

The Knapsack

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

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May 14 Event Features Scott Mauger Speaking on the Life of ‘Gallant Pelham’

The Raleigh Civil War Round Table’s May 2018 meeting will feature a presentation by researcher and historian Scott C. Mauger.



Scott was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Virginia as a child. He retired in 2017 after working as a journeyman structural ironworker for 46 years and has been a student of the Civil War for about 58 years.

He is nationally recognized as an expert grave researcher, and has located numerous gravesites for

Civil War historians and authors.

Scott conducts tours of Hampton’s Beefsteak Raid and Stuart’s Ride Around McClellan (sometimes with J.E.B. Stuart IV, the famous Confederate horseman’s great-grandson). He is also an expert on the Civil War campaigns in Virginia, and has worked to help locate, restore, and conserve the gravesites of Confederate officers at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.

He is a longtime member of the Richmond Civil War Round Table, serving as that group’s president in 1996. For several years, Scott also has been a member of the Confederate Literary Society, the Civil War Trust, the Virginia Historical Society, and the Titanic Historical Society.

“I’m most happy in an old graveyard or on a battlefield,” he says.

Scott lives in Hopewell Va., with his wife, Anne. He has three adult children and five grandchildren. His talk at our May 14 event is titled “It is Glorious to See Such Courage in One So Young” — The Life of the ‘Gallant Pelham.’

~ Maj. John Pelham, CSA ~

John Pelham was an artillery officer who served with the Confederate cavalry under J.E.B. Stuart. He revolutionized the use of light artillery.



Pelham fought in many of the major battles in the Eastern Theater of the Civil War. He served with particular distinction at the battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg. Pelham was killed leading his men at Kelly’s Ford, Va., in March 1863 at the age of 24. His valor earned him the nickname of “Gallant Pelham.”



Kansas

The States During the Civil War



The 'Jayhawk State'

Kansas entered the Union in 1861, the 34th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. Less than three months after Kansas became a state, the Civil War began. Its nickname, the "Jayhawk State" stems from a term used by pro-slavery Kansans to describe Free State guerillas, and combines two birds: the blue jay, a noisy, quarrelsome thing known to rob other nests, and the sparrow hawk, a stealthy hunter.

In 1860, Kansas had a population of 107,206. The state saw much violence and chaos both before and during the Civil War as abolitionists and pro-slavery factions clashed.

More than 20,000 Jayhawkers enlisted in the Union army. Nearly 8,500 soldiers from Kansas became casualties in the Civil War and the state had the highest mortality rate of any in the Union.



Monument at Baxter Springs Cemetery

1864 Election Results for Kansas:

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| Abraham Lincoln (Rep) | 17,089 (79.2%) |
| George McClellan (Dem) | 3,836 (17.8%) |
| E. Cheesborough (Ind) | 543 (2.5%) |
| Write-in candidates | 112 (0.5%) |

Kansas' Civil War Governors:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Charles Robinson (Rep) | Feb. 9, 1861 – Jan. 12, 1863 |
| Thomas Carney (Rep) | Jan. 12, 1863 – Jan. 9, 1865 |
| Samuel J. Crawford (Rep) | Jan. 9, 1865 – Nov. 4, 1868 |

'The First to Fight'

Kansas provided 11 infantry regiments, nine cavalry regiments and several artillery batteries to the Union cause. A number of militia regiments and two units of Colored Volunteer Infantry also were raised in the Jayhawk State.



Members of the 8th Kansas, Co. E

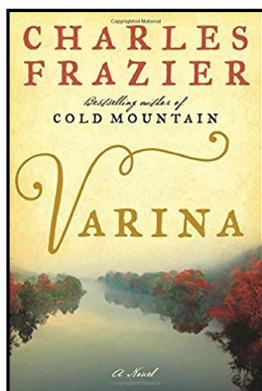
Among the notable units from Kansas was the 1st Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, which was heavily engaged and suffered a high number of casualties at the Battle of Wilson's Creek, Missouri, in August 1861. The 1st Regiment of Volunteer Infantry (Colored) lost nearly half of its men at the Battle of Poison Springs, Arkansas, in April 1864, many of whom were killed after they surrendered. The black soldiers in the unit were considered "the first to fight and the first to fall." It was the first all African-American unit to fight as free men before President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation and, in December 1864, it became the 79th Regiment of U.S. Colored Troops.

Several skirmishes took place along the Missouri border in 1861, but the first significant action for Kansas soldiers came at Wilson's Creek. During 1862, units from Kansas served in campaigns in Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Jayhawkers also fought in Arkansas and Indiana.

A number of raids and skirmishes were conducted during the Civil War in Kansas, the most notable being a raid by William Clark Quantrill and his band of guerillas on Lawrence in August 1863, where some 200 men and boys were killed. The largest battle fought in the state was Mine Creek in October 1864, a Union victory.

New Book by Charles Frazier!

Charles Frazier, the author of *Cold Mountain*, has recently released a new work of fiction that also takes place during and after the Civil War.



Varina is based on the life of Varina Howell, the second wife of President Jefferson Davis. Howell, the only first lady of the Confederacy, had mixed feelings about the war and slavery. Frazier's new work covers the complicated woman and imagines her experiences during the war and its aftermath.

Upcoming Events

May 17: The CSS *Neuse* Civil War Interpretive Center in Kinston, N.C., hosts a program just for homeschoolers on sailors and ironclads. Cost is \$1 per person and pre-registration is required. 10 a.m. to noon. For details, call Rachel Kennedy at (252) 526-9600, ext. 222 or see nchistoricsites.org/neuse/neuse.htm.

May 24: The American Civil War Museum located in Appomattox, Va., holds a "Conversation" on when the war actually ended, looking at lingering issues facing the nation even after the end of formal hostilities. \$10 adults, members free. 6:30 p.m. Reservations encouraged. Call (434) 352-5791 or visit <https://acwm.org/calendar-events/civil-war-conversations-when-did-civil-war-end> for more.

May 26. Brunswick Town/Ft. Anderson in Winnabow, N.C., presents a celebration of the 250th anniversary of St. Philip's Church. Living history event with colonists, Civil War soldiers, and others. Free. 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Call (910) 371-6613 or go to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/brunwic/brunwic.htm> for more information.

May 26-27. Bennett Place historical site in Durham, N.C., presents "Decoration Day," a living history event honoring soldiers throughout our nation's history. Also features a traveling exhibit from Virginia titled "Profiles of Honor." Free. 10 a.m.—4 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m.—3 p.m. Sun. For details, call (919) 383-4345 or to online to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bennett/bennett.htm>.

One Tough Horse

Old Baldy was born on the western frontier and was owned by Union Maj. Gen. David Hunter at the start of the Civil War. He was purchased in September 1861 by Maj. Gen. George Meade, who then rode the horse in several major battles.



Old Baldy was said to have been wounded between five and 14 times during the Civil War, beginning with First Bull Run, where he was hit in the nose by an artillery shell fragment. He also was wounded in the right hind leg at Second Bull Run, shot through the neck at Antietam, and was shot in the stomach at Gettysburg. After recuperating, Old Baldy returned to duty and was hit in the ribs by a shell during the siege of Petersburg. He survived the war and was put down in December 1882 at the age of 30.

Preservation News

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



The Trust's campaign covers 208 acres of what is now known as the Slaughter Pen Farm, the scene of the most vicious hand-to-hand combat of the Dec. 13, 1862 battle.

The Trust's goal in this annual effort is to raise \$300,000. Donations are matched at a 1:1 rate!

For details, go to <https://www.civilwar.org/give/save-battlefields/save-slaughter-pen-farm>

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

June: William H. Brown, NC in Army of Tennessee

July: Michael Hardy, the Branch-Lane Brigade

August: Angela Robbins, NC women post-war

September: Chris Fonvielle, Gen. Braxton Bragg

October: Wade Sokolosky, Confederate hospitals

November: Keith Hardison, first person CS soldier

Knapsack Editor Wanted!!

Knapsack Editor Andrew Ballard is ending his eight-year run in two months with the July 2018 edition. If you have any interest in taking over the position, please contact the RCWRT's Board of Directors at raleighcwr@gmail.com or call President Ted Kunstling at (919) 787-5282.

Plymouth Rocks!

RCWRT members Andrew Ballard and David Waller visited Plymouth, N.C., for the re-enactment of the April 1864 fight at that site. The two were gathering photos and videos for a documentary film covering that year in North Carolina they hope to release in the future. If you haven't been to the event in Plymouth, it is held the last weekend in April and worth the trip. The naval battle is a highlight.



Petersburg Tour Planned for May 19

Mark your calendars for the next RCWRT excursion on May 19. The group will visit some of the highlights associated with the Petersburg National Battlefield in Virginia. Among the targeted sites are Grant's headquarters at City Point, The Crater, and Five Forks. Departure is planned for 8 a.m. that morning, a Saturday. For details, call Jack Milani, RCWRT's trip coordinator, at (919) 848-3670 or email him at 1huntmaster@gmail.com.



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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 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. Students are free. Half-year memberships are available March through May for \$20.