

BRUNSWICK CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

The Civil War is over, so what happens now? Answers at April 7th Round Table meeting.

Questions swirled in the Civil War's aftermath about what the process of bringing former Confederate states back into the Union would entail. Like, what freedom for formerly enslaved individuals would mean? Or, what role the federal government would play in binding the nation's wounds? During the Reconstruction era, and specifically the military reconstruction of the South, the



issues seemed endless, and eventually, was there an end in sight? Guest speaker Angela Zombek, Ph.D. will join the Brunswick Civil War Round Table at Hatch Auditorium on Caswell Beach on Tuesday, April 7th to delve into the many crucial issues during her presentation entitled, "Competing Visions of the Post-War World: Military Reconstruction and Southern Resistance in North Carolina."

The military presence was crucial in maintaining order, safeguarding the rights of newly freed slaves, and establishing new state governments that recognized the 14th Amendment and equal voting rights for all men. On the one hand, radical Republicans favored a rather dramatic approach to Reconstruction seeking to punish the South and

guarantee civil rights for African Americans through military occupation and constitutional changes. On the other hand, white supremacists desired to maintain white racial domination and actively resisted



any advancements for African Americans as it relates to voting rights or social equality. These differing perspectives will clearly be discussed at the next Round Table meeting when the country sought a measure of equality in the post-war South.



We are pleased to have Angela back with another really significant topic that set the stage of our country for years to come. She is Professor of History at UNCW, a Copie Hill Civil War Fellow with the American Battlefield Trust, serves as managing editor of Kent State University Press, a prolific author, and is under contract with the University Press of Florida.

Registration for the meeting begins at 6:15PM. The meeting starts at 7:00PM. The visitor fee is still \$10, and may be applied toward the \$25 annual membership dues, which can include a spouse.

Importantly, meeting attendees will be able to take an unlimited number of free Civil War history books from our vast collection of 600+ books which are being offered due to storage limitations.

For more information about the meeting or the Round Table, please contact president John Butler at Brunswickcwr@gmail.com, or call him directly at (404) 229-9425. Or, visit their website at Brunswickcivilwarroundtable.com for background and current information, news, and updates, or their Facebook page.