

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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Sept. 14, 2020 Event Features Sandy Barnard Speaking on *An Aide to Custer: The Civil War Letters of Lt. Edward G. Granger*

Our upcoming meeting will be on Monday, September 14, 2020. Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, we will **NOT** be meeting at the NC Museum of History in Raleigh. **Instead, we will meet remotely via an online web session using the application Zoom.**

September's meeting will feature a presentation by Sandy Barnard, M.A., an independent scholar and author. His presentation will be on his most recently published book: *An Aide to Custer: The Civil War Letters of Lt. Edward G. Granger*.

Raleigh CWRT President, Ted Kunstling, will host the Zoom event and will email an invitation to you along with instructions and a link for joining the online meeting. Please contact Ted at trkunstling@aol.com if you do not receive this invitation by September 7th.

Sandy Barnard received his nickname from his maternal grandmother. Admiring her fair-haired grandson, she dubbed him Sandy, while his father, Warren Edward Barnard Sr., was flying 63 combat missions over Southern Europe as a bombardier/navigator on B-25s in 1944. The name stuck and remains his moniker, and professional journalistic byline, today.

A native of Boston, Mass., Sandy graduated from Boston College in June 1965 with a degree in English. Commissioned that same day as a second lieutenant through its ROTC program, Sandy entered the United States Army in August 1965 and spent the next four years on active duty, including

nine months at Fort Bragg, N.C. After 18 months as the Adjutant for the 66th Military Intelligence Group, then in Stuttgart, West Germany, he spent his last year on active duty in Vietnam as a captain, serving as the S-1/Adjutant and Personnel Officer of the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion. He received the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Vietnam.

Upon separation from military service in 1969, Sandy enrolled at the University of Missouri School of Journalism and earned a master's degree in journalism. He worked as a newspaper reporter for seven years, including in Charlotte, North Carolina. In 1976, he joined the faculty of Indiana State University, where he taught journalism for 30 years.

As a professor, he continued his writing career and, beginning in 1980, focused his research on the Plains Indian wars and the American Civil War.



This was prompted when Sandy's interest in the subject was piqued after he, his wife Betty, and their son Michael took a family vacation to the site of the Battle of Little Bighorn in Montana. Since then, he has become recognized worldwide as an expert authority on Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, the commander of the 7th U.S. Cavalry, and on its historic battle at Little Big Horn in June 1876.

Sandy has written 16 books on the overlapping subjects, including two photo-histories of the Little Big Horn Battlefield: *Where Custer Fell: Photographs of the Little Bighorn Battlefield Then and Now* and *Photographing Custer's Battlefield: The Images of Kenneth F. Roahen*. His first book, originally published in 1986, entitled *Digging into Custer's Last Stand*,

Sandy Barnard (continued)

remains in print and is a history of archeological projects at the Montana battlefield.

His other books include the following:

- *Custer's First Sergeant John Ryan*
- *Campaigning with the Irish Brigade: Pvt. John Ryan, 28th Massachusetts*
- *I Go with Custer: The Life and Death of Reporter Mark H. Kellogg*
- *Shovels & Speculation: Archeologists Hunt Custer*
- *Speaking About Custer*

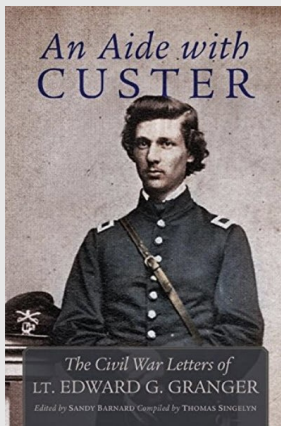
Two of his books, *Ten Years with Custer: A 7th Cavalryman's Memoirs*, and *A Hoosier Quaker Goes to War* received the John M. Carroll Award from the Little Big Horn Associates for Book of the Year as did *Where Custer Fell*. His book *Custer's First Sergeant John Ryan* received the LBHA's Lawrence Frost book award for significant achievement.

His most recent book, *An Aide to Custer: The Civil War Letters of Edward G. Granger*, was published by the University of Oklahoma Press in July 2018.

Since 2005, Sandy and Betty, his wife for more than 50 years, have lived in Wake Forest, North Carolina. Though retired from academia, Sandy remains a productive author and frequent speaker at military history conferences, Civil War Round Tables and other events. Sandy is also the owner of AST Press and Indianwarsbooks.com, which sells used and rare Indian wars, Civil War and other military history books.

An Aide to Custer: The Civil War Letters of Edward G. Granger

Sandy Barnard is the author of the book *An Aide to Custer: The Civil War Letters of Edward G. Granger*.



This book is based on letters written by Edward Granger during the Civil War which were later compiled by Thomas E. Singelyn, a retired dentist and collector of Civil War artifacts.

In August 1862, nineteen-year-old Edward G. Granger joined the 5th Michigan Cavalry Regiment as a second lieutenant. On August 20, 1863, the newly promoted Brig. Gen. George Armstrong Custer appointed Granger as one of his aides, a position Granger would hold

until his death at the Battle of Crooked Run in August 1864.

Many of the forty-four letters the young lieutenant wrote home during those two years, introduced and annotated

here by leading Custer scholar Sandy Barnard, provide a unique look into the words and actions of his legendary commander. At the same time, Granger's correspondence offers an intimate picture of life on the picket lines of the Army of the Potomac and a staff officer's experiences in the field.

Amplified with maps and photographs, *An Aide to Custer* gives readers an unprecedented view of the Civil War and one of its most important commanders, and unusual insight into the experience of a staff officer who served alongside him.

Reviews:

"This collection of letters from an officer on Custer's staff during the Civil War provides what good primary sources do: it humanizes the Boy General by showing his boyish side through pranks and mishaps while establishing the regard in which he was held for his inspiring leadership. Sandy Barnard's expert editing adds the context necessary to fully appreciate Lieutenant Edward G. Granger and a correspondence made poignant by his own untimely death in battle."

— Brian W. Dippie, author of *Custer's Last Stand: The Anatomy of an American Myth*

"Lieutenant Edward Granger was a sharp observer and an eloquent writer, and his letters home document, in thrilling detail, some of the hardest fighting of the Civil War, from Gettysburg to Trevilian Station and beyond. Combined with Sandy Barnard's excellent and fulsome commentary, this is a valuable and entertaining addition to the literature of the war."

— James Donovan, author of *A Terrible Glory: Custer and the Little Bighorn—The Last Great Battle of the American West*

ISBN-13: 9780806160184; Publisher: University of Oklahoma Press (June 28, 2018). This book is available in hardcopy at Quail Ridge Books in Raleigh, NC, as well as at other bookstores. It is available in hardcopy and as a Kindle ebook at Amazon.com.

Election of Raleigh CWRT Officers for 2020-2022

At our September 14, 2020 meeting, we shall elect officers for 2020-2022. The slate proposed by your Board is as follows (and additional nominations from the floor will be accepted):

- President - Josie Walker
 - Past President - Ted Kunstling
 - Vice President - John Wood
 - Secretary-Treasurer - Griff Bartlett
 - Knapsack Editor / Webmaster - Bob Graesser
- Members -
- Pattie Smith
 - Wayne Shore (new)
 - Lloyd Townsend (new)

Note: Jack Milani and Bev Thomas shall be rotating off the board. We thank them for their outstanding dedicated service over the past two years.

Donations to Honor Ed Bearss

Ed Bearss is a Civil War historian and author who served from 1981-1994 as the National Park Service's Chief Historian. After his retirement in 1995, he received the title Chief Historian Emeritus, which he holds to this day.

Ted Kunstling, President of the Raleigh CWRT, has contacted other Civil War Round Tables in NC, asking them to consider joining the North Carolina and Raleigh CWRTs in contributing to preserve additional land at Bentonville Battlefield Historic Site in honor of Ed Bearss.

Ed has been incredibly supportive of Civil War Round Tables in North Carolina for over a decade, visiting our groups every January and supporting our efforts. Ed recently celebrated his 97th birthday on June 26, 2020. While his health no longer allows him to conduct his annual "Carolina Campaign," his interest and enthusiasm remain unabated.

So far, over \$3,700 has been raised for this purpose from the NC and Raleigh CWRTs and from individual friends of Ed Bearss. The money will be used when private property in the battlefield comes up for purchase. Checks may be made out to **American Battlefield Trust**. Write "**designated for Ed Bearss Bentonville Recognition**" in the memo line and mail to:

Tom Moore
Principle Philanthropic Advisor, American Battlefield Trust
1156 15th Street NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20005

Ed Bearss' daughter, Ginny Bearss, is working diligently to determine the appropriate place for Ed as his health continues to deteriorate. He enjoys getting cards and letters from his NC friends. Please consider dropping him a line. His best current address is:

Ed Bearss
490 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042

Current Status of the Coronavirus Pandemic

As of a month ago, 08-01-2020, there were over 4,559,008 reported cases and 153,311 reported deaths in the U.S. caused by the novel coronavirus. Those figures, as of 09-01-2020, have increased to 6,030,782 reported cases (+32%) and 183,596 reported deaths (+20%), respectively.

Compared to the current world-wide reported totals of 25,485,328 cases and 850,544 deaths, the U.S. has 24% of all reported cases compared to 26% a month ago and 22% of all reported deaths compared to 25% a month ago. It's unknown whether this relatively small decrease in the ratios of the U.S. vs. the World is due to a decrease in the U.S. numbers, an increase in the World numbers, or a combination of both.

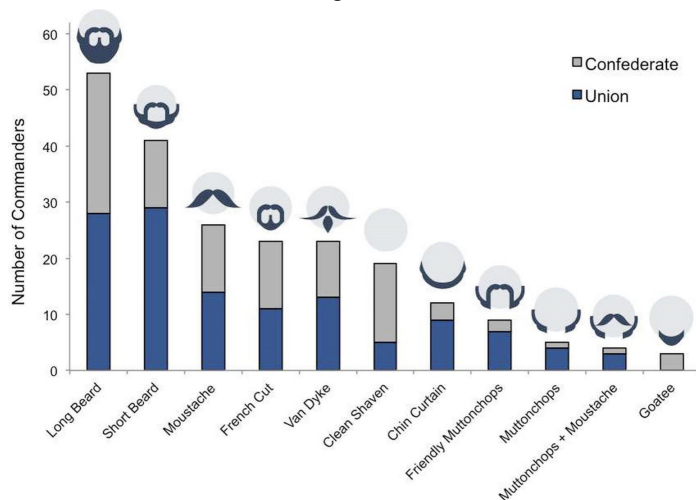
Please continue to follow medical and governmental guidelines of social distancing, washing hands frequently, and wearing a mask.

NOTE: It's September and that time again to submit our annual membership dues: \$30 (individual & family); \$10 (teachers); \$0(students). Half-year memberships are available March - May for \$20. Dues should be submitted to Griff Bartlett, Treasurer, 908 Kinsdale Drive, Raleigh, NC 27615-1117.

Civil War Generals: An Analysis of their Beards

The War Between the Barbates: Facial Hair of the Commanders of the United States Civil War is a quantitative analysis of Civil War facial hair published in 2015 in the online semi-serious journal "Proceedings of the National Institute of Science." In it, journal editor Matt J. Michel analyzed the facial hair of 123 Union commanders and 95 Confederate commanders, classifying generals by the style and quantity of their facial hair.

Shown below are his findings:



The order of popularity in descending order is as follows:

- Long Beard - 24%
- Short Beard - 19%
- Moustache - 12%
- French Cut - 11%
- Van Dyke - 11%
- Clean Shaven - 9%
- Chin Curtain - 6%
- Friendly Muttonchops - 4%
- Muttonchops - 2%
- Muttonchops + Moustache - 1.5%
- Goatee - 1%

Michel found that more than 90 percent of the generals in his sample had some type of facial hair.

Also, being clean-shaven was more heavily concentrated among Confederate generals. Michel speculated that this may have been a subtle protest by Confederate Generals against Lincoln's beard.

Finally, Northerners tended toward more elaborate beard styles, like muttonchops and short beards, that require more upkeep. Michel suggested that this may have been due to more barber services being available in the North.

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming 2020 RCWRT Meetings

Note: until further notice, due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, RCWRT meetings will be held remotely via use of Zoom software.

Date	Speaker	Topic
Sept. 14	Sandy Barnard	An Aide to Custer: The Civil War Letters of Lt. Edward G. Granger
Oct. 12	Dr. Christian Keller	The Lee-Jackson Partnership and Confederate Strategy in the East, 1861-1863
Nov. 9	Mike Rucker	Confederate Colonel Edmund Winchester Rucker
Dec. 14	Michael Brantley	Galvanized - The Odyssey of a Reluctant Carolina Confederate

Did You Know?

- Two percent of the population, North and South, died in the Civil War. Two percent of the U.S. population as of 2019 was 6.5 million, which is 400,000 more than live in the entire State of Missouri.
- An estimated 300 women disguised themselves as men and fought in the ranks.
- 3,530 Native Americans fought for the Union, of which, 1,018 were killed. That is a mortality rate of 29%.
- There were more Northern-born Confederate generals than Southern-born Union generals.
- The famous Confederate blockade-runner, the C.S.S. Alabama, never entered a Confederate port during the length of her service.



The American Battlefield Trust doesn't just acquire historic land. It also seeks to restore these battlefields to their wartime condition. Civil War battlefields at three locations are in need of your support toward restoration. The goal is to raise \$153,000. The battlefields include Cedar Creek, South Mountain, and First Deep Bottom, just outside Richmond. For more information, go to <https://www.battlefields.org/give/save-battlefields/help-restore-battlefields>.

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.raleighcwr.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 Griff Bartlett, Treasurer, 908 Kinsdale Drive, Raleigh, NC 27615-1117 by **September 15** each year.



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Northern vs. Southern Resources as of 1860

The following charts illustrate how, resource-wise, the deck was stacked against the South from the outset.

