



Call to Arms

Brunswick Civil War Round Table

Special Edition Newsletter

2026 - 2027 Speaker Program

The Brunswick Civil War Round is pleased to announce our programs for the new season kicking off on Tuesday, September 1st. Once again we will meet at Hatch Auditorium on the historic grounds of Fort Caswell on Caswell Beach to hear from a diverse list of nationally recognized historians, authors, and educators. True to our mission, this year's lineup promises unique, interesting topics, always representing both Northern and Southern viewpoints in an entertaining manner to audiences young and old, men and women. As we begin our 17th season, it is worth noting that our programs are the key reason we continue to enjoy our enviable reputation as the largest Civil War round table in the country! So please, mark your calendars and join us!



Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Thomas Jessee as

“Robert E. Lee”

Confederate General Robert E. Lee, as portrayed by Thomas Jessee, a nationally renowned living historian, returns to take center stage in his Confederate uniform. He is eager to share Lee's personal insights and answer audience questions about his life, his illustrious military career, and some of his crucial battlefield decisions.

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Edward W. Gantt

“The Battle of Olustee”

“The Battle of Olustee” will be discussed by popular guest speaker Capt. Ed Gantt (U.S. Navy, Ret), a dynamic Civil War historian and reenactor. This little known battle was the largest and bloodiest engagement in Florida, and significant as the U.S. Colored Troops (USCT) fought for the U.S. Army displaying significant acts of heroism in a losing battle.





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Monday, October 19, 2026

Sue Crippen as

“Southport’s Own Kate Stuart”

The Brunswick Civil War Ladies’ Forum will present “Southport’s Own Kate Stuart” as portrayed by Sue Crippen, a performer and member of the Southport Historical Society. Kate Stuart, a formidable presence in Southport during the Civil War, was considered the matriarch of Southport, and referred to as the Grand Old Lady of North Carolina.

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Chris J. Hartley

“D.H. Hill: I Am So Unlike Other Folks.”

First time guest Chris J. Hartley is a frequent Civil War speaker, award-winning author, and battlefield tour guide. His dramatic assessment of D.H. Hill includes insights and incredible stories about this contentious West Point graduate, celebrated for his bravery yet always at the heart of pivotal moments, and fierce controversies.



Tuesday, December 1, 2026

Chris Mackowski

“The Battle of Fredericksburg”

Frequent guest speaker Chris Mackowski, noted Civil War historian and author shares his perspectives on this battle based on years of personal experience guiding visitors across this battlefield. He always addresses the sheer brutality in one of the most lopsided Union defeats of the war. His presentations are always captivating!



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Tuesday, January 5, 2027

Jared Peatman, Ph.D.

“A Hell of a Regiment: To Gettysburg and Beyond with the Twentieth Maine.”

From a regiment best known for their miraculous bayonet charge at the Battle of Gettysburg, to the postwar lives of these brave men is told by Jared Peatman Ph.D. He is an award-winning author, and uses history to examine leadership and performance challenges in his over 1,000 seminars.



Tuesday, February 2, 2027 **Judkin Browning, Ph.D.**

“Civil War Deserters”

Award-winning historian Judkin Browning, Ph.D., explores who these deserters were, and the various factors that motivated them to leave their units. This includes their changing attitudes over the course of the war. In fact, North Carolina is a classic case study of the entire South since the “Old North State” contributed the greatest number of deserters in the war.

Tuesday, March 2, 2027

Wade Sokolosky

“Sherman’s Engineers During the 1865 Carolinas Campaign”

According to Union Gen. Sherman, his “March to the Sea” was child’s play compared to his engineers’ construction of over 400 miles of roads, nearly 1.5 miles of pontoon bridges, and destroying miles of Confederate railroads. Popular guest speaker Col. Wade Sokolosky (Ret.) shares these incredible feats.





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Tuesday, April 6, 2027

Kevin Pawlak

“Raised From Obscurity “

Three rarely discussed cavalry battles were fought in Virginia’s Loudoun Valley, and were a critical prelude to the Battle of Gettysburg. Highly regarded historian Kevin Pawlak reflects on how these cavalry clashes were overlooked by historians despite the fact that the once inferior Federal cavalry began to fight with renewed confidence and aggression.

Tuesday, May 18, 2027

William C. “Jack” Davis

“Formation of the Confederacy in Early 1861”

Joining us to help celebrate our 17th anniversary is William C. “Jack” Davis, award-winning historian, author of 60 books, and so much more! He will explain how 50 men met in Montgomery, Alabama in February, 1861 simply to talk. The result was the birth of the Confederate government. Jack will provide all the fascinating details.



Every monthly meeting is another opportunity to be both informed and entertained. Registration always begins at 6:15PM. Programs start at 7:00PM. The monthly visitor fee remains at only \$10, and it can be applied toward the \$25 annual membership dues, which can include a spouse.

For more information, please contact President John Butler at Brunswickcwr@gmail.com, or by calling him at (404) 229-9425, or visit our website at brunswickcivilwarroundtable.com.



We Welcome Your Suggestions for our Speakers, Website, Meeting Procedures, Membership Retention, etc.