

The Knapsack

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

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October 9 Event Features Debbi Blake On Confederate Spy Rose O'Neal Greenhow

The Raleigh Civil War Round Table's October 2017 meeting will feature Debbi Blake, the State Archives' manager of collection services.



A native of Raleigh, Debbi received her Bachelor's degree in English from UNC-Greensboro, where she also earned a graduate degree in Child Development and Family Relations.

Debbie worked for two years as a 4-H agent for Granville County with the North Carolina Extension Service. She subsequently earned a graduate-level teaching certificate and then taught for 12 years at a private school in Greensboro, N.C.

After returning to Raleigh, Debbi earned a Masters degree in Archival Management in 1993 from N.C. State University while working at the state archives.

In 2000, Debbi was appointed the public services branch supervisor at the archives before becoming the collection services manager. She has previously presented to the RCWRT a talk on using the state archives for research.

At our October 2017 meeting, Debbi will give us a presentation on the famous female Confederate spy Rose O'Neal Greenhow.

Social Time Added to Meetings!

Beginning Monday, October 9, meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an opportunity to socialize and meet with speakers. Light refreshments will be served. The programs will still begin at 7 p.m.

~ Rose O'Neal Greenhow ~

Rose O'Neal Greenhow had important connections and friendships with politicians and high-ranking military officers in Washington, D.C., that she used to spy for the Confederacy.



Greenhow was credited with helping ensure the Confederate victory in the first battle of Bull Run, was later imprisoned for nearly five months, went to Europe to represent the Confederacy, and drowned off the coast of Wilmington, N.C., in 1864 when her rowboat capsized as she tried to escape a Union gunboat.



Florida

The States During the Civil War



The 'Peninsula State'

Florida entered the Union as a slave state in 1845, the 27th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. The Peninsula State seceded on Jan. 10, 1861, the third Southern state to do so.

In 1860, Florida had a population of 140,424. Of that total, 61,745, or nearly one half, were slaves. The state was an important source of beef, fish, salt, and other supplies to the Confederate cause and its long coastline was actively used by blockade runners.

Despite its relatively small population, about 15,000 men from the state saw service in the Confederate forces. Nearly one-third of them would not survive the war. More than 1,000 former slaves from Florida also would serve in the Union army and navy.



Florida Monument, Chickamauga

1860 Election Results for Florida:

John Breckenridge (Dem)	8,277 (62.2%)
John Bell (Union)	4,801 (36.2%)
Stephen Douglas (Dem)	223 (1.7%)

Secession Vote (1/10/61 Convention):

For	62
Against	7

Florida's Civil War Governors:

Madison S. Perry (Dem)	Oct. 5, 1857 – Oct. 7, 1861
John Milton (Dem)	Oct. 7, 1861 – April 1, 1865
Abraham K. Allison (Dem)	April 1, 1865 – May 19, 1865

'Cow Cavalry'

Florida provided 11 infantry regiments, as well as a number of other infantry, cavalry, and artillery units to the Confederate cause. Small militia groups, made up of ranchers and cowhands called the "Cow Cavalry" also were formed. They were to protect the cattle ranches, salt works, and small towns in the southern part of Florida.



Confederate Battery, Pensacola

Among the notable units from Florida were the 1st and 3rd Regiments, which were consolidated in 1862 after the two units were depleted, and fought at Stones River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, in the Atlanta Campaign, and at Bentonville. The 2nd, 5th, and 8th Regiments served in Army of Northern Virginia and were later joined by the 9th, 10th, and 11th Regiments led by Florida native Gen. Joseph Finegan.

There were a number of skirmishes and relatively small battles in Florida, and Union forces occupied Pensacola beginning in early 1862 after a fight at Fort Pickens. In February 1864, Federal troops sought to capture the state capital at Tallahassee, isolate the state, and cut off the Confederate supply line. The resulting battle at Olustee was a victory for Confederate forces, but casualties for both sides were high. Before federal troops finally occupied the capital in May 1865, Governor John Milton took his own life to avoid witnessing the Confederacy's fall.

In addition to Finegan, notable individuals that were from Florida included Confederate generals William Loring and Edmund Kirby Smith. The Confederacy's Secretary of the Navy, Stephen R. Mallory, also hailed from the Peninsula State.

Lincoln Abroad

“Abraham Lincoln is said to have never traveled overseas. Nevertheless, long ago on a damp, wind-swept platform in Edinburgh, Scotland, Private Henry Heath stared into the face of the president who had secured his freedom from a Confederate prison, saving him from almost certain death. Heath had sailed thousands of miles to see his commander in chief that afternoon. As they both stood in the rain, Heath doubtlessly thought back to how they first came to meet...”



The rest of the fascinating story about the memorial erected to honor Lincoln, submitted by Steve Glazer, Lt. Col., US Army (Ret), is on our website at <http://www.raleighcwr.org/news-articles>. Glazer's tale is about the only monument on foreign soil dedicated to the men who fought during the Civil War.

Did You Know?

After the Civil War, the infamous Confederate Libby Prison in Richmond, Va., was moved brick-by-brick and rebuilt more than 600 miles away in Chicago.



A high wall was constructed around the building and, from 1889 until 1899, the new Libby prison museum was open to the public with its relic and art displays. It operated during the 1893 World's Fair and was profitable until it closed and a new structure was built on the site, with many bricks disposed of as souvenirs. More information on the prison's move can be found online at <https://chicagology.com/goldenage/goldenage118>.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 7. Bennett Place historical site in Durham, N.C., presents "Reunion & Remembrance," a living history event honoring soldiers from both sides of the conflict. Free admission. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Go online to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bennett/bennett.htm> or telephone (919) 383-4345 for more information.

Oct. 21. The CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center in Kinston, N.C., presents a program on 19th Century shipbuilding techniques. Rope making and knot tying available. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat. Free admission, with a \$2 fee for ironclad craft). For details, visit <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/neuse/neuse.htm> or telephone (252) 522-2107.

Oct. 28. Bentonville Battlefield near Four Oaks, N.C., offers a fall festival with military and civilian programs. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat. Free. For more, see <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/bentonvi.htm> or call (910) 594-0789.

Nov. 4-5. Fort Branch near Hamilton, N.C., holds its annual re-enactment. The site's museum is open. Free admission with a modest fee for parking. Send email to fort.branch.nc@gmail.com or go online to <http://fortbranchcivilwarsite.com> for details.

Preservation News

The Civil War Trust has launched a new campaign to preserve key ground at Gettysburg.



The targeted property is two acres of Oak Ridge, upon which Gen. Alfred Iverson's North Carolina brigade suffered massive casualties on July 1, 1863, the battle's first day

The Trust's goal in this campaign is to raise \$44,000. Donations are matched at a 10:1 rate!

For details, see the Trust's website at <https://www.civilwar.org/gettysburg17>.

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

November: Jeff Bockert, blockade runners

December: holiday party

January: annual Ed Bearss event

Gatton Award Nominations Sought

Each year, the Raleigh Civil War Round Table honors an individual who has distinguished themselves through their work or efforts related to the study of the Civil War through its T. Harry Gatton Award. The person may be an author, scholar, artist, speaker, or anyone whom the RCWRT's Board of Directors believes should receive this honor.

Members who wish to nominate someone for this honor should send the name of their nominee and why they believe that person should be considered to President Ted Kunstling, 500 Spring Valley Dr., Raleigh NC 27609 or via email to trkunstling@aol.com. Nominations are due Nov. 30. The Gatton Award will be presented at our Ed Bearss event in January 2018.

New Program Leadership

A note from the President: The RCWRT Board is pleased to announce that Pattie Smith has agreed to assume the duties of Program Chair, replacing David Waller. Pattie has been a very active member of the Round Table, serving on our board as well as on the board of Friends of Bentonville Battlefield. We appreciate the long service to the RCWRT of charter member David Waller, a past president and Gatton Award honoree. David is stepping back due to work and family responsibilities but he will continue to assist Pattie with programming along with Adam Medlin. Our goal is to continue to enjoy quality speakers and programs, and we welcome your thoughts and suggestions regarding speakers and topics. Please share your thoughts with Pattie (rvpls00@yahoo.com).

Three New Members!

The RCWRT welcomes our newest members, Fred Baritell (Raleigh), Lars Godwin (Willow Springs), and Buz Schultz (Durham). 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 6:30 pm at the N.C. Museum of History (located at 5 Edenton Street, across from the State Capitol). The programs begin at 7:00 p.m. 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.