

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

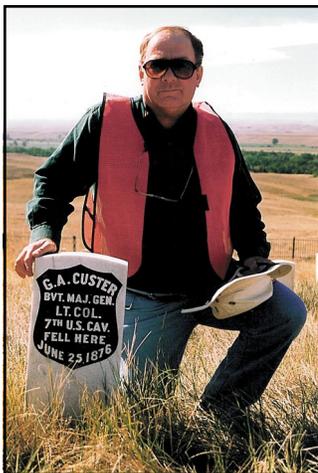
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Sandy Barnard to Speak at March 14 Meeting On “A Hoosier Quaker Goes to War”

Sandy Barnard has been a journalist and non-fiction writer for more than 40 years. Since 1980, he has focused on the Plains Indian wars and the Civil War.

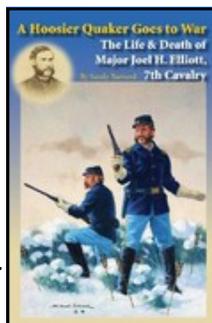


Sandy is well-known for his research and writing on the Battle of the Little Bighorn, the career of Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, and the men of the 7th U.S. Cavalry with whom he served. He spoke to the Round Table on that topic in November 2006.

Among his published books are: *Digging Into Custer's Last Stand* (1986), *Shovels & Speculation, Archeologists Hunt Custer* (1991), *Speaking About Custer* (1991), *Custer's First Sergeant John Ryan* (1996), *I Go With Custer, The Life and Death of Reporter Mark Kellogg* (1996), *Campaigning with the Irish Brigade: Pvt. John Ryan, 28th Massachusetts* (2001), *Ten Years with Custer, a 7th Cavalryman's Memoirs* (2002), and *Where Custer Fell* (2005).

For the past 23 years, Sandy has been the editor of the annual *Greasy Grass* magazine published by the Custer Battlefield Historical & Museum Association.

The subject of Sandy's presentation to the Round Table this month is his most recent book *A Hoosier Quaker Goes to War* (see image, right).



Sandy is a U.S. Army veteran who received the Bronze Star while serving as an intelligence officer in Vietnam during 1968 and 1969. He holds degrees from Boston College and the University of Missouri School of Journalism. A retired journalism professor from Indiana State University, he operates AST Press in Wake Forest, N.C.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The bylaws amendment vote has been rescheduled for this month (see p. 4).

~ Capt. Joel Elliott ~



Joel Elliott was born to a pacifist Quaker family in Wayne County, Indiana.

In August 1861, Elliott joined an Indiana cavalry unit. In 1863, he would become Captain of Company M of the 7th Indiana Cavalry. He fought in various battles throughout the war and survived a serious wound to his left lung and shoulder during the Battle of Brice's Crossroads on June 10, 1864. After the war, Elliott would temporarily command the 7th U.S. Cavalry when Custer was suspended.



The Sesquicentennial



March 1861

Lincoln's Inauguration

Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the 16th President of the United States on March 4, 1861.

In his first inaugural address, Lincoln said he had no plans "to interfere with the institution of slavery in the States where it exists." The President also said that he "believe[d] I have no lawful right to do so and I have no inclination to do so."

But Lincoln also called for the preservation of the Union: "[b]ut if destruction of the Union by one or by a part only of the States be lawfully possible, the Union is less perfect than before the Constitution, having lost the vital element of perpetuity."



**Lincoln is sworn in at the U.S. Capitol
March 1861**

Newly elected President Lincoln said that he hoped to resolve the crisis peaceably, and remarked about his comments that "I trust this will not be regarded as a menace, but only as the declared purpose of the Union that it will constitutionally defend and maintain itself."

In urging reconciliation between the states, Lincoln remarked that "[t]he mystic cords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

CSA Flag Unfurled

In February 1861, the Confederate government was formed (see *Knapsack*, Vol.11, No. 2, p. 2).

One of the first acts of the provisional Confederate Congress was to form the Committee on the Flag and Seal, a committee chaired by South Carolina's William P. Miles.

On Lincoln's inauguration day, the Confederate Congress in Montgomery, Ala., adopted a banner that was somewhat reminiscent of the flag of the United States, but also represented the seven states that seceded at that time: South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas.

The 'Stars and Bars'

The first official flag of the Confederacy, known as the "Stars and Bars," was flown from March 5, 1861, to May 26, 1863. The flag was designed by Prussian artist Nicola Marschall, who resided in Marion, Ala.



At first, the Stars and Bars flag had only seven stars, as seen above. But by November 1861, it would hold 13 stars. The stars would include the Confederacy's claims to Kentucky and Missouri.



New Civil War Stamp Series

The U.S. Postal Service has announced a new stamp series commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. A souvenir sheet of two stamps will be issued each year through 2015.

In 2011, the stamps will focus on the start of the war, featuring Fort Sumter and First Bull Run (see images below).



The stamps will go on sale April 12.

Upcoming Events

March 11-12: A symposium on North Carolina colored troops will be hosted by the Black Heritage Society in Kinston, N.C. March 11 events begin at 1 pm at Blue-Grey Visitors Center, and March 12 events are at the Hampton Inn from 8:30 am until 1 pm. Telephone (252) 523-1239 for details.

March 12: The CSS Neuse State Historic in Kinston, N.C. will hold a memorial to commemorate those who served on the vessel. Site open from 9 am until 5 pm.

March 17: The Durham Civil War Roundtable will have UNC's Ray Boylston talk on the battle of Aiken, S.C. The meeting is free, will be held at the historic Bennett Place in Durham, N.C., and begins at 7 pm. For details, email Janet Eno at jceno7play@embarqmail.com.

March 26: N.C. State's History Department sponsors a conference titled "The Real War Will Never Get Into the Books." Event focuses on modern presentation of the conflict. Conference is free, but a box lunch charge. For details on the meeting, see <http://faculty.chass.ncsu.edu/smlee4/civilwarconference/index.html>.

April 2: National Park Day

Volunteers are sought to help with maintenance and cleanup projects at the battlefields of Bentonville, N.C., Fort Branch, N.C., and Petersburg, Va. **Bentonville:** Tony Eggleston (call 919-434-6356 or email son_of_dixie@bellsouth.net). **Fort Branch:** Frank Drew (info@fortbranchcivilwar.com). **Petersburg:** Richard Hotchkiss (804-732-3966, ext. 113).

Photo Collection Donated

Nearly 700 Civil War-era photographs have been recently donated to the Library of Congress by the Liljenquist family of McLean, Va.

The collection includes both ambrotype and tintype images of Union and Confederate soldiers, African-American troops, and members of their families. The library will host a free public exhibition of the photographs from April 12 to Aug. 13, 2011; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

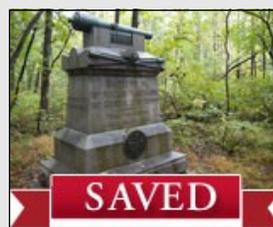
Among the images are one of a girl in mourning:



Preservation News

Several significant preservation victories already have been achieved in 2011.

In January, Wal-Mart announced it was dropping plans to build a supercenter within the historic boundaries of the Wilderness battlefield.



The Civil War Trust also announced early this year that it has completed a \$1 million campaign to save land at the Wilderness battlefield and also has preserved five important acres at Gettysburg.

But the fight to preserve our Hallowed Ground continues.

For more information on the Civil War Trust and its preservation efforts, see <http://www.civilwar.org>.

News of the RCWRT



RCWRT Marks 10th Year!

The Raleigh Civil War Round Table was formed 10 years ago this month, on March 12, 2001.

Historian, Archives Selected

Past president Kevin Milus has agreed to serve as the RCWRT's first organizational historian and archivist. Kevin will lead the effort to preserve our group's history.

The Olivia Raney Library, the first public library in Wake County, will be the location for the RCWRT archives. The library was chartered in 1899 in the memory of Richard Beverly Raney's beloved wife, who was the organist at Christ Church, and now is dedicated to local history and genealogy.

Our archives will initially include our bylaws and related organizational documents, a description of our T. Harry Gatton award and its recipients, and earlier copies of *The Knapsack*. All members are encouraged to visit the library and submit documents and other RCWRT material to Kevin for consideration.

The Olivia Raney Library is located at 4016 Carya Drive in Raleigh, in the Wake County Office Park where our group met before we moved to the Museum of History. For hours or other information, call (919) 250-1196 or visit the library's website: <http://www.wakegov.com/libraries/locations/orl/default.htm>.

Bylaw Amendment Vote

The vote on the RCWRT's Board of Directors' proposed change to our bylaws was postponed until our March meeting. The change would add the immediate past president as a board member, as has been our tradition. The amendment to Section 2.3 of our bylaws would bring the number of board members to eight. Approval by the membership is required under our bylaws.

New Members

The RCWRT welcomes our two newest members, Lynda Turbeville (Sanford), and Ed Halloran (Chapel Hill). If you know someone with an interest in the Civil War, please bring them to a meeting and encourage them to join!



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RCWRT Score Card

Members 121

February 2011 Attendance

Meeting 43

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) immediately after the meeting. Annual membership dues are \$30 (individual and family) and \$15 for students. Half-year memberships are available March through May for \$20.