

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table
The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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February 12 Event Features David Shultz Speaking on Gettysburg's Second Day

The Raleigh Civil War Round Table's February meeting will feature author and historian David L. Shultz.



David was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where his North American ancestral roots date back to the early 1800's. His interest in the American Civil War began in 1958, when as a youngster, he discovered that five ancestors had participated as enlisted soldiers, four for the Union, one for the Confederacy.

David has authored several historical works since 1996, including *Double Canister at Ten Yards: The Federal Artillery and the Repulse of Pickett's Charge*, *Guide to Pennsylvania Troops at Gettysburg*, *The Baltimore Pike Artillery Line and Kinzie's Knoll*, and *The Battle Between the Farm Lanes: Hancock's Ride Saves the Union Center July 2, 1863*.

Recently retired after 30 years as an Aerospace Engineering Systems Technician, David is researching *From Pulpit to Chief of Artillery ANV: The Military Experiences of Brigadier General William Nelson Pendleton 1861-1865* as well as *Complications and Complexities: Confederate Artillery and the Great Cannonade Preceding the Repulse of Pickett's Charge, Gettysburg July 3, 1863*.

He is the recipient of the Jerry Russell Civil War America Association Battlefield Preservation Award as well as a number of other recognitions including from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and the National Park Service for Meritorious Public Service for Battlefield and Monument Preservation.

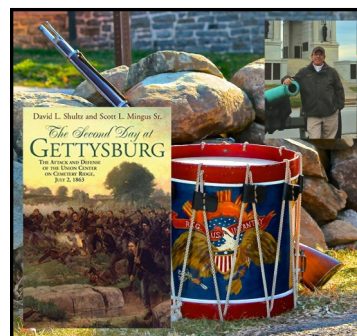
David and his wife currently live near Jacksonville, North Carolina.

His presentation to the RCWRT will be based on a book he co-authored with Scott Mingus Sr., *The Second Day at Gettysburg: The Attack and Defense of Cemetery Ridge, July 2, 1863*.

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~ Gettysburg Day 2 ~

From July 1-3, 1863, the small Pennsylvania town of Gettysburg would be the scene of a massive battle, considered by many to be the turning point of the Civil War. Total casualties would exceed 50,000.



In his recently released book, co-authored with Scott Mingus, David focuses on the attack on the lightly defended Union center on Cemetery Ridge during the pivotal second day of the fight.



California

The States During the Civil War



The 'Golden State'

California entered the Union in 1850, the 31st state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. The "Golden State" saw some 300,000 people flock to it after gold was discovered there in 1848.

In 1860, California had a population of 379,994. The Golden State had divided loyalties, with citizens in the southern part of the state largely supporting the Confederacy and northern citizens mostly seeking to remain in the Union.

However, once the war began, nearly 16,000 men from California fought for the Union. The Golden State also was an important source of logistics and funding for the Federal government.



Pacific Garrison Monument, San Francisco

1860 Election Results for California:

Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	38,733 (32.3%)
Stephen Douglas (Dem)	37,999 (31.7%)
John Breckenridge (Dem)	33,969 (28.4%)
John Bell (Union)	9,111 (7.6%)

1864 Election Results for California:

Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	62,053 (58.6%)
George McClellan (Dem)	43,837 (41.4%)

California's Civil War Governors:

John G. Downey (Dem)	Jan. 14, 1860 – Jan. 10, 1862
Leland Stanford (Rep)	Jan. 10, 1862 – Dec. 10, 1863
Frederick Low (Rep)	Dec. 10, 1863 – Dec. 5, 1867

'The California 100'

Nearly 16,000 men from California served in Union forces during the Civil War. Volunteers from the Golden State were recruited so that regular soldiers could serve in the East. Many of the volunteers were used to secure the borders from hostile Native American tribes. So many of its citizens also joined the Union Army that the 71st Pennsylvania was known as the California Regiment.



3rd California's Regimental Band

Among the notable units from the state was the "California Cavalry Battalion," also known as the "California 100," made up of five companies from the state that were sent east to serve in the 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry. That unit participated in more than 50 battles and skirmishes during the Civil War. The California Column, comprised of cavalry and infantry units from the state, defended the New Mexico Territory and marched about 900 miles through the deserts of the Golden State to keep Texans from invading the Arizona Territory. Some military units, including the Los Angeles Mounted Rifles and the Monte Mounted Rifles, fought for the Confederate cause.

No battles were fought in California, but, in 1864, Rufus Ingram led a group of partisan rangers who rode through the state robbing stagecoaches to help fund the Confederacy. The Golden State also was the site of a number of forts, camps, and prisons.

Several Civil War officers of note were stationed in California before the Civil War, including William T. Sherman and Joe Hooker. Union Brig. Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock and Confederate Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Armistead, who fought each other at Gettysburg, were close friends when they served together as quartermasters in Southern California.

Mark Your Calendars!

On April 10, you will have the opportunity to take a trip back in time to Raleigh during the Civil War.



RCWRT President Ted Kunstling will lead tours of historic structures and sites which witnessed the dramatic events of the Union occupation of our capital city in April 1865.

Organized by the city's Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department, tours will leave from the Anne Gordon Active Adult Center at Millbrook Exchange Park at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 for city resident, \$40 for visitor (a \$10 donation to the RCWRT is also requested).

Telephone the city's Adult Program staff at (919) 996-4730, call Ted at (919) 787-5282, or visit our website at www.raleighcwr.org/special-events for more information.

Upcoming Events

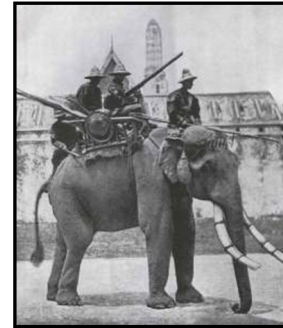
Feb. 10: The CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center in Kinston, N.C., is presenting Michael Zatarga on "The Battle of Roanoke Island: Burnside and the Fight for North Carolina," a talk about the February 1862 battle. 11 a.m. Free. For more information, visit <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/neuse/neuse.htm> or telephone (252) 522-2107.

Feb. 10. Bentonville Battlefield near Four Oaks, N.C., offers a "Hands-On History" event that features 19th Century demonstrations. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Visit <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/bentonvi.htm> or call (910) 594-0789 for details.

Feb. 24: The CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center in Kinston, N.C., holds a lecture event celebrating the contributions of women and African-Americans during the Civil War. Talks by Shannon Walker on women's roles in medicine, Alex Christopher Meekins on the 1st North Carolina Colored Volunteers, and Reginald Hildebrand on attaining freedom in 1865. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. For more information, visit <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/neuse/neuse.htm> or telephone (252) 522-2107.

War Elephants?

In a letter dated Feb. 3, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln politely declined the King of Siam's offer to provide the government with a stock of elephants.



While some speculate they were being offered as war elephants, Lincoln's response indicates that they were being meant to serve as pack animals. The President wrote:

"Our political jurisdiction, however, does not reach a latitude so low as to favor the multiplication of the elephant, and steam on land, as well as on water, has been our best and most efficient agent of transportation in internal commerce."

It's still fun to consider a herd of elephants charging the enemy line and their possible impact on the war.

Preservation News

The Civil War Trust is seeking to preserve key ground at three battlefields in Tennessee.



The targeted property totals 15 acres at the site of the battles of Fort Donelson (1862), Brown's Ferry (1863), and Franklin (1864).

The Trust's goal in this campaign is to raise \$73,250. Donations are matched at a 21.17:1 rate!

For details, go to <https://www.civilwar.org/give/save-battlefields/save-three-tennessee-battlefields>

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

March: Frank Ragsdale, the war's impact on Raleigh
April: Gene Schmiel, Union Gen. Jacob D. Cox
May: Scott Mauger, Maj. John Pelham, CSA

Randy Sauls is Latest Gatton Awardee

Randy Sauls is the recipient of the 2018 T. Harry Gatton Award. Randy, who spoke at our September meeting on the Battle of Goldsboro Bridge, was selected by the Raleigh CWRT Board in recognition of his accomplishments related to the preservation of American Civil War history, research, and teaching, especially in North Carolina.



Randy is a native of Goldsboro, N.C., who attended Goldsboro City and Wayne County schools. He earned his bachelor's degree in American History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1979 and, in 1983, his Juris Doctorate from the Campbell University School of Law. Randy is a licensed attorney and legal counsel and managing member of Sauls Title Company LLC.

Randy's non-professional spare time is spent in the pursuit of the study of history, with an emphasis on Civil War and local history. He leads tours of Civil War battlefields throughout North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia as a Wayne Community College Arts and Humanities Program volunteer. Among Randy's other accomplishments, he is the founder and president of the Goldsborough Bridge Battlefield Association and serves on the Friends of Bentonville Battleground's board of directors.

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), Philip Gerard (2015), Ernest Dollar (2016), and Wade Sokolosky (2017).



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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 6:30 pm, at the N.C. Museum of History (located at 5 Edenton Street, across from the State Capitol). The programs begin at 7:00 p.m. Check the RCWRT website (<http://www.raleighcwr.org>) for program dates and timing.

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.