

## CFCWRT Monthly Notes – February 2023

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.



Wade receives a framed print of member Jim Horton's "Guns of Fort Fisher" as a memento of his visit to our round table.

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*.



Former president David Norris receives a certificate naming him an honorary life member of the round table for his many contributions.

Yelena Howell, one of the administrator's 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.