

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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Our 150th Meeting



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Debbi Blake to Speak at August 12 Meeting On Using The State Archives For Research

The Aug. 12 meeting of the Raleigh Civil War Round Table will feature Debbi Blake, the State Archives' manager of collection services.

A native of Raleigh, Debbi received her Bachelor's degree in English from UNC-Greensboro, where she also earned a graduate degree in Child Development and Family Relations.



Debbie worked for two years as a 4-H agent for Granville County with the state's Extension Service. She later earned a graduate-level teaching certificate and taught for 12 years at a private school in Greensboro, N.C.

Returning to Raleigh, Debbi earned a Masters degree in Archival Management at N.C. State University in 1993, while working at the state archives.

In 2000, Debbi was appointed the public services branch supervisor at the archives before becoming the collection services manager.

At our August meeting, Debbi will offer participants guidance on using the state archives for research.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Annual dues (\$30, individual or family; \$15, students) are due Sept. 1. Please bring your payment to our August meeting or mail it (payable to the RCWRT) to:

Griff Bartlett, Treasurer
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~ State Archives ~

The State Archives collects, preserves, and provides public access to historical and evidential materials that are related to North Carolina. The state archives was created, in part, by the desire to preserve the heritage of Civil War veterans.



The North Carolina archives' collection includes official government records and documents, as well as private maps, recordings, photographs, films, and other material. Its Civil War collection includes the Adjutant General's Roll of Honor, a resource for information on Confederate service.



The Sesquicentennial



August 1863

Burning Kansas

On Aug. 21, between 300 and 400 Confederate guerrillas led by William Clarke Quantrill attacked the pro-Union town of Lawrence, Kansas. The state had long been the scene of clashes over whether slavery should be allowed within its borders. The raid by Quantrill was in retaliation for an attack on Osceola, Missouri in September 1861.

Quantrill was joined by a number of independent “bushwhacker” groups in the well planned, surprise attack. The town was set on fire and most of its male citizens — nearly 200 men and boys — were killed in the raid. One raider was captured and hung.

Following Quantrill’s attack, Union forces retaliated with raids against towns along the Missouri border.



Quantrill’s Raiders Attack Lawrence

In August 1863, Union forces also bombarded Fort Sumter and batteries Wagner and Gregg in the Charleston, S.C., harbor for several days. The submarine *H.L. Hunley*, had been transported by rail to Charleston earlier in the month and would sink in the harbor during a training exercise on Aug. 29, killing five crew members. The *H.L. Hunley* would be recovered and returned to naval service.

Also during August 1863, Frederick Douglas would meet with President Lincoln and urge equality in the treatment and pay of white and black soldiers, and the U.S.S. *Anderson* would capture two schooners carrying cotton off the coast of Texas.

Draft Suspension Sought

On Aug. 3, New York Gov. Horatio Seymour (D) asked President Lincoln to suspend the draft after rioting in New York City.



In mid-July, a mob of predominantly Irish-American working-class men demonstrated over what they saw was unfairness in the draft, which allowed wealthier men to pay for substitutes. The protests would turn into a race riot and at least 120 people, including many blacks, were killed. Lincoln replied to Seymour that continuing to enforce the draft was necessary, and it resumed in New York on Aug. 19.

Lee Offers Resignation

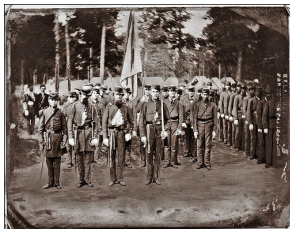
Following the Confederate defeat at Gettysburg, Robert E. Lee sent an Aug. 8 letter to President Jefferson Davis requesting that someone else be appointed to take command of the Army of Northern Virginia.



In his letter, Lee questioned whether he could remain an effective commander, writing that “I cannot even accomplish what I myself desire.” The President refused Lee’s offer, telling his general that finding a more capable substitute was “an impossibility.”

Eastern N.C. Photos Sought

Civil War period photos of people, soldiers, and structures from eastern North Carolina are being sought for display in the new CSS *Neuse* museum in Kinston, N.C.



20th NC, Duplin County

According to Sarah Risty-Davis, the site manager, any wartime photo is of interest to the museum. Originals need not be provided, she said. Although the museum recently opened to the public, certain exhibits still are being developed.

To submit period photographs, contact Risty-Davis at sarah.risty-davis@ncdcr.gov or (252) 522-2091.

Upcoming Events

Aug. 10: Bentonville Battlefield near Four Oaks, N.C., presents "Civil War Camp Life." Co. D, 27th NC re-enactors demonstrate how soldiers made meals, trained, maintained weapons and uniforms. Firing demonstrations including artillery. Free. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more, visit <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/bentonvi.htm> or telephone (910) 594-0789.

Aug. 10: Fort Fisher State Historic Site at Kure Beach, N.C., hosts a program on communications during the Civil War. Signal flags, cipher discs, telegraphs, and codes are featured. Free. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Go to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/fisher> or call (910) 458-5538.

Aug. 23-Jan. 5: The N.C. Museum of History offers an exhibit titled "For Us the Living: The Civil War Art of Mort Künstler," featuring 33 original paintings from the famous artist's own collection. His latest painting, one of two of North Carolina's state capitol will be unveiled especially for the museum's exhibition. Prints of *Capitol Farewell* will be available for purchase in the museum's shop. Free admission. For details on the exhibition, see <http://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org> or phone (919) 807-7900.

Sept. 7-8: Bost Grist Mill in Concord, N.C., will host a living history encampment and battle re-enactments. Gates open 10 a.m. \$12 for ages 13+, \$8 for ages 6-12. See <http://www.bostgristmill.com> or call (704) 782-1600.

Faith and the Civil War

On July 1, the 150th anniversary of the start of the Battle of Gettysburg, a new museum opened at the Lutheran Seminary's Schmucker Hall.



From the cupola of the structure, Union Brig. Gen. John Buford observed the Confederate approach. The grounds saw fighting on July 1, 1863, and the building served as headquarters for both sides, as well as a hospital.

The museum's permanent exhibit focuses on the pivotal first day of the battle, the care of the wounded, and the issues of faith and freedom. A tour of the cupola also is available.

For more information on the new museum, visit <http://www.seminaryridgemuseum.org>.

Preservation News

The Civil War Trust seeks to preserve the three last acres of battlefield land at Ball's Bluff, Va.



The property targeted for preservation is the site of the historic Jackson House where, on Oct. 21, 1861, members of the 15th Massachusetts were driven off by Confederate forces in an assault led by the 21st Mississippi.

The Trust's goal in this campaign is to raise \$50,000. Donations are matched 10 to 1.

For details, visit <http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/balls-bluff/balls-bluff-2013>.

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

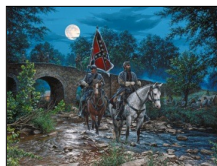
September: Terry Winschel, Vicksburg
October: Tom Crouch, Civil War ballooning
November: Ansley Wegner, artificial limbs
December: Period music at state capitol

Treasurer to 'Retire,' Appointee Named

David June, who has served as Treasurer for the RCWRT since September 2008, has announced that he is planning to relocate to Florida and is resigning his position. The Board expresses its gratitude for David's many years of faithful service. Griff Bartlett, currently serving as our Vice President, has been appointed by the Board of Directors as our new Treasurer. The Board also voted to add Kevin Milus, Program Chairman, as a member to fill the vacancy. The changes take effect at the end of August.

Art Raffle to Benefit RCWRT

On Aug. 17, Ashley's Art Gallery in Fuquay-Varina is hosting renowned Civil War artist John Paul Strain. At the 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. reception, Strain's newest offering, "Gettysburg Moon," featuring John Randolph Lane and the 26th NC will be debuted. Two raffles of another Strain work will be held, with the proceeds of one being generously donated to the Raleigh Civil War Round Table. For details, call (919) 552-7533 or go to <http://www.ashleyart.com>.



Welcome New Member!

The Raleigh Civil War Round Table welcomes new member John Huss of Raleigh. If you know someone who may be interested in the Civil War, bring them to our next meeting and encourage them to join!



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The Raleigh Civil War Round Table was formed on March 12, 2001 and is a 501(c)(3) "tax exempt organization." We meet on the second Monday of most months at 7:00 pm, at the N.C. Museum of History, (5 Edenton St. across from the State Capitol). Members and guests are encouraged to meet for supper at K&W Cafeteria (511 Woodburn Rd, Cameron Village) at 5:15; and for further discussion at The Mellow Mushroom (Glenwood Avenue & Peace Street) immediately after the meeting. Annual membership dues are \$30 (individual and family) and \$15 for students. Half-year memberships are available March through May for \$20.