

The Runner



Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 10 September 2015** at St. Andrew's On-the-Sound Episcopal Church (101 Airlie Road). Social Hour begins at 7:00 p.m. (with light refreshments), meeting at 7:30.

Please join us at our September meeting for the beginning of our 2015-2016 Program Year. Visitors are always welcome – ***bring a friend or two.*** Each of our speakers strives to enlighten, entertain, and add to our knowledge of Civil War history. This serves our mission of encouraging education and research into that historic conflict.

******* September 2015 Program *******

Blandford Church and Cemetery



Martha Atkinson, Site Manager and Education Specialist for the Petersburg Museums, will share a presentation about the Blandford Church and Cemetery.

Erected in 1735 on the highest point in Petersburg, Blandford Church is the oldest structure in the city. Originally built as an Anglican site for worship, it became an Episcopal church after the Revolutionary War and was abandoned for 95 years.

Restoration

Restored as a Confederate Memorial Chapel by the Ladies Memorial Association of Petersburg in the early 1900s, the church has 15 priceless Louis Comfort Tiffany stained-glass windows, each dedicated to the memory of fallen southern soldiers.



Historic Blandford Cemetery

Still an active burial ground, Blandford Cemetery's oldest marked grave dates to 1702. An incredible collection of 18th, 19th, and 20th century styles of burial and funerary art, tombstones, ironwork, and landscaping are represented throughout the grounds.

Decoration Day

On June 9, 1866, the first Decoration Day service was conducted by the Ladies Memorial Association of Petersburg. This event became the inspiration for the national observance of Memorial Day.

Soldiers from every American conflict, including a British major general and three Confederate generals are buried within the confines of the cemetery..

Editor

******* Trivia Questions for September *******

1 – Between 1904 and 1912, Louis Comfort Tiffany produced fifteen stained-glass windows for the restored chapel. When was the North Carolina window installed?

2 – Who chose a subject and theme for each of the states to be represented in the Tiffany windows? What was the cost of each window?

3 – On May 4, 1864 and approximately 20 miles downstream from Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, Grant's Army of the Potomac crossed the Rapidan River and entered the tangled forest known as The Wilderness. Which Union cavalry commander was assigned to protect the army's right flank against Confederate efforts to intercept its movements?

******* Raffle Winners *******

Raffle Master: Ed Gibson

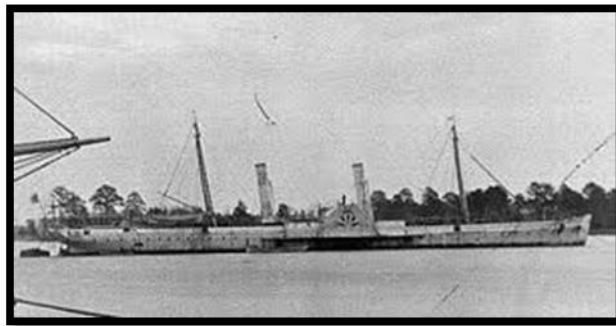
If you have books, prints, or other items that you would like to donate to the CFCWRT Raffle, Contact Ed Gibson (egibson759@aol.com) before our next meeting. The raffle is one of the components which allow the CFRCWRT to fund our activities and our speakers. Please take part in our raffle by contributing items and/or purchasing tickets.



Civil War Battlefields
Hoke
Untold Civil War
Shelby Foot Trilogy
Ken Burn's Civil War
Fields of Honor

- Ed Gibson
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- Dennis Wrynn
- Connie Hendrix
- John Moore
- Bill Jayne

***** **Member News & Activities** *****



Blockade Runner the *Robert E. Lee*

If you have member news or news about Civil War events that you think would be of interest to CFCWRT membership, send me an email with the details. Thank you.

1 - **John Munroe III** represented the CFCWRT at the Confederate Memorial Service on May 3 by laying a wreath during ceremonies at the Confederate Mound, Oakdale Cemetery. Also present was member Linda Lashley, reenacting in period dress as a "Mourning Lady" and Martha Watson was on the program as UDC District VII Director. The Round Table is always well represented at this yearly commemoration.



2 - Members **Judy Ward, Ed Gibson** (Sons of Union Veterans) and **Linda Lashley** participated in the Bentonville Battlefield 150th Commemoration on May 21. Harper House, used as a Union hospital for Sherman's XIV Army Corps, can be seen in the background. It was occupied by troops from March 19-21, 1865. Approximately 500 Union and 45 Confederate troops were treated there. The family remained at the home during the battle, helping to care for the wounded.



******* May Program *******

Command Conflicts in Grant's Overland Campaign: Ambition and Animosity in the Army of the Potomac



Diane and Ned Smith presented a joint program that discussed the state of Maine's dynamics prior to and during the Civil War and the controversies that evolved around U.S. Grant's command of the Army of the Potomac.

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2 – Who chose a subject and theme for each of the states to be represented in the Tiffany windows? What was the cost of each window? To facilitate agreement between different states represented in the windows, Louis Comfort Tiffany coordinated the subject and theme for each state. The cost of each state's window was \$385.

3 – On May 4, 1864 and approximately 20 miles downstream from Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia, Grant’s Army of the Potomac crossed the Rapidan River and entered the tangled forest known as The Wilderness. Which Union cavalry commander was assigned to protect the army’s right flank against Confederate efforts to intercept its movements? Brigadier General James H. Wilson, Phil Sheridan’s least experienced commander, was assigned to protect the Union flank. Wilson led a tentative probe toward the Confederate position but withdrew before encountering Richard Ewell and A.P. Hill’s commands moving to challenge the Union’s move south. Wilson’s failure allowed the Confederates to launch their dual advance on the Orange Turnpike and the Orange Plank Road toward the unprepared Army of the Potomac.

******* Thoughts *******

September 10th marks the beginning of a most interesting 2015-2016 Program Year. The topics and speakers range far and wide over Civil War history.

September 10, 2015 - **Martha Atkinson**: Blandford Church and Cemetery

October 8, 2015 - **Brian Kraus**: A Civil War Challenge

November 12, 2015 - **Melton McLaurin**: The Economics of the Confederacy

December 10, 2015 - **Andrew Dupstadt**: The Hard-luck Career of the CSS *Neuse*

January 14, 2016 - **David Meisky**: Confederate Currency

February 11, 2016 - **Kelly Hinson**: An Evening with Mrs. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. (This event will be our annual **dinner meeting**.)

March 10, 2016 - **Keith Hardison**: The Lighter Side of Johnny Reb: The Role of Humor in the Civil War

April 14, 2016 - **John Winecoff & Ed Gibson**: North Carolina's Civil War Monuments

May 12, 2016 - **John Moseley**: Fort Fisher's Medal of Honor Recipients

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