

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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April 11 Event Features Jim Gaddis On North Carolina's General Richard Gatlin

The Raleigh Civil War Round Table's April 2016 meeting will feature author and historian James L. Gaddis, Jr.



Jim is a native of Tampa, Fla., and graduated from N.C. State University with an economics degree in 1973 after serving four years in the United States Air Force, including a one-year tour in Viet Nam. He is a retired computer software designer having worked at East Carolina University,

Mutual of America Insurance Company, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, Hampton Industries, and the U.S. Air Force.

Jim is past president of the Kinston Civil War Round Table, a long-time member of the CSS Ram Neuse Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp No. 1427 in Kinston, N.C., and a member of the North Carolina Society of Historians and North Caroliniana Society.

Jim's research into the life and career of Richard Caswell Gatlin, a Confederate General and native of Kinston, has led to his recently published book, *Richard Gatlin and the Confederate Defense of Eastern North Carolina*. Jim has spoken to several civic and historical groups on Gatlin and his work has awakened local interest in the general.

For the past 20 years, Jim has lived in Kinston with his wife, Sue, in a Lenoir County farmhouse that has been in his family for nearly a century.

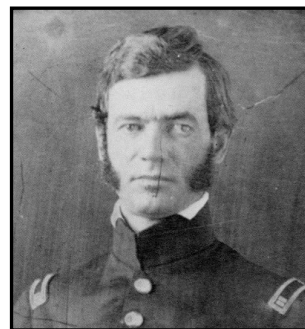
Jim's presentation at the RCWRT's April 11 meeting will be about General Richard Gatlin, the subject of his recently published book.

Copies of Jim's book will be offered for sale at the meeting and he will be happy to sign them.

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~ Richard Gatlin ~

Richard Caswell Gatlin (1809-1896) was a native of Kinston, N.C., and the first West Point graduate from Lenoir County.



Gatlin was a distinguished U.S. Army officer and decorated Mexican War veteran, served as the first commander of the Confederacy's North Carolina Department, was the state's Adjutant General from 1863 until the end of the Civil War, and was Kinston's only Confederate general.



New Hampshire

The States During the Civil War



'The Granite State'

New Hampshire, one of the original colonies, was the ninth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. "The Granite State" was split during the 1864 election, but it furnished a large proportion of its men to the Union who distinguished themselves in battle. The state was unique in that, at the time of the Civil War, it still technically allowed slavery, but also gave free black men the right to vote.

In 1860, New Hampshire had a population of 326,073. In addition to soldiers, the state provided shoes, clothing, weapons and ammunition to the Union cause.

Approximately 35,000 men from New Hampshire served in the Union forces and nearly 2,000 of them were either killed or wounded during the Civil War. Another 2,400 died of disease during the conflict, with about 300 of those deaths occurring in prison.



N.H. Sharpshooters Monument, Gettysburg

1860 Election Results:

Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	37,519 (56.9%)
Stephen Douglas (Dem)	25,887 (39.3%)
John C. Breckenridge (Dem)	2,125 (3.2%)
John Bell (Union)	412 (0.6%)

1864 Election Results:

Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	36,596 (52.6%)
George McClellan (Dem)	33,034 (47.4%)

Governors:

Ichabod Goodwin (Rep)	June 2, 1859 – June 6, 1861
Nathaniel S. Berry (Rep)	June 6, 1861 – June 3, 1863
Joseph A. Gilmore (Rep)	June 3, 1863 – June 8, 1865

'The Fighting Fifth'

New Hampshire provided 18 regiments of infantry to the Union cause as well as three rifle regiments who served in the 1st and 2nd U.S. Sharpshooters. The state also provided one cavalry battalion and two artillery units, in addition to men who served in the Navy and Marine Corps. Some 2,300 black men from the state also served with the U.S. Colored Troops.



Grapevine Bridge Built by 5th N.H. in May 1862

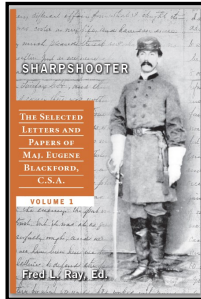
Among the notable units from New Hampshire was the 5th Regiment of Volunteers, commanded by Col. Edward Ephraim Cross, until he was killed at Gettysburg. Known as the "Fighting Fifth," the unit served in most of the major battles in the war's Eastern Theater including Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and Petersburg. The regiment was considered to be among best combat units in the Federal army and may have suffered the most battle-related deaths of any Union unit.

Another unit, the 7th New Hampshire, suffered the largest regimental loss of officers in any single Civil War battle, with 11 officers killed or wounded during the assault on Fort Wagner, S.C., in July 1863. The 12th New Hampshire lost eight officers at the Third Battle of Winchester in September 1864.

Notable individuals from New Hampshire included the Granite State's only president, Franklin Pierce, a northern Democrat who served from 1853 until 1857 and believed the growing abolitionist movement was a threat to the Union. Other notable people from New Hampshire were Harriet P. Dame, a nurse from Concord, Thaddeus Lowe, the famed balloonist, and Henry P. Moore, a photographer. Among the state's generals were Brig. Gen. Simon Goodell Griffin.

A Sharpshooter's Account

The first of a three-volume set of letters and papers from Confederate Maj. Eugene Blackford will soon be available.

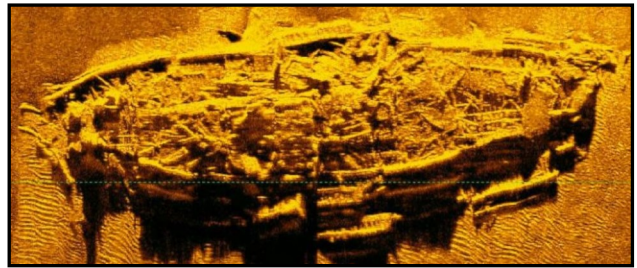


Sharpshooter: The Selected Letters and Papers of Maj. Eugene Blackford, C.S.A. was compiled by Fred L. Ray, the author of *Shock Troops of the Confederacy*, a book about Blackford and his sharpshooters. The Virginian's letters and diary give readers vivid accounts of key Civil War battles and insight into camp life, marches, and soldiers' other wartime experiences as well as an inside look at regimental personalities and politics.

A pre-publication discount on Volume I (letters written from January 1861 through May 1863) is available. See <http://www.cfspress.com/Blackford>.

Shipwreck Identified!

Researchers recently have discovered the wreck of a Civil War blockade runner near the mouth of the Cape Fear River, downstream from Wilmington, N.C.



According to Billy Ray Morris, director of the state's Underwater Archeology Branch, the ship's remains are 225 feet long and, due to the size, are likely to be those of the *Agnes E. Fry*, a Confederate blockade runner built in Scotland in 1864.

The blockade runner is thought to have run aground in late December 1864 while being pursued by a Union naval vessel, just before nearby Fort Fisher was captured in the Federal effort to take the critical Confederate port of Wilmington. Dozens of blockade runners sank in the Cape Fear River during the war.

Upcoming Events

April 9. Morrisville, N.C., presents a program on the legacy of the April 1865 battle in the town. Mark Bradley, Freddie Parker, and Angela Marritt to speak at the free event, which also includes living history encampment, artillery demonstrations, and period music. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the town hall. For more information, go to <http://www.ci.morrisville.nc.us> or call (919) 463-7110.

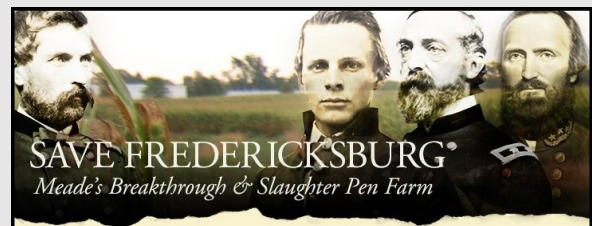
April 14. Fayetteville, N.C.'s Museum of the Cape Fear presents National Park Service Ranger Michael Zatarga on the February 1862 Battle of Roanoke Island. 7 p.m. Free. See <http://museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov> or telephone (910) 486-1330.

April 16. The Wayne County Museum in Goldsboro, N.C., hosts NCCU's Dr. Freddie Parker on "The History of the Underground Railroad." Go online to <http://waynemuseum.org> or call (919) 734-5023 for more.

April 23-24. Plymouth, N.C., hosts a living history weekend commemorating the 1864 battle there with land and sea skirmishes among a wide range of living history events. See <http://www.portplymouthmuseum.org> or phone (252) 793-1377 for more information.

Preservation News

The Civil War Trust is seeking to preserve important ground at the Fredericksburg, Va., battlefield.



The land targeted for preservation is 25 acres that are adjacent to the national park where some of General George Meade's Pennsylvania Reserves advanced during the Union assault that pierced the Confederate line during the fight on Dec. 13, 1862.

The Trust's goal in this campaign is to raise \$296,500. Donations are matched at a 24:1 rate!

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

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

May: Mary Bandy Daughtry, Rooney Lee

June: Mike Parker, Lee & Jackson's religion

July: Marshall Conyers, Gettysburg poetry

August: Betty Vaughn, first person

September: Susanna Lee, Sioux Uprising

October: Doug Mattox, CSA currency and stamps

November: Fitzhugh Brundage, Frederick Douglass

December: annual Holiday Party

Preserve Your CW Photos & Documents!

The North Carolina History Center is holding a "scanning event" on Saturday, May 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cleveland County Memorial Library in Shelby, N.C. At the event, volunteers will scan your Civil War letters, photos, and other items into digital images for the center's archives and provide you with a free CD with those digital images along with your gently handled originals.

Check Us Out on Facebook!

Don't forget to join us on Facebook...we now have more than 50 members in our online group! Search for our page using "Raleigh Civil War Roundtable" and join us to share stories and photos of Civil War trips, relatives, period photos and information about battles, equipment, and anything else related to the Civil War with fellow campaigners and friends. Signing up is free. Go to <http://www.facebook.com>.

Welcome to Three New Members!

The RCWRT welcomes our newest three members, Randall Jackson of Raleigh and Maria Clavell and Sharon Green, both of Cary. If you know someone who is interested in the Civil War and that era, consider bringing them to a meeting and encouraging 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.