

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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July 10 Event Features Dr. John R. Peacock III On N.C. Troops in the 1862 Maryland Campaign

The Raleigh Civil War Round Table's July 2017 meeting will feature a talk by Dr. John R. Peacock III, professor of history and geography at Nash Community College in Rocky Mount, N.C.



Jay is a native of High Point, N.C, and graduated from Sanderson High School in Raleigh. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in history from Virginia Tech. In 1990, Jay obtained his Ph.D. in history from Louisiana State University. Since 1992, he has worked as a professor of history at

Nash Community College, where he currently serves as the president of the Faculty Senate and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies.

He inherited his interest in the Civil War from his father and grandfather, John R. Peacock Sr., who, in 1955, was the principal founder of the NC Civil War Round Table. Jay's great-great-grandfather, Professor O. W. Carr, served as captain of Co. G in the 46th North Carolina Infantry and saw action near the Dunker Church at Antietam, Md.

Jay has given numerous presentations to groups in North Carolina on the Civil War and other topics and serves on the North Carolina Humanities Council speakers' bureau. He also has authored articles published in *Recall*, the journal of the NC Military Historical Society.

Jay currently lives in Wilson with his wife, Teresa, and his sons, Jack and Andy.

His presentation at the July 10 meeting of the RCWRT is titled "North Carolina Troops in Robert E. Lee's Maryland Campaign of 1862," a talk inspired by his great-great-grandfather that he first gave to the SCV Camp in Wilson in 2004.

~ The 1862 Maryland Campaign ~

Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's first invasion of Maryland took place in September 1862, following his victory in the Northern Virginia Campaign.



Lee moved North with about 55,000 men and would face some 102,000 Federal troops under Maj. Gen. George McClellan. South Mountain and Antietam, the bloodiest single-day battle in U.S. history, would result, and the Confederate forces were pushed back into Virginia.



Missouri

The States During the Civil War



The 'Iron Mountain State'

Missouri entered the Union in 1821, the 24th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. The "Iron Mountain State," called that because of the large veins of iron ore it contained, was a hotly contested border state that was the center of competing ideologies. It saw violence prior to the Civil War and sent soldiers, leaders, and supplies to both sides of the conflict.

In 1860, Missouri had a population of 1,182,012. Of that total, 114,931 were slaves. The state was of strategic importance, located in the center of the country on the Mississippi River. Although the state had dual governments, it was effectively in Union control after the August 1861 battle of Wilson's Creek.



Missouri Monument, Vicksburg

1860 Election Results:

Stephen Douglas (Dem)	58,801 (35.5%)
John Bell (Union)	58,372 (35.3%)
John Breckenridge (Dem)	31,362 (18.9%)
Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	17,028 (10.3%)

1864 Election Results:

Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	72,750 (69.7%)
George McClellan (Dem)	31,596 (30.3%)

Governors*:

Claiborne F. Jackson (Dem)	Jan. 3, 1861 – July 23, 1861
Hamilton R. Gamble (Rep)	July 31, 1861 – Jan. 31, 1864
Willard P. Hall (Rep)	Jan. 31, 1864 – Jan. 2, 1865
Samuel Cony (Rep)	Jan. 2, 1865 – Jan. 12, 1869

*Claiborne Jackson (1861-1862) and Thomas C. Reynolds (1862-1865) served as the largely symbolic Confederate governors.

'Light German Brigade'

About 110,000 men from the Iron Mountain State served in Union forces and at least 40,000 fought for the Confederacy. Missouri provided 64 volunteer infantry regiments, 30 cavalry regiments, six artillery batteries, and 30 independent units to the Union cause. Germans represented about one-third of Missourians who fought for the Federal government. Some 27,000 soldiers and civilians from the state died during the Civil War.



Germans with the 17th Missouri (U.S.)

Among the notable units from Missouri were the 3rd, 12th, and 17th Infantry regiments, which made up the "Light German Brigade," that saw fighting at Pea Ridge, Lookout Mountain, and battles in the Atlanta Campaign. Thirty-nine Missouri regiments were at Vicksburg: 17 Confederate and 22 Union.

Wilson's Creek was the first major battle of the Civil War west of the Mississippi River. After that fight, Missouri remained under Union control for the rest of the war. It largely saw guerilla warfare until 1864, when Sterling Price's Confederate force failed in an attempt to regain control of the state. Missouri also was the location of Jefferson Barracks, one of the largest Federal hospitals in the country, with more than 30,000 beds.

While living in Missouri, Dred Scott made history by initiating a legal battle to try to gain his freedom. Brig. Gen. Nathaniel Lyon, commanding the Union forces in the state, was killed at Wilson's Creek. Bloody Bill Anderson and Frank and Jesse James began their infamous careers there during the war.

Ed Bearss Hits New Bern

Honorary RCWRT member and friend Ed Bearss will be visiting New Bern to give a talk on July 13. Ed, who turned 94 on June 26, is the former chief historian of the National Park Service and will offer his reflections on the Civil War.

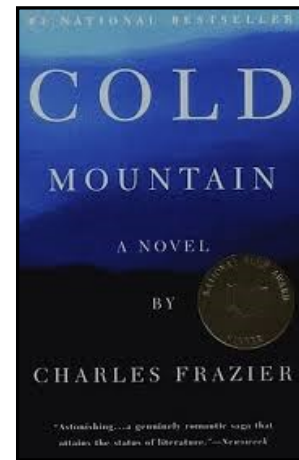


The event, rescheduled from January due to weather issues, will be held at 11 a.m. in the North Carolina History Center's Cullman Auditorium. A \$10 tax-deductible donation per person will go to support the New Bern Battlefield Park.

To reserve a seat or for more information, contact the New Bern Historical Society at (252) 638-8558 or see <http://newbernhistorical.org/ed-bearss-lecture>.

Cold Mountain Returns!

Cold Mountain, a 1997 historical novel about a Confederate army deserter's difficult trek home, will be on stage later this year.



The North Carolina Opera in Chapel Hill will present its rendition of Charles Frazier's award-winning book from Thurs., Sept. 28, through Sun., Oct. 1.

For more information or tickets, call (919) 792-3850 or go online to <http://www.ncopera.org>.

Upcoming Events

July 8. Fort Fisher Historical Site in Kure Beach, N.C., hosts Richard Triebe speaking on the infamous federal prison camp in New York, Elmira. Free. 2 p.m. Visit <http://www.friendsoffortfisher.com> online or phone (910) 458-5538 for more information.

July 8. The CSS *Neuse* Civil War Interpretive Center in Kinston, N.C., offers a "Hands on History" event with examples of different types of photographs developed around the Civil War era. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$5 for adults. For more, telephone (252) 522-2107 or go online to <http://nchistoricsites.org/neuse/neuse.htm>.

July 15. Fort Fisher Historical Site in Kure Beach, N.C., offers Andrew Dupstadt speaking on the final days of the Confederate ironclad, the CSS *Neuse*. Free. 2 p.m. Visit <http://www.friendsoffortfisher.com> online or call (910) 458-5538 for details.

July 29. Fort Fisher Historical Site in Kure Beach, N.C., hosts Michael Hardy, presenting on "The Twisted History of North Carolina and the Civil War." Free. 2 p.m. Visit <http://www.friendsoffortfisher.com> online or phone (910) 458-5538 for more information.

Preservation News

The Civil War Trust's campaign to preserve key ground at Fredericksburg's Slaughter Pen Farm in Virginia continues.



The targeted property includes 208 acres of land where the most vicious hand-to-hand combat during the Dec. 13, 1862, battle occurred. The property was secured from private ownership in 2006, but the Trust needs to cover its annual payment.

The Trust's overall goal in this campaign is to raise \$12,000,000. Donations are matched at a 1:1 rate.

For details, go to <https://www.civilwar.org/give/save-battlefields/save-slaughter-pen-farm>.

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

August: Robert Thomas, Longstreet's monument
September: Randy Sauls, Battle of Goldsboro Bridge
October: Debbie Blake, Rose O'Neal Greenhow
November: Jeff Bockert, blockade runners
December: holiday party
January: annual Ed Bearss event

Symposium a Success!

On June 24, the RCWRT held the first of what we hope is an annual symposium.



The informative event featured Mark Bradley, staff historian at the U.S. Army Center of Military History in Washington D.C., speaking on the federal occupation of North Carolina; Ernest Dollar, director of the City of Raleigh and Pope House museums, on the postwar capital of Raleigh; Angela Robbins, assistant professor of history at Meredith College, on the role of women in reconstruction; and, W. Fitzhugh Brundage, chair of the department of history at UNC-Chapel Hill, on the Civil War in memory and memorials. Thanks to all who helped make this a quality symposium!

What You Missed on Facebook

Recent posts on our Facebook page include symposium photos, an article and pictures about the opening of the Elmira prison camp in New York to the public for the first time since the war, and information about the balloon corps and other interesting topics related to the Civil War. Come join us—its free! Go to <http://www.facebook.com> and search for "Raleigh Civil War Roundtable."



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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.