



# Call to Arms

Brunswick Civil War Round Table Newsletter

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I want to thank everyone who came out for our first live meeting in 2021 at the Hatch Auditorium. You were treated to a great presentation by Chris Mackowski. Get ready for another one with George Rable in October.

A few random thoughts about this past meeting and Civil War round tables in general. Our online registration system worked well. We had a few glitches, but over 150 people used it to register for the program. We have made some improvements, and it will be available once again to help speed up the registration progress. At the September meeting we had 32 new memberships (19 of them were family memberships), 16 guests and over 300 attendees. This is a positive sign that even with all of the Covid issues members wanted to come out and gather safely...and listen to an excellent speaker. We currently have 900 members and growing. Pat de Baros has worked with the Hatch A/V personnel, and we will be able to offer Zoom meetings starting in October. We also will be able to post these meetings on our website using YouTube. This will be a hybrid Zoom meeting in that we will use a video camera to show the presentation instead of using the webcam on a laptop. Thus, the presentation will be just like you see it live.

Wally Rueckel and I attended a meeting on Saturday, September 11, of the NC Civil War Round Table Congress, an umbrella organization for all Civil War round tables in the state to exchange ideas, thoughts and program possibilities. Covid 19 has not been kind to round tables in our state. Currently there are only ten active round tables in NC. Four organizations have shut down for a variety of reasons, mainly owing to a lack of volunteers ready to step up and run the groups. We lost round tables in Charlotte, Jacksonville, Greensboro and Durham. It is no surprise that volunteers are a mainstay for keeping BCWRT strong and active.

NC is not the only state that has seen a loss. According to the Civil War Round Table Congress there are 256 round tables in the US, one in Australia and one in the UK. Since December 2019, over 70 CWRTs closed down. BCWRT remains the largest; Scottsdale, Az, is second; and the Bull Run CWRT in Va. is third.

October is going to be a busy month with George Rable on October 5, the tour of the Sugar Loaf defensive line with Chris Fonvielle on October 23, and the Ladies' Forum on October 25. BCWRT offers you many ways to learn more about Civil War history!

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# LINCOLN AND RELIGION...WHAT'S THE REAL STORY?

During Abraham Lincoln's lifetime, and ever since, there has been much speculation and often sharp disagreement about his religious beliefs among scholars and the public. Acclaimed historian and author George C. Rable, Ph.D., will discuss this intriguing and rarely discussed subject at our Tuesday, October 5 meeting. It is entitled, "Believer, Skeptic, or Something Else? The Elusive Mr. Lincoln."



Lincoln has been described as everything from a lifelong skeptic to an orthodox Christian. Our guest speaker will explore what we can learn about

Lincoln's

religious faith and the limits of that knowledge by examining the evolution of his views on religion from his youth, and culminating in his magnificent second inaugural address. And though he became more interested in religious questions toward the end of his life, "Honest Abe" never directly identified himself as a Christian, even after he realized it could hurt him politically.

George Rable is Professor Emeritus, and formerly the Charles G. Summersell Chair in Southern History for 18 years at the University of Alabama where he retired in 2016. His primary interests are Southern history and the American Civil War. He is a prolific award-winning author, and the recipient



of the Lincoln Prize, which is the highest award given in the Civil War history field.

For the first time we will offer both live and Zoom attendance. If you wish to Zoom the October meeting, use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86869730859?pwd=bkRXeDJTS2VteWtTRi9xRzAyZFNwQT09>.

If attending in person we encourage you to pre-register. The online registration for the September meeting was a major success with over 150 members signing up for the advanced entry ticket. We'll repeat this speedy way to gain entrance at Hatch for October. Starting Friday, September 24, and lasting until noon, Tuesday, October 5, current members may log into the system - <https://olr.bcwr-nc.org/> - to print a ticket showing you've registered. Bring the ticket to Hatch and enter through the special door on the far right. (Please do not go to the registration tables.) When you use the online system it will clearly show if you are current (dues paid)...and what to do if you are not up to date. It's that simple!

The Tuesday, October 5 meeting takes place at Hatch Auditorium on the grounds of Fort Caswell. Registration begins at 6:15 p.m. and the program starts promptly at 7 p.m. The guest admission fee is \$10, and can be applied toward the \$25 annual membership dues.

**Please note: Due to the increase in COVID-19 Delta cases in NC, we are asking all members and visitors to please wear a mask while inside Hatch Auditorium. This is being done to help keep you, our volunteers, and guests stay safe. We will have masks available for those who forgot theirs, along with hand sanitizer. Thank you.**

# SIMPLY MURDER: THE BATTLE OF FREDERICKSBURG

A review of Chris Mackowski's September's Presentation By Rob Clarke

As expected, Chris delivered an outstanding talk. Full of suspense, factoids, humor, moving scenery (chairs), a polished no-notes delivery, and ending with a better understanding of a battle that is often misunderstood. No review can do justice compared to seeing him in person. Nevertheless...

1862 was not a good year for Union forces in the East. After McClellan's disastrous Peninsula Campaign in the spring, and another Union loss at Second Manassas in August, an emboldened Robert E. Lee launched his first invasion of the North, only to be just-barely defeated at Antietam in September. This victory provided Lincoln a basis for issuing the Emancipation Proclamation, but he was frustrated with McClellan's indecisiveness and failure to press Lee when he had him on his heels. Nevertheless, because he was a very popular Democrat, he waited until after the mid-term Congressional elections before sacking him. Lincoln offered command of the Army of the Potomac to Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside who demurred that he was not up to the

task. However, when he realized the post would fall to Joe Hooker – they were not on the best of terms – he accepted the appointment.

Recognizing that he had to act decisively, Burnside decided to move his 200,000-man army directly toward Richmond rather than attack Lee's forces encamped to the West at Culpepper and Front Royal. The first elements arrived at Falmouth, directly across the river from Fredericksburg, on November 17. However, the pontoon boats he had called for in early November didn't arrive until November 25-30, wasting his opportunity to get

across the river before Lee arrived. This delay enabled Lee to get Longstreet's forces entrenched along Marye's Heights above the town and Jackson's men positioned to the West on Prospect Hill. The first attempts to get across the river on December 11 were met with sharpshooter fire from Barksdale's Mississippi brigade. He held the Union troops off for a full day. On December 12, supported by a 150-gun bombardment of the town, men from the 7<sup>th</sup> MI forced the crossing and in house-to-house fighting cleared the town of Barksdale's men. By the end of the day all of Burnside's men were across.

On the 13<sup>th</sup>, Franklin's Corp was to attack Prospect Hill on the left while Sumner's and Hooker's forces were to attack Marye's Heights. In fierce fighting, Franklin's forces almost broke through on Prospect Hill but were stymied, in part by artillery fire from 24-year-old John Pelham's horse artillery on their left. Meanwhile, seven Union divisions attacked Marye's Heights, generally one brigade at a time, for a total of fourteen individual charges. All were repulsed with great losses. That night, Richard Kirkland, a Confederate Army sergeant, hearing the Union wounded's cries for help, gathered canteens and on the morning of the

14<sup>th</sup> brought water to numerous Union wounded lying on the field of battle. Union soldiers held their fire as it was obvious what Kirkland was doing. Kirkland was nicknamed the "Angel of Marye's Heights" for these actions. On the 15<sup>th</sup> Burnside pulled back. Over the course of the battle, Union losses were 12,600 while the Confederates lost 5,400. Afterward Lee commented that, despite the victory, the battle accomplished little. As Chris noted, Northern reactions were harsher – Burnside was relieved at the end of January after the ill-fated "Mud March" that month.





# Ladies' Department — *By Charen Fink*

A book in my library is “Women’s Work in the Civil War,” by L.P. Brockett, MD. Written in 1867 and costing a whopping \$5.75, this copy was sold or given to other owners who signed and dated the tome. The author inscribed it in September 1867, and it passed on to a W. E. Hutchinson in February 1890. My husband’s father was the final recipient. Interestingly, today the book costs \$30. It is a fascinating read of the exploits and dedication of women during the war, who more frequently began using a title of Miss or Mrs. to identify their marital status.

Among the unsung women heroines was Mrs. Mary F. Stranahan, president of the Brooklyn Relief Association provided supplies to the Women’s Central Association of Relief. She was in close sympathy with the association supplying nearly half of the woolen garments they received.

Another notable women was Miss Hattie Dada, an earnest and persistent worker in a field that offered



opportunities for sacrifice and labor. At one time she was a missionary to the Indians of the Southwest. On the day following the first battle of Bull Run, Dorothea Dix - superintendent of Army nurses - sent her Alexandria, Va., with a load of supplies. From there Miss Dada went to Harper’s

Ferry, Gettysburg and Murfreesboro.

The women healthcare providers were assigned the most menial tasks in addition to nursing duties, such as feeding patients, preparing special diets, and

cleaning. This was a time doctors did not think women belonged in a hospital.

The lowest post of service is the highest place of honor. Miss Dada served her country for four years.



Switching gears and to make you better appreciate today’s self-cleaning oven, microwave, and air fryer, here are several tips for the seventeenth century homemaker.

**How to heat the oven, especially when you need a brisk oven, for all pastry. Insert a piece of white note paper into the oven and after five minutes the answer will be apparent. A pale-yellow hue indicates the oven is too low for ordinary paste pastry. A nice brown color shows the heat to be just right. A very dark brown shows too much heat.**

**Your kitchen should have plenty of fresh air and light which are indispensable to health and well-being. Have a hard wood floor, painted pine or in oilcloth, never cover with carpeting. Wash pots and pans immediately after they are emptied and still warm to avoid scrubbing.**

These suggestions are from “Woman’s Favorite Cookbook,” by Mrs. Annie R. Gregory. While published in 1906, the tips come down from the 1860s.

## EXPERT SPEAKERS ON TAP FOR 2021-22 YEAR

Gar Dowell, one of BCWRT's two vice presidents, earlier this year took over responsibility for obtaining our speakers from Mike Powell, BCWRT's immediate past president. (Thanks, Mike!) Gar's diligent hard work has paid off, meaning we're in for some exciting, well-recognized presenters for the remainder of the 2021-22 program year.

**October** - See page 2.

**November** - Jan Jorgensen, author of *Gettysburg's Bloody Wheatfield*, which won the prestigious Bachelder-Coddington Award for best new book on Gettysburg in 2002, will discuss the "*Top Ten Turning Points of the War*". Will your list match his?

**December** - Our familiar friend Jim McKee reveals "*The Fort Caswell You've Never Seen.*" This program will show Fort Caswell as it was during and immediately after the Civil War through rare photographs and archival drawings.

**January** - Phillip S. Greenwalt's talk, "*If this Valley is Lost...*," examines the Shenandoah Valley campaign of 1864 which some say was a microcosm of the entire war.

**February** - A continual member favorite, Wade Sokolosky's talk, "*To Prepare for Sherman's Coming: 1865 Operations on the North Carolina Coast,*" focuses on how the Confederate forces got ready to face Sherman's march.



**March** - Peter Carmichael, head of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, returns to present, "*The War for the Common Soldier,*" addressing how Civil War soldiers endured the brutal and unpredictable existence of army life during the conflict.

**April** - Civil War author and Assistant Professor at UNCW Angie Zombek, examines "*The Duty of the Prisoner to Escape: POWs' Attempts, Plots and Ideological Flight.*" She will cover all forms - contemplated, attempted, pulled off...and punished.

**May** - Our season-closing speaker is JoAnna McDonald, a historian, writer, and respected speaker. Her topic is, "*R. E. Lee's Quest for a Decisive Victory: Maryland, My Maryland, September 1862, Critiquing His First Strategically Unsound Campaign.*"

According to Gar, he is busy lining up presenters for the 2022-23 program year. "If any members have suggestions for speakers or topics, I would welcome their input," he noted. Gar may be contacted at [gardow46@yahoo.com](mailto:gardow46@yahoo.com).

## BY-LAW AMENDMENTS REQUIRE APPROVAL

At our December meeting, members will be asked to approve several amendments to the BCWRT by-laws. "Our by-laws need to reflect the reality of our how we actually operate our organization," President John Butler explained recently. He noted under the direction of former Secretary Jennifer Chapman, a small contingent of board members started reviewing the governing regulations almost two years ago. The recommendations were brought before the board for a thorough discussion before receiving unanimous approval. Then Covid-19 came along.

"Now that we are back meeting in person, we thought it was time for the formal adoption of the changes by the membership, a procedure required by Article 12 of the by-laws. This announcement constitutes the written notice of the intended membership vote at the December meeting," John added.

The amendments relate to seven articles of the BCWRT by-laws.

1. Article 2 - Purpose: added the word "educate" to the mission statement.
2. Article 7 - Officers: added information about all officers and directors signing a Conflict of Interest form.
3. Article 8 - Board of Directors: added that meetings may be conducted in person or through electronic means. Also, made a separate paragraph describing Advisors, using the existing language that was awkwardly included in the Board paragraph.
4. Article 9 - Committees: removed the reference to three standing committees -

Program, Communication, and Finance - as experience over the years showed these functions are conducted by BOD members. Added language allowing for three members besides the chairperson for the nominating committee.

### 5. Article 10 - Duties of the Officers:

1. President: added that another officer shall preside in the absence of the president.

2. Removed language about the vice president, secretary and treasurer chairing the Program, Communication, and Finance committee (to sync with change to Article 9). Removed that the treasurer maintains membership lists.

6. Article 11 - Fund Deposits: added language that the president may sign checks if the treasurer is absent.

### 7. Article 12 - Amendments: changed the number of members approving amendments from two-thirds to a majority vote.

John noted the last time amendments were brought before the membership for approval was in September 2015. "We think these 2021 suggested by-laws keep our round table operating in the real world. Plus, it shows we do not want our regulations to be outdated," he added.

A draft of how the updated by-laws would read - incorporating all of the amendments - will be found on the BCWRT website after October 1 - <http://www.brunswickcivilwarroundtable.com/node/258>. Members are urged to contact John with any questions regarding the by-laws and the vote in December - [brunswickcwrt@gmail.com](mailto:brunswickcwrt@gmail.com).





# SIGN UP FOR TOUR OF HISTORIC SUGAR LOAF LINE

It's February 1865. Union forces have captured Fort Fisher and turn their sights upriver to capture Wilmington in support of General William T. Sherman's Carolinas Campaign. Near the north end of Federal Point (modern Carolina Beach), Confederate engineers have constructed a strong line of earthworks running for about 1½ miles, beginning at Sugar Loaf Hill, a 50-foot high natural sand dune on the east bank of the Cape Fear River. A Union reconnaissance force against the Sugar Loaf line has already been repulsed by strongly entrenched Confederate troops, and on February 11 an all out US Army frontal assault is launched, led by two brigades of US Colored Troops.

What transpired next? Dr. Chris Fonvielle, the lead authority on the Civil War in the Cape Fear-Wilmington area, will lead us on a tour of still existing trenches at the battle site, where BCWRT has contributed to signage explaining the conflict.



## Details:

- We will meet at the site at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday Oct 23. It's a one hour drive from the Southport area via Wilmington, or take the Fort Fisher ferry. The Joseph Ryder Lewis Jr Civil War Park is just off the east side of route 421, behind the Carolina Beach ABC store, on the north side of Publix and across 421 from Carolina Beach Town Hall. Tour will end by 4 p.m.
- After a one hour tour of this site, we'll have lunch delivered (BBQ, fried chicken, etc. - please bring folding chairs for the lunch). Then we will go across the street to walk the area of the earthworks to the Cape Fear River.
- Note: We'll be walking about three miles and Chris walks fast – so wear appropriate shoes and clothing.
- Attendance will be limited to 35 and the price of the trip is \$35 per person, which includes lunch. Rain date is Saturday, October 30.
- Send an email or text, including cell number, email address and names of all attendees to John Walsh [jdwalth1@gmail.com; 609 651-7719] to confirm your attendance. Then mail a check for \$35 per person, made out to BCWRT, to John at 2795 Golfmaster Ct, Southport, NC 28461.
- **If** the trip is not fully subscribed before the October 5 BCWRT meeting, there will be a sign-up table at Hatch prior to the speaker's presentation.
- Questions? Comments? Email John. But do not wait – sign up for this most interesting trip ASAP!

# LADIES' FORUM IS BACK!

The ever-popular Ladies' Forum returns for the first meeting since the start of the pandemic. The date is Monday, October 25, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Southport on Nash Street across from the post office. The time is 6-8 p.m., with doors opening at 5 p.m.

Coffee will be ready and Civil War music playing. Organizer Charen Fink reminds everyone this event is for women only. Brunswick Civil War Round Table female members are free of charge and it's only \$5 for lady guests. Civil War-era refreshments and door prizes are included.



The first speaker is Rhonda Florian, from Leland, returning by popular demand and speaking on Mary Sophia Hill, "The Florence Nightingale of the South." This is the story of an Irish

woman who became famous for the outstanding nursing care she gave to Confederate soldiers and officers.

Rhonda is a former English teacher and theater professional. One of her many historical affiliations includes the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The second speaker is Marion Martin of Southport who is reprising her topic on



Civil War era quilts. This will be "Part Two" as she goes into detail about their history and construction. On display will be lap top quilts available for sale.

Currently Marion is the kitchen manager at Trinity United Methodist Church. Organizing the Farmers Market in Southport is another one of Marion's specialties.

Reservations are necessary to insure that there is sufficient food. For more information/reservations call Charen Fink at 330-507-2773 or email [dcftandm@hotmail.com](mailto:dcftandm@hotmail.com). There will also be a sign up sheet during the October meeting at the front of the Hatch stage.



## LAST CHANCE FOR WINNER'S CHOICE RAFFLE

There is only one more opportunity for a chance to own one of three alluring prints being raffled by BCWRT. Skip Maxwell, BCWRT's Artifacts Manager, will display the framed prints in front of the entry doors at Hatch before our October meeting. The beautifully framed prints are all from recognized Civil War artists: Dale Gallon, Mort Kuntsler, and Lafayette Ragsdale. Skip is shown with the prints at September's meeting.

Tickets are one for \$2; three for \$5; or seven for \$10. They will be available for sale alongside the prints. The winning ticket will be drawn prior to the start of George Rable's talk. The winner gets to select which of the three prints she or he will take home! Good luck!

All monies raised will go for our mission of education and battlefield preservation.



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### Ed Bearss' Classic Three Volume Book Set for Sale

If you prefer Civil War books to prints regarding the conflict, check out a three volume set written by Ed Bearss and being sold on eBay by BCWRT. Titled "The Vicksburg Campaign," the books are still in the original shrink wrap! Go to <http://ebay.us/G1I6W9?cmpnId=5338273189> for details. You'll also note that the BCWRT price is lower than similar offers. Our round table will use the proceeds for advancing our mission of education and support of battlefield preservation.

## BOARD PICKS THREE NEW ADVISORS

At their September meeting, the BCWRT Board of Directors selected three members as Advisors to our round table.

**Jack Carpenter** has been a BCWRT supporter and member almost since day one, and previously served as a BCWRT Director for many years, before stepping aside to chair the Ft. Anderson Board. Those duties completed, we welcome him back as an Advisor, where minutes after being elected he volunteered to head up this year’s nominating committee.

**Chris Mackowski**, leads the Emerging Civil War organization, is a frequent speaker at our meetings, and maintains close ties with well recognized Civil War authors, presenters, and historians. Like Advisors Chris Fonvielle and Peter Carmichael, Chris willingly provides suggestions and ideas for our programs, as well as other activities.

**Kathy O’Donnell**, a BCWRT Director for many years, recently asked to step down due to other obligations requiring more of her time. She is well known for maintaining our website. The Board asked if she would continue to provide her counsel as an Advisor, and thankfully she agreed.

Following their election, President John Butler said, “These three new Advisors add even more strength to our leadership team. We are fortunate to have such talented members volunteer their time, knowledge, and assistance.” For a complete list of Advisors and Directors, please see the last page of any issue of the newsletter.

## CANNON SHOTS!



Once again we kindly ask that immediately following our speaker’s presentation, members and guests who wish to leave may do so...however, we ask you do so **quietly**, respecting fellow members who chose to remain and learn more via the Q&A.

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Members are encouraged to visit our Sutler’s table before or after the meeting...lots of gently used - or some even new - books, all priced right (senior discount already applied!). There are also BCWRT hats for sale, and you can order a BCWRT polo shirt in white, gray, or blue.

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It’s no secret BCWRT openly welcomes new volunteers. We are in need of a couple of folks to take over the coffee/cookie team...an activity that is well appreciated by everyone. Also, the 50/50 raffle team is looking for one or two additional volunteers. For more information - or to step up and volunteer - contact Jim Kane, BCWRT’s Secretary, at 480-710-4491, or [jtkane07@gmail.com](mailto:jtkane07@gmail.com).

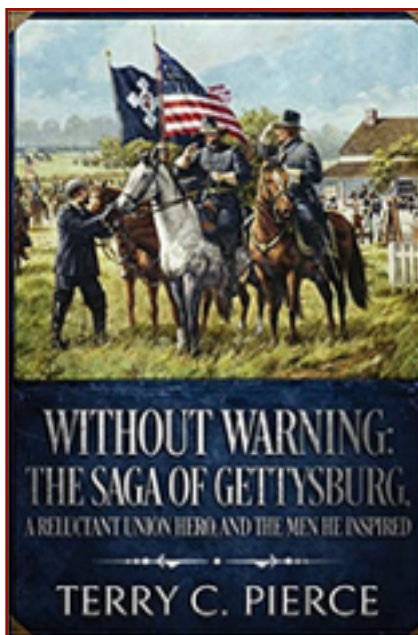


Thalian Hall in Wilmington will present “The Fire of Freedom: the Story of Abraham Galloway,” on November 18. Galloway, born in Southport, was a fiery slave rebel, radical abolitionist, and Union spy. He later served in the NC legislature. For more information visit <http://www.thalianhall.org/mike-wiley-21>.

# Without Warning: The Saga of Gettysburg, A Reluctant Union Hero, and the Men He Inspired

By Terry Pierce and Reviewed by Bruce Jordan

In 1974 Michael Shaara wrote his Pulitzer Prize winning historical fiction novel *The Killer Angels*. It personalized the Battle of Gettysburg through the eyes and minds of his main characters Robert E. Lee, James Longstreet, John Buford, and Joshua Chamberlain. Most of this wonderful novel is told from the Southern perspective. Terry C. Pierce, a captain in the US Navy, after reading Shaara's book, often wondered what the Northern perspective of the battle would be. In 2020 he provided the Northern perspective via his novel *Without Warning*.



There are several elements to this story. The time line starts on June 27, 1863, when General George G. Meade is told he is the new commander of the Army of the Potomac and ends shortly after Picket's Charge on July 3. In comparison to Shaara's tome, *Without Warning* has a broader array of characters: Meade (the main character), General Daniel Sickles, Chief of Staff General Daniel Butterfield, General Gouverneur Warren, General Winfield Hancock, General George S. Greene, Brigadier General John Gibbon, Colonel William Colvill from the First Minnesota regiment, and many others. Pierce, using many historical sources and autobiographical materials, makes these characters seem very real and vivid. Much like

*The Killer Angels*, Pierce uses these characterizations to allow the reader the sense of who these men were and how they made decisions, especially under the pressures and constraints of battle. Through the use of these many sources, Pierce gives an accurate portrayal of the course of the conflict.

Pierce provides the reader a broader sense of the battle of Gettysburg by describing many of the crises the Northern commanders faced throughout the battle. He introduces new characters as their moment in the battle arrives, allowing for more characters than in *The Killer Angels*. One also gets a better sense of the whole battle than Shaara gave his readers.

A very small problem with *Without Warning* is that Pierce will jump back and forth a few hours as he explains what different generals were thinking about the same problem. The reader has to maintain a memory of the prior segment, and blend the two sections together to fit it all together.

In summary, if you enjoyed *The Killer Angels*, you will enjoy *Without Warning*. Both books give you a dimension of the Battle of Gettysburg that the history nonfiction books don't have. And you will think of this battle in subtly different ways than you did before.



# CIVIL WAR VIEWS - Part 1



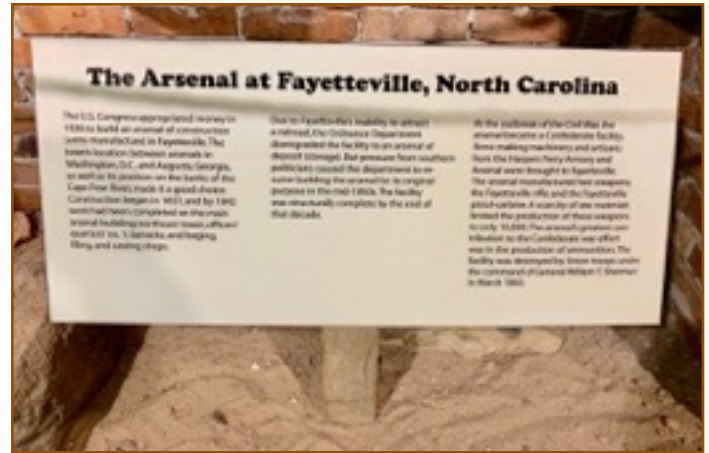
(Editor's Note - these photos by member Dick Slease, a retired commercial photographer and university professor, are superb. Here is his description sent with the pix.)

I created the two photos on Aug. 15, 2021, on Seminary Ridge in Gettysburg. Both were taken at the North Carolina monument located there. I narrowed the field of view of the statue to the one soldier who appears to be desperately clinging to life while his compatriots forge ahead to meet the enemy. To me that tells the story of war and the personal sacrifices of soldiers that spans the decades. In the second image the cannon is slightly off-center to evoke the tension that must have filled the ridge those days in Gettysburg.



# CIVIL WAR VIEWS - Part 2

*Call to Arms* asks you to share your visits to a Civil War battlefield, monument, park, reenactment, or historical site. Simply email your high resolution photo(s) to [egstack44@gmail.com](mailto:egstack44@gmail.com) along with the name of the location, date taken, a short caption, and name of photographer.



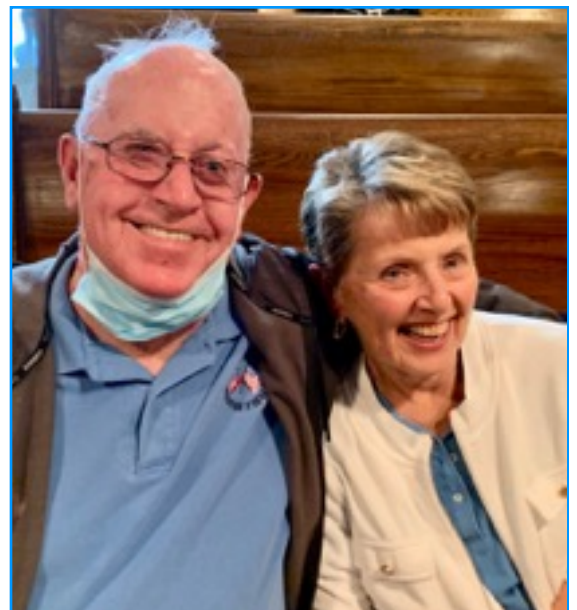
In July, E. Gifford and his Harley visited the old Fayetteville Arsenal which made rifles and pistols for the Confederacy, but is best known for producing 900,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, signal rockets, and friction primers assembled by women workers. Clockwise from top left: museum signage; indoor display explaining arsenal's history; print from April 1865 issue of Harper's Weekly; engraving of how the arsenal appeared during the war; and a "ghost tower" showing what the dimensions of the original brick structure looked like. Sherman destroyed the arsenal in March 1865. The entire site is the future home of the NC Civil War & Reconstruction History Center. (Photos by E. Gifford Stack)





# Pictured at our September 7 Meeting

Speaker Chris Mackowski and over 300 attendees (including 32 new memberships and 16 guests!) were present for our September 7 meeting. Some of the happy attendees, including the \$126 winner of the 50/50 raffle, paused for our cameras. *(Photos by John Butler and E. Gifford Stack)*





# Pictured at our September 7 Meeting - Continued



# **MUSTER NOTES and NOTABLES**

The October meeting of the BCWRT is Tuesday, October 5, 2021. The meeting will be held at Hatch Auditorium, NC Baptist Assembly, Fort Caswell, Oak Island, NC.

Registration and refreshments begin at 6:15 p.m., and meeting starts promptly 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](http://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/>. The YouTube BCWRT site is located at: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=brunswick+civil+war+round+table](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=brunswick+civil+war+round+table).

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