

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

***June 13, 2016
Our 184th Meeting***

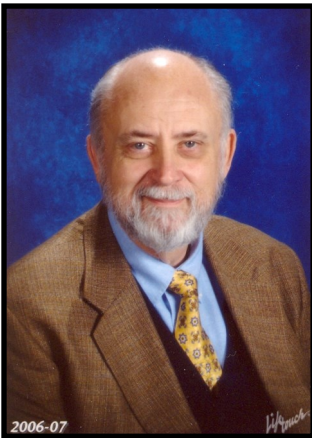


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June 13 Event Features Mike Parker On the Religion of Generals Lee and Jackson

The Raleigh Civil War Round Table's June 2016 meeting will feature teacher, historian, and journalist Mike Parker.



Mike is a native of Roanoke, Va., and graduated from Ohio State University in 1971 with a B.A. degree in English. He later earned a Master's and certificate of advanced studies in English from East Carolina.

Mike has lived in Kinston, N.C., since 1971 and retired from teaching English at Farmville Central High School in June 2011. He still teaches literature and writing in the Department of English at East Carolina, where he has been a part-time instructor for more than a quarter century.

Mike has written a weekly column for the Kinston Free Press since 1994. In 2000, he collected 80 of his columns and published them in a book titled *My Wife Has All the Answers*. He has received North Carolina Press Association awards for editorial and news feature writing. He is listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers and was honored with the ECU English Department's 2000-2001 Bertie Fearing Excellence in Teaching Award and named Farmville Central's Teacher of the Year for 2006.

He currently serves on the board of directors for Friends of the Kinston-Lenoir County Public Library and on the board of SAFE in Lenoir County.

Mike is a member of Ram Neuse Camp #1427 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, having three great-great grandfathers who served during the Civil War, and serves as a tour guide on the CSS *Neuse II*, the full-sized replica of the ironclad. His presentation to the RCWRT will be on the religions of Confederate generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson.

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~ Religion During the War ~

Religion was an important component of the American Civil War, with both sides using God to justify and support their cause.



Southern leaders chose *Deo Vindice* — God will vindicate — to be the Confederate national motto. Stonewall Jackson used his faith to rally his troops, claiming God would bring them victory.



New York

The States During the Civil War



‘The Empire State’

New York, one of the original colonies, was the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. “The Empire State” was politically divided during the Civil War, but it furnished a large proportion of its men to the Union, more in number than any other Northern state.

In 1860, New York was the most populous state, with 3,880,735 residents. It was a major source of soldiers, supplies, and equipment for the Union cause. The newspapers based in New York City had a big influence on politics and the conflict.

More than 440,000 men from New York served in the Union forces, with about a third of those being foreign born. About 20,000 New Yorkers were either killed or wounded during the Civil War, and more than 30,000 either died of disease or while in prison during the conflict.



The Irish Brigade Monument, Gettysburg

1860 Election Results:

Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	362,646 (53.7%)
Stephen Douglas (Dem)	312,510 (46.3%)

1864 Election Results:

Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	368,735 (50.5%)
George McClellan (Dem)	361,986 (49.5%)

Governors:

Edwin D. Morgan (Rep)	Jan. 1, 1859 – Dec. 31, 1862
Horatio Seymour (Dem)	Jan. 1, 1863 – Dec. 31, 1864
Reuben Fenton (Union)	Jan. 1, 1865 – Dec. 31, 1868

‘Duryee’s Zouaves’

New York provided 248 regiments of infantry to the Union cause as well as 27 regiments of cavalry, 15 artillery regiments, and eight engineer units. More than 4,000 black men from the state also served in the Union forces, and three full regiments of U.S. Colored Troops—the 20th, 26th, and 31st—were raised in the Empire State.



Member of 5th NY Vols.

Among the notable units from New York was the 5th New York Volunteer Infantry, also known as “Duryee’s Zouaves.” The regiment was not only known for its colorful uniforms, but also its discipline and effectiveness in battle. The three core units of the famous Irish Brigade were the 63rd, 69th, and 88th New York Infantry Regiments. The 101st New York lost nearly 74 percent of its men in heavy fighting at Second Manassas (Bull Run).

No Civil War battles were fought in the Empire State, but New York City was the site of a bloody draft riot in 1863 as well as a number of fires set by Confederate agents. One of the first casualties of the war, Col. Elmer Ellsworth, was from Malta, N.Y. The state also housed the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, as well as hospitals and prison camps.

Notable individuals from New York included U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward, Matthew Brady, the famed photographer, Horace Greely, newspaperman, Alfred Waud, the artist, and John Jacob Astor, the businessman. Union generals from the Empire State included Maj. Gens. James B. Ricketts, John Schofield, Daniel Sickles, George Stoneman, Henry Slocum, and Daniel Butterfield. Another New York native was Jedediah Hotchkiss, the famous Confederate mapmaker.

Not Just Bullets

It is estimated that about 620,000 Americans died during the Civil War. Of that total, about 110,000 Union men and some 94,000 Confederates were killed in battle. Disease took about 250,000 and 164,000 lives, respectively.



Records also show about 25,000 Union soldiers and sailors died in prison. Another 5,000 or so Federal troops died of drowning and more than 300 deaths were attributed to sunstroke. Accidental deaths claimed more than 4,000 Union men during the war, and suicides and executions killed several hundred more. Such detailed Confederate records are not available.

Upcoming Events

June 11. Bentonville Battlefield Historic Site near Four Oaks, N.C., presents “A Day in the Life of a Civil War Soldier.” Living history program includes cooking and camp life, cannon firing and drills. Both Union and Confederate soldiers will be represented, and artillery fire is scheduled three times during the event. Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information is available online at <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/bentonvi.htm> or by telephone at (910) 594-0789.

June 25. The CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center in Kinston, N.C. presents a “Hands on History” program featuring Civil War ordnance. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/neuse/neuse.htm> or phone (252) 522-2107 for more information.

June 25. Fort Fisher Historical Site in Wilmington, N.C., offers “Fire, Smoke and Deadly Showers of Cast Iron,” a look at the use of artillery in the defense of the fort during the Union’s December 1864 and January 1865 attacks. Artillery demonstrations, earthwork tours and talk by Cliff Tyndale at 2 p.m. Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details are available at <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/fisher> or by telephone at (910) 458-5538.

Buck and *Fur* Ball?

Do you have a spouse or friend that isn’t into visiting Civil War battlefields, but does like cats? Then these folks have just made your day!



There is a new museum at Gettysburg that features dioramas with cat soldiers crafted out of clay. The three-dimensional displays include scenes of Fort Sumter, Gettysburg, and the infamous Andersonville prison.

For details on the new Civil War Tails museum, see <http://civilwartails.com> or call (717) 420-5273.

Preservation News

The Civil War Trust is seeking to preserve important ground between the battlefields of Chancellorsville and the Wilderness in Virginia.



The land targeted for preservation is 355 acres that saw combat during both the 1863 and 1864 fights that the Trust says also will “provide an interpretive bridge” between the two existing park sites.

The Trust’s goal in this campaign is to raise \$350,000. Donations are matched at a 5:1 rate!

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

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

July: Marshall Conyers, Gettysburg poetry

August: Betty Vaughn, first person

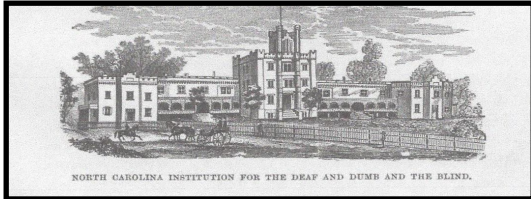
September: Susanna Lee, Sioux Uprising

October: Doug Mattox, CSA currency and stamps

November: Fitzhugh Brundage, Frederick Douglass

December: annual Holiday Party

Information Sought!



A *Knapsack* reader from Hagerstown, Md. has asked for information about the North Carolina Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind in Raleigh, particularly about bullets made there during the Civil War. If you can help, email us at raleighcwrwrt@yahoo.com.

More than 100 Members on Facebook!

If you haven't done so yet, join us on Facebook...we now have more than 100 members in our online group! Search for our page using "Raleigh Civil War Roundtable." Our site has featured reenactment videos, period photos, Civil War articles, links to lectures by well-known historians, book and movie announcements and other interesting information about the war and its impact that is not possible to include in our newsletter. It's free. Go to <http://www.facebook.com>.

Correction

In last month's *Knapsack* feature on Virginia (Vol. 16, No. 5, p. 2), the photo of the 1st Virginia should have read the 'Richmond Greys,' not Grays.



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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.