

# *The Knapsack*

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

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*Our 190th Meeting*



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## **December 12 Holiday Party at State Capitol To Feature Southern String Band**

December features our annual holiday event at the Old State Capitol. Once again, we will enjoy “old time” music as well as the usual hors d’oeuvres, drinks, and desserts.



The evening’s entertainment will be provided by The Southern String Band, made up of a group of nine friends from Raleigh who enjoy playing old time string band music together.

The band currently comprises of Kurt Eichenberger (harmonica), Becky McElroy (banjo), Anne Miller (fiddle), Vicky Montague (fiddle), Bob Peter (guitar), Charley Nelson (tenor guitar, tenor banjo, mandolin, and bass), Ron Raxter (bass), Wade Smith (fiddle), and Mike Southern (fiddle). They are often joined by Tim and Brenda Currin (fiddle/guitar) and John Crumpler (banjo).

Join us for some holiday music, fun, and fellowship! Please bring a snack, dessert, or beverage to share.

For details on The Southern String Band, see <http://www.kearc.com/southernstringband/home.htm>.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

Our annual holiday event will once again be held at the State Capitol building, across the street from our usual meeting place. The event also will begin earlier than usual, at 6:30. Please bring a dish to share!

### **~ A Great Holiday Gift ~**

Have a family member or friend that’s a Civil War buff? Consider getting them a gift of the RCWRT’s documentary on the 1865 events in North Carolina.



DVDs are available at our meetings for donations to the RCWRT that will be used for educational and preservation activities. The film features historians and authors speaking on the events as well as re-enactment footage and period photographs, music, and maps. See the RCWRT’s website (<http://www.raleighcwrt.org>) for more information.



# Ohio

The States During the Civil War



## The 'Buckeye State'

Ohio entered the Union in 1803, the 17th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. The "Buckeye State" was an important source of manpower to the Union cause and was the source of numerous military and political leaders, including five Federal officers who would later become U.S. Presidents. Still, due to connections with the South, it was politically divided.

In 1860, Ohio had 2,339,511 residents. Nearly 320,000 men from the Buckeye State served in the United States army, navy, and marines, with about 60 percent of its men of fighting age in service, the highest proportion of any state. About 5,000 of the Ohioans who served were free blacks. Buckeyes fought in most of the major battles of the war and suffered 35,475 total casualties, of which 6,835 were men killed in action.



125th Ohio Monument, Chickamauga

### 1860 Election Results:

Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	221,809 (51.2%)
Stephen Douglas (Dem)	187,421 (43.3%)
John Bell (Union)	12,193 (2.8%)
John Breckenridge (Dem)	11,303 (2.6%)

### 1864 Election Results:

Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	265,660 (56.4%)
George McClellan (Dem)	205,590 (43.6%)

### Governors:

William Dennison (Rep)	Jan. 9, 1860 – Jan. 13, 1862
David Tod (Rep)	Jan. 13, 1862 – Jan. 11, 1864
John Brough (Union)	Jan. 11, 1864 – Aug. 29, 1865

## 'Buckeyes'

Ohio provided about 320 regiments of infantry and cavalry, 26 batteries of artillery, and five companies of sharpshooters to the Union cause. Units from the Buckeye State comprised one-fifth of the Federal army at Shiloh and suffered the highest casualty count at Chickamauga, with 3,591 men killed or wounded.



23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment

Among the notable units from Ohio were the 6th Regiment, nicknamed the "Guthrie Grays," and the 7th Regiment, the "Roosters." The latter lost about one-third of its men at Cedar Mountain, Va., in 1862. A few weeks later, at Second Bull Run, the 73rd Ohio lost more than half of the men engaged. Other regiments of note include the 10th Ohio, a unit of Irishmen who fought at Perryville, Ky., among other battles.

Although Ohio did not see any major engagements, in September 1862, Confederate Brig. Gen. Henry Heth threatened Cincinnati when he marched through northern Kentucky, but was turned back. The Buckeye State saw fighting in the summer of 1863, with John Hunt Morgan's cavalry raid. Ohio also was the site of Johnson's Island, a prisoner of war camp in Sandusky Bay.

Among the Buckeyes of note were Rep. Clement Vallandigham, a leading Peace Democrat, as well as Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase, and Union General-in-Chief Ulysses S. Grant. Other generals from Ohio included William T. Sherman, Philip H. Sheridan, James B. McPherson, George A. Custer, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, William S. Rosecrans, Don Carlos Buell, and Alexander M. McCook.

## New Firearms Exhibit

A new exhibit of Civil War firearms has recently been unveiled at the Virginia Museum of the Civil War on the New Market battlefield. The collection is said to be the largest public exhibit of Civil War weaponry in Virginia.



The exhibit includes dozens of firearms donated to VMI by Martin Kaminsky in 2014 along with more than 100 items in the museum's possession but not previously displayed. Pieces include an Agar "coffee mill" machine gun and a LeMat revolver.

Information about the museum is available at <http://vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/virginia-museum-of-the-civil-war>.

## Meet the Artist!

Ashley's Art Gallery in Fuquay-Varina will be hosting renowned Civil War artist John Paul Strain on Sat., Dec. 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



'Jackson Meets little Sorrel'

Antietam, Warrenton, Winchester, Gettysburg, and Appomattox are among the historic scenes that are the subject of Strain's paintings. He will be available to autograph prints and embellish recently purchased limited editions at the special event.

For details on the event and the Strain artwork that will be available for purchase at the gallery, go online to <http://ashleyart.com/john-paul-strain> or telephone Rick Mullen, owner, at (919) 552-7533.

## Upcoming Events

**Dec. 9.** Bennett Place Historical Site in Durham, N.C., offers candlelight tours every 15 minutes so participants can view how both soldiers and civilians attempted to celebrate the holidays during the Civil War. Cider and cookies. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Free. Call (919) 383-4345 or go to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bennett/bennett.htm>.

**Dec. 10.** Bennett Place Historical Site in Durham, N.C., holds its annual "Christmas in the Piedmont" event. Holiday decorations, cooking demonstrations, encamped soldiers and a visit from Santa. Cider and cookies. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Call (919) 383-4345 or go to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bennett/bennett.htm>.

**Dec. 10.** Ashley's Art Gallery in Fuquay-Varina, N.C., is hosting famed Civil War artist John Paul Strain, who will be available to embellish and autograph purchased works. 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more, telephone (919) 552-7533 or see <http://ashleyart.com/john-paul-strain>.

**Dec. 13.** Fort Fisher Historical Site in Kure Beach, N.C., celebrates the season with a holiday open house. Free refreshments, live music, holiday decorations, and a gift shop discount. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Go to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/fisher> or call (910) 458-5538.

## Preservation News

The Civil War Trust is seeking to preserve key ground at three battlefields in Virginia.



The targeted property includes 333 acres at Cedar Mountain where an August 1862 battle was fought, as well as land associated with the June 1862 battle of Gaines' Mill and the site of Fletcher's Redoubt at Cold Harbor.

The Trust's goal in this campaign is to raise \$204,915. Donations are matched at a 10.48:1 rate!

For details, go to <http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/cedarmountain/3-virginia-battlefields-2016>.

# News of the RCWRT



## Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

**January:** Ed Bearss, Civil War medicine  
**February:** Michael Zatarga, Battle of Roanoke Island  
**March:** Jim Gaddis, Gen. Richard Gatlin  
**April:** John Quarstein, USS Monitor  
**May:** Michael Hardy, NC as last Confederate capital  
**June:** Symposium: Reconstruction in NC  
**July:** John Peacock, NC in the Maryland Campaign  
**August:** Jeff Bockert, blockade runners  
**September:** Randy Sauls, Battle of Goldsboro Bridge  
**October:** Debbie Blake, Rose O'Neal Greenhow

## Have You Renewed?

Annual dues (\$30 individual or family; \$10 for teachers) should have been remitted in September for the next year. If you have not renewed, please either mail your check to:

Griff Bartlett, Treasurer  
908 Kinsdale Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27615-1117

or, bring your check or cash to the next meeting.

## Tax Exempt Donations

As 2016 comes to a close, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the RCWRT or our Gatton Fund. 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 next award will be presented at our annual event with Ed Bearss in January. Get a DVD on the 1865 events in North Carolina for donations of \$10 or more!

## New Member!

The RCWRT welcomes our newest member, Sandy Barnard of Wake Forest, N.C. Sandy, an author and historian, has previously given our group talks on a Hoosier Quaker going to war, the Irish Brigade, and George Armstrong Custer. 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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### RCWRT Score Card

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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.