



Call to Arms

Brunswick Civil War Round Table Newsletter

THIS IS A DOUBLE ISSUE (SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER) OF CALL TO ARMS!

YOUR NEWSLETTER STAFF (OF ONE) WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY MOST OF SEPTEMBER, THEREBY NOT HAVING TIME TO PUBLISH A SEPARATE OCTOBER EDITION.

YOU WILL STILL RECEIVE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH MONTHS, SO YOU'LL NOT MISS ANY DETAILS FOR ATTENDING VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INDULGENCE.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to welcome everyone to our new season of speakers at the BCWRT. Gar Dowell and Woody Petchel have done an outstanding job in linking up a stellar set of speakers. It's a combination of former speakers and new ones. Gar took the suggestions from the Membership Survey in January and put together a stellar lineup of speakers and topics. Jack Davis is returning to start off the September meeting with a talk on The Letters of Gabriel Wharton. Sarah Bierle will make her first live appearance after her superb Zoom talk about the VMI Cadets. In November, Dwight Hughes is giving a presentation on USS Monitor. Peter Carmichael and Chris Mackowski are returning in March and April of 2023. Our



first time speakers include Neil Chatelain, Beth Parnicza, Judkin Browning and Jaime Martinez. They will speak on Naval Operations, Appomattox, Environmental Influences during the Civil War and Wilmington Fortifications, respectively.

Website - If you have not been to our new website you need to take a look, www.brunswickcivilwarroundtable.com. The team of Len Trizinsky, Ann Birdsall, Chuck Roedema, E. Gifford Stack and Woody Petchel worked on the design and development of the new site. The team did a creative job with the redesign. The website has a fresh look and feel, incorporating the latest technology. The other major change you will notice is that you can now pay your dues online. If you want to help with the website updates, send me an email. (Continued on page 13)

Five-Star Speaker Opens 2022-2023 Program Year

Jack Davis, one of the most respected Civil War historians and a returning speaker, will help launch our new program year — our 13th season! — on Tuesday, September 6. His presentation will share the candid comments on the war that we've not heard previously and is entitled, "The Letters of General Gabriel Wharton and his Wife 'Nannie,' 1863-1865."

Over a 28 month period, Confederate newlyweds Brigadier General Wharton and his wife Anne "Nannie" Radford Wharton wrote an amazing 524 letters, only recently discovered. Separated by 20 years in age and differing opinions on a myriad of subjects, the educated and articulate Confederates wrote frankly and perceptively on their Civil War



world. No subject was taboo as the Whartons shared their viewpoints of generals, politicians, slaves and their owners, the course of the war, the Confederacy's fate, and life at home. These letters show the sentiments — and facts — rarely discussed so bluntly.

Jack Davis is an extremely popular Civil War speaker, an award-winning American historian, a former professor of history at Virginia Tech, and the former Director of Programs at the school's Virginia Center for Civil War Studies. He has written more than

40 books on the Civil War, is the only three-time winner of the Jefferson Davis Prize for Confederate History, and was awarded the Jules and Frances Landry Award for Southern history.



You are encouraged to attend the meeting either in person or via Zoom. If participating via Zoom, simply use the following:

Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82759593507?pwd=QXBURWJZLVXYrUk0xaFZCRlpNUmcrZz09>
Meeting ID - 827 5959 3507 **Passcode** - 413189

If attending in person, we suggest you pre-register. *Remember you must pre-register for each meeting*, so any previous pre-registration won't work for September's meeting! Starting Friday, August 26, and lasting until noon on Tuesday, September 6, current members may log into the system — <https://olr.bcwrt-nc.org/> — to print a ticket (one each for yourself and your spouse) showing you've registered. Bring the ticket(s) 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, September 6 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.

BIERLE PERSONALIZES UNION AND CONFEDERATE ARTILLERYMEN AT OCTOBER'S MEETING

Sarah Bierle received plenty of kudos after delivering her March 2021 Zoom presentation comparing two generals who fought at the Battle of New Market. On Tuesday, October 4, she'll again give us a fascinating account of two opposing soldiers, this time involving the battling cannons at Chancellorsville. Her talk, "A Tale of Two Artillerymen: Robert Beckham and Justin Dimick at Chancellorsville," takes a closer look at the common threads connecting their stories on the battlefield (see the painting below depicting the conflict that ended May 6, 1863). Sarah is managing editor of *Emerging Civil War*, author, speaker and researcher on turning points of the Civil War.



You are encouraged to attend the meeting either in person or via Zoom. If participating via Zoom, simply use the following: Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81688587617?pwd=TTFZSlNML2xJSDRid1FuVU9tTEVpZz09> Meeting ID - 816 8858 7617 Passcode - 536101

If attending in person, we strongly suggest you pre-register. Remember you must pre-register for each meeting, so any previous pre-registration won't work for October's meeting! Starting Friday, September 23, and lasting until noon on Tuesday, October 4, current members may log into the system — <https://olr.bcwr-nc.org/> — to print a ticket

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Hit Them in the Breadbasket

A review of Phillip Greenwalt's May Presentation [By Jim Medeiros](#)

The 1864 Valley Campaign between Early and Sheridan comprised the Third Battle of Winchester, Battle of Fisher's Hill, Battle of Tom's Brook, and Battle of Kernstown according to Phillip Greenwalt, our last speaker of 2021-2022 Program Year. Jubal Early, after Stonewall Jackson's victorious 1862 Valley Campaign, hoped he could duplicate Jackson's panache, but it was the Union's Sheridan who is best remembered for finally razing the Breadbasket of the Confederacy. Greenwalt, with an intimate knowledge of the battlefields and the rural background, found four important take-home points in the Second Valley campaign: it offered a microcosm of the war in general; the battles held important political ramifications; the loss of the Valley carried tremendous economic impact; and the scorched earth of the Valley resoundingly injured Rebel morale.

Throughout the war the Shenandoah Valley provided an avenue for Confederate invasion. Armies destined for Antietam, Gettysburg and DC used the Valley as their conduit north. Parts of the Valley changed hands so many times, Greenwalt claimed eighty-two exchanges for the city of Winchester alone. The composition of the two armies in the last Shenandoah battles also offered the best example of war-time microcosm with Yankees from 13 states of the Union and the Confederates claiming seven states of origin including Maryland. Truly, the United States warred with itself.

The loss of the Valley also promised political repercussions. Lee stood to lose control of the capital of the Confederacy without the supplies and support of the Shenandoah. Lincoln could shorten the war by cutting off this side valley, but as important, he needed to

win his second presidential term. Loss of the Valley would embarrass the incumbent president, particularly if General William McClellan won the presidency instead by conquering the Valley. (McClellan - himself a presidential candidate - had been considered for the command eventually devolving on Sheridan in the Valley.)



The most important sobriquet for the Shenandoah Valley breathed a plethora of implications: Breadbasket of the Confederacy. When Armies marched north to invade Pennsylvania and Maryland, they used the fields and

flocks of the Shenandoah for supplies. While Lee sat invested inside the siege of Richmond, food came to his men from the Valley. Grant sent Sheridan with the command to torch all the crops and flocks so that even a crow attempting a crossing could not do it unless "carrying his own provender." Sheridan and his men so fulfilled their charge that the church people of Baltimore still collected alms to send food to the Valley's residents two years after the campaign.

Lastly, the loss of the Shenandoah smashed the morale of the Confederacy and drove many in its army to desert in the face of destruction of their homes and supplies as they went up in smoke.

Greenwalt told us much more, things like Lincoln's comment on Sheridan's short stature, the tale of three Union officers (including William Armstrong Custer), all classmates holding vigil at the side of the dying Confederate Ramseur, and controversy of Sheridan's reputation as savior at the Battle of Kernstown, all pearls the speaker polished nicely for us. Fortunately, if you missed the original you can still see the replay on YouTube.

Ladies' Department — *By Charen Fink*

A continuation of the lives of soiled doves (prostitutes) in the post Civil War era of the American west sees how the women's poor choices led to a continuation of their fall from grace with society. As a rule, their choice of companions included men who were criminals, those who were living off the women, and men who were crude and untrustworthy. The women were victims of violence, and often times death at the hands of these unscrupulous partners and even those who claimed to be husbands. Some tried marriage so as to become respectable but the many variables proved to be fruitless.

The women traveled from one town to another (the photo is

the Gunnell Hill district in Central City, Co., where prostitutes operated in the 1890s) following the work or



their companions. Living conditions were squalid and illness eventually caught up with them. It was not uncommon for the women to be arrested for vagrancy, disorderly conduct, murder, and the prostitution itself. And it occurred on a regular basis. Some women tried committing suicide, and even succeeded. They had no one to turn to if ill, injured or needed protection from their customers, and often their so called "husbands" took off with frequency.

There have been numerous cases where these women bore one or more children but they were not cared for, abused, abandoned, disposed of or introduced to a life of prostitution and despair. One such mother forced her twelve-year-old and fifteen-year-old daughters into the kind of life of

misery. The concept of family life with a father, mother and children almost never happened. Childbirth for some of these women occurred as late as their thirties or early forties. Death came early for these in women from disease or foul play.

There were no relief societies available to the soiled doves (such as "Timberline" pictured here) and they were not accepted in respectable society. Newspapers often hid the names of respectable male clients whereas the names of the non-respectable women were made available in print. Poverty was so acute that the women would congregate where men of means congregated. They devised ways of stealing their money however they could and get away without being caught. By the time the doves paid for their lodging in a private home (\$3-\$5) or in rooms for prostitutes (\$14), hack drivers, (transportation), paid clerks, hotel managers, and madams there was little left for the women. In Wichita the average income was \$29-\$30 a week. Relief came for those in St. Paul, Minnesota, from the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. Of all the churches, they took in the destitute women and provided safety and comfort. They were even offered legitimate jobs, homes, education and a chance to join the religious order. This was not the norm for most prostitutes who died and it was their sister doves who prepared them for burial when they succumbed to rejection, alcoholism, drug addiction, and suicide. Morphine was the drug of choice along with laudanum and chloroform.



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Excellent Speakers for 2022-23 Program Year

You've already read about our outstanding September and October presenters. The rest of the program year also features exceptional speakers and topics!

Tuesday, November 1: **“Unlike anything that ever floated: The *USS Monitor*, and the Battle of Hampton Roads.”** This presentation takes the *USS Monitor* from her inception through the dramatic first clash of ironclads at Hampton Roads. Guest presenter: Dwight Hughes, a historian, author, and speaker in Civil War naval history. He has an impressive 20-year career in the U.S. Navy.

Tuesday, December 6: **“The Legacy of Appomattox.”** Appomattox signaled the end of the war and the beginning of Reconstruction in Virginia. So how did the surrender set the terms for the nation to come back together? Guest presenter: Beth Parnicza is the Chief of Education and Visitor Services at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park.

Tuesday, January 3, 2023: **“Defending the Arteries of Rebellion.”** During the Mississippi River's Civil War operations, the Confederacy continually challenged the North's control of the Mississippi River Valley via innovations; i.e., ironclad warships, joint operations, reintroduction of the ram, and underwater torpedoes. Guest presenter: Neil P. Chatelain is a teaching historian, a frequent speaker at conferences, historical groups and museums, and author of books, articles, and prestigious journals.

Tuesday, February 7: **“Slogging to Richmond: Environmental Influences on the Union Failed Peninsula Campaign, 1862.”** Union General George McClellan's campaign to capture Richmond, failed. Why? Environmental issues such as weather, disease, animals, terrain, and nutrition all played significant roles. It's a different and rather unique insight into how and why battles are won or lost. Guest presenter: Judkin Browning is Professor of Environmental History at Appalachian State University.

Tuesday, March 7: **“The War for the Common Soldier: How Men Thought, Fought, and Survived in Civil War Armies.”** Soldiers on both sides faced enormous personal issues to survive — marching, fighting, boredom, idealism, exhaustion, punishment, and being away from their families. Guest presenter: Peter Carmichael, Ph.D., is one of the nation's foremost authorities on the American Civil War, and is now an American historian and Director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College.

Tuesday, April 4: **“Grant's Next Chapter: Vicksburg, Chattanooga, and the Rise of Ulysses S. Grant.”** Grant finished one volume of his memoirs after Vicksburg, and began the second volume with Chattanooga which became the turning point of his career. Guest presenter: Chris Mackowski, Ph.D., is the editor-in-chief and co-founder of *Emerging Civil War*, a prolific award-winning author, and serves on the Board for the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust and the Civil War Roundtable Congress.

Tuesday, May 2: **“Raising Corn, Embankments, and a Little Hell: Impressed Labor and the Wilmington Fortifications.”** Starting in 1862, the subject is slavery. In 1864, a key moment in our history involved the need for planters on the home front despite freed slaves. Guest presenter: Jaime Amanda Martinez, Professor and Chair in the Department of History at UNC Pembroke. She is a frequent speaker about the role of enslaved, free black, and American Indian men, and in building Wilmington's fortifications.

BCWRT Board of Director Notes

Your Board of Directors, along with interested Advisors, meets monthly to discuss items that will make our round table more interesting, run better, and keep our membership engaged. President John Butler leads the two-hour meeting with a packed agenda that he keeps moving right along. These meetings, open to all members, are held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Southport, one week following our gathering at Hatch, and begin at 10 a.m. If you wish to attend or have suggestions for the Board, please contact John at jlbutler2007@gmail.com. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 13.

Here are the main items of interest from the Board's August 9 meeting.

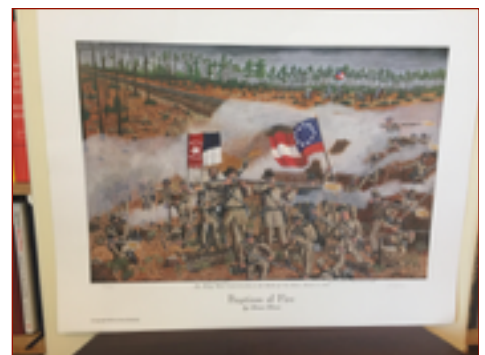
1. The newly designed website is functioning, but still undergoing some tweaking.

2. Gar Dowell is stepping down as a Vice President, moving over to become an Advisor. He'll continue to assist with the Program function.
3. Jim Wheeler who coordinates our registration system at meetings is leaving the area and we'll need a replacement.
4. We currently have \$12,300 in our bank account.
5. The Board unanimously approved a \$5,000 donation to help construct the US Colored Troops Park at the Cameron Art Museum in Wilmington.
6. Ann Birdsall was unanimously approved as the new VP for Programs. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this important position.

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WILMINGTON ROUND TABLE SELLING PRINTS

The Cape Fear Round Table has three prints for sale that might be of interest to BCWRT members. The artworks are all regular edition signed and numbered on 100# acid-free paper, four-color litho, and measure approximately 14"x21". They were done by Brian Kraus of New Bern, who is an artist, battlefield guide and historical preservationist. He studied art at ECU and was a teacher for many years. CFRT is prepared to sell them at a very reasonable price. Contact CFRT's president, Bill Jayne, for more details: 910-386-9203 or jayne.bill@gmail.com.



BCWRT LADIES' FORUM SET FOR OCTOBER

The upcoming October 31, 2022 speaker for the Civil War Ladies' Forum is Betty Vaughn, a resident of Raleigh. Her topic will be "Origins and Traditions of Christmas Celebrations in the mid-1800's," and features a PowerPoint presentation on the traditions of Christmas



during the Civil War. As always, the Ladies' Forum is for women only!

Betty is the author of four historical novels set in Eastern North Carolina....Kinston, New Bern, Fort Macon, and Fort Fisher during the period 1842-1868. All four books won awards from the North Carolina Historical Society for the quality of research. The last book of the period, "The Mystery of Sarah Slater," a biography of a courier who traveled between

Richmond and the Confederate office in Montreal, is also an award winner. All of her books are available in paper and hard back as well as eBook through Amazon and Barnes and Noble. She will have copies at the Forum at a significant discount.

Ms. Vaughn graduated from East Carolina University and taught AP art history and painting. She is a prize-winning visual artist with paintings in collections worldwide. Later she took up writing full time. Each book features actual people living in the area at the time and factual events, fictionalizing only the main characters.

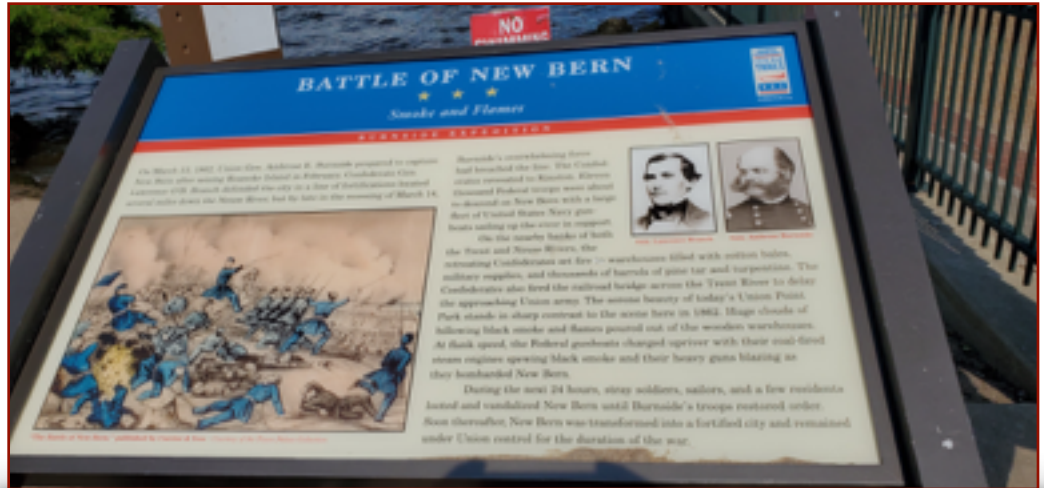
The Forum meetings are for women about women and are held at Trinity United Methodist Church on Nash Street in Southport. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the Forum concludes at 8 p.m. In addition to an enlightening presentation, the meeting features home-made period refreshments, door prizes, Civil War music, and notes on future Forum speakers and topics. There is no charge for BCWRT women and guests are only \$5.

For more information contact Charen Fink at dcftandm@hotmail.com or 330-507-2773. Reservations are strongly encouraged. Charen will also be at the September and October meeting to take your reservations.

Civil War Trivia - The .58-caliber Springfield, named for its production at the Springfield Arsenal in Springfield, Mass., was the most widely used rifle-musket during the war. The second most popular rifle-musket: the .577-caliber Enfield. Some 800,000 were imported by both sides from London and Birmingham by private contractors. From *The Civil War Quiz Book* by Blake Magner, Taylor Trade Publishing, 2010.

CIVIL WAR VIEWS - Part 2

John Walsh, BCWRT's intrepid traveler, recently visited New Bern, the second-oldest colonial town in NC. He found the town, "charming, historic, only a 2 ½ hour drive from Brunswick County, site of Tryon Palace and beautiful old and restored homes, and the birthplace of Pepsi."



Less often seen is the site of the March 1862 Civil War Battle of New Bern. Located a short distance across the Trent River, this well-preserved and marked site is less-frequently visited, but absolutely worth the trip. It includes significant, original Confederate trenches, excellent signage, and numerous walking paths. Next time you're in New Bern be sure to add it to your agenda! *(Photos by J. Walsh)*

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### Ladies' Department (Continued from page 5)

In 1870, St. Louis adopted a formal system of residence and medical control of the soiled doves. They had to live in a specific part of the city and submit to regular medical exams. The program was a failure and abandoned in less than five years. During the Civil War a similar plan was tried in the North. Several Union generals tried to regulate prostitution by putting them on a ship to Nashville, but everywhere the ship docked, the citizens wouldn't let them disembark. The same thing happened when they finally arrived in Nashville. That plan was also abandoned. The name of the ship was the "Idaho."

Prostitutes or soiled doves became important to the expansion of the West after the Civil War. They lived on the fringes of society and were scorned and never accepted. And yet, they contributed to the development of western society. The maturation was at the expense of the prostitutes as they accepted themselves as lesser people in the community. They suffered at the hands of customers, each other, law enforcement and the community.

**REFERENCE - Butler, Anne M. "Daughters of Joy, Sisters of Misery." Prostitutes in the American West, 1865-90. University of Illinois Press: Urbana and Chicago, 1987.**

## CIVIL WAR VIEWS - Part 3 (by John Butler)

### Bourbon, Seafood and a Civil War Site - One Heck of a Combination!

**Who** says you can't add some pleasure into your Civil War touring? Is there anyone who doesn't like a little seafood and whiskey thrown in with a Civil War



tour? I found a nice mix of all three while touring Fort Macon at Atlantic Beach, NC.

We started our tour by visiting Bogue Sound Distillery. Their Vitzellen Vodka is named in honor of a nurse who served during the Civil War at the Old Capital Prison in Washington, DC. That is enough of a Civil War connection for me to take time to do a tour and tasting, LOL. They distill Bourbon, Whiskey, Gin and Vodka, in other words, something for everyone. If you want to really get adventuresome, they even make a Salted Caramel Whiskey and a Peanut Butter Whiskey, both of which I found very satisfying. After fortifying ourselves with a sampling of their spirits, we traveled on to Fort Macon.

Fort Macon was part of the coastal fortifications built at the same time as Fort Caswell. Macon has a long history and was finally turned into a state park in 1924, making it the oldest state park in North Carolina.

Portions of the fort have been restored and they have lots of displays of how

the soldiers worked and lived there during Civil War to WWII. There is also a three-mile walking trail, beach area, and modern visitor's center and museum.

I met Paul Branch a ranger/historian at the fort who has written three books on the history of Fort Macon. He is friends with BCWRT member Jim McKee from Fort Anderson.



After a tour of the fort and watching a cannon firing demonstration, it was time to check out the surrounding area restaurants. We stopped in Morehead City along the Intracoastal Waterway and enjoyed an excellent meal at one of their many fine seafood restaurants.

We then took a side trip to Beaufort which is right next door to see some of their Civil War history. Beaufort was attacked by Union forces in April 1862 and remained occupied for rest of the war.

Fort Macon is less than three hours from Southport, so this is an easy - and very enjoyable - day trip. *(Photos by John Butler)*

## CIVIL WAR VIEWS - Part 4 (by Ann Birdsall)

The Emerging Civil War Symposium is an annual event and I decided to attend this year. An excellent decision! Each August, Emerging Civil War (ECW) provides a wonderful

opportunity to get together with members of the extended ECW family and enjoy the fellowship that comes from a mutual love of history. ECW serves as a public history-oriented platform for sharing original scholarship related to the Civil War. The primary audience is the general public, so scholarship is defined broadly: historical research, memory studies, travelogues, personal narratives, essays, book reviews, and photography. Journalistic-style



coverage of current Civil War-related events and the Civil War in pop culture are also included. Furthermore, ECW encourages respectful discussion about that material. ECW does not publish fiction or poetry. Chris Mackowski (shown) is the co-founder of ECW and is our speaker on April 4.

At this year's Eighth Annual ECW Symposium, August 5-7, the speakers were asking "What If," which was a fun chance to do some arm-chair generating while also asking some serious questions about what we know, what we *think* we know, and what we assume. The great line-up of symposium talks were supplemented with a "What-If..." series on the blog, some "What-If..." videos on the ECW YouTube page, and a forthcoming second hardcover volume of "What-If..." essays.

ECW seeks to encourage a diversity of perspectives in the scholarship it presents. ECW does that, in part, by identifying and spotlighting the next generation of Civil War historians and the fresh ideas they bring to the historical conversation. If you are interested in next year's ECW Symposium or exploring the books they publish, their Podcasts and Blogs, or battlefield tours, please access their website at <https://emergingcivilwar.com/>

Find the recap of the Eighth Annual ECW Symposium at: <https://emergingcivilwar.com/2022/08/10/2022-symposium-recap/>



*(Photos by Hank Ballone)*

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER - (Continued from page 1)

**Online Dues Payment** - As noted, you can now pay your dues online. You can renew your dues or if you are a new member you can pay online. We are using PayPal so it's easy to use your credit card. It's secure because our website will not keep any of your financial information. You will notice if you pay online, the dues are \$26.25 for a year, the extra buck-and-a-quarter is to cover the administrative fee charged by PayPal to process the credit card. If you pay by check or cash the cost remains as it always has - \$25 for a year's membership. This is the same amount as when we began 13 years ago!

**Women's Forum** - Ladies get ready for an interesting women only forum on October 31 at the Trinity Methodist Church. Charen Fink and Ann Birdsall have put together an interesting program. More details are on page 8.

**Tours** - Our first tour of the season will be of Fort Anderson on Saturday, October 8. Chris Fonvielle will be leading the tour. You can sign up at the September and October meetings or email John Walsh at [jdwalsh1@gmail.com](mailto:jdwalsh1@gmail.com). With Chris leading the tour this promises to be an interesting look at the history of Fort Anderson. More details at the September meeting.

**Efforts to Save Wyse Fork Battlefield** - The effort continues to get the State of North Carolina DOT to change the proposed road construction on the Wyse Fork Battlefield. You can follow the efforts to save the battlefield on Facebook at: **Save Wyse Fork Battlefield** ,

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4914158828666582/>

The American Battlefield Trust has placed an online petition to save Wyse Fork Battlefield. If you are interesting in signing the online petition here is the direct link: <https://www.battlefields.org/preserve/speak-out/protect-site-second-largest-battle-fought-north-carolina>

**Volunteers** - I want to take a moment to recognize and thank the efforts of two of our volunteers Gar Dowell and Jim Wheeler. Gar has done an excellent job over the past 18 months in arranging and coordinating a great line up of speaker and programs, both are the heart and soul of the BCWRT. Gar is moving to an advisor role but will continue to assist the programs. (And hearty congrats to Ann Birdsall who takes over as VP of Programs!)

Jim Wheeler headed up the Registration Team for a number of years and is responsible for ensuring you get into the meeting in an easy and organized fashion. It's a thankless job, but very important to making each meeting start off in an organized fashion. Jim has moved to California to be closer to family.

We always need help. So if you have a little bit of time you can spare, we can use your help with the Website, Registration, Sutler's Table, 50/50, Finance and of course Coffee and Cookies. Again, welcome to our 2022-23 program year.

*John*

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### Interesting Civil War Facts

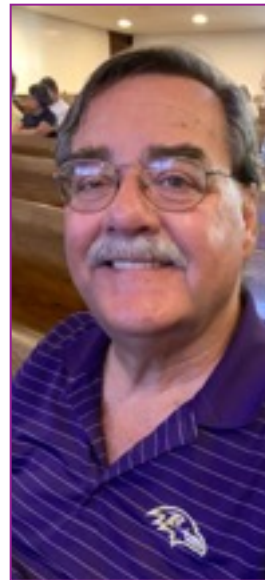
**Seven future U.S. presidents served in the Civil War: Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, William McKinley, James Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, Chester A. Arthur, and Andrew Johnson.**

In the North, more than 1/3 of all men of military age served in the war. For the South, it was nearly 2/3.

Reference: *Fact Retriever*, "101 Interesting Civil War Facts," January 2017

## Pictured at our May Meeting

Speaker Phillip Greenwalt and 251 attendees (including 15 new members and 5 guests!) were present for our May 3 meeting. Some of the happy attendees, including the winner of \$84 in the 50/50 drawing, paused for our camera. Over 50 other members attended the meeting via Zoom! *(Photos by Chuck Roedema and E. Gifford Stack)*



# Pictured at our May Meeting - Continued



# **MUSTER NOTES and NOTABLES**

The first two meeting of the 2022-23 Program Year are September 6, and October 4. The meetings will be held at Hatch Auditorium, NC Baptist Assembly, Fort Caswell, Oak Island, NC. See pages 2 & 3 for details to attend via Zoom.

Registration begins at 6:15 p.m., and the meetings 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.

Our Facebook page is <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).

Our website address is: <https://brunswickcivilwarroundtable.com>  
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