



The Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

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Newsletter of The Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

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Our next meeting will be 12 March 2009 at St. Andrew's On-the-Sound (Airlie Rd.)

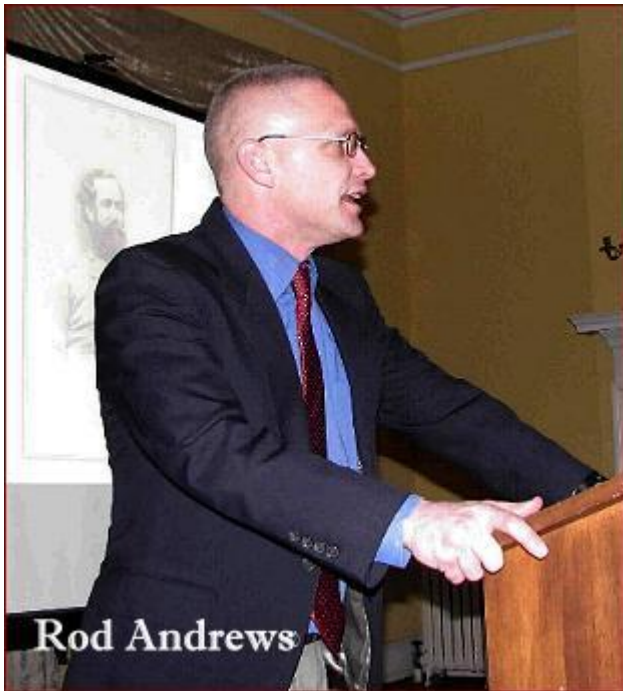
Social Hour at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Setting the stage for our March trip to New Bern, **Mr. Brian Kraus** will speak about the 1862 battle. Mr. Kraus, well known to our Round Table, "lives along the coast, in the Morehead City area." Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mr. Kraus has also lived in Miami, Florida. Mr. Kraus is an Art teacher in neighboring Craven County, who has taught dependents of the Marine Corps and Navy personnel for many years. For many years he also owned and operated a successful landscaping business. It is in the attention to detail that shows in his art work, details of terrain and plant species, that insures a more realistic and accurate scene portrayal. He has also been a Civil War reenactor with the **1st NC Vols./ 11th N.C. Troops**, again with a mind to better understand the soldier experience, not only tactics, but the sights, sounds and smells that reenacting imparts.

At our last meeting **Mr. Kraus** offered us a teaser: we may well be able to visit Fort Thompson, now in private ownership. Please join us for what promises to be a great (and informative) meeting. Also, see **Bruce Patterson** and make your reservations for our spring trip!





At our February meeting, a near-record gathering of some sixty-four members and guests of the RT were treated to a great talk, good food AND camaraderie. Our speaker, **Rod Andrews, Jr.**, presently teaching at Clemson University, talked about the subject of his newest book, *Wade Hampton*. Speaking not only of Hampton during the war, **Mr. Andrews** continued with Hampton's post-war career, "Tragedy and Vindication." Only one of three men who rose to the rank of Lieutenant General in the Confederate



army, he was the only one who had no prior military experience; he was, however, a natural-born leader who took command of the Confederate Cavalry after the death of J.E.B. Stuart in 1864. As **Mr. Andrews** pointed out, at that point of the war, the South was pretty well beaten, but Hampton, his men and a host of others didn't know that. They continued to fight on for nearly a year!

It was the later years that came into closer scrutiny as **Mr. Andrews** discussed Hampton's view on race. Some have portrayed him as a racial moderate, others as a leader of the KKK. One thing was certain: in South Carolina for many whites, he was viewed as the "symbol" of their future. **Mr. Andrews** also pointed out that during his tenure as Governor, one-hundred sixteen blacks were appointed to office and many black leaders praised him for his even-handedness. But make no mistake about it, **Mr. Andrew** cautioned: Hampton was very much a white supremacist; that is, he believed in the superiority of whites and the inferiority of blacks. Hampton's main concerns after the war were to bring social peace and stability to "his people."

Vindication of the war (and the losses suffered therein) was very much the focus of his post war labors. Having lost a son at the Boyton Plank Road in October 1864, he believed his son and the others that had fallen, died as true heroes. Thus was born the mythology and culture of the "Lost Cause" that many Southerners grasped and held onto.



Raffle Winners

Charts of War - **Betty Henderson**
Gray Phantoms of the Cape Fear - **Marjorie George**
The Civil War on Coastal North Carolina - **John Moore**

General Robert F. Hoke: Lee's Modest Warrior - **Ed Hickmon**
The Battle of New Market - **Dale Lear**
The American Heritage Civil War - **Mary Royal**
Civil War Trust Calendar - **Ed Gibson**
The flag of North Carolina - **Joe George**



See our link to Richmond's Historic Tredegar (The American Civil War Center), www.tredegar.org for information about upcoming events. March 12-14 there will be a conference at the University of Richmond: Lincoln and the South. Sponsored by the National Park Service and the University of Richmond, the conference will be moderated by Dr. James M. McPherson and will feature as speakers, David Blight (Yale University), Fitzhugh Brundage (UNC-CH), Michael Burlingame (U. of Connecticut) and a host of others.

Congratulations and kudos to member John Winecoff, not only for his write-up (and all-to-brief bio) in Sunday's Star-News, (8 March 2009) but also for being a valued member of the community and RT as well!

