

# *The Knapsack*

*Raleigh Civil War Round Table*

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

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Our 153rd Meeting*



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## **Ansley Wegner to Discuss Artificial Limbs At November 4 Round Table Meeting**

Ansley Herring Wegner, a researcher and historian with the N.C. Office of Archives and History, will be the presenter at the Raleigh Civil War Round Table's November 2013 meeting.

At the RCWRT's upcoming meeting, Ansley will talk about North Carolina's artificial limbs program for Confederate veterans.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *The November meeting will be one week early (Nov. 4) due to the Veterans Day holiday.*



A Wilson, N.C., native, Ansley graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Ansley worked a variety of jobs, including one as a private investigator before returning to school.

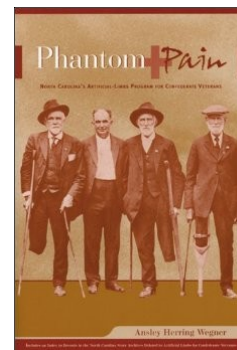
She earned her master's degree from North Carolina State University and, in 1994, began her career with the state Office of Archives and History in the search room. Since 2000, she has worked with the office's research branch.

Ansley has authored two books: *History for All the People: One Hundred Years of Public History in North Carolina*, and *Phantom Pain: North Carolina's Artificial-Limbs Program for Confederate Veterans* (see image, right). She also has contributed to *The Governors of North Carolina* and William S. Powell's *Encyclopedia of North Carolina*.

She is the editor of "Carolina Comments," the blog for the N.C. Office of Archives & History, and writer and editor of "This Day in North Carolina History," found online at <http://nchistorytoday.wordpress.com>.

### **~ Program for N.C. Veterans ~**

In 1866, North Carolina became the first Southern state to offer artificial limbs to Confederate veterans.



North Carolina's program provided free passage to and board in Raleigh for veterans that sought to have a limb fitted. Those that did not want an artificial limb or preferred to shop for their own were paid \$75 for a leg or \$50 for an arm in lieu of a replacement.



# The Sesquicentennial



November 1863

## Breakout at Chattanooga

After weeks of being besieged by Confederate troops, Union forces secured major victories at Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, also known as the Battles for Chattanooga.

On Nov. 23, Union forces under Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas left their defenses around Chattanooga to secure strategic ground at Orchard Knob. The next day, federal troops led by Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker defeated the Confederates commanded by Maj. Gen. Carter L. Stevenson at Lookout Mountain.

Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman launched a surprise attack Nov. 24 against Gen. Braxton Bragg's Confederate forces on Missionary Ridge. After Thomas' troops charged to the top of the ridge, Bragg's Army of Tennessee was routed.



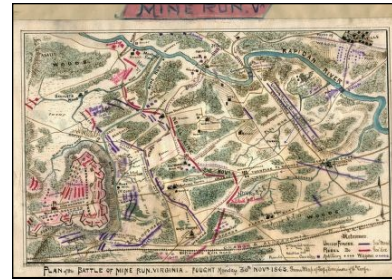
Lookout Mountain

Bragg retreated to Dalton, Ga., and his defeat ended Confederate control of Tennessee and paved the way for Sherman's Atlanta campaign. The Union army's casualties totaled 753 killed, 4,722 wounded, and 349 missing of some 56,000 engaged. The Confederate forces lost about 361 killed, 2,160 wounded and 4,146 captured and missing of about 44,000 that fought in the battles.

Also during November 1863, Union troops would seize Brazos Island in south Texas, Confederate forces under Lt. Gen. James Longstreet would fail in their attempt to capture Knoxville, Tenn., and one of the largest engagements in West Virginia would be fought at Droop Mountain.

## Meade, Lee Meet Again

In late November, Union Maj. Gen. George Meade, leading the federal Army of the Potomac, attempted to move through the Wilderness and attack the right flank of the Confederate Army under Gen. Robert E. Lee located south of the Rapidan River in Virginia.



Union troops outnumbered Confederates by about 69,643 to 44,426 during the Mine Run Campaign, but after some heavy skirmishing, Meade decided the Southern line was too entrenched to assault. Union forces suffered a total of 1,272 casualties, about twice the amount of the Confederate losses.

## Lincoln Helps Dedicate Cemetery

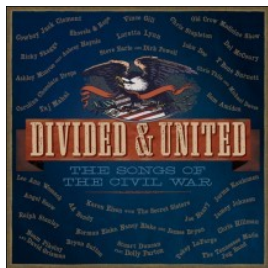
On Nov. 19, President Lincoln participated in the dedication ceremony for a national cemetery on the Gettysburg battlefield.



After Massachusetts statesman Edward Everett, the principal speaker of the day, gave a 2-hour oration, the President added "a few appropriate remarks." The 212 words delivered by Lincoln that day would live on as one of the greatest speeches in American history.

## A Remix of Civil War Songs

ATO Records will soon release a musical album that features well-known artists performing Civil War era songs.



Dolly Parton, Loretta Lynn, Ralph Stanley, Ricky Scaggs, Cowboy Jack Clement, and David Grisman are among those singing the 32 songs on “Divided and United.”

The album is scheduled to be released Nov. 5. It may be pre-ordered on iTunes and Amazon.com. Live performances in Los Angeles and Nashville also are planned. For more information, see <http://atorecords.com>.

## Upcoming Events

**Nov. 2:** Historic Bath, N.C., hosts a free lecture, “Blood and War at My Doorstep: Some North Carolina Women During the War Between the States.” 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. For details, go to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bath> or call (252) 923-3971.

**Nov. 2-3:** Reenactment of the Battle of Fort Branch near Hamilton, N.C. Sat. and Sun. at 1:30 p.m. See <http://www.fortbranchcivilwarsite.com> or telephone (252) 792-6605 for more information.

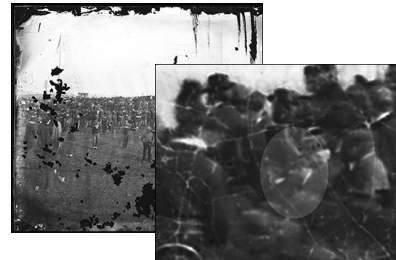
**Nov. 10:** The North Carolina History Center in New Bern, N.C., presents “The Meanings and Representations of Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamations” at 2 p.m. Free. Details available at <http://newbernhistorical.org> or by phone at (252) 638-8558.

**Nov. 16-17:** Tryon Palace in New Bern, N.C., hosts living history Civil War events and exhibits. Regular admission charges apply. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat.; noon - 5 p.m. Sun. Free screening of movie “Glory” Sat at 7 p.m. See <http://tryonpalace.org> or call (252) 639-3500.

**Nov. 18:** The N.C. Archives in Raleigh offers a look at its Civil War documents. Free. 10:30 a.m. Go to <http://www.ncdcr.gov/archives> or call (919) 807-7310 for more.

## Lincoln Captured?

An assistant professor of new media at UNC-Asheville believes he has located President Lincoln in a photograph taken by Alexander Gardner at the national cemetery dedication in Gettysburg on Nov. 19, 1863.



Prof. Christopher Oakley made his discovery during a project he and his students are working on to recreate Lincoln’s delivery of the Gettysburg Address in 3-D. The group already has determined that there were two speaker platforms and the audience was seated in curved rows. For details on the discovery and the Lincoln Project, go to <https://www.unca.edu/features/finding-real-lincoln>.

## Preservation News

The Civil War Trust seeks to preserve 318 acres at four battlefields in Maryland and West Virginia that were part of the 1862 Antietam campaign.



The preservation effort targets portions of the South Mountain, Harpers Ferry, Antietam, and Shepherdstown battlefields, the sites of clashes during Robert E. Lee’s Northern offensive launched after the Confederate victory at Second Manassas.

The Trust’s goal in this campaign is to raise \$197,500. Donations are matched 11 to 1.

For details, see <http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/antietam/antietam-2013>.

# News of the RCWRT



## Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

**December:** period music at state capitol

**January:** annual Ed Bearss event

**February:** Keith Hardison, Jefferson Davis

**March:** Bob Zeller, photographic history

**April:** William Davis, CSA secret servicewoman

**May:** William Harris, Lincoln and the Constitution

**June:** Earl Hess, Petersburg

**July:** Steve Smith, Chamberlain at Gettysburg

**August:** Stephen Davis, Battle of Atlanta

## Gatton Award Nominations Sought

Each year, the Raleigh Civil War Round Table honors an individual who has distinguished themselves through their work or efforts related to the study of the Civil War through its T. Harry Gatton Award. Make nominations to President Ted Kunstling, 500 Spring Valley Dr., Raleigh, NC 27609 or via email to [trkunstling@aol.com](mailto:trkunstling@aol.com). Award nominations are due by Nov. 30. The Gatton Award will be presented at our Ed Bearss event in January 2014.

## Have You Renewed?

Annual dues (\$30, individual or family; \$15, students) should have been remitted in September for the next year. Your dues help pay for the quality speakers and meeting place that we all enjoy. If you have not renewed, please either mail your check to:

Griff Bartlett, Treasurer  
908 Kinsdale Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27615

or, bring your check or cash to the next meeting.

## Two New Members

The RCWRT welcomes our newest members, Nick and Barbara Wagner of Raleigh. If you know someone that has an interest in the Civil War, please bring them to a 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, (5 Edenton St. across from the State Capitol). Members and guests are encouraged to meet for supper at K&W Cafeteria (511 Woodburn Rd, Cameron Village) at 5:15; and for further discussion at The Mellow Mushroom (Glenwood Avenue & Peace Street) after the meeting. 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.