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Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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July 13, 2020 Event Features Chris Grimes Speaking on Civil War Medicine

Our upcoming meeting will be on Monday, July 13, 2020. Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, we will **NOT** be meeting at the NC Museum of History in Raleigh. **Instead, we will meet remotely via an online web session using the application Zoom. Our inaugural online meeting in June was a success with about 40 online attendees.**

July's meeting will feature a presentation by Chris Grimes on the topic *Civil War Medicine*.



Our Raleigh CWRT President, Dr. Ted Kunstling, will email an invitation to you for the Zoom event along with instructions and a link for joining the online meeting. Please contact Ted at trkunstling@aol.com if you do not receive this invitation by July 6th.

Chris Grimes is a 1991 graduate of North Carolina State University. He is President of Martin County Insurance in Williamston, NC.

Chris is an historical interpreter at the Mariner's Museum, located at 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606. Beyond that, he is a living historian/re-enactor with a focus on 18th and 19th century medicine, navy, and artillery.



Chris is also a board member and Collections Committee Chair of the Cupola House Association, located at 408 S. Broad Street, Edenton, NC 27932. For over two and a half centuries, the Cupola House has stood watch from the north shore of Edenton Bay. It is said that the Cupola House is the most studied building in North Carolina, being the finest



example of Jacobean design south of Massachusetts.

Chris Grimes's love for medical history began in 2009 when he was introduced into the world of historic medicine and he has never looked back. As he traveled this new road of historical exploration, it struck him that while we have made many advances during the last two centuries in the areas of anesthesia, germ theory, blood typing and antibiotics, many things haven't changed. Major medicines today are actually descendants of centuries-old remedies. Surgical procedures and the instruments associated with them remain unchanged. He grew to realize that medical care is something that touches everyone, both young and old.

Chris's new historical infatuation began to inform all his portrayals. Note: he still likes to shoot cannons and blow things up much to the chagrin of some of his "shipmates" at the Mariner's Museum. So, eleven years after being introduced to something he never had an interest in, it is his primary focus and the reason he goes to work every morning... to fund his habit!

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The Last Civil War Pensioner Has Died

In the December 2019 issue of The Knapsack (Vol. 19 No. 12), mention was made of Irene Triplett, a woman from North Carolina, who was the last living recipient of a Civil War pension, which her father earned for his service to the Union cause. Sadly, it's been reported that she passed away on June 3rd at the age of 90.



Her father, Mose Triplett, started fighting in the war for the Confederacy, but defected to the North in 1863. He was 83 and remarried to a woman 50 years his junior when Irene was born in 1930. He died in 1938 at the age of 92. Her pension had been \$73.13/month.

Instructions on the Use of Zoom

Due to continuation of restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have recently begun using the meeting software application Zoom.

As stated in an email message from Dr. Ted Kunstling, President, Raleigh CWRT:

Your Board is concerned that meeting of large groups may be restricted for months to come, but we want to maintain continuity and connection with one another and virtual meetings are one way to accomplish this. Your invitation is below. To participate in the meeting, just click on the link following "Join Zoom Meeting" and enter the Password number if asked to. (You probably won't be asked.)

Zoom is pretty simple to use, but we are all learning, so please be patient. If your computer lacks a camera, you can still watch the video on your screen; we just won't be able to see you. Tutorials are available at www.zoom.com, the Zoom website. We shall tailor our format to the number of participants, but shall review this as the beginning of our meeting.

Ted Kunstling is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Raleigh Civil War Round Table

Time: Jul 13, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[Connecting Hyperlink appears here]

Meeting ID: [Meeting ID appears here]

Password: [Password appears here]

I hope to "see" you on Jul 13. Let me know if you have any questions.

Ted (trkunstling@aol.com)

Current Status of the Coronavirus Pandemic

As of a month ago, 06-01-2020, there were over 1,811,357 reported cases and 105,160 reported deaths in the U.S. caused by the novel coronavirus. Those figures, as of 07-01-2020, have increased to 2,658,324 reported cases and 127,681 reported deaths, respectively. After attempts to ease social distancing restrictions, a number of States have seen spikes in the number of reported cases (significantly above the number due to increased testing alone). These new cases are increasingly affecting a younger subset of the population as compared to earlier when the elderly subset of the population was most affected.

Compared to the current world-wide reported totals of 10,538,577 cases and 512,689 deaths, the U.S. has 25% of all reported cases compared to 29% a month ago and 25% of all reported deaths compared to 28% a month ago. As Fall approaches, educators are struggling with the alternatives of re-opening schools at full versus reduced capacity versus home schooling via the internet.

Please continue to follow medical and governmental guidelines of social distancing and wear a mask.

Donny Taylor Receives 2020 Gatton Award

The **T. Harry Gatton Award** presented annually by the Raleigh Civil War Round Table was established by Mrs. Mary Gatton to memorialize her husband and to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the understanding and appreciation of the American Civil War. Ed Bearss was the first recipient of the award in 2008.

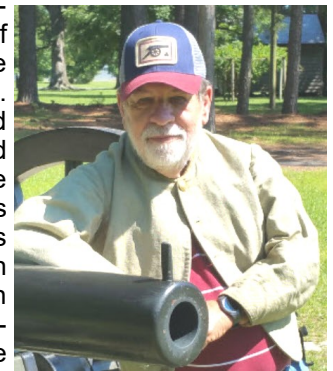
The distinguished career of Thomas Harry Gatton (1918-2001), a native of Iredell County, N.C., included service



as an officer (Lt. Cmdr.) in the U.S. Navy during WW II, as a newspaper editor and radio station director, as Executive Secretary to U.S. Senator Sam J. Ervin, as Executive Vice President of the N.C. Bankers' Association, and as Chairman of the N.C. Historical Commission. His numerous awards included the Christopher

Cup for the preservation of N.C. history.

This year's Gatton Awardee is **Donny B. Taylor** in recognition of his outstanding leadership as Site Manager of Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site from 2000-2019. Since the state first acquired 51 acres in 1957, protected sacred ground at Bentonville has grown to over 2000 acres of the most significant portions of this 1865 battlefield. Much of this extraordinary growth occurred during Donny's tenure, with the support of the Civil War Trust (now American Battlefield Trust) and other organizations.

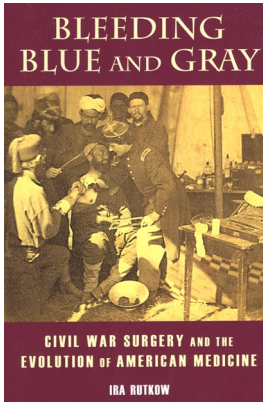


As a Kinston native and experienced farmer, Donny cultivated exceptional rapport with and support from the local community. One unique aspect of the site is that it remains pristine with unimpeded views much like 1865, and it retains miles of extant earthworks. Interpretive walking trails and a self-guided auto tour have been developed and a sophisticated GPS project has been implemented to map resources within the battle area. The 150th anniversary commemoration in 2015 attracted more than 60,000 visitors. Donny has left an enduring legacy for North Carolinians and a solid foundation for future preservation and interpretation.

Donny attended Lenoir Community College and Mount Olive College, served in the N.C. National Guard from 1968-1980 (Sgt. First Class), and served the Wyse Fork Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years, including 3 years as chief. He and his wife Mary Jane Taylor have 2 daughters, 2 sons, and 4 grandchildren. Since retirement, Donny now lives in Rosewood, N.C., continues to serve as interim Chairman of the Board of the Friends of Bentonville Battlefield, Inc., and enjoys his hobbies of Civil War history and nature photography.

Bleeding Blue and Gray: Civil War Surgery and the Evolution of American Medicine

In keeping with the theme of this month's presentation, Civil War medicine, herewith are two recently published books on that topic. The first, *Bleeding Blue and Gray: Civil War Surgery and the Evolution of American Medicine*, is by medical historian Ira M. Rutkow.



Rutkow argues that it is impossible to grasp the realities of the Civil War without an awareness of the state of American medicine at the time. The use of ether and chloroform remained crude, and they were often unavailable--so many surgical procedures were performed without anesthesia, on the battleground or in a field hospital. This meant that "clinical concerns were often of less consequence than the swiftness of the surgeon's knife." Also, the existence of pathogenic microorganisms was still unknown, as was disinfection.

From the soldiers who endured the ravages of combat to the government officials who directed the war machine, from the good Samaritans who organized aid commissions to the nurses who cared for the wounded, this book presents a story of suffering, politics, character, and, ultimately, healing. -- From publisher description.

Here are several accompanying dust-jacket blurbs:

- A gritty, compelling story well told. -- Publishers Weekly
- "Great storytelling that both Civil War buffs and fans of medical history will surely relish." -- Kirkus

This landmark history charts the practice and progress of American medicine during the Civil War and retells the story of the war through the care given the wounded.

- Re-creates the often grisly experiences of wounded and sick Civil War soldiers
- Details efforts by doctors, nurses, politicians, and others to improve care
- Highlights the work of volunteers like Walt Whitman and Louisa May Alcott

About the Author:

Ira M. Rutkow, a medical historian and retired surgeon, holds a doctorate in public health in addition to his medical degree. He lives in New York City and the Hudson Valley.



Publisher: Stackpole Books; Reprint paperback edition (Dec. 15, 2015). ISBN-10: 0811716724; ISBN-13: 978-0811716727. This book is available at Quail Ridge Books in Raleigh, NC, as well as other book stores and online at Amazon.com.

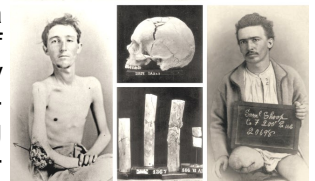
Learning from the Wounded: The Civil War and the Rise of American Medical Science

The second recent book on Civil War medicine is *Learning from the Wounded: The Civil War and the Rise of American Medical Science*, by Shauna Devine,

Nearly two-thirds of the Civil War's approximately 750,000 fatalities were caused by disease--a staggering fact for which the American medical profession was profoundly unprepared. In the years before the war, training for physicians in the United States was mostly unregulated, and medical schools' access to cadavers for teaching purposes was highly restricted. Shauna Devine argues that in spite of these limitations, Union army physicians rose to the challenges of the war, undertaking methods of study and experimentation that would have a lasting influence on the scientific practice of medicine.



Learning from the Wounded
The Civil War and the Rise of American Medical Science
SHAUNA DEVINE



Though the war's human toll was tragic, conducting postmortems on the dead and caring for the wounded gave physicians ample opportunity to study and develop new methods of treatment and analysis, from dissection and microscopy to new research into infectious disease processes. Examining the work of doctors who served in the Union Medical Department, Devine sheds new light on how their innovations in the midst of crisis transformed northern medical education and gave rise to the healing power of modern health science.

About the Author:

Shauna Devine is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of History at The University of Western Ontario where she earned her Ph.D. in 2010. She has a special interest in medicine and science during and after the Civil War. Professor Devine's next research project tentatively entitled *Science and the Practice of Medicine in the Civil War South and Reconstruction* examines medical practice in the Civil War south, which will be published as a companion volume to her work on medical practice in the north.



Series: Civil War America

Publisher: University of North Carolina Press; Reprint edition (Feb. 1, 2017); ISBN-10: 146963337X; ISBN-13: 978-1469633374. This book is available at Quail Ridge Books in Raleigh, NC, as well as other book stores and online at Amazon.com.

Civil War Military Leaders Quiz

By Bob Graesser, Editor

I've been working on an item on my bucket list on-and-off over the past 20 years: the creation of a Civil War military leaders, battles, and war games database. One aspect recently involved the painstaking creation by hand of a montage photo collection of 40 prominent Civil War military leaders (see next page). It then occurred to me that this was fodder for a quiz.

I have removed the last name I had originally placed above each photo and, instead, assigned a letter or pair of letters in its place. Your job is to assign the correct last name to each portrait's letter.

In doing so, you are honor-bound not to cheat. This means using only the mental images already in your head. No googling or other electronic searches, no help from others, no going through your Civil War library (or even glancing at the books on your shelves). If you think you might be cheating, you probably are! Spelling does not have to be perfect, but has to be close enough as judged by me to identify the person correctly.

To enter this contest, send me your answers via email or, for those of you who do not have access to a computer, by U.S. snail mail. Your entry must provide me with a sequential alphabetic list consisting of each letter or letter pair and the assignment of your guess as to the person's last name associated with the photo below each letter/letter pair. Enter using the form beneath the images.

To assist you, here are a number of clues. First, I have ranked these military leaders from "best" to "worst" based on my personal and biased reading and understanding. The ranking goes from left to right and from top to bottom. Therefore, the leader I ranked highest, in terms of overall military abilities, is in the top left (letter A) and the leader I ranked worst is in the lower right (letter pair AN). Second, you will notice that each letter/letter pair is colored either blue (Union) or gray (Confederate) and that these alternate on each row. Third, there are two admirals among all the generals. Fourth, two of the leaders were natives of North Carolina. And fifth, two of the leader's last names begin with the letter associated with their photo. Hopefully, you will agree with most of my picks for best generals (top row) and worst generals (bottom row).

Entries are due no later than 11:59 pm EDT on Sunday, July 12, 2020. This will be judged by the time stamp on your email or the cancellation date and time on your snail mail. You may only submit a single entry. Include your name and email address with your submission. If submitting by email, send your entry to bob.graesser@gmail.com. If submitting by snail mail, address your letter to Bob Graesser, 102 Exeter Ct., Cary, NC 27511.

There will be a single winner based on the highest number of correct answers as determined by me. In case of a tie, the tie will be broken by me by random draw. The winner will be announced at our July 13th Zoom meeting and, subsequently, in the August 2020 Knapsack newsletter.

The contest prize is a mint condition, shrink-wrapped copy of the Civil War board game **Antietam, September 17, 1862**, valued at a list price of \$75. The game is published by Worthington Games as part of their Civil War Brigade Battle Series and was published in 2019. This is a 2-player game suitable for ages 14 years and up. Shown below are the game's components and the box lid's cover artwork depicting the Union breakthrough at the Burnside Bridge. The game includes:

- One 22" X 33" hard-mounted game board
- Four counter sheets
- One 8-page Brigade Battle Series rule book
- One 8-page game playbook specific to Antietam
- Two 10-sided dice
- One 6-sided morale die
- One game box



LARGE 22"X33" MOUNTED GAMEBOARD



4 PUNCHED COUNTER SHEETS



RULEBOOK AND PLAYBOOK PLUS 2 10-SIDED DICE AND 2 PLAYER AIDS

The designers produced a game that will have you playing in under an hour of skimming the rules, assuming you've played war games before. The game comes with four scenarios. These are:

- The Morning Attack
- Bloody Lane (Sunken Lane)
- Burnside Bridge (or how to waste the day)
- The Battle of Antietam: The Full Battle

The full battle takes 3-6 hours to play. The sub-battle scenarios take about an hour or so each.

McClellan had 6 army corps (17 infantry divisions). Lee had 2 army corps (9 infantry and 1 cavalry division).

To simulate McClellan's "case of the slows", the Union player can only use 2 of his Corps on any given turn. Without this rule, Lee's army doesn't stand a chance!

Civil War Military Leaders Quiz

Use the lined form below to enter your answers.



A. _____	I. _____	Q. _____	Y. _____	AG. _____
B. _____	J. _____	R. _____	Z. _____	AH. _____
C. _____	K. _____	S. _____	AA. _____	AI. _____
D. _____	L. _____	T. _____	AB. _____	AJ. _____
E. _____	M. _____	U. _____	AC. _____	AK. _____
F. _____	N. _____	V. _____	AD. _____	AL. _____
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H. _____	P. _____	X. _____	AF. _____	AN. _____

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming 2020 RCWRT Meetings

Note: until further notice, due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, RCWRT meetings will be held remotely via use of Zoom software.

Date	Speaker	Topic
July 13	Chris Grimes	Civil War Medicine
Aug. 10	TBD	TBD
Sept. 14	Sandy Barnard	An Aide to Custer: The Civil War Letters of Lt. Edward G. Granger
Oct. 12	TBD	TBD
Nov. 9	Mike Rucker	Confederate Colonel Edmund Winchester Rucker

Did You Know?

Nearly one in 10 soldiers who fought for the Union Army was African American. When black soldiers began signing up with the Union Army in early 1863, they were paid \$10 a month. White soldiers were paid at least \$13, with officers earning more. Blacks were further insulted when only they were charged a \$3 monthly fee for clothing, lowering their pay to \$7. As a result, the highest-paid black soldier earned about half the lowest-paid white soldier's salary.

To protest these conditions, for 18 months black regiments refused to accept their inferior wages. Finally, pressure from abolitionist congressmen coupled with the courage black soldiers had shown in combat persuaded Congress to rectify the pay structure. In September 1864, black soldiers finally received equal pay that was retroactive to their enlistment date. For many, this meant they finally had enough money to send some home to their families.



The American Battlefield Trust doesn't just acquire historic land. It also seeks to restore these battlefields to their wartime condition. Civil War battlefields at three locations are in need of your support toward restoration. The goal is to raise \$153,000. The battlefields include Cedar Creek, South Mountain, and First Deep Bottom, just outside Richmond. For more information, go to <https://www.battlefields.org/give/save-battlefields/help-restore-battlefields>.

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. Student membership is free. Half-year memberships are available March through May for \$20. Dues should be submitted to Griff Bartlett, Treasurer, 908 Kinsdale Drive, Raleigh, NC 27615-1117 by **September 15** each year.

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New member: Paul Buescher of Raleigh. Welcome!

The Star-Crossed Injury-Filled Military Career of Confederate General William Dorsey Pender of NC

Battle	Wound	Outcome
Glendale (Seven Days Battles)	Arm (bullet)	Recovered
2nd Manassas	Head (minor) from exploding shell	Recovered
Fredericksburg	Left arm	Bone unbroken (recovered)
Chancellorsville	Arm (minor) from spent bullet	Recovered
Gettysburg	Thigh (shell fragment)	Leg artery ruptured July 18 (died after his leg was then amputated)