

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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January 7 Event Features Ed Bearss Speaking on Battlefield Medicine

Edwin C. Bearss is one of the most respected Civil War scholars alive today and is considered by many to be a national treasure.



Ed served as Chief Historian of the National Park Service and was featured in Ken Burns' PBS series, *The Civil War*, as well as Arts & Entertainment Channel's *Civil War Journal*.

He is an award-winning author, having written or edited more than 20 books in addition to

more than 100 articles. Among his many works are *The Battle at Wilson's Creek*, *Forrest at Brice's Cross Roads*, *Hardluck Ironclad*, and *The Vicksburg Campaign*. Ed also provides the overview in the RCWRT's documentary film on the 1865 events in North Carolina.

In 1983, Ed received the Department of Interior's Distinguished Service Award, its highest honor. Ed also was the first recipient of Civil War Preservation Trust's most prestigious national award, which is now named after him. In November 2005, he was identified in Smithsonian Magazine's cover story, "35 who made a difference."

In 2008, the RCWRT awarded Ed our first T. Harry Gatton Award for "his tireless efforts in support of the preservation of countless Civil War battlefields and the memory of those who fought and died on them."

Ed served in the Pacific theater with the Marine Corps during World War II, and was severely wounded by machine-gun fire. At our January 2017 event, he will speak on battlefield medicine.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Due to gubernatorial inaugural events, our annual Ed Bearss event will be held at an alternative location, Holy Trinity Church in Raleigh. The church is on 100 East Peace Street, just a few blocks north of our usual meeting place. The event is \$10 per person and will be held on a Saturday at 2 p.m., with doors opening a half hour earlier.

~ Civil War Medicine ~

Both North and South were medically unprepared for the battle casualties and exposure to elements and disease that their soldiers would face. Twice as many soldiers would die of disease during the Civil War than in combat.



However, many medical and surgical advances would take place during the war, including the safe use of anesthetics, the creation of specialty and large general hospitals, the first plastic surgery, the development of an ambulance system, and certain new disease prevention and surgical techniques.



Louisiana

The States During the Civil War



The 'Pelican State'

Louisiana entered the Union in 1812, the 18th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. The "Pelican State" was home to New Orleans, the largest city in the South and a critical port. It was captured by Federal forces in April 1862. Parts of the state were under Union control for much of the war and Confederate and occupation governors held office at the same time during that period.

In 1860, Louisiana had a population of 708,002. Of those, nearly half, or 331,726 people, were slaves. The Pelican State also had one of the largest free black populations in the country. Louisiana was the sixth state to join the Confederacy, seceding through a vote by convention delegates.



Louisiana Monument, Gettysburg

1860 Election Results:

John C. Breckenridge (Dem)	22,681 (44.9%)
John Bell (Union)	20,204 (40.0%)
Stephen Douglas (Dem)	7,625 (15.1%)

Secession Vote (1/26/61 Convention):

For	113
Against	17

Governors:

Thomas O. Moore (Dem)	Jan. 23, 1860 – Jan. 25, 1864
Henry W. Allen (Dem)	Jan. 25, 1864 – June 2, 1865
*George F. Shepley (Rep)	July 2, 1862-March 4, 1864
*Michael Hahn (Rep)	March 4, 1864-March 4, 1865
*James M. Wells (Rep)	March 4, 1865-June 3, 1867
* Union governors	

'Louisiana Tigers'

Dozens of infantry, militia, artillery, and cavalry units from Louisiana served the Confederate cause, about 56,000 men. More than 3,000 of them were killed or wounded during the Civil War. The state also was the source of men who fought in the Union army, including soldiers in several black units. More than 24,000 black men served in the Union army, the most from any state.



Tigers in New Orleans, 1861

Among the notable units from the state was the "Louisiana Tigers." The infantry unit was initially a battalion under Maj. Chatham Roberdeau Wheat that had its ranks a company that wore the famed Zouave uniform. Wheat's Tigers fought bravely at the first Battle of Bull Run. Later in the war, the term "Louisiana Tigers" was expanded to the brigade, and then to all 12,000 men from the state who served in the Army of Northern Virginia.

The first black regiment in the U.S. Army, the 1st Regiment Louisiana Native Guard, was organized in September 1862. Black units from the Pelican State distinguished themselves during the war, including at Port Hudson and Milliken's Bend.

New Orleans was a vital port and an early military target for the Union forces. It was captured in 1862 by Admiral David Farragut and infamously occupied by troops under Gen. Benjamin Butler. A number of other battles were fought in Louisiana, primarily aimed at control of the major waterways.

Among the individuals of note from Louisiana were P.G.T. Beauregard, who commanded Confederate forces in Charleston when the war opened. Other generals from the state included Braxton Bragg, Randall Gibson, Harry T. Hays and Alfred Mouton.

Ed Bearss' 2017 Carolinas Campaign



Once again, Ed is touring North Carolina giving talks around the state. Below are dates of his events and planned topics for his 2017 campaign:

Weds., Jan. 4, Southport. The USS Cairo

Thurs., Jan. 5, Pinehurst. John S. Mosby

Fri., Jan. 6, Tarboro. The Rock of Chickamauga

Sat., Jan. 7, Raleigh. Battlefield Medicine

Sun., Jan. 8, New Bern. Reflections on the War



Upcoming Events

January 14. Fort Fisher Historical Site in Kure Beach, N.C., commemorates the 152nd anniversary of the second battle at the fort. Living history event includes Rod Gragg and Richard Triebe, historians and authors who will be available to sign their books. Cannon fire and re-enactors as well as two Junior Reserves programs aimed at “the young and the young at heart.” Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on the event, go online to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/fisher> or telephone (910) 458-5538.

February 18. Longwood University in Farmville, Va., holds its annual Civil War seminar. The event is free. The event begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until about 4 p.m. Details on speakers and their topics yet to be announced. Information will be posted at <http://www.longwood.edu> when available.

'Galvanized Yankees'

During the Civil War, “galvanized Yankees” was used to refer to former Confederate prisoners of war who swore allegiance to the Union and joined its ranks.

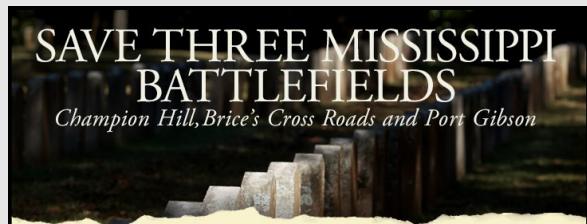


For Southerners, pledging allegiance to the United States government was an opportunity to escape the terrible conditions of Civil War prison camps. But as their loyalties were somewhat in doubt, such men were generally assigned to garrison faraway forts or were sent to fight Native Americans in the West.

Six regiments of galvanized Yankees were organized from Union prison camps late in the war. The initial unit, the 1st U.S. Volunteer Infantry, was raised at Point Lookout, Md., in early 1864. Other such units were raised from that prison and camps in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

Preservation News

The Civil War Trust is seeking to preserve key ground at three battlefields in Mississippi.



The targeted property includes 434 acres at the sites of the May 1863 battles of Champion Hill and Port Gibson, part of Grant's Vicksburg Campaign, as well as land associated with the June 1864 battle of Brice's Cross Roads.

The Trust's goal in this campaign is to raise \$293,000. Donations are matched at a 6.2:1 rate!

For details, go to <http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/championhill/mississippi-2016>.

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

February: Michael Zatarga, Battle of Roanoke Island
March: Jim Gaddis, Gen. Richard Gatlin
April: John Quarstein, USS *Monitor*
May: Michael Hardy, NC as last Confederate capital

Raffle Items for January Meeting!

The following items will be raffled off at the RCWRT's Jan. 7 meeting with Ed Bearss. Tickets are \$5 each, three for \$10. You do not have to be present to win. The artwork was once again generously donated by Rick Mullen, owner of Ashley's Art Gallery in Fuquay-Varina. The giclee canvases will be unframed and Rick will add his popular basic frame for \$99 on the canvas if the winner so chooses.



FIRST PRIZE: "Respect for an Army" by Mort Kunstler features Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Court House. See <http://ashleyart.com/respect-of-an-army-by-mort-kunstler-signature-canvas> for details.



SECOND PRIZE: "Evening Orders in Strasburg" by John Paul Strain features Stonewall Jackson & Captain Abram Spengler in March 1862. See <http://ashleyart.com/evening-orders-in-strasburg-giclee-canvas-by-john-paul-strain> for details.

Several Civil War books also will be included in the raffle.

New Member!

The Raleigh Civil War Roundtable welcomes our newest member, Dennis St. Andrew of Cary, N.C. If you know of someone with an interest in the Civil War, bring them to our next 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 (located at 5 Edenton Street, across from the State Capitol). Members and guests are encouraged to meet for supper at K&W Cafeteria, 511 Woodburn Rd., in Cameron Village before the meeting, at 5:15 pm.

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.