

BRUNSWICK CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Bluegrass and N.C. history take center stage at

Round Table Anniversary

It will be a festive evening on Tuesday, May 5th at Hatch Auditorium on Caswell Beach when the Brunswick Civil War Round Table will celebrate its 16th anniversary. Returning to help celebrate the evening's program will be the foot stompin' music of our local favorite bluegrass band, Dear MariBella and the

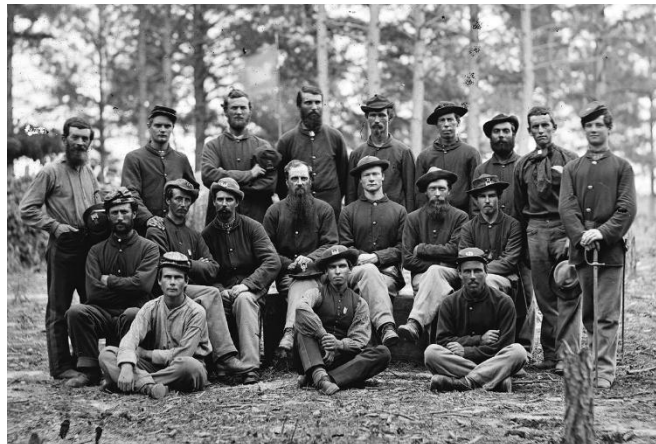


Pigkickers! They will be followed by popular returning guest speaker Hampton Newsome, award-winning Civil War historian, to discuss a topic of interest for all North Carolina residents entitled, "The Fight for the Old North State."

To best describe this up-and-coming band's music is a quote from the *Wilmington Star News*: "with a mix of

tight harmonics, considerable music chops, and the youthful ability to conjure instant goodwill, the band stands out on a quality, crowded Wilmington music scene." But best of all, this is a family affair, with sisters Isabella on fiddle and AnnMari on guitar, add brother Pete on banjo, the youngest sibling Chris on mandolin, and sometimes Dad on bass. So get ready for some good ole foot-stompin' music and a little rabble-rousing fun!

As for the main event, our guest speaker is the guy who led the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection team that created the ubiquitous yellow Energy Guide labels on your appliances. Now retired, he has had a long career as attorney with the Federal Trade Commission and the US Nuclear



Regulatory Commission. He is also the author of several Civil War books, including *The Fight for the Old North State: The Civil War in North Carolina January-May, 1864*, which he will be discussing at the meeting.

Newsome will focus on the Confederate effort to retake the key coastal positions in North Carolina during the first half of 1864. In launching these operations, Confederate leaders sought to secure vital supplies for Gen. Robert E. Lee's army, and dampen a growing peace movement then threatening to pull the state out of the Confederacy and out of the war. The ensuing series of engagements, including the New Bern Expedition and the Battle of Plymouth, involved complex joint army and navy operations, daring raids, and deadly ironclads.



Everyone is welcome to join us for what promises to be an evening of both entertainment and information. Registration will begin early at 5:45PM. The entertainers begin at 6:00PM, and the presentation begins at 7:00PM. The visitor fee is still only \$10, and may be applied toward the \$25 annual membership dues, which can include a spouse.

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