

# ***The Knapsack***

***Raleigh Civil War Round Table***

***The same rain falls on both friend and foe.***

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***Our 180th Meeting***



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## **February 8 Event Features Chris Hartley On Stoneman's 1865 Raid in Western N.C.**

Historian and author Chris J. Hartley will speak at the Raleigh Civil War Round Table's February 8 meeting on Stoneman's Raid.



Chris grew up in Wilkesboro, N.C. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the author of three books along with several articles on the Civil War and other topics.

Chris' first book, *Stuart's Tarheels: James B. Gordon and his North Carolina Cavalry*, was described in the 2006 survey *In Taller Cotton: 200 More Important Confederate Books for the Reader, Researcher, and Collector* as a "thoroughly researched, definitive" and "intelligently written" biography of a Civil War general. Chris was also honored with the Jefferson Davis award by the United Daughters of the Confederacy for his work on *Stuart's Tarheels*. A second, expanded edition of *Stuart's Tarheels* was published in 2011.

He is also the author of *Stoneman's Raid 1865*, which won the Willie Parker Peace Book Award from the North Carolina Society of Historians. The book was also a finalist for the Independent Book Publishers Association's Benjamin Franklin Award.

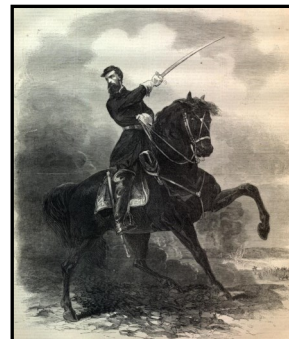
Chris is vice president of marketing for Blue Rhino, which is based in Winston-Salem, and lives in Pfafftown. He and his wife, who is an elementary school teacher, have two daughters.

Chris' presentation to the RCWRT at our February 2016 meeting is titled "Driving Old Dixie Down: George Stoneman's 1865 Raid." Copies of Chris' books will be available for purchase at the meeting and he will be happy to sign them.

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### **~ Stoneman's Raid ~**

In March 1865, Gen. George Stoneman and some 4,000 Union cavalrymen left Knoxville, Tenn., on a raid over the mountains and into North Carolina and Virginia.



The raiders tore up railroad tracks, burned bridges, destroyed Confederate supplies and terrified the local populations. By late April, the horsemen had stormed through much of the western part of North Carolina, including the towns of Statesville, Hickory, Hendersonville, and Asheville.



# Maryland

The States During the Civil War



## 'The Old Line State'

Maryland, one of the original Thirteen Colonies, was the seventh state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. "The Old Line State" was a slave and border state.

In 1860, Maryland had a population of 687,049. Of that total, 87,189 were slaves and 83,942 were free blacks. The state was divided over the issues of slavery and secession, with residents in the eastern and southern portion of the state being generally sympathetic to the Confederate cause and those in the northern and western areas more pro-Union.

Approximately 60,000 men from Maryland served in the Union forces and about 25,000 residents were in the Confederate military. The first bloodshed of the Civil War happened in Baltimore when Southern sympathizers attacked Northern soldiers on their way to Washington, D.C. Maryland was occupied by Union forces early in the conflict and many Southern sympathizers, including about a third of the state Legislature, were arrested.



Maryland Monument, Antietam

### 1860 Election Results:

John C. Breckenridge (Dem)	42,482 (45.9%)
John Bell (Union)	41,760 (45.1%)
Stephen Douglas (Dem)	5,966 (6.5%)
Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	2,294 (2.5%)

### 1864 Election Results:

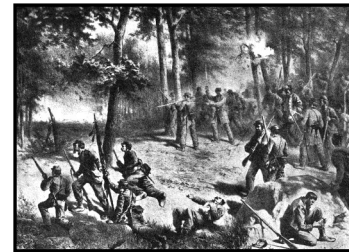
Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	40,153 (55.1%)
George McClellan (Dem)	32,739 (44.9%)

### Governors:

Thomas H. Hicks (Rep)	Jan. 13, 1858–Jan. 8, 1862
Augustus Bradford (Union)	Jan. 8, 1862–Jan. 10, 1866

## The 'Maryland Line'

Maryland provided about two dozen infantry units and several cavalry and artillery units to the Union cause, and many men from the state served in the Confederate military forces as well. The 4th, 7th, 9th, 19th, 30th, and 39th U.S. Colored Troops also were raised in Maryland.



The 'Maryland Line' at Gettysburg

Several units made of Marylanders fought for the Southern cause. The 1st Maryland (CSA) fought at Bull Run. After that unit was disbanded, many of its men became part of the 2nd Maryland (CSA). In June 1863, the Confederate Army formally created the "Maryland Line" with the 2nd Maryland Infantry, the 1st Maryland Cavalry, the Baltimore Light Artillery, and the 1st and 4th Maryland Artillery. The 2nd Maryland (still known as the 1st MD Battalion) suffered heavy casualties at Gettysburg's Culps Hill.

Fighting for the Union were the 1st Maryland (USA), which was defeated by the 1st Maryland (CSA) at the Battle of Front Royal in May 1862. The Union's 1st would fight in several significant battles of the Civil War. The state of Maryland had 28 medal of honor recipients, including five African-Americans and Patrick Mullen, a sailor who was awarded a second medal for peace time actions.

Maryland saw several major battles during the war, including fights at South Mountain and Antietam (Sharpsburg) in 1862, and Monocacy, "The Battle That Saved Washington," in July 1864.

Among the notable individuals from Maryland were Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Roger B. Taney and John Wilkes Booth. Confederate officers that came from Maryland included Maj. Gen. George H. Stuart, Maj. Gen. Arnold Elzey, Brig. Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, and Maj. Harry Gilmore.

## A Guide to Naval Events

A description of more than 500 naval “episodes” that took place during the Civil War is available online through the Navy & Marine Living History Association.



The guidebook, designed to accompany a colored map that the group is offering for \$11, summarizes the numerous naval events that took place during the war, demonstrating the impressive reach of the Union Navy while also outlining the successes of the greatly outnumbered Confederate Navy.

Copies of both the guide (available for free) and the map are available from the association’s website at [http://www.navyandmarine.org/NMLHA\\_Maps/index.htm](http://www.navyandmarine.org/NMLHA_Maps/index.htm).

## Upcoming Events

**February 6.** Longwood University in Farmville, Va., holds its annual Civil War seminar. This year’s event is titled “After Appomattox” and is to feature Ernie Price, Patrick Schroeder, Rick Hatcher, Frank O’Reilly, and Eric Wittenberg. Free. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, go to <http://www.longwood.edu> or call Schroeder at (434) 352-8987, ext. 232 or David Coles at (434) 395-2220.

**February 20.** Bentonville Battlefield near Four Oaks, N.C., is holding a volunteer work day. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Go online to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/bentonvi.htm> or call (910) 594-0789 for details.

**March 5-6.** Reenactments of the battles of New Bern (Saturday the 5th) and Batchelder’s Creek (Sunday the 6th) have been organized by SCV Rains Brothers Camp 1370, the 5th NC State Troops Co.D, and the 7th NCST Co. F. Both events will be held at the Historic Bellaire Plantation Farm in New Bern, N.C. \$10 per person each day (under 10 years of age attend free of charge) and the proceeds are to go toward purchasing land for a future Civil War monument. For details, go online to <http://rainsbrotherscamp1370.com/battlesfornewberne> or call Scott Felts at (252) 514-7416.

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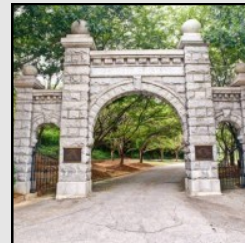
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## Preservation News

Raleigh’s historic Oakwood Cemetery needs your help!



Late on Dec. 30, nine historic headstones and war memorials were vandalized with anti-Confederate graffiti. The private, non-profit cemetery needs to raise money to restore those important pieces of North Carolina’s history.

Please consider joining the RCWRT in donating funds to restore this beautiful and historical resting place. To support the effort, go online to <https://www.crowdrise.com/graffitiremovalfromv> or call the cemetery office at (919) 832-6077.



# News of the RCWRT



## Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

**March:** Wade Sokolosky, Wyse Fork  
**April:** Jim Gaddis, Gen. Richard Gatlin

## Dollar Given Gatton Award

The recipient of the RCWRT's 2016 T. Harry Gatton Award is Ernest Dollar. The award was presented at the Round Table's Ed Bearss event in January.



Photo by Frederick Walton

Ernie was recognized for his many endeavors related to Civil War education and preservation including diligent research into the last weeks of the war and leading the efforts to preserve remaining portions of the Morrisville Station battlefield.

The group also acknowledged Ernie's many public history activities that have included service as executive director of the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill and currently as the executive director of the City of Raleigh Museum. Recently, during the sesquicentennial commemoration of the war, he tirelessly presented programs and led tour groups, educating citizens about their local Civil War heritage. Ernie also spoke about the surrender of Raleigh and Morrisville on the RCWRT's documentary film about the end of the war in North Carolina.

The T. Harry Gatton Award was made possible through a generous endowment by Mary Gatton in the memory of her late husband as a way to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the understanding of and appreciation for the American Civil War. Previous awardees are: Ed Bearss (2008), Nora Brooks (2009), Charles Hawks (2010), Mark Bradley (2011), Leslie Rivers (2012), David Waller (2013), Tom Kearney (2014), and Philip Gerard (2015).



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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.