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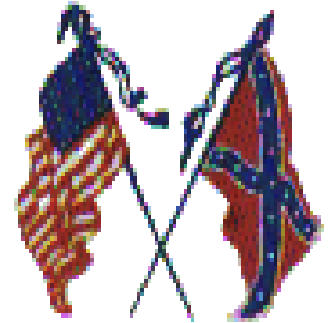
Civil War Round Table

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Meetings Exit 83 and right to Justice Center



Upcoming Events

The Western North Carolina Historical Association is sponsoring a series of lectures to be held in Asheville to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. The first lecture will be held on November 5th at 2:00 at the Reuter's Center at UNC-A. The speaker is Dr. Gordon McKinney. His topic is "The Civil War and Uppity Women." There is no admission but the historical association is accepting donations. Reservations are recommended. The number to call for reservations is: 828 253-9231

Saturday afternoon, Oct 1st at 2 pm, there will be a lecture and a reception on Religion and Chaplains during the Civil War. US Army Chaplain Corps historian and author Dr. John Brinsfield will speak in the Convocation Hall, Assembly Inn in Montreat (map link - <http://www.phcmontreat.org/map.htm>). A reception will be held following the lecture at the Presbyterian Heritage Center, about 75 feet from Convocation Hall. The PHC has a large exhibit on Religion & Chaplains during the Civil War. All events are free.

Ranger Backlund to speak at October Meeting by Betty Rouser

At our October meeting in Waynesville, Chief park ranger Gib Backlund, of the Stone's river National Battlefield, will give the program on the battle there in 1862 and 63. The battle was one of the most significant of the Civil War, engaging 81,000 troops with 23,000 becoming casualties. The Union victory there gained control of middle Tennessee , and led to the Tullahoma campaign and battles for Chattanooga.

Ranger Backlund earned his BA degree in English and Humanities from the University of Minnesota, and his MA in History from Middle Tennessee State University. His thesis was titled CREATING A BATTLEFIELD: THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND MISSION AT STONES RIVER. He has served the NPS in a number of locations prior to his assignment to Stones River in 1992. He has worked at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Glacier National Park, Mammoth Cave National Park, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park and Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. Ranger Backlund's wife also works for the NPS as superintendent of the Carl Sandburg National Historic site in Flat rock NC.

We look forward to this interesting program and welcome the Backlund's to our Roundtable.

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We still need volunteers for refreshments. Nothing fancy is required, cookies and punch are enough. Please sign up with Nancy Beemer.

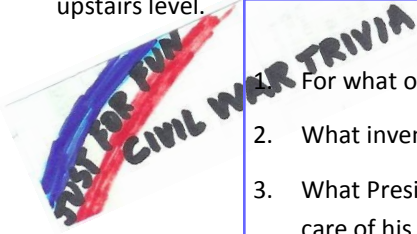
A very Important Reminder

The **October 10th meeting will be held in Waynesville** at the First United Methodist Church, 366 South Haywood St.

Directions: Come into Waynesville on US 23-74. Take exit 102A from Sylva and 102 from Asheville. You will be on Russ Avenue. Turn right onto Main Street at the 6th stoplight. Continue thru downtown Waynesville to the stoplight at the Baptist church, turn right and go one block to the Methodist Church. The meeting will be held in the Faith classroom. This is the first set of double doors down the sidewalk, Watch for the RT Civil War meeting sign.

Those wishing to join the speaker and other Roundtable members for dinner at 5pm at the Waynesville Bogart's Restaurant, stay on main Street past the Baptist Church for one block and the restaurant will be on the left. We will eat on the upstairs level.

By Betty Rouser

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1. For what offense did Bragg have three soldiers executed?
 2. What inventor of the air brake ran away from home at the age of 15 and joined the Union Army?
 3. What President hired a substitute to replace him in the Civil War so that he could stay home to take care of his mother and sister?
 4. What union officer pursued Jeb Stuart after his calvary raided Chambersburg in 1862?
 5. What was meant by "Let her go, Gallagher!"
 6. What Union general was a major stockholder in the building of the Brooklyn Bridge?

Dr. John Derden Addresses Round Table in September

By Betty Rouser



Dr. John Derden, retired educator, historian and author, addressed the roundtable at the September meeting. His topic was "The Resurrection of Camp Lawton", in which he described the archaeological digs there and the artifacts found on site. Camp Lawton, near Magnolia Springs, Georgia, was a late Civil War prison designed by General John Winder to alleviate the overcrowding at Andersonville Prison. Dr. Derden joined the archaeological team, some of whom were former students, as their historian and the author of a book on Camp Lawton to be released this fall. Camp Lawton covered 42 acres and a diary by Private Robert Knox Sneden of the 40th NY regiment, showed detailed illustrations of the camp told much of its history. Used only six weeks the camp was evacuated prior to the arrival of General Sherman, who

then burned it. The archaeological digs have rendered bricks from the ovens, buttons, coins, buckles, eating utensils, medals, jewelry, haversack hooks, and other items. These artifacts are being carefully cleaned and preserved for future museum display.

Dr. Derden is a graduate of Reinhardt College, where he earned his BA and AA degrees. He holds his PhD degree from the University of Georgia. He has authored and co-authored several works of local history, and is a frequent speaker at civic and Civil War roundtable groups. He is also active in community affairs, and leads tours of civil War sites in Georgia.

We thank Dr. Derden for this interesting and informative program.

MEETING SCHEDULE

October 10, 2011: At Waynesville

First Methodist Church

Keith Shumann (Park Ranger)

Battle of Stones River

November 14: At Sylva

Johnnie Pearson

Your Affectionate Son Until Death

(Lt. Irby Scott's letters home to Putnam County GA., 1861-1865)

December 12: **Christmas Party**

At Holiday Inn Express, Dillsboro

James Ogden

The Battle of Resaca

*January 9, 2012: - Currently Open

February 13: At Sylva

(Ray Rouser, Paul Turner and Chuck Beemer)

Three member panel and audience discussion on the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

Kennesaw will be our Spring Field Trip in mid-April, 2012.

March 12: At Sylva

Chris Hartley

Col. George Stoneman's Raid

April 9: At Sylva

Thomas Cartwright

Gen. Patrick Cleburne and the

Battle of Franklin

May 14: At WCU Auditorium

Susan Thomas and Sister

(Two for the price of one)

Belle Boyd, Confederate Spy

Sister portrays Dr. Mary Edwards

Walker - a Union Surgeon



1. For firing into a flock of chickens during a move close to Union lines where stealth was required.
2. George Westinghouse joined the union army as a private, but never became an officer.
3. Grover Cleveland, the only President to serve non-consecutive terms.
4. Stuart's father in law, Brig. Gen. Phillip St. George Cooke, chased but didn't catch Stuart and his calvary.
5. This curious command meant to fire at will, and with anything at hand.
6. Union General Henry Slocum

Book Raffle

I would like to remind everyone that we are selling raffle tickets for the Time Life Book Series.

This collection includes 30 hard back volumes all written by Civil war participants. The tickets are 3 for 10\$. Please see me, Gabriell, if you would like to purchase tickets or acquire some to sell to your friends and family.

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The newsletter editors welcome articles by the members. Tell us your Civil War ancestor's stories, and include pictures, if available.

Call Betty or Ray - 456-8425, or e-mail Gabriell at

fullpullkennels@yahoo.com

We welcomed David Blair of Blairsville Georgia, as a first time visitor, and whom we hope will join us as a member.

The Raleigh Report

From the Office of Representative
Phil Haire

September 8, 2011

The General Assembly returns to Raleigh next week for a session on proposed constitutional amendments. The amendments that we may consider include a ban on same-sex marriage, constitutional term limits on leadership terms in the General Assembly and a change in how members of the State Board of Education are appointed. Same-sex marriage is already against the law in North Carolina. One law defines marriage as the union of a man and a woman. Another says same-sex marriages in other states are not recognized in North Carolina. The attempt to add this language to the state constitution is a political ploy intended to help increase voter turnout among Republicans, as it has done in other states. The institution of marriage is not threatened in North Carolina.

While we return for a special session to consider amendments that could wait until May, the state's unemployment rate rose for the second straight month since the Republicans put their budget in place. The state Employment Security

Commission shows that over the past two months, 20,000 workers in the public sector -- including teachers, university faculty and health workers. Now is the time for our General Assembly to figure out how to rebuild an economy that is being weakened by layoffs of educators.

Each day of a special session cost an estimated \$50,000, money that could be put to better use on job creation or retention. So far this year, the General Assembly has spent \$200,000 on one special session and is expected to meet for at least three more days this time.

Teacher jobs

More than 6,100 education jobs have been eliminated so far this school year in North Carolina, according to new data from the state Department of Public Instruction. An estimated 5,000 jobs were saved for this year only because of federal stimulus money that will run out in September 2012. In addition, 64 of the state's 115 school districts saved jobs by reducing the number of days or hours their employees worked.

I asked our state budget writers to put more money into education so that our students could be better served and so that these critical jobs in our community could be saved.

University jobs

The University of North Carolina system announced this week that it has eliminated 4,500 positions because of budget cuts this year. The result has been fewer courses and larger classes for many students. Some will have to delay their graduation until they can enroll in required courses. Faculty accounted for more than 2,800 of the jobs that were cut system wide. This erosion of the quality of our university system has me worried about the future of our young people, and I will continue to fight next year to restore as much of this funding as possible.

Please let me know how I can best serve you in Raleigh. I look forward to hearing from you and being of assistance in any way I can.

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Chuck and Nancy Beemer

To Honor:

1st Lt. Benjamin Marshall Mills

49th US infantry - Chuck's

Great, Great Uncle,

White officer, colored reg.

Paul Turner

To Honor:

Captain Thomas M. Angel

in 16th NC

Sergeant George M. Angel

in 16th NC (Wounded at

Mechanicsville & Gettysburg)

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65th Ohio Volunteers

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To Honor:

Perry Haire

1st Corps Co. F, 7th NC

KIA Fredericksburg 12/3/62

Jesse W. Jackson

Pvt. Co. E, 22nd NC

Paroled - Appomattox 4/9/65

Rick Plemmons

To Honor:

Pvt. Levi Plemmons 2nd NC

Paroled at Appomattox

Pvt. William Plemmons 2nd NC

Pvt. Jess Plemmons 29th NC

Royce Woosley

To Honor: **Five Relatives - All in Union
Army Co. B**

17th Kentucky Volunteers

1st Sgt. Thomas Ferry (Royce's

Great Grandfather)

Pvt. John Ferry

Pvt. Charles Ferry

Captain Issac Ferry,-Commander

Pvt. Hugh Ferry - Died 5/20/62,

from wounds suffered at Shiloh

Marcia Woosley

To Honor:

Captain Myles Keogh,

Irishman and Union Cavalry

Commander, Co. I, 7th US

Cavalry on 6/25/76 when KIA

at Battle of Little Big Horn.

I want to apologize for getting the newsletter out late this was my first edition and we had a few hang ups. I look forward to next month and hope that it will go smoothly. Enjoy.

Gabriell



Backward Glances
Snippets of Civil War History
By Betty Rouser

Louisa Mae Alcott may be best known for her novel LITTLE WOMEN but she had a Civil War connection earlier in her life. As a young nurse in her twenties, she worked in Georgetown's Union hospital. Appalled by the lack of sanitation, overwork and indifference, she wrote descriptive letters home deploring these conditions. These letters were later published as a book called HOSPITAL SKETCHES. Alcott, became known as the "lady with a bottle" as she sprinkled lavender water around to combat the rancid odors. Falling ill she was forced to leave the nursing job.

She moved to Massachusetts to concentrate on writing; publishing her novel LITTLE WOMEN in 1868, followed by other, but less successful novels. She never married and lived there until her death in 1888.

The 13th NC Troops, a Civil War Reenactment Group will be at Fort Branch in Hamilton NC on November 5th and 6th for anyone interested in attending check out there website at www.13thnc.com.

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