

The Knapsack

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

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Our 217th Meeting



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Mar. 11 Event Features Harold Knudsen, Lt. Col. (ret.), M.A. Speaking on “Modern War Methods of General Longstreet”

Our upcoming meeting will be on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Daniels Auditorium at the NC Museum of History in Raleigh and will feature Harold M. Knudsen, U.S. Army Lt. Col. (ret.), M.A. speaking on *Modern War Methods of General Longstreet*. This will be preceded at 6:30 pm by a social "half-hour".



Harold Knudsen is a former Army artillery officer with 25 years of active commissioned military service. He is an experienced program/project manager, force management consultant, military historian, author, and speaker. He also has an M.A. in history from Georgetown University.

Harold is on the board of The Longstreet Society in Gainesville, GA where he has been a member since 2009. His roles in The Longstreet Society include long range planning of events, assisting in planning an annual seminar in the areas of logistics, selection of speakers, tour guides, and location visits for study.

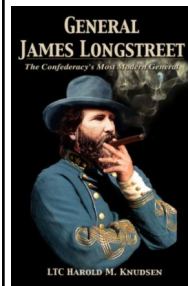
His interest in James Longstreet began at an early age, and expanded while on military assignment in Germany when comparing some of Longstreet's tactics and operations to current methods in the training areas.

As an expert on General Longstreet, Harold gives presentations on the subject and has authored the book *General James Longstreet — the Confederacy's Most Modern General*, which was published in 2008 (softcover) and issued as a revised edition in 2010 (hardcover). His book on Longstreet draws heavily from his experiences with 20th Century Army doctrine, field training, staff planning, command, and combat experience.

He can be emailed at james.longstreet@hotmail.com if interested in ordering a copy of his book directly from him.

General James Longstreet — The Confederacy's Most Modern General

In his book, *General James Longstreet — the Confederacy's Most Modern General* (USA Publishing, Rev. ed. 2010; ISBN-10: 0982659202; ISBN-13: 978-0982659205), Harold Knudsen, U.S. Army Lt. Col., examines the life of this controversial leader and makes a number of astute points.



Nearly the entire body of histories written about General Longstreet minimizes his accomplishments and emphasizes his fall from grace with the postwar Southern elites. Longstreet's bad press was due to the fact that he marched to the beat of his own drummer after the Civil War, becoming the poster child of political incorrectness:

- He cooperated with his old friend U.S. Grant, becoming a member of the Republican Party
- He served the U.S. Government as a diplomat, civil servant, and administrator
- In his memoirs, he was critical of the wartime performance of General Lee
- He disputed the tenets of the Lost Cause movement, which made him the scapegoat for the loss at Gettysburg

Knudsen then focuses on the tactical genius of Longstreet as a forerunner of the tactics employed in battle in the 20th century, comparing the similarities of Longstreet's innovations and operations to certain aspects of war that became standard in WWI and WWII.

Politics aside, Knudsen shows that Lee saw and appreciated this gift for tactics in Longstreet as demonstrated by the facts that he referred to Longstreet as his "Old War Horse", that Longstreet was Lee's most trusted general, and that Lee made him second-in-command, having approved his promotion to the newly created rank of lieutenant general one day ahead of Jackson's.

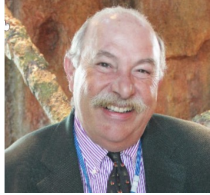
Upcoming Events

Mar. 9, 2019: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Maritime History of the American Civil War: The Battle of the Ironclads

The Mariners' Museum and Park, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.

On March 9, 1862, Hampton Roads, Virginia, was the scene of the first battle between ironclad warships. The USS Monitor was able to block the CSS Virginia from destroying the rest of the Union fleet in Hampton Roads. This engagement changed naval warfare forevermore, proving the power of iron over wood.

John V. Quarstein is a renowned historian and director emeritus of the USS Monitor Center at The Mariners' Museum & Park. Join him on the 157th anniversary of the battle, as he shares the thrilling story of the Battle of the ironclads, USS Monitor vs. CSS Virginia (formerly the captured USS Merrimac).



Lectures are FREE for Mariners' Members and included in the \$1 Museum admission for non-Mariners' Members. For more details about this lecture or to reserve your seat online (as seating is limited), please visit MarinersMuseum.org/Lectures.

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Mar. 16-17, 2019: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Fighting Chance for Life: 154th Anniversary at Bentonville Battlefield

Day events, with the site closing at 5:00 p.m. On Sat., Mar. 16th only, the site reopens at 7:00 p.m. for night tours which start every 15 minutes with the last tour at 10:15 p.m. Bentonville Battlefield, 5466 Harper House Rd, Four Oaks, NC 27524.



The Harper House and grounds will be transformed back in time to the XIV Corps field hospital as it may have looked on March 19, 1865. Speakers will include

Chris Grimes on [Jonathan Letterman, Father of Battlefield Medicine](#) and Col. (Ret.) Wade Sokolosky on [North Carolina Confederate Hospitals 1861-1865](#). Concessions will be provided by the Bentonville Volunteer Fire Department. This event open to the public and the daytime events are free.

On the evening of Sat., Mar. 16th only, there will also be hospital tours which start every 15 minutes beginning at 7:00 p.m., with the last tour at 10:15 p.m. **Purchased tickets for the night tours are required, are extremely limited, cost \$15 each, and will go on sale March 1 at 9:00 a.m. They are anticipated to sell out quickly.**

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://squareup.com/store/fobb> or by calling (910) 594-0789. All proceeds benefit The Friends of Bentonville Battlefield, Inc.

****Warning: The evening program will simulate combat trauma, and may not be suitable for all audiences.****

For more info, contact Amanda Brantley at (910) 594-0789 x203 or email her at amanda.brantley@ncdcr.gov.

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Apr. 5-7, 2019: "Two Weeks of Fury" Carolinas Campaign Tour and Symposium

Monroe's Crossroads, Averasboro, Bentonville, and, optionally, Wise's Forks and the CSS Neuse Museum in Kinston, NC.

Sponsored by Friends of the Bentonville Battlefield, the "Two Weeks of Fury" Carolinas Campaign Tour and Symposium will begin with an optional half-day on Friday, April 5, at Wise's Forks and the CSS Neuse Museum in Kinston, NC. Friday evening will include a key-note lecture with dinner at The Barn at



Broadslab. Saturday's tours begin with a rare trip to Monroe's Crossroads battlefield and a guided tour of Civil War Fayetteville and Averasboro. Saturday will wrap-up with an intimate meet and greet at Bentonville Battlefield featuring heavy hors d'oeuvre and drinks. Sunday will conclude with a guided tour of Bentonville Battlefield.

Tickets include two meals, snacks, water, soda, and Saturday evening hors d'oeuvre and drinks. Your price includes venue admissions and a copy of Mark Moore's Historical Guide to Bentonville, an excellent map guidebook of the Carolinas Campaign. The price for the event will be \$350 or \$395 if you include the Kinston trip on Friday afternoon.

Please note: Only 100 tickets will be sold for the main tours (Monroe's Crossroads, Averasboro, and Bentonville) and symposium, which run from the evening of April 5th to midday on April 7. Only 25 tickets will be sold for the optional tours of Wise's Forks battlefield and the CSS Neuse Museum in Kinston, NC on the afternoon of April 5th. As of Jan. 30th, only



"Dawn attack by Confederates at Monroe's Crossroads." Image courtesy of the National Park Service.

15 tickets remain for the main tours/symposium and only 5 tickets remain for the optional Friday April 5th Wise's Forks and Kinston events.

For more information, visit the website <https://historicsites.nc.gov/events/two-weeks-fury-tour-and-symposium-bentonville-battlefield>, contact Amanda Brantley at (910) 594-0789, or email her at amanda.brantley@ncdcr.gov.

Upcoming Events (continued)

Apr. 6, 2019: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bennett Place: Civil War Park Day

Bennett Place State Historic Site, 4409 Bennett Memorial Road, Durham, NC 27705.



This national workday for volunteers is a cooperative effort between the Civil War Preservation Trust and Civil War historic sites across the United States. Come

out and support your local Civil War site.

Projects this year include: replacing and updating the split rail fence in the picnic area, landscaping the picnic area and clearing the Bennett family cemetery. Projects are subject to change.

This is a great family event and open to all ages and abilities. This event begins at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude approximately by 2:00 p.m. Those interested in coming out to help are requested to bring rakes, gloves and headgear. The Bennett Place Support Fund, will provide light snacks and water for all participants. Meet at the visitor center at 10:00 a.m.



For more information, visit the website at <https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/bennett-place>, or contact the staff at (919) 383-4345 or by email to bennett@ncdcr.gov.

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Apr. 6, 2019: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Fort Fisher: American Battlefield Trust Park Day

Fort Fisher, 1610 Fort Fisher Blvd South, Kure Beach, NC 28443.

Calling all volunteers! On Sat., April 6, 2019, Fort Fisher State Historic Site will host Park Day, an annual hands-on event sponsored by the American Battlefield Trust, which brings history enthusiasts together with staff members to help preserve our nation's heritage sites. Fort Fisher welcomes volunteers of all ages and skill levels.



This year's activities will include painting the numerous artillery guns and carriages around the site. Groups will also be needed to assist in cleaning up brush, leaves, and debris from around the site. Volunteers are asked to register in advance by calling (910) 251-7342 and are asked to assemble in the parking lot by 8:30 a.m. on the day of the event. Tools and gloves will be provided. Volunteers will receive a free Park Day T-shirt and lunch provided by the Friends of Fort Fisher, the support group that supports the site and all its programming.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit the website at <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/fisher>, or contact John Moseley at (910) 251-7342 or by email to john.moseley@ncdcr.gov.

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Apr. 20, 2019: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Maritime History of the American Civil War: Louis M. Goldsborough, USN

The Mariners' Museum and Park, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.

Louis Malesherbes Goldsborough (Feb. 18, 1805 – Feb. 20, 1877) was a rear admiral in the United States Navy during the American Civil War. He held several sea commands during the Civil War, including that of the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron. He was also noted for contributions to nautical scientific research.



John V. Quarstein is a renowned historian and director emeritus of the USS Monitor Center at The Mariners' Museum & Park. Join him as he describes Goldsborough's early success in February 1862 in coordinating with troops under General Ambrose Burnside to capture Roanoke Island and destroy a small Confederate fleet.

Learn how Goldsborough then ruined his reputation by refusing to be placed under General George McClellan's direct command in the amphibious Spring 1862 Peninsula Campaign and ended up sitting out the rest of the war, being confined to administrative duty in Washington, D.C.

Lectures are FREE for Mariners' Members and included in the \$1 Museum admission for non-Mariners' Members. For more details about this lecture or to reserve your seat online (as seating is limited), please visit MarinersMuseum.org/Lectures.

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Apr. 27, 2019: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bennett Place: 154th Anniversary Surrender Commemoration Event

Bennett Place State Historic Site, 4409 Bennett Memorial Road, Durham, NC 27705.

Join in remembering the events that occurred inside the home of James and Nancy Bennett 154 years ago. This year there will be a focus on the U.S. colored troops and how their role changed during the course of the war.

Upcoming Events (continued)

Bennett Place: 154th Anniversary Surrender Commemoration Event (continued)

There will also be special guided tours that will take the visitor inside the home to learn about the negotiations that took place in the parlor. Guest speakers this year are Earl Ijames from the NC Museum of History and author David Silknat.



This event is open to the public. Admission is \$3.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child.

For more information, visit the website at <https://www.bennettplacehistoricsite.com>, or contact the staff at (919) 383-4345 or by email to bennett@ncdcr.gov.

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Apr. 27-28, 2019: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Port o' Plymouth Museum: Living History Weekend

The Port o' Plymouth Museum, 302 East Water Street, Plymouth, NC 27962.

Now celebrating its 29th year, the Washington County Historical Society's annual Living History Weekend is one of North Carolina's premier Civil War events. Known for its intimate feel and beautiful riverfront setting, the weekend-long event features two battle reenactments, an evening "Fireside Feast", "Dueling Narrators" debate, children's recruiting station, period music, troop encampment, book signers, and more!



This event is open to the public and entrance to the museum is free.

For more information, visit the website at <http://www.portplymouthmuseum.org/events>, or contact the museum staff at (252) 793-1377 or by email to admin@portplymouthmuseum.org.

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May 1-5, 2019: National Ed Bearss Symposium and Tours: Military Leadership and Combat

Symposium based at the Hampton Inn, 955 Leshar Road, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Featuring Larry Alexander, Ted Alexander, Scott Anderson, Steve Bockmiller, Steve French, Col. Douglas Mastriano, David Moore, Thomas J. Ryan, Dr. Richard Sommers and Martin West. Special guest Edwin Bearss! Exploring American military history! Tours of the following: Civil War sites in southern Pennsylvania including Monterey Pass; military history sites in Washington County, Maryland including the Hagerstown Aviation Mu-

seum; the Forbes Campaign of 1758 featuring stops at Fort Ligonier, Bushy Run Battlefield and more. Talks also given by the historians listed above.

Deluxe continental breakfast for Hampton Inn guests each morning. Each participant will receive a packet of tactical maps and a name badge.

For full itinerary and pricing, go to http://civilwarseminars.org/?page_id=398.



Chambersburg Civil War Seminars & Tours has been hosting Civil War Tours for more than 28 years. Experience a guided battlefield tour led by the experts including Eric Wittenberg, Edwin Bearss, Dennis Frye, Carol Reardon, John Schildt, Daniel Toomey, Ed Steers, Joad Chaconas, J.D. Petruzzi, Jeffrey Wert, Steve French, Ted Alexander, and others to deliver an unforgettable experience. **Special discounts are available for Civil War Round Table members.**

For more information, visit the Chambersburg Civil War Seminars & Tours website at <http://www.civilwarseminars.org>, or contact Lark Plessinger by phone at (717) 264-7101 ext.

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May 11, 2019: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Maritime History of the American Civil War: Last Days of CSS Virginia

The Mariners' Museum and Park, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.

The Battle of Hampton Roads between the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia (March 9, 1862) signaled the beginning of the Age of the Ironclads. Afterwards, the CSS Virginia retired to the Gosport Naval Yard at Portsmouth, Virginia, and remained in drydock for repairs until April 4. In the following month, the crew of Virginia were unsuccessful in their attempts to break the Union blockade.



John V. Quarstein is a renowned historian and director emeritus of the USS Monitor Center at The Mariners' Museum & Park. Join him on the 157th anniversary of the self-destruction of the CSS Virginia as he describes the final weeks of the CSS Virginia and the end of her existence when she was run aground off Craney Island near Hampton Roads and blown up by her own crew to prevent her from falling into the hands of oncoming Union troops and ships.

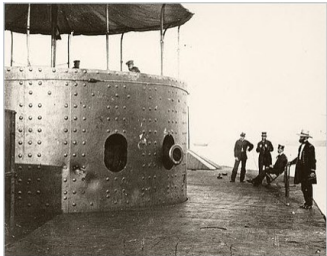
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Upcoming Events (continued)

June 8, 2019: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Maritime History of the American Civil War: Summer on USS Monitor

The Mariners' Museum and Park, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.

After the Confederates were forced to destroy CSS Virginia as they withdrew from Norfolk in early May, USS



Monitor sailed up the James River to support the Union Army during the Peninsula Campaign. The ship participated in the Battle of Drewry's Bluff later that month and remained in the area giving support to General McClellan's forces on land.

John V. Quarstein is a renowned historian and director emeritus of the USS Monitor Center at The Mariners' Museum & Park. Join him as he describes the Summer of 1862 aboard the USS Monitor and how the time spent on the river was marked with inactivity and hot weather which had a negative effect on the morale and health of USS Monitor's crew.

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July 23-28: Antietam: The Bloodiest Day -- Civil War History Conference and Tours

Symposium based at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 1718 Underpass Way, Hagerstown, MD 17201.

Featuring Tom Clemens, Dennis Frye, Kevin Pawlak, Wayne Motts, Carol Reardon, John Priest and many others at the LARGEST Antietam Conference ever held!

More than 25 of the top historians and tour guides in the Civil War history field will cover diverse topics such as the opposing forces, medical care, photography, the historic Dunker Church and more.



In addition, you will have the opportunity to engage in micro tactical tours of the battlefield, and the campaign led by expert

Early Bird Pricing – Save \$30 when you register for a Generals or Complete Weekend Package by April 1, 2019. Use code EARLY30 when registering online.

Note: All participants are responsible for arranging hotel accommodations at www.wyndhamhotels.com for the seminar, which is not included in tour price. \$110/night double occupancy plus tax.

Special pricing for participants based on room availability. When making hotel reservations, mention Chambersburg Civil War Seminars / Lark Kennedy. Use code 072319LAR.

For full itinerary and pricing, go to http://civilwarseminars.org/?page_id=29. Register online at <http://business.chambersburg.org/events/details/antietam-the-bloodiest-day-27802>.

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August 24, 2019: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Life on Campaign: Summer Living History at Bentonville Battlefield

Bentonville Battlefield, 5466 Harper House Rd, Four Oaks, NC 27524.

Hear the roar of cannon fire! Learn how artillery regiments loaded and fired during the Civil War. Infantry displays by the 27th NC Co. D will showcase a common soldier's daily life. Demonstrations will occur throughout the day. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Amanda Brantley at (910) 594-0789 or email her at amanda.brantley@ncdcr.gov.

October 18 @ 9:00 a.m. to October 20 @ 5:00 p.m. 23rd Annual Civil War Symposium: Small Battles, Big Results!

The 23rd Annual Civil War Symposium at Pamplin Historical Park presents some of the nation's greatest Civil War scholars as they talk about **Small Battles, Big Results!**



The authors and topics are as follows:

- Mr. Peter Cozzens: **Battle of Iuka**
- Mr. Jerry Desmond: **Battle of Ringgold**
- Mr. Rod Gragg: **Battle of Fort Fisher**
- Mr. Jeff Hunt: **Battle of Mine Run**
- Mr. James Morgan: **Battle of Ball's Bluff**
- Dr. Timothy Smith: **Battle of Champion Hill**
- Dr. Brian Steel Wills: **Battle of Fort Pillow**

Space is limited and pre-registration and payment is required for the Symposium. A letter of confirmation will be sent to all registrants. Call (804) 861-2408 or visit <http://www.pamplinpark.org> for more information and to register today. The registration form can be found at <https://pamplinpark.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/symp19-flyerfinal2full.pdf>.

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming 2019 RCWRT Meetings

Date	Speaker	Topic
Mar. 11	Harold Knudsen, U.S. Army Lt. Col. (retired), M.A. in History	Modern War Methods of General Longstreet
Apr. 8	Bruce Venter, Ph.D. in Ed. Admin.	The Kilpatrick-Dahlgren Raid on Richmond
May 13	Gerald Prokopowicz, Ph.D. in History, J.D.	His book: <i>All For The Regiment, The Army of the Ohio, 1861-1862</i>
Jun. 10	Charlie Knight, M.A. in Military History	The Battle of New Market
Jul. 8	James White, M.Ed.	New Bern in the Civil War
Aug. 12	TBD	TBD
Sep. 9	TBD	TBD
Oct. 14	Wade Sokolosky, U.S. Army Lt. Col. (retired)	NC Confederate Hospitals in 1865
Nov. 4	Ron Roth, M.T. in Museum Studies	Desperate Hours: Understanding the Battle of Gettysburg Through the Art of its Battlefield Monuments
Dec. 9	Holiday Party	Location and entertainment to be announced

Did You Know?

On May 6th, 1864, during the second day of the Wilderness Campaign, Gen. James Longstreet was wounded — accidentally shot in the shoulder and throat by his own men only 4 miles from the place where “Stonewall” Jackson had suffered the same fate during the same week a year earlier. Unlike Jackson, Longstreet survived but was out of action that Spring and Summer during Grant’s Overland Campaign and was sorely missed.

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.raleighcwrt.org>) for program dates and timing.

Annual membership dues are \$30 (individual and family) and \$10 for teachers. Student membership is free. Half-year memberships are available March through May for \$20. Dues should be submitted to the Treasurer by **September 15** each year.



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Funding Effort Toward Conservation of Our “Adopted” 30th NC Infantry Regiment’s State Flag

As of February 28, thanks to proceeds from sales of Andrew Ballard’s documentary DVD covering the end of the Civil War in North Carolina, plus generous donations from the Raleigh CWRT Board and others, and including proceeds from the raffle at our November 2018 meeting, the amount raised currently stands at \$6,849 toward the estimated \$7,500 - \$8,000 conservation cost!