

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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Our 218th Meeting



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April 8 Event Features Dr. Bruce M. Venter, Ph.D., Speaking on “The Kilpatrick-Dahlgren Raid on Richmond

Our upcoming meeting will be on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Daniels Auditorium at the NC Museum of History in Raleigh and will feature Dr. Bruce M. Venter, Ph.D., speaking on [The Kilpatrick-Dahlgren Raid on Richmond](#). This will be preceded at 6:30 pm by a social "half-hour".



Bruce Venter's major interest is Civil War cavalry with an emphasis on the career of Union general Judson Kilpatrick. He frequently lectures on the cavalry and has led bus tours on the Kilpatrick-Dahlgren raid, the focus of his book, [Kill Jeff Davis](#). In 2012 he participated in a re-enactment of Dahlgren's raid through

Goochland County where he rode with over 80 troopers for three days, serving as their historian. He is a past president of the Richmond Civil War Round Table and currently serves as 1st vice president of the Goochland County Historical Society.

He has published articles in *Blue and Gray*, *Civil War*, *Patriots of the American Revolution*, *Goochland County Historical Society Magazine*, *Washington Times* and numerous professional journals. He is also the author of [The Battle of Hubbardton: The Rear Guard Action that Saved America](#).

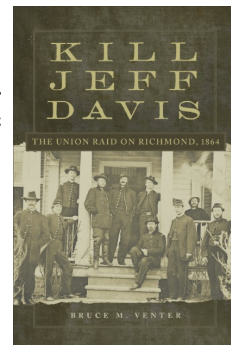
Venter spent 36 years in public education before his retirement, mostly as an assistant superintendent in school systems in New York, Virginia and Maryland. He holds a B.A. in history from Manhattan College and both a master's in public administration and a doctorate in educational administration from the University at Albany.

Bruce is president of America's History, LLC, a tour and conference company which he founded in 2010. He lives in Goochland County, Virginia, with his wife Lynne and their beagle "Sally Seddon."

A Synopsis of Bruce M. Venter's Book [Kill Jeff Davis — The Union Raid on Richmond, 1864](#)

The purported goal of the controversial Kilpatrick-Dahlgren Raid on Richmond (Feb. 28 – Mar. 3, 1864)

was to free some 13,000 Union prisoners of war held in the Confederate capital. But orders found on the dead body of the raid's subordinate commander, Colonel Ulrich Dahlgren, point instead to a plot to capture or kill Confederate president Jefferson Davis and set Richmond ablaze. What really happened, and how and why, are debated to this day. [Kill Jeff Davis — The Union Raid on Richmond](#) (ISBN: 978-0-8061-5153-3, University of Oklahoma Press) offers a fresh look at the failed raid and mines newly discovered documents and little-known sources to provide definitive answers.



In this detailed and deeply researched account of the most famous cavalry raid of the Civil War, author Bruce M. Venter describes an expedition that was carefully planned but poorly executed. A host of factors foiled the raid: bad weather, poor logistics, inadequate command and control, ignorance of the terrain, the failures of supporting forces, and the leaders' personal and professional shortcomings. Venter delves into the background and consequences of the debacle, beginning with the political maneuvering orchestrated by commanding Brig. Gen. Judson Kilpatrick to persuade President Abraham Lincoln and Sec. of War Edwin Stanton to approve the raid. Venter's examination of the relationship between Kilpatrick and Brig. Gen. George A. Custer illuminates the reasons why the flamboyant Custer was excluded from the Richmond raid.

Venter's thoughtful reinterpretations and well-reasoned observations put to rest many myths and misperceptions. He tells, at last, the full story of this hotly contested moment in Civil War history.



North Carolina Museum of History - Current Exhibits in the Civil War Gallery



By Charlie Knight, Curator of Military History

The Returned Battle Flags

When a flag was captured in battle, in the Confederate army it became the property of the Confederate War Department; the U.S. War Department never issued specific orders regarding flags, although they were supposed to be passed up the chain of command but this did not always occur. On both sides some were sent to the governor of the state where a regiment was from, some were claimed by the commander of the capturing unit as their personal property, and some simply disappeared – no doubt taken as personal prizes by their captors. But for those that did get sent to Washington or Richmond – for our purposes here, Washington – what happened to them?

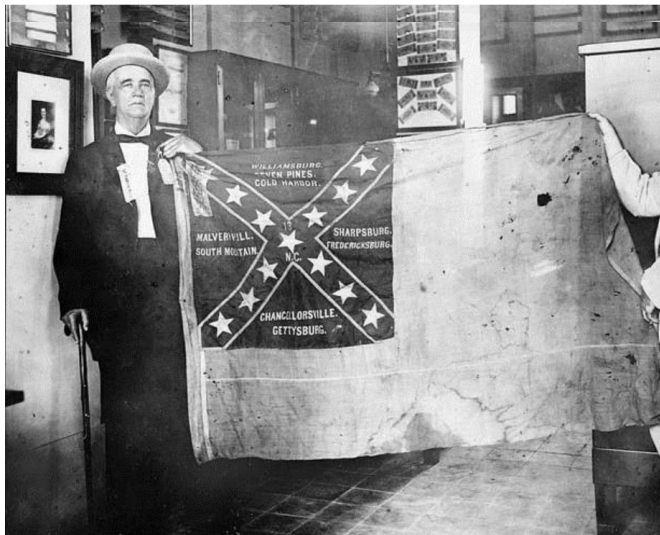
When captured Confederate flags were received by the U.S. War Department, they had what we now refer to as a “capture number” stenciled on them for identification purposes. This number was then cross-referenced with the information regarding the circumstances of the flag’s capture: by what soldier in what unit, where, when, what unit it was captured from, etc. – much like museums do today to ID artifacts. Sometimes, especially when large batches of flags were delivered at once, this information – usually recorded on a slip of paper accompanying the flag – got mixed up and associated with the wrong flag; in some cases this improper identification has never been corrected, or the error has been spotted but the correct ID is unfortunately not able to be made more than a century later.



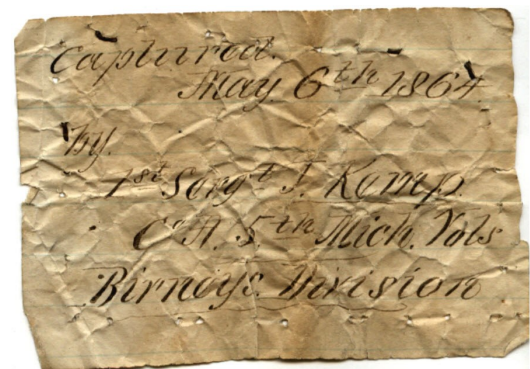
Returned flag belonging to the NC 13th Regiment



Returned flag belonging to the NC 33rd Regiment



Shown above is a Confederate veteran with the same flag in 1905. He was a color bearer of the 13th and lost a leg at Gettysburg; however, he never carried the flag he is pictured with.



Note accompanying the above flag. It reads as follows: "Captured May 6th 1864 by 1st Sarg. J. Kemp [.] Co. A [.] 5th Mich. Vols. [.] Birney's Division".

At the end of the war, hundreds of Confederate banners were in the possession of the U.S. War Department. Soon after the war, they were boxed up and put into storage, and not in what we would view today (or then) as

The Returned Battle Flags (cont.)

ideal conditions for their preservation either. In 1887 President Grover Cleveland issued an Executive Order to return the flags to the former Confederate states as a good will gesture. He had no idea the firestorm of controversy his good-intentioned measure would create.

Cleveland was a Democrat and he had not fought in the war, instead he hired a substitute and remained home in New York practicing law. These two factors made his plan to return the flags absolutely unacceptable to Union veterans and Republican politicians. Ohio Governor Joseph Foraker publicly stated his vehement opposition to the plan, as did the head of the Grand Army of the Republic, Lucius Fairchild, the former colonel of the 2nd Wisconsin of the Iron Brigade. The GAR was the largest Union veterans association, and largely Republican in its membership, thus not an organization any politician wanted to alienate. In condemning Cleveland's plan, Fairchild famously declared, "May God palsy the brain that conceived it, and may God palsy the tongue that dictated it!" The GAR retracted the invitation to Cleveland to speak at its annual reunion, and the flags became one of the leading political issues of the day. Amidst a wave of public outcry denouncing his well-intended reconciliation measure, Cleveland backtracked and said he had overstepped his authority – that only Congress could return the flags. In the election of 1888, Cleveland carried very few Northern states and most accounts have the veteran vote going strongly against him. The flags would remain in storage, with no plans for their return.

Fast forward almost two decades to 1905 and the Presidency of Theodore Roosevelt. The festering sectional wounds had healed much since 1887. Part of the reason was the Spanish-American War; men from both North and South had gone off to war in Cuba and the Philippines in 1898. In fact some of their leaders were Civil War veterans – former Union general Wesley Merritt commanded American ground forces in the Philippines, and former Confederate general Joe Wheeler commanded the American cavalry troops in Cuba (including Roosevelt's Rough Riders). Wheeler was not the only former Confederate general to serve in the war; Fitz Lee, Tom Rosser, and Matthew Butler also were commissioned as general officers during Span-Am, but only Wheeler saw combat.

The war with Spain did more toward sectional reconciliation than the politicians ever did, and Roosevelt thought the time was right to revisit the flag issue. He had the matter brought before Congress, and it passed unanimously even gaining the support of Joseph Foraker, then serving as a Senator from Ohio.

Those flags that could be identified were returned to their home state; those lacking any sort of identification were sent to the Confederate Memorial Literary Society in Richmond, later known as the Museum of the Confederacy. North Carolina received 32 flags from the War Dept., and they were placed almost immediately on exhibit in the "Hall of History" – now the NC Museum of the History – by director/curator Fred Olds. It is not certain, but it is thought that North Carolina was the only state which put

all its returned flags on public display. Olds added many more flags to the collection during his tenure, convincing their owners to donate them to the state museum, which now includes more than 100 Confederate flags.



Returned flag belonging to the NC 34th Regiment



Returned flag belonging to the NC 39th Regiment



The Cotton Belt Railroad produced a booklet for the United Confederate Veterans reunion in Louisville, KY, in 1905 listing all the returned flags. It has been reprinted at least once over the years as **The Returned Battle Flags** and is an indispensable source regarding CW vexillology. (Note: copies of this booklet are currently available for purchase on eBay as of 3-30-2019 at prices ranging from \$6.99 to \$225.00, Ed.)

Upcoming Events

Apr. 5-7, 2019: "Two Weeks of Fury" Carolinas Campaign Tour and Symposium

Monroe's Crossroads, Averasboro, Bentonville, and, optionally, Wise's Forks and the CSS Neuse Museum in Kinston, NC.

Sponsored by Friends of the Bentonville Battlefield, the "Two Weeks of Fury" Carolinas Campaign Tour and Symposium will begin with an optional half-day on Friday, April 5, at Wise's Forks and the CSS Neuse Museum in Kinston, NC. Friday evening will include a keynote lecture with dinner at The Barn at Broadslab.



Saturday's tours begin with a rare trip to Monroe's Crossroads battlefield and a guided tour of Civil War Fayetteville and Averasboro. Saturday will wrap-up with an intimate meet and greet at Bentonville Battlefield featuring heavy hors d'oeuvre and drinks. Sunday will conclude with a guided tour of Bentonville Battlefield.

Tickets include two meals, snacks, water, soda, and Saturday evening hors d'oeuvre and drinks. Your price includes venue admissions and a copy of Mark Moore's Historical Guide to Bentonville, an excellent map guidebook of the Carolinas Campaign. The price for the event will be \$350 or \$395 if you include the Kinston trip on Friday afternoon.

Please note: Only 100 tickets will be sold for the main tours (Monroe's Crossroads, Averasboro, and Bentonville) and symposium, which run from the evening of April 5th to midday on April 7. Only 25 tickets will be sold for the optional tours of Wise's Forks battlefield and the CSS Neuse Museum in Kinston, NC on the afternoon of April 5th. As of Jan. 30th, only 15 tickets remain for the main tours/symposium and only 5 tickets remain for the optional Friday April 5th Wise's Forks and Kinston events.



"Dawn attack by Confederates at Monroe's Crossroads." Image courtesy of the National Park Service.

For more information, visit the website <https://historicsites.nc.gov/events/two-weeks-fury-tour-and-symposium-bentonville-battlefield>, contact Amanda Brantley at (910) 594-0789, or email her at amanda.brantley@ncdcr.gov.

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Apr. 6, 2019: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bennett Place: Civil War Park Day

Bennett Place State Historic Site, 4409 Bennett Memorial Road, Durham, NC 27705.

This national workday for volunteers is a cooperative effort between the Civil War Preservation Trust and Civil War historic sites across the United States. Come out and support your local Civil War site.



Projects this year include: replacing and updating the split rail fence in the picnic area, landscaping the picnic area and clearing the Bennett family cemetery. Projects are subject to change.



This is a great family event and open to all ages and abilities. This event begins at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude approximately by 2:00 p.m. Those interested in coming out to help are requested to bring rakes, gloves and headgear. The Bennett Place Support Fund, will provide light snacks and water for all participants. Meet at the visitor center at 10:00 a.m.

For more information, visit the website at <https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/bennett-place>, or contact the staff at (919) 383-4345 or by email to bennett@ncdcr.gov.

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Apr. 6, 2019: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Fort Fisher: American Battlefield Trust Park Day

Fort Fisher, 1610 Fort Fisher Blvd South, Kure Beach, NC 28443.

Calling all volunteers! On Sat., April 6, 2019, Fort Fisher State Historic Site will host Park Day, an annual



hands-on event sponsored by the American Battlefield Trust, which brings history enthusiasts together with staff members to help preserve our nation's heritage sites. Fort Fisher welcomes volunteers of all ages and skill levels.

This year's activities will include painting the numerous artillery guns and carriages around the site. Groups will also be needed to assist in cleaning up brush, leaves, and debris from around the site. Volunteers asked to assemble in the parking lot by 8:30 a.m. on

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Fort Fisher (continued)

day of the event. Tools and gloves will be provided. Volunteers will receive a free Park Day T-shirt and lunch provided by the Friends of Fort Fisher, the support group that supports the site and all its programming.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit the website at <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/fisher>, or contact John Moseley at (910) 251-7342 or by email to john.moseley@ncdcr.gov.

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Apr. 20, 2019: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Maritime History of the American Civil War: Louis M. Goldsborough, USN

The Mariners' Museum and Park, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.

Louis Malesherbes Goldsborough (Feb. 18, 1805 – Feb. 20, 1877) was a rear admiral in the United States Navy during the American Civil War. He held several sea commands during the Civil War, including that of the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron. He was also noted for contributions to nautical scientific research.



John V. Quarstein is a renowned historian and director emeritus of the USS Monitor Center at The

Mariners' Museum & Park. Join him as he describes Goldsborough's early success in February 1862 in coordinating with troops under General Ambrose Burnside to capture Roanoke Island and destroy a small Confederate fleet.

Learn how Goldsborough then ruined his reputation by refusing to be placed under General George McClellan's direct command in the amphibious Spring 1862 Peninsula Campaign and ended up sitting out the rest of the war, being confined to administrative duty in Washington, D.C.

Lectures are FREE for Mariners' Members and included in the \$1 Museum admission for non-Mariners' Members. For more details about this lecture or to reserve your seat online (as seating is limited), please visit MarinersMuseum.org/Lectures.

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Apr. 27, 2019: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bennett Place: 154th Anniversary Surrender Commemoration Event

Bennett Place State Historic Site, 4409 Bennett Memorial Road, Durham, NC 27705.

Join in remembering the events that occurred inside the home of James and Nancy Bennett 154 years ago. This year there will be a focus on the U.S. colored troops and how their role changed during the course of the war.



There will also be special guided tours that will take the visitor inside the home to learn about the negotiations that took place in the parlor. Guest speakers this year are Earl Ijames

from the NC Museum of History and author David Silknat.

This event is open to the public. Admission is \$3.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child.

For more information, visit the website at <https://www.bennettplacehistoricsite.com>, or contact the staff at (919) 383-4345 or by email to bennett@ncdcr.gov.

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Apr. 27-28, 2019: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Port o' Plymouth Museum: Living History Weekend

The Port o' Plymouth Museum, 302 East Water Street, Plymouth, NC 27962.

Now celebrating its 29th year, the Washington County Historical Society's annual Living History Weekend is one of North Carolina's premier Civil War events. Known for its intimate feel and beautiful riverfront setting, the weekend-long event features two battle reenactments, an evening "Fireside Feast", "Dueling Narrators" debate, children's recruiting station, period music, troop encampment, book signers, and more! This event is open to the public and entrance to the museum is free.



For more information, visit the website at <http://www.portplymouthmuseum.org/events>, or contact the museum staff at (252) 793-1377 or by email to admin@portplymouthmuseum.org.

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Apr. 30, 2019: 10:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Study Trip and Lecture -- Raleigh Occupied, Spring 1865

The McKimmon Conference and Training Center, NC State University, 1101 Gorman St, Raleigh, NC 27606.

On April 13, 1865 morning, Raleigh surrendered to advancing Union armies lead by General William T. Sherman. Join Dr. Ted Kunstling, President of the Raleigh Civil War Round Table, for a lecture and study trip as he describes the time when Raleigh was occupied by an invading force.

This event, sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), is currently sold out but you can add your name to a waiting list (for cancellation or additional date). To do so, go to <https://learn.mckimmoncenter.ncsu.edu/search/publicCourseAdvancedSearch.do?method=load> and search on the following Course #: LLI-5-005.

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Upcoming Events (continued)

May 1-5, 2019: National Ed Bearss Symposium and Tours: Military Leadership and Combat

Symposium based at the Hampton Inn, 955 Leshar Road, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Featuring Larry Alexander, Ted Alexander, Scott Anderson, Steve Bockmiller, Steve French, Col. Douglas Mastriano, David Moore, Thomas J. Ryan, Dr. Richard Sommers and Martin West. Special guest Edwin Bearss!



Exploring American military history! Tours of the following: Civil War sites in southern Pennsylvania including Monterey Pass; military history sites in Washington County, Maryland including the Hagerstown Aviation Museum; the Forbes Campaign of 1758 featuring stops at Fort Ligonier, Bushy Run Battlefield and more. Talks also given by the historians previously mentioned.

Deluxe continental breakfast for Hampton Inn guests each morning. Each participant will receive a packet of tactical maps and a name badge.

For full itinerary and pricing, go to http://civilwarseminars.org/?page_id=398.

Chambersburg Civil War Seminars & Tours has been hosting Civil War Tours for more than 28 years. Experience a guided battlefield tour led by the experts including Eric Wittenberg, Edwin Bearss, Dennis Frye, Carol Rearson, John Schildt, Daniel Toomey, Ed Steers, Joad Chaconas, J.D. Petruzzi, Jeffrey Wert, Steve French, Ted Alexander, and others to deliver an unforgettable experience. **Special discounts are available for Civil War Round Table members.**

For more information, visit the Chambersburg Civil War Seminars & Tours website at <http://www.civilwarseminars.org>, or contact Lark Plessinger by phone at (717) 264-7101 ext.

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May 2, 2019: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. From Ground-breaking to Breathtaking — The First Gala of the New American Civil War Museum Facility at Historic Tredegar

American Civil War Museum at Historic Tredegar, 500 Tredegar Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

Following 18 months of construction, [the new facility at the American Civil War Museum at Historic Tredegar in Richmond, VA will open to the public on May 4th, 2019.](#)



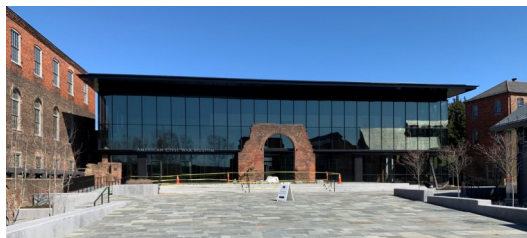
Computer-generated image of the new facility (w/ glass façade)

Two days prior to that, however, on May 2, 2019, the site will host a reservation-only Gala to celebrate its opening. The cost is \$250 per ticket and supports the American Legacy Capital Campaign. This identifies the ticket holder as a Committee Member with the following perks:

- Listing in the Gala Program
- Viewing of the museum after the Gala
- Cocktail reception
- 2 guest passes to the ACWM

Please arrive at 6:00 p.m. for a cocktail hour, dinner, and performances. Tony Award-winning television and movie actress, and Lynchburg, VA native, Faith Prince will be the emcee and performer for the evening. Following dinner, a ribbon cutting ceremony will officially open the new, state-of-the-art facility and you will be welcome to tour the building. The dress code for the event is business attire. To register for the event, visit <https://19552.blackbaudhosting.com/19552/Gala-and-Ribbon-Cutting>.

This newsletter editor visited the construction site of the new Museum facility on March 26, 2019. The following photo shows the actual current status of construction. Notice that the entrance way arch is from the original building in that spot. The glass façade encases remnants of the walls of the rest of the original structure. Exterior work is almost complete — what remains is to finish the interior layout and install the artifacts from the closing White House of the Confederacy Museum.



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May 11, 2019: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Maritime History of the American Civil War: Last Days of CSS Virginia

The Mariners' Museum and Park, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.

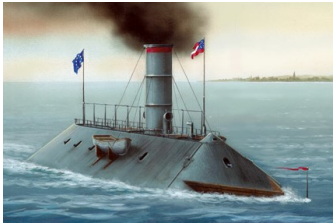
The Battle of Hampton Roads between the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia (March 9, 1862) signaled the beginning of the Age of the Ironclads. Afterwards, the CSS

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Maritime History of the American Civil War: Last Days of CSS Virginia (continued)

Virginia retired to the Gosport Naval Yard at Portsmouth, Virginia, and remained in drydock for repairs until April 4. In the following month, the crew of Virginia were unsuccessful in their attempts to break the Union blockade.

John V. Quarstein is a renowned historian and director emeritus of the USS Monitor Center at The Mariners' Museum & Park. Join him on the 157th anniversary of the self-destruction of the CSS Virginia as he describes the final weeks of the CSS Virginia and the end of her existence when she was run aground off Craney Island near Hampton Roads and



blown up by her own crew to prevent her from falling into the hands of oncoming Union troops and ships.

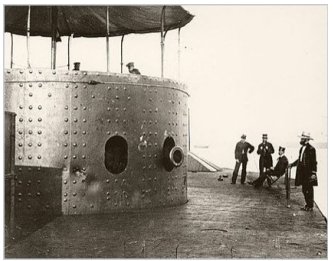
Lectures are FREE for Mariners' Members and included in the \$1 Museum admission for non-Mariners' Members. For more details about this lecture or to reserve your seat online (as seating is limited), please visit <https://www.marinersmuseum.org/Lectures/>.

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June 8, 2019: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Maritime History of the American Civil War: Summer on USS Monitor

The Mariners' Museum and Park, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.

After the Confederates were forced to destroy CSS Virginia as they withdrew from Norfolk in early May, USS Monitor sailed up the James River to support the Union Army during the Peninsula Campaign. The ship participated in the Battle of Drewry's Bluff later that month and remained in the area giving support to General McClellan's forces on land.



John V. Quarstein is a renowned historian and director emeritus of the USS Monitor Center at The Mariners' Museum & Park. Join him as he describes the Summer of 1862 aboard the USS Monitor and how the time spent on the river was marked with inactivity and hot weather which had a negative effect on the morale and health of USS Monitor's crew.

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July 23-28: Antietam: The Bloodiest Day -- Civil War History Conference and Tours

Symposium based at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 1718 Underpass Way, Hagerstown, MD 17201.

Featuring Tom Clemens, Dennis Frye, Kevin Pawlak, Wayne Motts, Carol Reardon, John Priest and many others at the LARGEST Antietam Conference ever held!

More than 25 of the top historians and tour guides in the Civil War history field will cover diverse topics such as the opposing forces, medical care, photography, the historic Dunker Church and more.



In addition, you will have the opportunity to engage in micro tactical tours of the battlefield, and the campaign led by expert

Early Bird Pricing – Save \$30 when you register for a Generals or Complete Weekend Package by April 1, 2019. Use code EARLY30 when registering online.

Note: All participants are responsible for arranging hotel accommodations at www.wyndhamhotels.com for the seminar, which is not included in tour price. \$110/night double occupancy plus tax.

Special pricing for participants based on room availability. When making hotel reservations, mention Chambersburg Civil War Seminars / Lark Kennedy. Use code 072319LAR.

For full itinerary and pricing, go to http://civilwarseminars.org/?page_id=29. Register online at <http://business.chambersburg.org/events/details/antietam-the-bloodiest-day-27802>.

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August 24, 2019: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Life on Campaign: Summer Living History at Bentonville Battlefield

Bentonville Battlefield, 5466 Harper House Rd, Four Oaks, NC 27524.

Hear the roar of cannon fire! Learn how artillery regiments loaded and fired during the Civil War. Infantry displays by the 27th NC Co. D will showcase a common soldier's daily life. Demonstrations will occur throughout the day. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Amanda Brantley at (910) 594-0789 or email her at amanda.brantley@ncdcr.gov.

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News of the RCWRT



Upcoming 2019 RCWRT Meetings

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Apr. 8	Bruce Venter, Ph.D. in Ed. Admin.	The Kilpatrick-Dahlgren Raid on Richmond
May 13	Gerald Prokopowicz, Ph.D. in History, J.D.	His book: <i>All For The Regiment, The Army of the Ohio, 1861-1862</i>
Jun. 10	Charlie Knight, M.A. in Military History	The Battle of New Market
Jul. 8	James White, M.Ed.	New Bern in the Civil War
Aug. 12	Philip Gerard, M.F.A. in Creative Writing	The Last Battleground — The Civil War Comes to NC
Sep. 9	Amy Bauer	135th Infantry Regiment U.S. Colored Troops
Oct. 14	Wade Sokolosky, U.S. Army Lt. Col. (retired)	NC Confederate Hospitals in 1865
Nov. 4	Ron Roth, M.T. in Museum Studies	Desperate Hours: Under- standing the Battle of Get- tysburg Through the Art of its Battlefield Monuments
Dec. 9	Holiday Party	Location and entertainment to be announced

Did You Know?

- 21-year-old Union colonel Ulric Dahlgren, who led a detachment of cavalry in the ill-fated Kilpatrick-Dahlgren Raid on Richmond in early 1864, had lost his right leg at Gettysburg the previous summer. How he was able to stay on his horse is unknown.
- His father, Union rear admiral John A. Dahlgren, devised the muzzle-loading naval smoothbore howitzer of the same name. This so-called Dahlgren gun was widely used throughout the Civil War and was adaptable for many sizes of craft as well as shore installations. It was expressly designed to avoid bursting during service (and lived up to that billing).

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. Check the RCWRT website (<http://www.raleighcwrt.org>) for program dates and timing.

Annual membership dues are \$30 (individual and family) and \$10 for teachers. Student membership is free. Half-year memberships are available March through May for \$20. Dues should be submitted to the Treasurer by **September 15** each year.



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Funding Effort Toward Conservation of Our "Adopted" 30th NC Infantry Regiment's State Flag

As of March 31, thanks to proceeds from sales of Andrew Ballard's documentary DVD covering the end of the Civil War in North Carolina, plus generous donations from the Raleigh CWRT Board and others, and including proceeds from the raffle at our November 2018 meeting, the amount raised currently stands at \$6,850 toward the estimated \$7,500 - \$8,000 conservation cost!