

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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Steve Smith to Speak at August 10 Meeting On Chamberlain's Leadership Qualities

Historian and retired U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Stephen R. Smith will speak at the Raleigh Civil War Round Table's August 10 meeting.



Steve was born in Denver. He entered the Army in 1971 as an ROTC graduate of the University of Nebraska. He is a graduate of the National War College and holds a bachelor's degree in Zoology and a Master of Educational Administration from Colorado State University.

Steve served 27 years in the Army, attaining the rank of Brigadier General. His last active duty assignments included Commander of the 18th Personnel Group (Airborne), XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Director of Personnel for Joint Task Force Operation Restore Democracy in Haiti; the 58th Adjutant General of the Army; Director of Enlisted Management; and Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Recruiting Command.

In 1998, Steve retired from the Army and joined Duke University and Duke University Health System as the Director of Recruitment and Employment. He currently serves as Chief Human Resources Officer for Duke Medicine.

Steve and his wife Luci have two children and five grandchildren. His talk to the RCWRT is on Joshua Chamberlain and is titled "The Man Who Won the Battle and Did Not Lose The Civil War."

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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Raleigh, NC 27615

~ Joshua Chamberlain ~

Joshua Chamberlain was a professor at Bowdoin College in Maine before becoming the lieutenant colonel of the 20th Maine under the command of Col. Adelbert Ames in August 1862.



Chamberlain would lead the regiment, fought in several battles, was wounded six times, and earned the Medal of Honor for his actions at Little Round Top during the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863.



Delaware

The States During the Civil War



'The First State'

Delaware was one of the original Thirteen Colonies and the first to ratify the U.S. Constitution. It was a slave state during the Civil War, but remained loyal to the Union and is considered a "Border State."

In 1860, Delaware had a population of 112,216. Of the total, 90,589 were white and 21,627 were black. 19,829 of the blacks were free and 1,798 were slaves. The state had three counties, and most of its residents depended on agriculture to make a living.

About 12,300 men served in the Union forces and nearly 1,000 of them were killed and hundreds more wounded during the Civil War. About 1,000 blacks from Delaware fought for the Union. An unknown number of men from the state also served in the Confederate forces, but it was the only slave state that did not provide any Confederate regiments or militia units.



Delaware Monument, Gettysburg

1860 Election Results:

John C. Breckenridge (Dem)	7,339 (45.5%)
John Bell (Union)	3,888 (24.1%)
Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	3,822 (23.7%)
Stephen Douglas (Dem)	1,066 (6.6%)

1864 Election Results:

George McClellan (Dem)	8,767 (51.8%)
Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	8,155 (48.2%)

Governors:

William Burton (Dem), Jan. 1, 1859– Jan. 1, 1863
William Cannon (Rep), Jan. 1, 1863– March 1, 1865

'Crazy Delawares'

Delaware provided nine regiments of infantry and one each of cavalry and artillery to the Union cause, as well as a battery of light artillery. The original 1st Delaware was a 90-day unit and was replaced by a 3-year regiment that was also so designated.



1st Delaware Color Guard

The 1st and 2nd ('Crazy Delawares') Delaware saw action at Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg. Both of those units suffered more than 500 casualties during the war. The 3rd and the 4th Delaware also were in some hard fighting, but the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th regiments saw little action and few casualties.

The 1st Delaware Cavalry fought at Westminister, Md. in June 1863. Milligan's Cavalry was a 30-day unit that served in July 1864.

Delaware artillery units included a battery led by Capt. Benjamin Niels and Ahl's Artillery Battery, made up of "galvanized Yankees," who were former Confederate prisoners of war.

Black soldiers from Delaware primarily served in the 8th, 22nd, 25th, and 32nd USCT regiments.

No battles were fought in Delaware during the Civil War, but the state's Pea Patch Island was the site of Fort Delaware, a prison for captured Confederates.

Among notable people from Delaware were Union Maj. Gen. George Sykes, abolitionist leader Thomas Garrett, soldier and businessman Henry du Pont, Rear Admiral Samuel Francis du Pont, and Adjutant General of the U.S. Army Lorenzo Thomas.

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More information about Delaware during the Civil War is available at <http://civilwar.delaware.gov>.

Honoring Ed Bearss!

Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-Va.) has introduced a bill in Congress to recognize Ed Bearss' contributions to Civil War preservation and education.



H.R. 2059 would award Ed with a Congressional Gold Medal "in recognition of his contributions to preservation of American Civil War history and continued efforts to bring our nation's history alive for new generations through his interpretive storytelling." Contact your members of Congress and urge them to support this legislation!

More information on the bill is available at <http://www.civilwar.org/take-action/speak-out/ed-bearss>.

Upcoming Events

August 8: Fort Fisher at Kure Beach, N.C., will host Richard Triebe who will be speaking on the experience of the POWs captured in the January 1865 battle. 2 p.m. Free. For details, go online to <http://nchistoricsites.org/fisher/fisher.htm> or call (910) 458-5538.

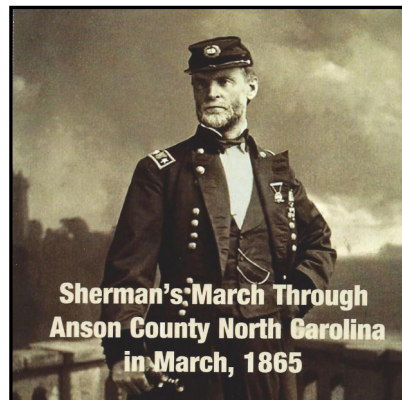
August 15: Fort Fisher at Kure Beach, N.C., will host Wade Sokolosky who will give a presentation on the March 1865 Battle of Wyse Forks. 2 p.m. Free. For more information, see <http://nchistoricsites.org/fisher/fisher.htm> or telephone (910) 458-5538.

August 28-30: The N.C. Transportation Museum in Spencer, N.C., will offer a living history event featuring the Leviathan Locomotive, a replica of the Lincoln funeral train. Tours, re-enactments, living history, period music and other events planned. Tickets required for events. Call (704) 636-2889 or go online to <http://nctrans.org/Events/2015-Lincoln-Funeral-Train.aspx> for more.

August 29: Bentonville Battlefield near Four Oaks, N.C., provides Civil War artillery and infantry firing demonstrations. Free. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Visit <http://nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/bentonvi.htm#> or telephone (910) 594-0789 for details.

Anson County CW Video

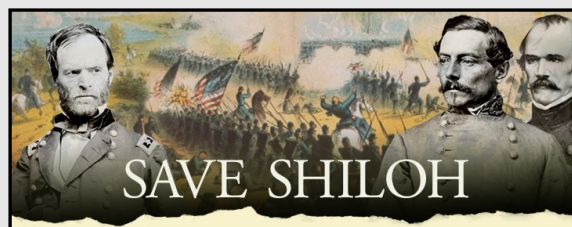
Leslie Rivers, winner of the RCWRT's Gatton Award in 2012, and the Anson County Historical Society have produced a documentary titled "Sherman's March Through Anson County North Carolina in March 1865." DVDS of the documentary are being sold as a fundraiser for the group.



The Anson County documentary DVD is available for \$20 through Lacy's at 121 South Greene St., Wadesboro, NC 28170; telephone (704) 694-4646.

Preservation News

The Civil War Trust is seeking to preserve a large parcel of land at the Shiloh battlefield in Tennessee.



The land targeted for preservation totals 295 acres on the western edge of the military park where, on April 6, 1862, Col. John McDowell, on the extreme right of the Union line, clashed with Col. Preston Pond Jr.'s Louisiana brigade.

The Trust's goal in this campaign is to raise \$178,405. Donations are matched at a 2.74:1 rate!

For details, go to <http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/shiloh/shiloh-2015>.

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

September: Susanna Lee, Sioux Uprising

October: Joseph Glatthaar, TBA

November: Gerald Prokopowicz, command & control

December: Holiday Party at State Capitol

January: Annual Ed Bearss Event

The New *Knapsack* Feature

This month marks the first of the new *Knapsack* features on the states during the Civil War. Thirty-six in order of their ratification of the U.S. Constitution will be covered. Next month's state will be Pennsylvania.

Civil War Art Sale!

Selected limited edition Civil War and other historical art by Mort Kunstler is on sale for 35 percent to 75 percent off at Ashley's Art Gallery in Fuquay-Varina, N.C. Call (919) 552-7533 or go to <http://ashleyart.com> for details.

RCWRT Documentary

A documentary covering the end of the Civil War in North Carolina is being offered by the Raleigh Civil War Round Table. It is available at our meetings for donations to the RCWRT that will be used for educational and preservation activities related to North Carolina and the Civil War. The film features historians and authors speaking on the major events of 1865. See the RCWRT's website (<http://www.raleighcwrt.org>) for more information.

Two New Members!

The RCWRT welcomes our newest members, Bill Stallings of Raleigh and Wade Sokolosky of Beaufort, N.C. If you know someone who is interested in the Civil War, bring them to a meeting and encourage them to join!

Correction

In last month's issue of *The Knapsack* (Vm. 15, No. 7, p. 3), the date listed for the Battle of Averasboro was incorrect. It should have read March 16, 1865. The Editor regrets the error.



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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 (located at 5 Edenton Street, across from the State Capitol). Members and guests are encouraged to meet for supper at K&W Cafeteria, 511 Woodburn Rd., in Cameron Village before the meeting, at 5:15 pm.

Annual membership dues are \$30 (individual and family) and \$10 for teachers. Students are free. Half-year memberships are available March through May for \$20.