

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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Ted Kunstling to Speak at June 8 Round Table Meeting On the Occupation of Raleigh in April 1865

Dr. Ted Kunstling, president of the Raleigh Civil War Round Table, will speak at the group's meeting on June 8.



Ted was born in Lexington, Ky., and graduated from Maury High School in Norfolk, Va. He received his bachelor's degree in history from Duke University.

Earning his medical degree from the Duke School of Medicine, Ted did his residency and fellowship training at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Ted also is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving as a battalion surgeon for the 1/9 Marines. He practiced pulmonary medicine in Raleigh from 1975 until 2009 and served as chief medical officer for Duke Raleigh Hospital from 2007 until he retired in 2013.

In 1981, Ted was inducted into the Order of the Longleaf Pine by then Gov. Jim Hunt for his work on brown lung disease in workers. He has held many leadership positions in a wide range of historical, religious, medical, and cultural groups.

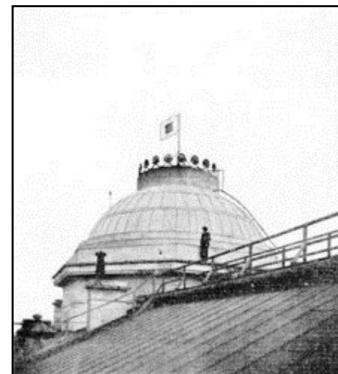
Ted has had a lifelong interest in the Civil War, was a charter member of the RCWRT, currently serves on the board of advisors for the NC History Center, and helped write and provide narration for the RCWRT's documentary on the end of the Civil War in North Carolina.

Ted is married and has two daughters and three grandsons. His presentation to the Round Table at our June 2015 meeting is titled "Raleigh Occupied, April 1865: People and Scenes."

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~ The Occupation ~

Raleigh formally surrendered to Union forces on April 13, 1865. North Carolina's capital would see little of the damage that other Southern cities and towns suffered as Sherman's army moved through.



Federal soldiers occupied the state capitol building and established a signal station on its dome.



The Sesquicentennial



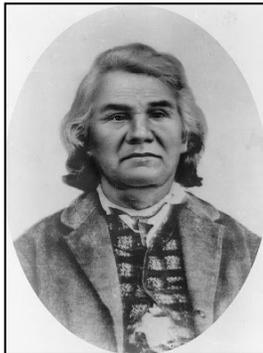
June 1865

Last CS General Surrenders

On June 23, Brig. Gen. Stand Watie, a Cherokee chief, surrendered at Doaksville, Okla. He was the last Confederate general to do so.

Watie was the only Native American to rise to the rank of brigadier general during the Civil War, and fought in several significant battles, including Wilson Creek and Pea Ridge.

Before Watie surrendered, Gen. Kirby Smith signed such terms on June 2 in Galveston, Texas. Brig. Gen. Joseph Shelby refused to give up and led a group of about a thousand cavalymen into Mexico.



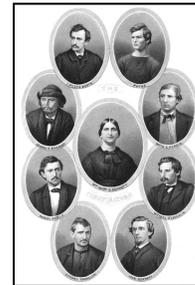
Stand Watie

Also in June 1865, the CSS *Shenandoah* captured some 20 Northern whalers, the Union VI Corps, not present for the Grand Review in May, paraded in Washington, D.C., Confederate prisoners of war who took the an oath of loyalty to the United States were released, and the Confederate guerilla leader William Quantrill died of wounds he received when shot by Union troops in Kentucky.

June 1865 also saw the declaration of emancipation day in Texas, Missouri ratify a new Constitution that abolished slavery, and the naming of provisional governors of several Southern states.

Conspirators Sentenced

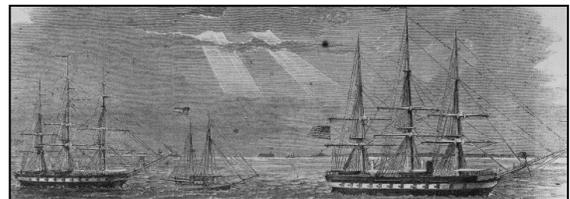
On June 30, the seven men and one woman who had faced trial for the assassination of President Lincoln were found guilty by a military tribunal, led by Maj. Gen. David Hunter.



Conspirator John Surratt, who had fled to Canada, avoided trial and would live until 1916. Mary Surratt, Lewis Powell, George Atzerodt, and David Herold were sentenced to death by hanging. Samuel Mudd, Samuel Arnold, and Michael O'Laughlen were given life in prison. Edmund Spangler was sentenced to a prison term of six years.

Blockade Lifted

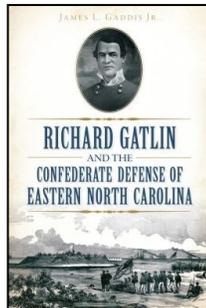
On June 23, U.S. President Andrew Johnson lifted the Federal blockade of Southern ports.



The blockade, covering about 3,500 miles of the Southern coast, had been in place since early 1861. The effort had been championed by Union General-in-Chief Winfield Scott and was known as the "Anaconda Plan." Efforts to improve the effectiveness of the U.S. Navy eventually paid off and the Confederate's trade suffered.

Telling Gatlin's Story

A new book by James Gaddis Jr., friend of the RCWRT, tells the story of Richard Caswell Gatlin, a little-known Confederate general from Lenoir County, N.C.



Gatlin commanded the Confederacy's Department of North Carolina from Aug. 19, 1861, until March 15, 1862. Gatlin, who had extensive prior military service, led the initial efforts to defend coastal North Carolina.

More information about the new book is available at <http://www.gatlinbiographer.com/2015/02/who-was-richard-caswell-gatlin.html>.

Wyse Fork Land Protected!

Approximately 88 acres of farmland upon which the March 1865 battle of Wyse Fork was fought is now protected from development.



Painting by Stephen McCall

The land is protected through an agreement between Donny Taylor, who owns the land, the N.C. Coastal Land Trust, and the Civil War Trust. Taylor works as the site manager of Bentonville battlefield. On the property are portions of Union earthworks built during the battle.

For more information on the battle of Wyse Fork, see www.visitkinston.com/documents/wysefork_tour.pdf.

Upcoming Events

June 12-13: Speakers and living history events will commemorate the May 1865 Battle of Waynesville, N.C. Lecture by Jule Morrow on "Last Shot Fired: Occupation and Reconstruction," Fri., at 7 p. m., Living history with encampments, drills, and musket firing and lecture by Morrow Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Events supported by donations. Go online to <http://www.lastshotfired.com> or call (828) 452-1551 for details.

June 12-13: Stratford Hall in Stratford, Va., hosts the 6th annual "Robert E. Lee Symposium on the Civil War." Lecture on Appomattox by Elizabeth Varon, Fri., 5 p.m. Guided tours of Appomattox and Sailor's Creek on Sat., along with tour dinner and lectures. \$425 per person for both days. More information is available at <http://www.stratfordhall.org/event/2015-robert-e-lee-symposium-on-the-civil-war-sailors-creek-to-appomattox> or via phone at (804) 493-1972.

June 13: Bentonville battlefield site near Four Oaks, N.C., presents a living history program, "A Day in the Life of a Civil War Soldier." Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, go online to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/bentonvi.htm> or call (910) 594-0789.

Preservation News

The Civil War Trust is seeking to preserve critical ground at the Champion Hill battlefield in western Mississippi.



The land targeted for preservation is 66 acres along the Jackson Road, ground over which both Union and Confederate forces charged during the May 16, 1863, battle.

The Trust's goal in this campaign is to raise \$180,000. Donations are matched at a 3.55:1 rate!

For details, go to <http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/championhill/champion-hill-2015>.

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

July: Wade Sokolosky, Wyse Fork

August: Rex Hovey, The Battle of South Mountain

September: Susannah Lee, Sioux Uprising

Book "Exchange"

Our June meeting will feature a Civil War book auction/sale. A number of nice titles will be available for donations of \$5 for hardback and \$3 for paperback. Members are welcome to donate books for the exchange as well.

RCWRT Documentary

A documentary covering the end of the Civil War in North Carolina is being offered by the Raleigh Civil War Round Table. It is available at our meetings for donations to the RCWRT that will be used for educational and preservation activities related to North Carolina and the Civil War. The film features historians and authors speaking on the major events of 1865. See the RCWRT's website (<http://www.raleighcwrt.org>) for more information.

Chancellorsville Trip

The North Carolina Civil War History Center has invited RCWRT members to join in on a trip to Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville on the Aug. 14-15 weekend. Reservations are due **JUNE 12** and are secured by \$100 deposit for each person. The cost for the weekend is \$400 per person, single occupancy' and \$350 per person double occupancy. Cost includes two nights of lodging, all meals Saturday, Saturday bus tour, and breakfast on Sunday. To ensure a personal experience, the trip is limited to 25 people. Send deposit by June 12 to: NC Civil War History Center, P.O. Box 53865, Fayetteville, NC 28305. Details are available from the center at (910) 491-0602 or <http://www.nccivilwarcenter.org>.

New Member!

The RCWRT welcomes our newest member, Lee Craig of Raleigh. If you know someone who is interested in the Civil War, bring them to a meeting and encourage 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, (5 Edenton St. across from the State Capitol). Members and guests are encouraged to meet for supper at K&W Cafeteria (511 Woodburn Rd, Cameron Village) at 5:15; and for further discussion at The Mellow Mushroom (Glenwood Avenue & Peace Street) after the meeting. 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.