

The Knapsack

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

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June 24 Meeting Features Symposium On Reconstruction in North Carolina

The Raleigh Civil War Round Table's June 2017 meeting will be a special weekend event featuring four well-known authors and historians speaking on reconstruction in North Carolina.

NOTE: The symposium will be held at our usual meeting place at the N.C. Museum of History but will run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Sat., June 24. The event also will cost \$30 per person.

Federal Occupation of North Carolina



Mark Bradley, staff historian at the U.S. Army Center of Military History in Washington, D.C., will speak on the federal occupation. Mark is nationally known for his knowledge of the Battle of Bentonville and the surrender at Bennett Place. He also is an award-winning author, having written *This Astounding Close: The Road to Bennett Place*, *Last Stand in the Carolinas: The Battle of Bentonville*, and *Bluecoats and Tar Heels: Soldiers and Civilians in Reconstruction North Carolina*.

Women's Role in Reconstruction



Angela Robbins, assistant professor of history at Meredith College in Raleigh, will speak on the women's role in reconstruction. She has also taught at UNC-Greensboro and Wake Forest University. She received her Ph.D. in U.S. History from UNC-Greensboro in 2010. Her dissertation research looked at strategies used by women in the North Carolina Piedmont to support themselves and their families in the unstable post-Civil War economy. Angela also has authored several women's history manuscripts.

Postwar in the City of Raleigh



Ernest Dollar, director of the City of Raleigh and Pope House museums, will speak on the postwar capital of the Old North State. Ernest is a native of Durham, N.C., and began working at historic sites in North and South Carolina after earning his bachelor's degrees in history and design from UNC-Greensboro. In 2006, he earned his M.A. in public history from N.C. State and has previously served as the executive director of the Orange County Museum, and the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill. Ernest currently is finishing a book on the end of the Civil War in North Carolina.

The Civil War in Memory and Memorials



W. Fitzhugh Brundage, chair of the department of history at UNC-Chapel Hill, will speak on efforts to remember and commemorate the Civil War. Fitz earned his B.A. at the University of Chicago and his Ph.D. at Harvard. His general research interests are U.S. history since the Civil War, focusing on the American South. Fitz has authored several works on lynching, utopian socialism in the New South, and white and black historical memory in the South since the Civil War. He also has earned a number of awards and honors for his writing and teaching skills.



Maine

The States During the Civil War



The 'Pine Tree State'

Maine entered the Union in 1820, the 23rd state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. The "Pine Tree State" was an important source of manpower, supplies, and leadership for the Union cause. Maine was a stronghold of Republicanism and political support for the U.S. government. One of its notable statesmen was former governor and Senator Hannibal Hamlin who became Abraham Lincoln's running mate in the 1860 election. The Civil War had a dramatic impact on the state's maritime activities, as Maine had a virtual monopoly in the cotton carrying trade prior to the imposition of the Union blockade.

In 1860, Maine had 628,279 residents. About 73,000 men from the Pine Tree State served in the United States army, navy, and marines. Men from Maine suffered 9,398 war-related deaths, of which 3,184 were men killed in action.



Monument in Lewiston, Maine

1860 Election Results:

Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	62,811 (62.2%)
Stephen Douglas (Dem)	26,693 (29.4%)
John Breckenridge (Dem)	6,368 (6.3%)
John Bell (Union)	2,046 (2.0%)

1864 Election Results:

Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	67,805 (59.1%)
George McClellan (Dem)	46,992 (40.9%)

Governors:

Israel Washburn, Jr. (Rep)	Jan. 2, 1861 – Jan. 7, 1863
Abner Coburn (Rep)	Jan. 7, 1863 – Jan. 6, 1864
Samuel Cony (Rep)	Jan. 6, 1864 – Jan. 2, 1867

The 'Forest City Regiment'

Maine provided 31 infantry regiments, three cavalry regiments, one heavy artillery regiment, and many other units of artillery, sharpshooters, and infantry to the Union cause. About 6,000 men from the Pine Tree State served in the U.S. Navy.



6th Maine after Fredericksburg

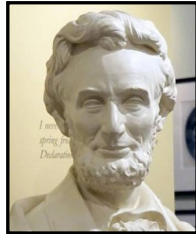
Among the state's notable units was the 20th Maine Regiment, led at Gettysburg by Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, which became famous for its actions at Little Round Top. Another unit of note was the 1st Maine Heavy Artillery Regiment, which lost more men in a single charge than any other Union unit during the war, with two-thirds of its 900 men killed and wounded in an assault at Petersburg. The 17th Maine suffered the highest battle casualties of state infantry regiments, and the 5th Maine, nicknamed the "Forest City Regiment" as it was made up of men from Portland, fought in several notable battles and captured more prisoners than the number of men that served in the unit.

Although Maine did not see any major battles, Southern raiders seized a revenue cutter there in June 1863, leading to the Battle of Portland Harbor.

In addition to Hamlin, notable people from the Pine Tree State included Dorothea Dix, who served as the Superintendent of U.S. Army Nurses. Harriet Beecher Stowe was living in Maine when she wrote her influential novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Among the Union generals from Maine were Oliver O. Howard, Erasmus D. Keyes, George Lafayette Beal, Hiram Berry, James G. Blunt, and Cuvier Grover. Maine native Danville Leadbetter served as a general in the Confederate army and Rufus Ingalls was the Quartermaster General for the U.S. Army.

Have You Seen Me?

The News and Observer recently wrote about the uncovering of a cold case involving a stolen bust of Abe Lincoln. It has been missing from the St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Raleigh for some 20 years.



Based on photo by Dave Wiegiers

Dave Wiegiers from Illinois has documented some 350 busts and statues of Abraham Lincoln from around the country for a book he is working on. He says there are only a handful of these artworks in the old Confederacy. Before it was stolen during the mid-1990s, the bust at St. Paul's in Raleigh had been in the church for about 130 years. For the full article, see the N&O's May 17 edition at <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/counties/wake-county/article151020727.html>.

Condor Site Dedicated

On June 16, state officials formally dedicated North Carolina's first "Heritage Dive Site" where the wreck of the Confederate blockade runner *Condor* rests. The dive site is now a protected underwater resource.



Blockade Runner *Condor*, by Martin Peebles

The *Condor* was launched from a Scottish shipyard in June 1864. After picking up uniforms in Ireland, it sailed for Nova Scotia to pick up coal, supplies, and James Holcombe, the Confederate Commissioner to Great Britain. With Holcombe, Lt. Wilson, a survivor from the famed raider *Alabama*, and Confederate spy Rose O'Neal Greenhow aboard, the ship steamed for the port of Wilmington, N.C. The *Condor* would run aground close to Fort Fisher and Greenhow, carrying gold for the Confederate cause, would drown in the surf after the small boat she was on capsized.

Upcoming Events

June 17, 24. Fort Fisher Historical Site in Kure Beach, N.C., presents a series of Saturday lectures on Civil War topics. 2 p.m. Free of charge. June 17 features a talk by John Morris on blockade runners. June 24 has Dennis Levin speaking on Braxton Bragg. More information about these and other events is available online at <http://www.friendsoffortfisher.com> or by telephone at (910) 458-5538.

June 20. Quail Ridge Books in Raleigh offers Cate Lineberry, speaking on her book *Be Free or Die: The Amazing Story of Robert Smalls*, a stirring, real-life saga about Smalls' leading an escape from slavery on May 13, 1862, by commandeering a Confederate transport ship, CSS *Planter*, in Charleston harbor, and sailing it from Confederate-controlled waters to the U.S. blockade. His exploit helped convince President Lincoln to accept African-American soldiers into the federal army and navy. For details, telephone the book store at (919) 740-4545 or go online to <http://www.quailridgebooks.com/event/lineberry17>.

July 8. Fort Fisher Historical Site in Kure Beach, N.C., hosts Richard Triebe speaking on the infamous federal prison camp in New York, Elmira. Free. 2 p.m. Visit <http://www.friendsoffortfisher.com> online or call (910) 458-5538 for more information.

Preservation News

The Civil War Trust is seeking to save important land at three former railroad stations in Virginia.



Control of railroad lines was a key objective of both armies during the Civil War. The property targeted for preservation comprises of 480 acres at the scenes of the October 1863 battle of Bristoe Station, the June 1864 clash at Trevilian Station, and the August 1864 fight at Reams Station.

The Trust's goal in this campaign is to raise \$127,625. Donations are matched at a 76.26:1 rate!

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

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

July: John Peacock, NC in the Maryland Campaign
August: Robert Thomas, Longstreet monument
September: Randy Sauls, Battle of Goldsboro Bridge
October: Debbie Blake, Rose O'Neal Greenhow
November: Jeff Bockert, blockade runners
December: annual holiday party

Area Round Table Meeting Planned

Representatives from the Raleigh Civil War Round Table and other groups throughout the state and region will meet in Raleigh on Aug. 5 to share and discuss best practices. Among the topics will be obtaining quality speakers, field trips, public relations and recruiting new members, revenue and fund raising ideas, and producing a forum. Among the groups that plan to send representatives are the Brunswick Civil War Round Table, Metrolina CWRT, Rufus Barringer CWRT, and the Western North Carolina CWRT.

Webmaster Recruited!

The RCWRT has a new webmaster, Bob Graesser, who has taken over for George Mills, who had served in that role for several years. Many thanks to Bob for volunteering and to George for his service. Bob may be reached by e-mail at rgraesser@nc.rr.com.

Two New Members!

The Round Table welcomes our two newest members, Jim Wilson and Josephine Walker, both of Raleigh. If you know of someone who has an interest 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 (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.