

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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March 9 Round Table Meeting to Feature Patrick Schroeder on Appomattox

Author and historian Patrick Schroeder will speak at the Raleigh Civil War Round Table's meeting on March 9.



Patrick was born in 1968 at Fort Belvoir, Va. He earned his bachelor's degree in Historical Park Administration in 1990 from Shepherd College in W. Va. Patrick earned his master's degree in Civil War History from Virginia Tech.

From 1986 until 1993, He worked as a seasonal living history interpreter at the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. For the next several years, Patrick worked at the Patrick Henry National Memorial. Since 2002, he has been the full-time historian at Appomattox.

Patrick has written several books, including *Thirty Myths About Lee's Surrender*, *More Myths About Lee's Surrender*, *We Came To Fight: A History of the 5th New York Volunteer Infantry*, *Duryee's Zouaves*, and *The Confederate Cemetery at Appomattox*. He has written, edited, or contributed to a number of other publications and articles on the Civil War as well.

To help protect sites relevant to the Appomattox Campaign, Patrick has established the "Appomattox Fund" with the Civil War Preservation Trust.

Patrick and his wife Maria live in Lynchburg, Va., and have founded Schroeder Publications (<http://www.civilwar-books.com>).

His talk to the RCWRT at our March 2015 meeting will focus on the events at Appomattox in April 1865.

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~ Appomattox ~

On April 9, 1865, Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia at the home of Wilmer McLean in Appomattox Court House, Va.



Lee surrendered nearly 30,000 men to Union Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant after abandoning an attempt to link up with other Confederate forces in North Carolina. The surrender terms allowed Confederate soldiers to be paroled and return home and officers to keep their side arms. Personal mounts also could be kept, and food rations were distributed.



The Sesquicentennial

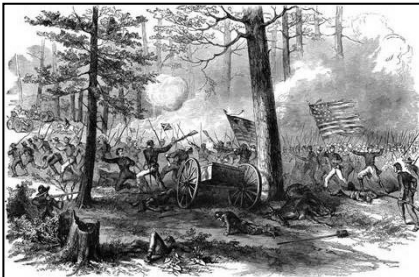


March 1865

A Fight at Bentonville

On March 19, Confederate Gen. Joseph Johnston, who recently was put in command of the Southern forces in the Carolinas, attacked the left wing of the advancing Federal army led by Maj. Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman at Bentonville, N.C.

The first day of the battle saw the last major attack by Confederate forces. Initially successful, it stalled, and Federal reinforcements arrived. The fight ended March 21 after a Union offensive led by Maj. Gen. Joseph Mower nearly secured a bridge that was the only route of retreat to Smithfield for Johnston.



Mower's Charge

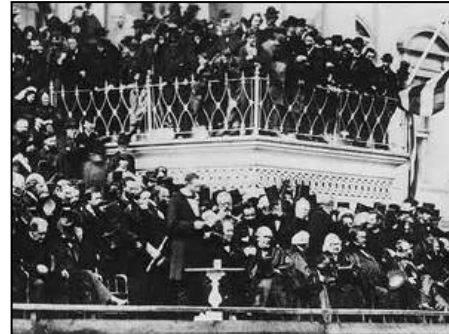
The Union forces suffered about 1,500 casualties at Bentonville, while Johnston's Confederates saw more than 2,500 killed, wounded, and captured — casualties they could not afford.

Prior to the clash at Bentonville, Sherman's army had captured Fayetteville, N.C., and fought Lt. Gen. William Hardee's Confederates at Averasboro.

Also in March 1865, Lincoln met with Grant and Sherman to discuss strategy and potential terms of peace, Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed into law a measure that allows the enlistment of black soldiers, Confederates failed on an attack on Fort Stedman near Petersburg, Va., Union forces began a siege of Mobile, Ala., and Federals launched their Appomattox Campaign against Lee.

With Malice Toward None

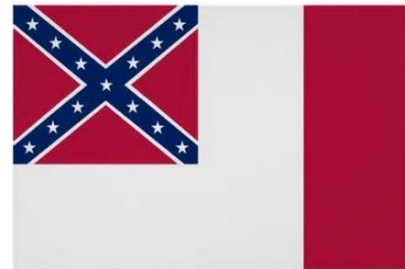
On March 4, President Abraham Lincoln gave his second inaugural address and said it was "time to bind up the nation's wounds."



Lincoln ended his relatively brief but powerful speech appealing to citizens to remember that the Civil War was a conflict that had been fought between brothers and the nation must strive to "achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace." The President called for the restoration of the Union with "malice toward none" and "charity for all."

A New Flag

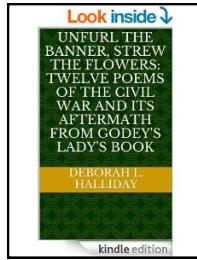
On March 4, Confederate lawmakers approved the South's third national flag.



The Third National pattern shortened the white field and added a vertical red bar to the end of the Second National flag, which had been the official banner since May 1863.

Period Poetry

A small collection of Civil War period poetry is available on Amazon.com.



The electronic book consists of 12 poems from *Godey's Lady's Book*, a popular periodical during the mid 19th century. The poems represent the voices of both men and women, written by people impacted by the Civil War.

The poetry was collected by Deborah Halliday and is available for the Amazon Kindle for 99 cents. It also can be read using a free application offered for download by Amazon. To access, go to <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B00F78B2IO>.

Upcoming Events

March 7: CSS *Neuse* Civil War Interpretive Center in Kinston, N.C., offers a living history event covering the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Wyse Fork and the scuttling of the ironclad. Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, go online to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/neuse/neuse.htm> or telephone (252) 522-2107.

March 14, 15: The Museum of the Cape Fear offers a living history program on the Union occupation of Fayetteville. Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sun. See <http://www.ncdcr.gov/ncmcf> or call (910) 486-1330 for more information.

March 16: The Cape Fear Regional Theater in Fayetteville, N.C., hosts Wade Sokolosky on Sherman's Carolinas Campaign. Free. 7 p.m. For more, see <http://www.ncdcr.gov/ncmcf> or call (910) 486-1330.

March 21, 22: Bentonville Battlefield Historic Site near Four Oaks, N.C., holds a 150th anniversary event with living history and battle re-enactment. 9 a.m.– 5 p.m. \$15 at event (\$10 for children). For more, see <http://www.fobb.net/150thBentonville> or call (910) 594-0789.

March 26: The Triad Acoustic Stage in Greensboro, N.C., presents an evening of Civil War music and story-telling by Bobby Horton. \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. 8 p.m. For details, see <http://www.triadacousticstage.com> or call (336) 292-2325.

Road Trip to Bentonville

RCWRT President Ted Kunstling and member Jack Milani are leading a group outing to the 150th anniversary events at Bentonville, N.C. They have rented a 15-passenger van for the trip.



The group will meet at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 21 at the Celebration at Six Forks McDonald's (7301 Six Forks Road), with an anticipated return time of 8 p.m. The cost is \$25 (for both transport and event ticket) or \$14 for transportation if you purchase your own event ticket.

For details on the Bentonville event, see <http://www.fobb.net/150thbentonville>. To join the road trip, contact Ted at trkunstling@aol.com or (919) 787-5282 or Jack at 1huntmstr@gmail.com or (919) 848-3670.

Preservation News

The Civil War Trust is seeking to preserve critical ground at the Trevilian Station, Va., battlefield.



The land targeted for preservation is 70 acres upon which Lt. Edward Williston of the 2nd U.S. Artillery was awarded a Medal of Honor for helping save a wavering line during a June 12, 1864, cavalry fight.

The Trust's goal in this campaign is to raise \$102,625. Donations are matched at a 5.34:1 rate!

For details, go to <http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/trevilianstation/trevilian-station-2015>.

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

April: Mark Bradley, End of the Civil War in NC
May: Lee Craig, Economics of the American Civil War
June: Will Hansen, Research at the Duke Library
July: Doug Mattox, Civil War Coins and Stamps

In Memoriam

The Raleigh Civil War Round Table offers its sympathies to the friends and family of Harry W. Pfanz, author and former chief historian of the National Park Service. He was 93.



Harry Pfanz

Harry grew up on a farm near Columbus, Ohio. During World War II, he served as a lieutenant in the 912th Field Artillery Battalion and was seriously wounded at the Battle of the Bulge. Harry worked as a historian for the Army and at the Gettysburg National Military Park.

From 1974 until he retired in 1981, Harry was the National Park Service's chief historian. After Harry retired, he wrote what many consider the definitive works on the Battle of Gettysburg: *Gettysburg: The First Day*, *Gettysburg: The Second Day*, and *Gettysburg: Culp's Hill & Cemetery Hill*. Before his death, Harry lived in Gaithersburg, Md., and was active in the Lutheran church.

New Members!

The RCWRT welcomes our newest members, David Huffey (Youngsville) and Brenda McKean (Durham). If you know someone who is interested in the Civil War, 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.