



Call to Arms

Brunswick Civil War Round Table Newsletter

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER - MIKE POWELL



I hope you all had as good a summer as I did. As you know, summer is when our friends come to the beach and a good time is had by all. But, the BCWRT never sleeps. Let me tell a few of the things that we have done this summer and have coming up. But before that,

let me congratulate Nathan Sloan and his bride Emily, on their wedding in July. Nathan does a great job for us running the A/V system at Hatch Auditorium. We all wish them the best and also welcome Emily to the BCWRT family.

First, I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is **Charen Fink** has begun to put her second book together. Her vast collections of articles on the women of the Civil War and the success of her first book demands that she publishes this second book. However, the bad news is it does mean she will no longer be able to do all the things needed for the **Ladies' Forum**. This project was very successful. Besides her writing, her position as vice president for BCWRT, family, and her other historical pursuits, have forced her to give up the forum. She did a great job for years and I do not know of a like organization in the country devoted just for women. So, thanks Charen. We all would like to see the organization continue, so if you would be interested in seeing this wonderful program keep going, please contact Charen or myself. There will be no further meetings of the Women's Forum until further notice.

More bad news and good news. The bad

news, Kris White, our scheduled September speaker had to cancel. We will ask him to return at a later time. The good news is that we have got **James "Bud" Robertson**, a BCWRT friend and favorite to come to Ft. Caswell. On April 3, 1997, I went to hear him give a talk on Stonewall Jackson at the Museum of the Confederacy. The talk was based on Bud's new (at that time) book, a biography of Stonewall which still remains the definitive work on Jackson. The talk he gave that night is still my single favorite talk I have ever heard. He will give that talk again at our September meeting.

September 17 is fast approaching. **Chris Fonvielle** will lead us on a unique trip on the Cape Fear River. We will leave Wilmington and go down to Brunswicktown/Fort Anderson, and back by boat. I have lived here since 2000 and have never made this journey, so I am really looking forward to it. For those that own **THE BIG BOOK OF THE CAPE FEAR RIVER**, by Claude Jackson, you can find a series of wonderful maps for that trip marking the Civil War forts, plantations, lighthouses, shipwrecks, etc. Contact John Walsh or myself to sign up.

A big thank you to Jim McKee, who after co-editing this newsletter for numerous years, is taking a breather. Jim's plate remains full, including his service as an Advisor to our Round Table. Starting with this issue, our newsletter format is changed, but we still will provide all the news, features, photos, information, and up-dates that you've enjoyed in the past.

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Double Feature Highlights First Meeting

Tuesday, September 5, marks the return of our monthly Brunswick Civil War Round Table meetings and attendees are in for a rare treat!

Leading off the meeting will be the return of John Bennett and his Masonboro Parlor Band playing Civil War-era songs. This will be followed by the main event — the return of Dr. James I. (Bud) Robertson, Jr., one of the most distinguished names in Civil War history. The topic of his presentation is,

“Stonewall Jackson: The Man, the Soldier, the Legend.” Everyone is welcome. Registration and refreshments will begin early at 5:15 p.m., due to the length of the program.

Back by popular demand, John and his band’s program will include an audience sign-along and a few dances that were popular during the Civil War period. Over the years this local band, led by retired award-winning UNCW professor, continues to please audiences devoting their time and musical talents at various Civil War-related clubs and organizations around the country with a selection of period music, some of which will surely be familiar to everyone.

The highlight of the evening will feature Bud Robertson, probably more in demand as a speaker before Civil War groups than anyone else in the field. He is author of over 20 books that include such award-winning studies as *Civil War! America Becomes One Nation*, *General A.P. Hill* and *Soldiers Blue and Gray*. His massive biography of

General “Stonewall” Jackson won eight national awards and was used as the base for the Ted Turner/Warner Bros. mega-movie, “*Gods and Generals*.”

The title of that book, “*Stonewall Jackson: The Man, the Soldier, the Legend*” will be the focus of his presentation. He describes his book as not a biography of a great general; it is the life story of an extraordinary man who became a great general.

Bud will discuss Jackson’s upbringing in western

Virginia, his struggles and grit at West Point, his career in the antebellum army, and his happiness and despair in Lexington. As a result, his portrayal of Jackson as a lonely but determined orphan appropriately diminishes the image of the lemon-sucking reclusive general. Rather Jackson is conveyed as a loving husband and father, deadening the hyperbole of the

eccentric hypochondriac. In essence, it’s the Stonewall Jackson persona rarely discussed in Civil War circles.

The guest admission fee is \$10, and can be applied toward the \$25 annual membership dues. For more information, contact president Mike Powell at (910) 278-3545, or email to mikepowell260@gmail.com. Remember to visit our website (brunswickcivilwarroundtable.com) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/brunswickcivilwarroundtable/>) for interesting BCWRT developments and announcements.



New Post-Speaker Procedure

Beginning with our September meeting, immediately following our speaker’s presentation, members and guests who wish to leave may do so. Once they have exited, the speaker will gladly conduct a 10-15 minute Q&A for members who appreciate the opportunity to learn more.

The President's Corner - Continued

Our new **rack cards** with the speaker schedule are printed and displayed around town.

MASONBORO PARLOR will be at the September meeting to play before our program begins. They were a big hit in February, and we look forward to enjoying them again. I am practicing my toe tap now! Doors will open around 5:15 p.m. and the band will play from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

The museum quality model of the **USS MONITOR**, built and donated by Jack McDonough, will be raffled off at the October meeting. You can check it out at **bluejacketships.com**. The builder told me the deck is made up of around 370 individual small tiles, soldered together. It's amazing. We'll sell raffle tickets (\$5 each or three for \$10) at the September and October meetings.

Our BCWRT co-founder, Wally Rueckel, attended the second annual **North Carolina CWRT'S** meeting in Raleigh, on August 5 (see article on page 8). They have agreed to meet again in 2018 for the third time. I think it is important that all Round Tables continually strive to be a meaningful Civil War resource. There is a great willingness to improve them. Wally is also attending an inaugural conference in September, near Manassas Battlefield, with Round Tables from as far away as Puget Sound and Scottsdale.

Long time member Leslie Rivers has been asked to join the leadership team as an Adviser.

Leslie's accomplishments, in recognizing and promoting history in Anson County are remarkable. She taught history in the NC school system for 37 years. She will make a fine addition to the leadership team.

If you took any photos on vacation, please send them to Jim Johnson (jimclocks@hotmail.com) and E Gifford Stack (egstack44@gmail.com) to share on the FACEBOOK page and newsletter. I hope everyone got to a National or State historic site.

Technology got the best of me this summer, necessitating a new email — **mikepowell260@gmail.com**.

The best news of all is that I recently got approval from the NC Baptist Assembly to proceed with installing four plaques to tell some of the story of Ft. Caswell. The fort has an interesting history and is certainly worthy of preserving that history on the site for the future generations. We are very grateful to the Baptist Assembly for allowing us to enhance and recognize the Civil War at Fort Caswell. It is the only site I know of, for its size, that has no interpretation. Our intent is to recognize the history with quality markers that do not diminish or mitigate the true purpose of the Retreat. We really want to thank Nathan Sloan, as he was instrumental in facilitating the idea and getting its approval. We will definitely keep you in the loop as we go.

That should catch everyone up to what we did over the summer. The September meeting with Masonboro Parlor and Bud Robertson will certainly be a record setting event. See you there!

Mike

An additional comment from President Mike: "If you read Wally Rueckel's article on page 8, you'll note all round tables in North Carolina are engaged in trying to assist one another whenever possible. In this spirit of cooperation, please note that our Wilmington counterpart - the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table - has a new meeting venue: Harbor United Methodist Church, 4853 Masonboro Loop, Wilmington. CFCWRT meets the second Thursday of the month and has an interesting speaker lineup for the coming year. See their website for more details...<http://www.cfcwrt.com/index.html>."

A SEASON OF SLAUGHTER - BATTLE OF SPOTSYLVANIA COURT HOUSE

Review of Our May 30 Speaker — *By Dan Fink*

Chris Mackowski, you did it again! A standing ovation tells you how much we appreciate you as well as your message.

O u r r e s p e c t c o m e s f r o m o u r h e a r t s j u s t a s y o u r e m o t i o n a l a n d d e e p e x p r e s s i o n c o m e s f r o m y o u r s .



A look at Spotsylvania today shows an idyllic, almost pastoral scene and perhaps the best preserved battlefield of the war. Chris gives us the truth! What you see was a rain soaked, muddy and bloody living “Golgotha” (HELL) that eventually cost about 32,000 lives. Your soldier ancestors and mine often sacrificed all and were so mangled and mutilated that they were barely recognizable as human beings. Some of the most intense fighting of the entire war would happen at that infamous “bloody angle” on the western edge of a salient, sometimes called a “mule shoe.” The fighting is hand to hand for almost 24 hours

with “no holds barred.” They fought with rocks, sticks, TEETH and guns used as clubs. They used whatever they had.

Chris cuts thru the mist and the fog to expose opposing goals. Grant changes his goal of capturing Richmond to an all-out war of attrition. He tells Meade, “Wherever Lee goes, we go also.” His reinforcements are not far behind. Lee has none. He needs to “buy time” to concentrate his remaining

has about 9000 dead or missing. The Confederates loose about 5,000 with 3,000 captured. No clear advantage for either side.

Chris calls Spotsylvania the absolute turning point of the war...hands down. Two-thirds of Lee’s irreplaceable thirty cannons are captured. “Uncle John” Sedgwick is killed. Nothing before or after can match the horror and devastation. Hate escalates and Grant becomes labeled “The Butcher.”



manpower. Spotsylvania peaks on May 10, 1864, but lasts roughly from May 8-21.

Ya just had to be there to hear what Chris said Meade’s men had to say about his frequent “melt-downs.” (It even put turtles in a bad light!)

Neither side can claim a clear victory but we must look at some mitigating manifestations. The Union

A sobering remembrance of the battle is on view today at the Smithsonian. It is a 22 inch stump of an oak tree — cut down by bullets!

Chris humbles us by closing with a Memorial Day THANK YOU to our dedicated, battle-weary ancestors who gave so much so long ago. We remember and thank them today for what they did.

Ladies' Department — *By Charen Fink*

The Haunted Civil War

The scientific world disputes the existence of ghosts and spirits, however, try to explain that to those who claim to have either seen spirits or experienced the supernatural. The following is not designed to verify or refute the notion of a haunted Civil War, but rather report what people have seen but cannot explain.

Mark Nesbitt has published many books about the **Ghosts of Gettysburg**. Some of the sites will be



listed here but perhaps you may like to explore them firsthand and see for yourself! Devil's Den where a fallen Confederate soldier's body was moved around to be photographed; the George Weikert house with creaking footsteps in the attic and doors that would not stay closed; Little Round Top where a specter battle scene was taking place for foreign dignitaries, only there was no battle re-enactment that day; and the Codori House had an "unseen" visitor who was heard pacing within the house by the absent superintendent's daughter while her father was away...park rangers arrived and saw nothing. Other supposedly haunted areas include the Wheatfield, the Old Dorm of Gettysburg College, and many more haunted homes, buildings and battlefields.

The Story Behind Notable Yankee Women

Mary Walker was raised in Oswego, New York, to

reform-oriented parents with the ideals of abolitionism and sexual egalitarianism. She was encouraged in intellectual pursuits. All were treated equally even when she decided to become an M.D. like her self-taught doctor father.

She rejected middle-class women's dress. Her parents taught her that corsets and tight-fitting women's clothing was unhealthy. She was called too lazy to wash, wanted to display her legs or was seeking publicity. Mary felt the conventional clothing was perilous to the point of threatening her sanity.

Mary objected to the amount of fabric which draped their bodies and caused too much weight, the heavy skirts collected dirt as they swept along the ground. This new manner of dress allowed for freedom of movement and circulation.

In later life, she resorted to wearing men's trousers, a dress coat and top hat, living as a man.



NOTE: Most of the past Ladies' Department articles are included in my new book, "The Civil War Ladies' Department." It can be found on [Amazon](#) or ordered from me at dcftandm@hotmail.com for \$16.95 in Ohio or \$18.00 (includes tax) in North Carolina.

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PROGRAM SPEAKERS FOR 2017-18

Since our first meeting in May 2010, members and guests alike agree that quality speakers and their interesting topics are major reasons for the incredible success of the BCWRT. Our outstanding speakers and presentations over the years are thought-provoking, enlightening and entertaining, covering subjects that go well beyond battles, military personnel and armament.

The speaker lineup for our 2017-18 year continues the tradition of presenting some of the very best Civil War historians, commentators, speakers, and educators.

Tuesday, September 5: James I. Robertson, Jr., Ph.D., a lecturer of national acclaim, and a historian in greater demand for speaking engagements than anyone else in the Civil War history field. He will discuss excerpts from his popular book, *“Stonewall: The Man, the Soldier and the Legend.”*

Tuesday, October 3: Roger Pickenkpaugh, retired school teacher and author of five books, four of which deal with Civil War prisons. *“Civil War-era Prisons: North and South”* is the title of his presentation and involves the establishment of camps, escapes and attempts, rations, and prisoners’ attempts to combat downtime during captivity.



Tuesday, November 7: Will Greene, executive director of Pamplin Historical Park and The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier in Petersburg, VA returns. His topic: *“Irrepressible Conflict or Avoidable Tragedy: Was the Civil War Inevitable?”*

Tuesday, December 5: Also returning, Colonel (Ret.) Wade Sokolosky, award-winning author and one of North Carolina’s leading experts of the 1865 Carolinas Campaign. His topic: *“Kiss Him for His Mother: Confederate Hospitals in North Carolina in 1865.”*

Wednesday, January 10: Returning for the eighth time, the incomparable military historian, prolific writer, Civil War battlefield guide and television commentator, Ed Bearss. His unique presentation style and commanding narrative simply captivates his audiences. His topic: *“Reflections on*

the Civil War.” Ed will share his ideas and perspectives on over 60 years of Civil War study.

Tuesday, February 6: Chris Fonvielle, Jr., Ph.D., popular and well-respected local historian, prolific author, BCWRT Advisor and a dynamic speaker, returning for the third time by popular demand. He has a vast knowledge about the Civil War in Southeastern North Carolina and the Lower Cape Fear region. His topic: *“Unlucky in War: Confederate General Braxton Bragg.”*

Wednesday, March 6: Noah Andre Trudeau, author of numerous military history articles and eight Civil War history books including the Revolutionary War, the Mexican-American War, the Spanish Civil War, and World War I and II. The title of his presentation is, *“Robert E. Lee at Gettysburg.”*

Tuesday, April 3: Dr. Richard J. (Dick) Sommers, award-winning historian and prolific author of over 100 books, articles, chapters, entries, and reviews on the Civil War. His topic: *“Thucydides and the coming of the Civil War.”* Thucydides was an Athenian historian and general during the Peloponnes War, a civil war between Greeks which took place between 431 – 404. Sommers compares this war with the American Civil War.

Tuesday, May 1: Steve Davis, renowned Civil War historian, prolific author, Book Review Editor for Blue & Gray magazine, speaker and consultant for TV documentaries, and popular speaker at numerous Civil War round tables and historical societies. His topic: *“The Atlanta Campaign and Confederate General John Bell Hood.”*

Tuesday, May 29: Susannah Ural, Ph.D., Distinguished Alumni Professor of the Humanities, and co-director of the Dale Center for the Study of War & Society in the history department at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her topic: *“Letters of Hood’s Texas Brigade.”*

LADIES' FORUM ANNOUNCEMENT...AND REQUEST

By Charen Fink

Sometimes life gives us opportunities or challenges, in my case it is the latter. With regret, I have to step down as coordinator of the Ladies' Forum.

We started in February of 2013 doing biannual programs as a way to include our ladies in learning more about the women of the Civil War. During that time more than 800 women attended, and remember it was open to women only. I know, it was sexist, but during the Nineteenth century women were excluded from many things. The programs were designed to give women the chance to express themselves freely and provide topics of interest to them.

The part I enjoyed the most and will miss is interacting with the attendees and the dedication of all the volunteers. Connie Hendrix, and earlier Pat Steele, were the refreshment committee who baked and prepared Civil War era refreshments. Once again, this was to let everyone experience the true flavor of the foods of the era. We even went so far as to use lace tablecloths and flowers for the centerpiece. Often the recipes (receipts) were made available.

We did receive very favorable feedback about the programs, and the refreshments were one of the highlights of the evening. Women like to win something and this we made possible with many door prizes.

I'd like to recognize the many volunteers who made all this come together. Two of them were not even members of the BCWRT but chose to help because they believed in the program. Betsy Kumnick was our greeter; Carolyn Hubbard, Betty Ericson and Pam Collins were doing registration; Barbara Kanto orchestrated the non-member registrations which usually garnered new members to BCWRT; servers were Nan Rueckel, Pat Praet, Tish Gordon, and Betsy Hamer. They were assisted

by ladies who also had other duties. Three husbands - Dan Fink, Jim Kumnick and Ray Hubbard - helped with set-up and clean-up after each session. My hope is to recognize all who have helped. If any were missed, it was not intentional.

Thanks to our many speakers: Ed and Nancy Ovsenik for their Funeral/Mourning talk; Musette Steck for her enlightenment on slave women and

later she and I did a program on letters to and from the front; Teej Smith told us about Flora Stuart, J.E.B. Stuart's wife; Chris Fonvielle presented a program on "Sex in the Civil War;" Christy Judah talked about Southern women; Carolyn Williams led us in a musical review of Civil War music, and Rhonda Florian spoke about the "Strong Southern Woman."

Finally, here are some of the program topics not mentioned above: Marriage and Daily Life, Nineteenth Century Etiquette, Overview of a Woman's Life with Exhibits, Education of Women and Children, and Herbal Medicine.

Kudos to all the women who gave up their evening to be with us and to the many who never missed a program. All this was for **YOU!**

Thanks for the memories.

My gratitude to Chuck Roedema for the wonderful publicity, without which we could not have notified the general public; the BCWRT Board of Directors for their support; and to Trinity United Methodist Church for providing a perfect venue without a charge.

I will help anyone who would like the opportunity of educating and carrying on the tradition of a for-women-only program.

My sincere thanks.



CHAREN FINK - AUTHOR, PRESENTER,
BCWRT VICE PRESIDENT...AND LADIES'
FORUM FOUNDER

Charen

2017 North Carolina Civil War Round Table Forum

By Wally Rueckel

Some of you recall that last year Mike Powell and I coordinated the first-ever forum of all 13 civil war round tables in North Carolina. The initial gathering opened our eyes! We were surprised that no round table leaders know much about their counterparts, including where they operated, who ran the organization, or what problems they experienced. The Raleigh forum drew 25 leaders and all of them wanted to know why the BCWRT was growing. All agreed they desired a second meeting this year.

On August 5, approximately 20 North Carolina round table leaders meet again in Raleigh to continue sharing ideas, concerns, and best practices.

This year's effort was focused on ways to increase membership and revenue. Specifically, six round table leaders made presentations covering a wide range of ideas, including: creating and sharing a "WOW!" speaker list of quality, reasonably priced speakers; creative ways to attract potential members; joint field trips among our state round tables to reduce

costs; out-of-the-box fund raising ideas; conducting one-day forums featuring outside speakers with the goal of generating revenue; and finally, I was honored to make a presentation on our BCWRT Cinderella success story.

The synergy at this year's forum was amazing. Everyone was energized, asking great questions and sharing interesting ideas. Some round tables are already planning joint field trips.

The enthusiasm from North Carolina is spreading. Round tables in Georgia (Augusta, Lawrenceville, and Savannah), Alabama (Huntsville), and

South Carolina (Bluffton) learned about the forums and asked to attend the 2018 event in Raleigh. Not only have they all been invited, information from this year's meeting already was provided to each one. Hopefully the sharing of best practices from North Carolina and surrounding states will benefit everyone. The end result could indeed lead to a vibrant, active, interesting, and growing round table for all.



Wally Rueckel (bottom left), BCWRT co-founder and coordinator of the North Carolina round table forums, joins other 2017 forum participants.

CATCH THE BOAT - There may still be a few spots remaining for our Sunday, September 17 river cruise from Wilmington to Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson. This unique field trip will be led by none other than Professor (and fellow BCWRT member) Chris Fonvielle, the pre-eminent expert on Civil War history in our area. The trip runs from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and costs \$60 per person. To reserve your seat on this one-of-a-kind excursion, just email or text John Walsh at jdwalsh1@gmail.com or 609-651-7719. Complete detailed information will be sent to registrants soon (including payment directions), but for now, members need to sign up rather than miss out.

USS MONITOR MODEL RAFFLE

A beautifully built model of one of the most iconic ships of the Civil War will be raffled at our October 3 meeting, with tickets on sale starting at September's gathering.

Member Jack McDonough, who took over a year to construct the model in the late '90s, donated it to BCWRT in the hopes that another member would also enjoy its beauty. "Plus," he added, "hopefully the model can help generate funds for our round table."

Jack noted there are 375 individual plates on the USS Monitor

model, something that adds to its realistic character. The model, at 1/16" scale, is approximately 8 inches long and 5 inches tall. It comes enclosed in an equally beautiful protective display case. Made

from basswood, the model has an insurance value of \$900.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10 and can be purchased at both the September and October meetings.

This model will be a classic keepsake for any Civil War enthusiast.



Do You Have a Civil War Relative?

BCWRT has a link on our website containing a dozen histories of some of our members' relatives that lived during the period of the Civil War and perhaps even fought in the conflict.

Brenda and Bob Hagerman are leading the project to find and document more of these histories. You are encouraged to participate, beginning by contacting them at [910-854-0326](tel:910-854-0326), or b_hagerman@msn.com.

If you have a written history that is welcome. If you just have notes or knowledge of your relatives, Brenda or Bob are willing to write or edit your information. We do have a size limit for these articles.

Be proud, share your family's Civil War history.

Trivia Question about Local Forts and Batteries

Here is an excellent trivia question (from the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table's March 2017 newsletter, *The Runner*) for all those going on the Sunday, September 17 field trip down/up the Cape Fear River (see page 8). OK, it's a good brain tester for ANY BCWRT member. Fort Fisher was the largest fortification protecting the port of Wilmington. Can you name other forts or batteries in the area?

Fort Anderson, Fort Caswell, Fort Holmes, Fort Pender, Fort Campbell. Battery Gatlin, Battery Anderson, Battery Shaw, Battery Lamb, Battery Meares, Battery Campbell, Battery Lee, Battery Davis, Battery Buchanan

BCWRT Board Announces 2017 Contributions

At their June meeting, the BCWRT Board of Directors approved donations to three area non-profit entities.

“These organizations either promote and educate their historical Civil War significant, or support the goals of our round table,” said Mike Powell, BCWRT President. “The 2017 contributions bring our total donations since 2010 to almost \$31,000.”

The 2017 recipients are:

Fort Caswell - \$3,000 for signage explaining various structures and features on

the fort’s grounds.

Fort Johnson - \$500 for the brick restoration project including cleaning, repointing, and some replacement.

Brunswick County Charters of Freedom Project - \$100 to support the county’s effort to construct a monument honoring the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution.

Mike added that if anyone has a suggestion for a site or organization possibly deserving a BCWRT donation for 2018, to please contact him.

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Rack Cards Hit the Street

Continuing a successful marketing campaign begun last year to attract new members, the Brunswick County area is once again flooded with “2017-18 rack cards” promoting our BCWRT. “The rack cards are the familiar 4 x 9 inch informational pieces you see at public areas,” noted Mike Powell, BCWRT President.

On one side of the BCWRT card is a list of the 2017-18 speakers, while the reverse side mentions our mission, meetings, membership categories and dues, and our field trips.

“The cards were provided to libraries, visitor centers, ferry terminals, museums, historic sites, VFWs, senior centers, and hospitals,” added Mike. If any member has a suggestion of other locales where the cards would be useful, please contact Mike at mikepowell260@gmail.com.



SUTLER’S TABLE - There’s lots of new and interesting books and periodicals at our Sutler’s Table located at the front of Hatch Auditorium. Stop by and browse...and say hello (and thank you!) to member Peter Whalen (and sometimes his daughter) who is charge of the table.

CIVIL WAR VIEWS

The editors of *Call to Arms* are asking you to share your visits to a Civil War battlefield, monument, park, reenactment, or historical site. Simply email your high resolution photo to egstack44@gmail.com along with the name of the photographer, location, date taken, and a short caption.



(Clockwise from top left) Bob Benedict snapped this northern-most photo in the St. Albans, VT, town square in August. The historical marker explains daring Confederate actions. (Photo by Bob Benedict)

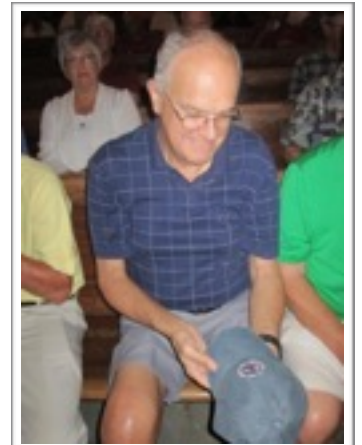
Member Jack Carpenter stands in front of the USS Cairo in the Vicksburg National Military Park during a visit in May. The ship is the only remaining example of a City Class ironclad. The adjoining museum holds hundreds of artifacts salvaged with the ship. (Photo by Christopher Carpenter)

Sue Crippen visited the Gettysburg Battlefield in June, snapping this monument to the 143rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment. It depicts Color Sergeant Benjamin Crippen turning and shaking his fist at the Confederates during the Union retreat on Day One. He was killed that day and was likely buried as an "unknown." (Photo by Sue Crippen)

This striking bronze wall of marching soldiers is featured at the Corinth Civil War Interpretative Center in Corinth, MS. (Photo by Tish Gordon, February 2017)

Pictured at Our May 30 Meeting

Chris Mackowski and 363 members and guests attended our May 30 gathering, including the happy attendees shown here. *(Photos by E Gifford Stack)*



MUSTER NOTES and NOTEABLES

The next meeting of the BCWRT is Tuesday, September 5, 2017. The meeting will be held at Hatch Auditorium, NC Baptist Assembly, Fort Caswell, Oak Island, NC.

For this special meeting featuring Masonboro Parlor, registration opens at 5:15 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m.

BCWRT is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, co-founded by Tom O'Donnell and Wally Rueckel, and organized in May 2010.

The BCWRT website, brunswickcivilwarroundtable.com, contains helpful information and is available to everyone, no user name or password required. Our Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/brunswickcivilwarroundtable/>. Visit both sites to learn of future speakers, trips, and interesting Civil War information.

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