielle and Yelena Howell, our tour director.

Residing in the Lower Cape Fear has permitted, indeed encouraged, us all to be keenly aware of the history that surrounds us.



Our Cape Fear CWRT does NOT stand-down during the summer months, but rather we will meet on the usual second Thursday throughout the summer months with a modified format, one that has proven very popular, even during the Covid years. The July



14th meeting will feature members **John Weisz** discussing *Civil War Battlefield Tactics* and **Yelena Howell** discussing *Battlefield Nursing*. Summer meetings will hold to the usual schedule as to time and place.

Please mark 11 August as our second member's forum featuring **Lance Bevins** and **Pat Garrow**

along with **David Jordan** presenting drum calls.

President **Bill Jayne**, in his opening remarks at the June meeting, paid tribute to **Sherry and Bill Hewitt** who are re-locating to Texas. Sherry made major contributions to our Round Table, first as editor of the *Runner* and then as membership chair. Sherry also introduced candy to the meet, greet and join function of the membership chair. They will be missed! Likewise, the candy.

Bill Jayne also highlighted our web site, <http://www.cfcwrt.org> and the fact that several logo items are now available for purchase. Of course, we invite you to visit the web site as time permits or if you just want a place to hang out on the internet.

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