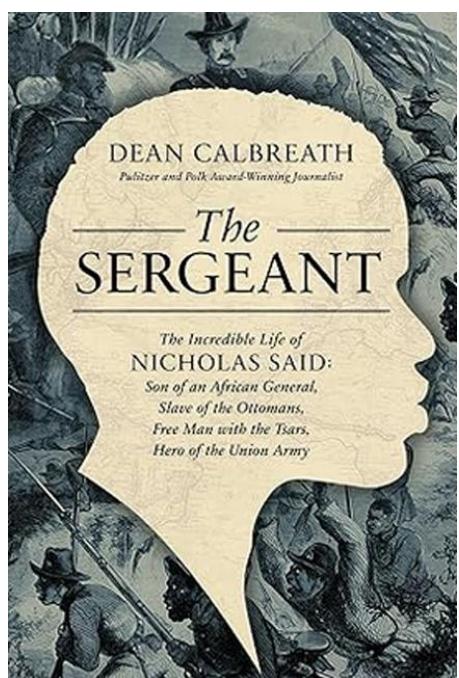
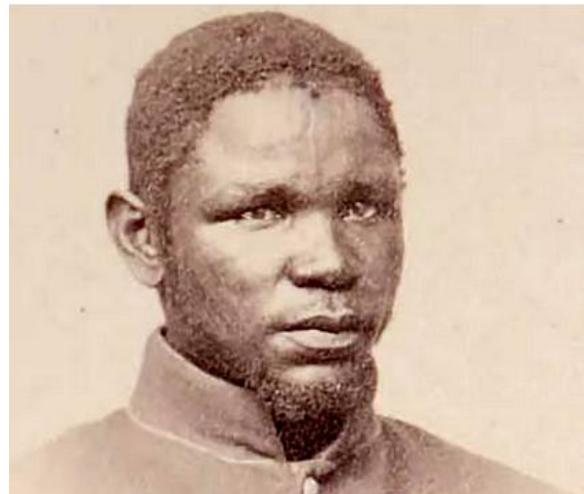


## BRUNSWICK CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

### An incredible story about an incredible life is shared at March 17<sup>th</sup> Round Table

Unlike no other topic ever presented to a Brunswick Civil War Round Table audience will take place at a special monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Hatch Auditorium on Caswell Beach.

Simply stated, this will be an incredible story of Nicholas Said's journey from his birth place in Central Africa, through Czarist Russia, to the frontlines of the Civil War. It will be presented by award-winning journalist Dean Calbreath who has spent more than a decade's worth of research, travel, and archive searches culminating in his book entitled, *The Sergeant*. According to Henry Louis Gates, Jr., American literary critic, professor, and historian, he describes the book as "essential reading." For our Round Table audience, maybe its "essential listening!"



So, who is Sergeant Nicholas Said? He was born as Mohammed Ali ben Said, the son of a cavalry general in the thousand-year-old kingdom of Borno in the center of Africa. After being captured by Tuareg raiders in his early teens, he was sold into slavery, and later purchased by the Russian ambassador to Istanbul. Said journeyed through much of the Middle East and Europe, picked up at least nine languages, and crossed paths with kings, emperors, and tsars, before ending up in the United States on the eve of the Civil War. After joining and serving his tour as a sergeant in the Union Army, he went on to become one of the nation's first Black voting registrars, launched schools for newly freed slaves, and toured with his lecture series about the "possibilities that may be accomplished by the African." Our guest speaker

will delve into this most incredible story of Said's life which will captivate his audience. This will certainly be another "must attend" meeting!



Dean Calbreath is a lifelong journalist, winner of dozens of awards, traveled through 42 countries and all 50 states, filed stories from five continents, and lived in Oregon, Maryland, Virginia, Texas, and the Czech Republic. The work on his book, *The Sergeant*, represents over a decade's worth of research, including travels to Detroit, Boston, Alabama, and Washington, D.C., as well as correspondence with archives in Russia, Latvia, The Netherlands, and England to retrieve documents on Nicholas Said's life.

Meeting registration begins at 6:15PM. The meeting starts at 7:00PM. The visitor fee is still \$10, and may be applied toward the \$25 annual membership dues, which can include a spouse. Incidentally, about one-third of our audiences are female. Importantly, meeting attendees will be able to take an unlimited number of free Civil War history books from our vast collection of 600+ books which are being offered due to storage limitations.

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