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Raleigh Civil War Round Table
The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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February 13 Meeting Features Michael Zatarga Speaking on the Battle of Roanoke Island

Historian and author Michael P. Zatarga will speak at the Raleigh Civil War Round Table's February 13 meeting on the Battle of Roanoke Island.



Michael grew up surrounded by history in New York's Hudson Valley. This led to a career in the history field, first with a B.A. from the State University of New York at New Paltz, then an M.A. from Western Connecticut State University in Danbury. He then went to work with the National Park Service at Guilford Courthouse NMP in Greensboro, N.C., and Fort Raleigh NHS in Manteo.

Michael has been involved in living history since high school and has spoken at events stretching from Massachusetts to South Carolina. He was the living history coordinator for the 150th Anniversary Commemoration of the Civil War on the "Outer Banks: Flags Over Hatteras" event.

He has written several articles including the National Park Service's informational brochure on the Battle of Roanoke Island and is the author of *The Battle of Roanoke Island: Burnside and the Fight for North Carolina*, published by The History Press as part of its Sesquicentennial Series. Those works form the basis of his presentation to the RCWRT.

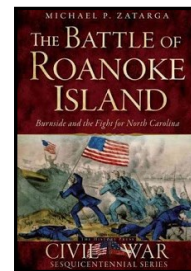
Michael lives on Roanoke Island with his wife and three children.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The raffle of Mort Kunstler and J.P. Strain prints (see our January newsletter Vm. 17, No. 1, p. 4 for photos and descriptions) will now be held at our February meeting, as last month's event had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Books by both our speaker and our latest Gatton awardee (see below and p. 4) also will be available for purchase.

~ Roanoke Island ~

When Union Gen. Ambrose Burnside came up with a plan to invade eastern North Carolina, Federal forces had failed to win a significant victory over Confederates during the course of the war.



In February 1862, a Union force of some 60 ships and 13,000 men would arrive off the island, facing about 3,000 Confederates supported by a fleet of small boats. Following a bombardment and assault, Burnside's men captured the island in a much-needed Union victory.



Indiana

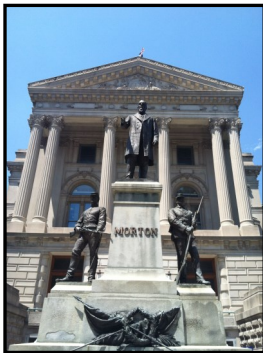
The States During the Civil War



The 'Hoosier State'

Indiana entered the Union in 1816, the 19th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. Even though there was some anti-war activity and southern ties within its borders, the "Hoosier State" was an early and vital source of manpower and leadership for the Union cause. Indiana also was critical to the Federal war effort due to its significant agricultural production and geographical location.

In 1860, Indiana had 1,350,428 residents. About 208,000 men from the Hoosier State served in the United States army, navy, and marines. Although they primarily served in the Western Theater, men from Indiana fought in most of the major battles of the war from Philippi, Va., in June 1861 to Palmetto Ranch, Texas in May 1865. Indiana suffered 25,028 war-related deaths, of which 7,243 were men killed in action.



Morton Statue, Indianapolis

1860 Election Results:

Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	139,033 (51.1%)
Stephen Douglas (Dem)	115,509 (42.4%)
John Breckenridge (Dem)	12,295 (4.5%)
John Bell (Union)	5,306 (2.0%)

1864 Election Results:

Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	150,422 (53.6%)
George McClellan (Dem)	130,233 (46.4%)

Governors:

Oliver P. Morton (Rep) Jan. 16, 1861 – Jan. 23, 1867

'Hoosiers'

Indiana provided some 129 regiments of infantry, 13 cavalry regiments, and 27 batteries of artillery to the Union cause. In addition, thousands of men from the state volunteered for the Indiana Legion, the state's home guard. More than 35 percent of the Hoosiers who joined the Union army became casualties.



19th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment

Among the notable units from Indiana was the Iron Brigade's 19th Infantry Regiment that suffered a 15.9 percent casualty rate during the war, many at Gettysburg. The 20th and 27th Infantry Regiments also saw a high proportion of casualties. The 11th Indiana, under Lew Wallace, was the first regiment that saw battle from the state. The 14th Infantry Regiment stood out for its actions at Antietam. The 32nd Indiana was made up of German-Americans and the 35th was of Irish descent. The 28th USCT was raised from black men from the state.

The 34th Indiana's Pvt. John J. Williams, killed at the Battle of Palmetto Ranch on May 13, 1865, is considered to be the last casualty of the Civil War.

Although Indiana did not see any major battles, the town of Newburg was briefly held by Confederates in July 1862, the first Northern town to be captured during the war. The state again saw fighting in the summer of 1863, with John Hunt Morgan's cavalry raid. Indiana also was the site of Camp Morton, one of the largest Union prisoner of war camps.

In addition to Wallace, more than 40 other Union generals were from or had lived in Indiana, including Benjamin Harrison, Don Carlos Buell, Ambrose Burnside, Joseph J. Reynolds and Robert H. Milroy. Abraham Lincoln grew from youth to manhood in southern Indiana.

N.C. History Center

The North Carolina Civil War History Center that is being planned for Fayetteville has taken a major step forward toward an opening. Recent pledges of more than \$15 million in support from the City of Fayetteville and Cumberland County were recently announced.



“This support, coupled with private donations we have received make the opening of the Center all but inevitable,” according to Dr. James Leutze, chair of the center’s board of advisors.

The N.C. History Center aims to tell the accurate story of all types of North Carolinians during the Civil War and Reconstruction eras. For details on the plans, including a 6-minute project overview video, see <http://www.nccivilwarcenter.org>.

Revised Edition Available!

An updated and expanded edition of the book on Sherman’s 1865 Campaign by CWRT member and newest Gatton awardee, Wade Sokolosky (see p.4), is now available!



The new edition of *No Such Army Since the Days of Julius Caesar: Sherman's Carolinas Campaign from Fayetteville to Averagesboro* is published by Savas Beatie and includes new original maps, numerous illustrations, orders of battle and a detailed driving and walking tour for battlefield enthusiasts.

Wade will be available to offer and sign his new book at the RCWRT's February meeting. The book also may be purchased online and at bookstores.

Upcoming Events

February. In recognition of Black History Month, the CSS *Neuse* Interpretive Center in Kinston, N.C., will be featuring weekly profiles of African American sailors from both the Union and the Confederacy in the lobby area, which may be viewed free of charge. Go to <http://nchistoricsites.org/neuse/neuse.htm> or telephone (252) 522-2107 for more information.

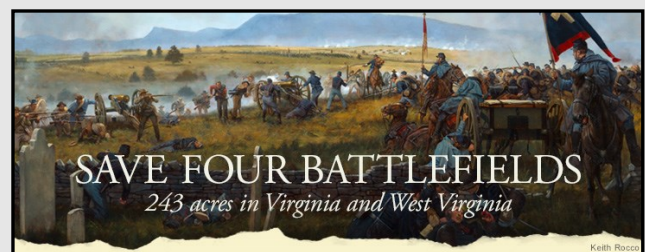
Feb. 18. Longwood University in Farmville, Va., holds its annual Civil War seminar. This year's event is titled "Leadership in the Civil War" and features Eric Buckland, Ralph Peters, William C. Davis, and Richard J. Sommers. Free. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. See <http://www.longwood.edu> or call David Coles at (434) 395-2220 for details.

Feb. 18-19. Fort Anderson in Winnabow, N.C., holds an artillery program with living history, hands on activities, guided tours. \$10, with proceeds going to a seacoast cannon fund. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (910) 371-661 or visit <http://nchistoricsites.org/brunswic/brunswic.htm>.

March 4. Bennett Place Historical Site in Durham, N.C., is offering its first of a series of Saturday lectures focusing on the role of women in the Civil War; Angela Marritt speaks on women working during reconstruction. 1 p.m. \$5. Telephone (919) 383-4345 or go online to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bennett/bennett.htm>.

Preservation News

The Civil War Trust is seeking to save 243 acres at four key sites in Virginia and West Virginia.



The targeted property includes land at the heart of the October 1864 battle of Cedar Creek, Va., as well as a 200-acre tract at Harper's Ferry, W.Va., key ground at Greenbrier River, W.Va., and property at New Market Heights, Va.

The Trust's goal in this campaign is to raise \$147,345. Donations are matched at a 14.96:1 rate!

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

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

March: Jim Gaddis, Gen. Richard Gatlin

April: John Quarstein, USS Monitor

May: Michael Hardy, NC as last Confederate capital

Sokolosky Latest Gatton Awardee

The recipient of the RCWRT's 2017 T. Harry Gatton Award is Colonel (Ret.) Wade Sokolosky. Our latest award will be presented at the Round Table's February 2017 meeting.



Wade is a native of Beaufort, N.C., who graduated from East Carolina and is a 25-year U.S. Army veteran. He co-authored *No Such Army Since the Days of Julius Caesar: Sherman's Carolinas Campaign from Fayetteville to Averasboro*, and wrote *Final Roll Call: Confederate Losses during the Carolinas Campaign* and *To Prepare for Sherman's Coming: The Battle of Wise's Forks, March 1865*. Wade also spoke about Averasboro on the RCWRT's documentary film about the end of the war in North Carolina.

Wade is being recognized for "his important efforts to study, preserve and share the Civil War heritage of his native North Carolina. His research and publications have added to the understanding of some of North Carolina's most significant military engagements, and he has willingly and freely shared his knowledge with students of the Civil War by lecturing, leading battlefield tours, and extending fellowship."

The T. Harry Gatton Award was made possible through a generous endowment by Mary Gatton in the memory of her late husband as a way to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the understanding of and appreciation for the American Civil War. Previous awardees are: Ed Bearss (2008), Nora Brooks (2009), Charles Hawks (2010), Mark Bradley (2011), Leslie Rivers (2012), David Waller (2013), Tom Kearney (2014), Philip Gerard (2015), and Ernest Dollar (2016).



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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.