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Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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Oct. 12, 2020 Event Features Dr. Christian Keller Speaking on The Lee-Jackson Partnership and Confederate Strategy in the East, 1861-1863

Our upcoming meeting will be on Monday, October 12, 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.**

October's meeting will feature a presentation by Dr. Christian B. Keller, Ph.D. His presentation will be on the topic *The Lee-Jackson Partnership and Confederate Strategy in the East, 1861-1863*. His presentation is based on his book *The Great Partnership: Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and the Fate of the Confederacy*.

As has been part of the new normal for the past several months, our new Raleigh CWRT President, Josie Walker, will email an invitation to you for the Zoom event along with instructions and a link for joining the online meeting. **Please contact Josie at jaas78@live.com if you do not receive this invitation by October 5th.**

Since 2011, Dr. Christian B. Keller has been Professor of History in the Department of National Security and Strategy at the United States Army War College, Carlisle, PA, where he teaches courses for senior leaders on the theory of war and strategy, national security policy and strategy, and the American Civil War. In 2017 he was named the General Dwight D. Eisenhower Chair of National Security.



Previously, Christian served as Professor of Military History for five and a half years at the Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Belvoir, VA, and has also taught at numerous civilian institutions, in-

cluding Shippensburg University, Gettysburg College, Dickinson College, and Washington and Lee University. In 2001-2002, after completing his Ph.D, he was a Fulbright Professor of American History at the University of Jena, Germany.

Along with many scholarly articles focusing on strategic, operational, and ethnic topics in the Civil War, Christian is author of the following:

Chancellorsville and the Germans: Nativism, Ethnicity, and Civil War Memory (Fordham University Press; Illustrated Edition, June 15, 2007; ISBN-10: 0823226506; ISBN-13: 978-0823226504).

Co-author of *Damn Dutch: Pennsylvania Germans at Gettysburg* (Stackpole Books; 1st Edition, Feb. 1, 2004; ISBN-10: 0811700747; ISBN-13: 978-0811700740).

Co-author of *Pennsylvania: A Military History* (Westholme Publishing; 1st Edition, October 3, 2016; ISBN-10: 1594162514; SBN-13: 978-1594162510).

His new book, *The Great Partnership: Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and the Fate of the Confederacy* (Pegasus Books; 1st Edition, July 2, 2019; ISBN-10: 1643131346; ISBN-13: 978-1643131344).

Christian's next project, an edited collection of essays on Confederate strategy written solely by colleagues and former students at the War College, is entitled *Southern Strategies: Why the Confederacy Failed*, and will be published by the University of Kansas Press in spring 2021.

A native of Carlisle, PA, Christian lives with his wife, Kelley, in an antebellum house that witnessed the occupation of Carlisle Barracks by Confederate troops at the end of June 1863. **(Continued on p. 2)**

Dr. Christian Keller (continued)

Education

Dr. Keller earned his B.A. in History from Washington & Lee University in 1994 and his Ph.D. from Penn State in 2001, studying under both Gary W. Gallagher and Mark E. Neely.

Selected Awards

Douglas Southall Freeman History Award, 2020, for *The Great Partnership*.

U.S. Army War College Outstanding Instructor Award, Core Courses, May 2016.

Col. John J. Madigan III U.S. Army War College Faculty Writing Award, January 2014.

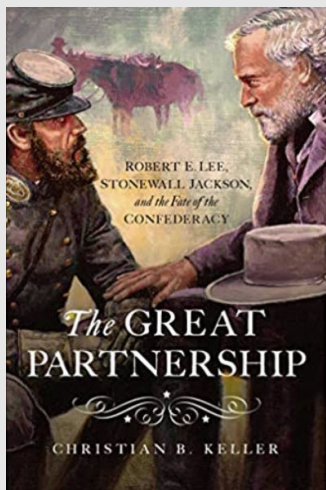
Commander's Award for Civilian Service, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, June 2011.

Golden Pen Award for Excellence in Scholarly Writing, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, December 2007.

Fulbright Junior Lectureship Award, served at Friedrich-Schiller Universitaet, Jena, Germany, September 2001-July 2002.

The Great Partnership: Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and the Fate of the Confederacy

Dr. Christian B. Keller is the author of the book *The Great Partnership: Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and the Fate of the Confederacy*. In it, he examines why Generals Lee and Jackson were so successful in their partnership in trying to win the war for the South. What was it about their styles, friendship, even their faith, that cemented them together into a fighting machine that consistently won despite often overwhelming odds against them?



Editorial Reviews

"The partnership of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson reshaped the course of the Civil War in the East in a span of roughly a year from the spring of 1862 to the latter's death in May 1863.

*The two men crafted a powerful working relationship based upon their deep religious faith, shared strategic views, and ultimate trust in each other. In his *The Great Partnership*, Christian Keller explores anew this well-studied relationship in a fresh, insightful, and persuasive work. This book will kindle debate, generate controversy, and reframe old arguments. Simply put, it is*

sy, and reframe old arguments. Simply put, it is good history."

— Jeffrey D. Wert, author of *A Glorious Army: Robert E. Lee's Triumph, 1862-1863*

"Christian B. Keller's assessment of Robert E. Lee and 'Stonewall' Jackson reminds us that command relationships

ships profoundly shaped the course of the Civil War. His analysis of Jackson's contribution to the partnership, the impact of operations in the Eastern Theater, and the degree to which personal and professional ties intersected should spark a good deal of discussion among those interested in the Confederacy's premier army and its most famous commanders."

— Gary W. Gallagher, author of *Lee and His Army in Confederate History*

"Christian Keller cuts through the Lost Cause haze and a century of debate to give us our clearest view yet of arguably the most important and effective partnership of the American Civil War. He argues persuasively for both the strategic and cultural importance of the Lee-Jackson combine, offering along the way much for modern leaders and students to consider. Dr. Keller weaves narrative and analysis brilliantly, artfully spanning the rarely crossed chasm between academic and public history. This is an important, thoughtful book, well done."

— John Hennessy, author of *Return to Bull Run: The Campaign and Battle of Second Manassas*

ISBN-10: 1643131346; ISBN-13: 978-1643131344; Publisher: Pegasus Books; 1st Edition (July 2, 2019). This book is available in hardcopy at Quail Ridge Books in Raleigh, NC, as well as at other bookstores. It is available in hard-copy, paperback, and as a Kindle ebook at Amazon.com.

Results of the Election of Raleigh CWRT Officers for 2020-2022

At our September 14, 2020 meeting, we elected officers for 2020-2022. The slate proposed by your Board was adopted by oral acclamation over Zoom.

- President / Program Committee - **Josie Walker**
- Past President - **Ted Kunstling**
- Vice President / Program Committee - **John Wood**
- Secretary-Treasurer - **Griff Bartlett**
- Knapsack Editor / Webmaster - **Bob Graesser**
- Program Committee - **Pattie Smith**
- New Member - **Wayne Shore**
- New Member - **Lloyd Townsend**

We thank outgoing members **Jack Milani** and **Bev Thomas** for their outstanding dedicated service to the Board over the past two years.

NOTE: September was the month to submit our annual membership dues: \$30 (individual & family); \$10 (teachers); \$0(students). Half-year memberships are available March - May for \$20. Dues should be submitted to Griff Bartlett, Treasurer, 908 Kinsdale Drive, Raleigh, NC 27615-1117.

THANK YOU!

from Past President Ted Kunstling

At the September 14, 2020 Zoom meeting of the Raleigh Civil War Round Table, I became Past President after serving four 2-year terms as your President. I want to thank all our members for having had the opportunity to serve you. During these eight years, I have met many wonderful people, learned about the Civil War, and enjoyed wonderful road trips with good companions. None of this would have been possible without the support of our outstanding leadership team.



Special appreciation and thanks go to Board members, past and present whose efforts and teamwork have been essential. **Bob Graesser** deserves special recognition for his tireless service as both Webmaster and Editor of our newsletter, *The Knapsack*. His diligent research, creativity, and technical prowess have transformed our website, social media presence, and newsletter. He has been an excellent companion and friend on Raleigh CWRT road trips and on a special mission in 2019 when we brought Ed Bearss from the Pender CWRT in Rocky Mount to Raleigh as part of Ed's last Carolina Campaign.

Griff Bartlett has been rock-steady as our Secretary-Treasurer, keeping track of our members and our funds, welcoming and registering attendees at meetings, and keeping up with name tags to name a few responsibilities.

Excellent programs are what draw participants and keep them returning. The Program Chair must possess broad knowledge and contacts in the Civil War community. **Pattie Smith** has been exemplary filling this role. In addition to lining up a steady stream of speakers for Raleigh CWRT, she has held major leadership roles with Friends of Bentonville Battlefield, all while commuting from Nashville, NC to her job in Raleigh.

Jack Milani has been the inspiration and leader of our road trips to Civil War historical sites which have included Bentonville Battlefield, Averasboro, Forts Fisher and Anderson on the Cape Fear River, Plymouth and Fort Branch on the Roanoke River, Richmond, and the Maritime Museum in Newport News. We saw and learned a lot and enjoyed wonderful camaraderie. We look forward to hitting the road again once the pandemic is history.

John Wood and **Beverly Thomas** have been regularly active recent Board members and contributors; John is now our new Vice President and assisting with programs. Past board members during my tenure have included **George Mills** (past Webmaster), **John Kucik**, **Frank Ragsdale**, **Steve Savia** (Past President), **Andrew Ballard** (past Newsletter Editor), **Pat Ford**, **Kevin Milus**, and **Adam Medlin**. **George Long** has faithfully

led our Pledge to the Flag at the start of each meeting before we began meeting on Zoom. We look forward to returning to this tradition at live meetings.

A noteworthy project has the conservation of a North Carolina state flag in the possession of the NC Museum of History which once belonged to the 30th North Carolina Infantry during the Civil War. Fund-raising for this effort was enabled by **Andrew Ballard's** creation of a DVD *The Civil War in North Carolina: The Final Campaigns, 1865*. This DVD helped **Dave Waller** and me raise significant funds from speaking engagements toward achieving our goal. Andrew also edited *The Knapsack* for eight years before passing the responsibility to Bob while Dave served as Program Chair.

We have enjoyed terrific support from the NC Museum of History, especially **Joel Rhodes** who reliably assists with audiovisual technology and **Cheri Williams**, Special Events Coordinator. The Museum has also provided meeting space for leadership of all the Civil War Round Tables in NC to gather and exchange ideas and best practices.

Many others deserve thanks, including our terrific speakers, but I am especially appreciative of **Josie Walker** who has brought new energy to our Round Table and who will be serving as our new President. I know all of you look forward to supporting Josie just as I do. I remain excited about our continued mission and prospects.

The Life of Ed Bearss: An Appreciation

With great sadness, we have learned of the death of Ed Bearss at the age of 97. As a noted historian, concentrating on the Civil War and World War II, Ed had over 50 years of government service. He was Chief Historian of the National Park Service from 1981 to 1994, before succeeding to Chief Historian Emeritus, an honorific title he held until his death on September 15, 2020 from a heart attack. For many of us, this editor included, our introduction to Ed Bearss and his booming and passionate voice came from his appearance as a commentator on Ken Burn's 1990 PBS documentary *The Civil War*.



We got to know Ed personally over the past decade during his annual "North Carolina Campaign", when he would visit a number of the North Carolina Civil War Round Tables in turn. At each stop, he would present a talk in his booming voice on some facet of the Civil War while demonstrating his amazing photographic memory for dates, battles, and participants. He would always begin his talk with a compliment, reminding us that North Carolina was a "vale of humility between two mountains of conceit!"

Ed Bearss (continued)

We are also indebted to Ed for his patriotic service to his country: as a young Marine in World War II, he was severely wounded by Japanese machine gun fire at "Suicide Creek" at Cape Gloucester on New Britain). He spent 26 months in recovery and was honorably discharged from the Marines as a corporal on March 15, 1946.

A video, located at URL <https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=638656687045659&ref=external>, and entitled *Live from Antietam: Remembering Veteran and Historian Ed Bearss*, is copyright © 2020 by the American Battlefield Trust and provides an appreciation from some of its tour guide members. It was recorded live on September 16, 2020 from the Antietam Battlefield, said to be Ed's favorite Civil War battle. This is fitting since Ed's death occurred just two days before the anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, which occurred on September 17th, 1862.

In an article in this newsletter just last month, it was announced that Ted Kunstling, President of the Raleigh CWRT, had contacted other Civil War Round Tables in NC, asking them to consider joining the North Carolina and Raleigh CWRTs in contributing to preserve additional land at Bentonville Battlefield Historic Site in honor of Ed Bearss.

Ed had been incredibly supportive of Civil War Round Tables in North Carolina for over a decade, visiting our groups every January and supporting our efforts. Ed had recently celebrated his 97th birthday on June 26, 2020.

As of a month ago, over \$3,700 had been raised for this purpose from the NC and Raleigh CWRTs and from individual friends of Ed Bearss. The money will be used when private property in the battlefield comes up for purchase. Checks may be made out to **American Battlefield Trust**. Write "**designated for Ed Bearss Bentonville Recognition**" in the memo line and mail to:

Tom Moore
Principle Philanthropic Advisor, American Battlefield Trust
1156 15th Street NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20005

Finally, we offer Ed's daughter, Ginny Bearss, our deepest sympathy. Condolences may be addressed to Ginny at:

Ginny Bearss
490 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042



Civil War bugler blowing Taps

Current Status of the Coronavirus Pandemic

As of a month ago, 09-01-2020, there were 6,030,782 reported cases and 183,596 reported deaths in the U.S. caused by the novel coronavirus. Those figures, as of 10-01-2020, have increased to 7,233,042 reported cases (+20%) and 206,832 reported deaths (+13%), respectively.

Compared to the current world-wide reported totals of 33,881,272 cases and 1,012,980 deaths, the U.S. has 21% of all reported cases compared to 24% a month ago and 20% of all reported deaths compared to 22% a month ago.

Back on Jun 16, 2020, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington predicted the United States would have 201,129 covid-19 deaths by Oct. 1. They based this figure on predicted premature relaxation of restrictions such as wearing masks and social distancing, as well as an increase in mobility. Few believed such a high number at the time, but, in fact, their estimate came within 3% of the actual number.

Please continue to follow medical and governmental guidelines of social distancing, washing hands frequently, and wearing a mask.

Winslow Homer's Contribution to the Civil War

During the Civil War, artist Winslow Homer, 25 years old at its start, produced more than 100 sketches which were converted into engraved illustrations for Harper's Weekly Illustrated.



Embedded with the Union troops, Homer experienced battles, injuries, starvation, and disease first hand. The work was both dangerous and exhausting. In total, Homer made two or three separate sustained visits to the front.

When he was traveling with the Union army, he dispatched his sketches from military posts to the Harper's New York office. A team of engravers then translated his drawings for the paper through the painstaking, exacting art of engraving the images on boxwood blocks.

Many of Homer's illustrations were full-page, printed on the front of the 12" x 16" paper, which had 16 pages per issue. The following is an example:



Winslow Homer, *The Army of the Potomac – A Sharpshooter on Picket Duty*, from Harper's Weekly, Nov. 15, 1862. Wood engraving, Yale University Art Gallery, Gift of Allen Evarts Foster, B.A. 1906

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
Oct. 12	Dr. Christian Keller	The Lee-Jackson Partnership and Confederate Strategy in the East, 1861-1863
Nov. 9	Mike Rucker	Confederate Colonel Edmund Winchester Rucker
Dec. 14	Michael Brantley	Galvanized - The Odyssey of a Reluctant Carolina Confederate

Did You Know?

- An average of approximately nine books have been published about the Civil War every eight days since the end of the Civil War, nearly 64,000 books in total.
- Flora Stuart, the widow of Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart, remained in heavy mourning for 59 years after the 1864 death of her husband, wearing black until she died in 1923.
- There was at least one battle fought on every single day of the four years of the Civil War, resulting in a total of 10,455 military events.
- Over one-third of the Union Army soldiers were immigrants (mostly European) or African American military volunteers.
- Before the start of the war in 1860, Mississippi and South Carolina had more slaves in their populations than free citizens.



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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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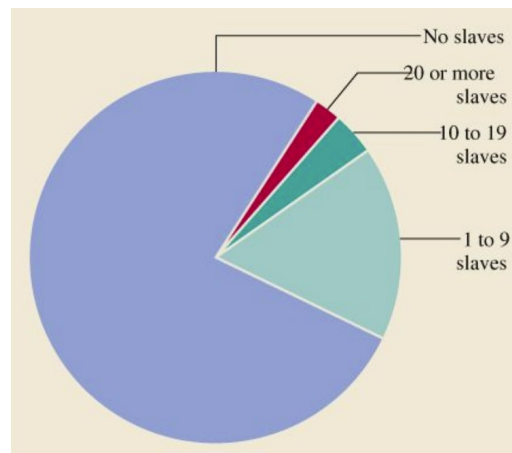
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New members: Welcome to Grayson & Nancy Miller of Richmond, VA.

Slave Ownership by Southern White Males in 1860



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