

# *The Runner*



## **Cape Fear Civil War Round Table**

***Special Hurricane Matthew Delayed Issue – November 8, 2016***

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 13 October 2016** at St. Andrews On-the-Sound Episcopal Church located at 101 Airlie Road. Come early - the meeting starts promptly at 7:30p.m. See [cfwrt.org](http://cfwrt.org) for details of future speakers and events..

Please join us at our second meeting of the 2016-2017 Program Year. Visitors are always welcome – **bring a friend or two**. Each of our speakers strives to enlighten, entertain, and add to our knowledge of Civil War history. This serves our mission of encouraging education and research into that historic conflict.

**\*\*\*\*\* October 2016 Program \*\*\*\*\***

**The Changing Face of the Civil War: Has the War the Keeps on Giving Given Out?**



**Dr. Chris Fonvielle** will host a Round Table discussion of the past history, current status, and future place for Civil War Round Tables in today's environment. This meeting

will be a little different than our usual “lecture” formats – bring your questions, concerns, or a desired path of Civil War history.

With the completion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Civil War, many Round Tables have seen a drop in their memberships. Why has interest waned? Has Military History taken a back seat to social history? NOTE: The Brunswick Civil War Round Table represented one BIG exception to declining membership.

**Dr. Fonvielle** is past president of the CFCWRT. He teaches history at the UNCW and is the acknowledged expert on the Civil War in the Cape Fear Region.

**Editor**

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**2 – How was Sherman’s Army able to travel so quickly from Savannah to North Carolina?**

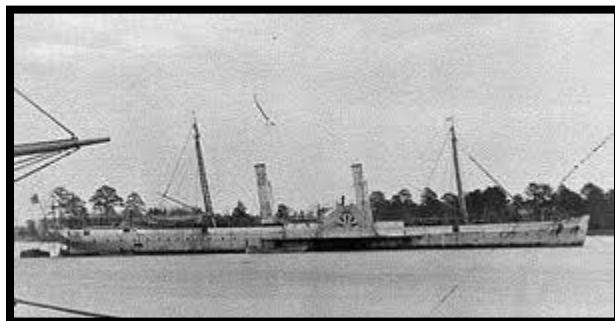
**\*\*\*\*\* Raffle Winners \*\*\*\*\***

**Raffle Master: Ed Gibson**

If you have books, prints, or other items that you would like to donate to the raffle, contact Ed Gibson ([egibson759@aol.com](mailto:egibson759@aol.com)) before our next meeting. ***The raffle is one of the components which allow the CFCWRT to fund our activities and our speakers.*** Please take part in our raffle by contributing items and/or purchasing tickets.

<i>Portraits of the Civil War</i>	-----	<i>Ed Gibson</i>
<i>Last Full Measure</i>	-----	<i>Joe Hack</i>
<i>American Heritage Civil War</i>	-----	<i>Gary Henderson</i>
<i>The Lost Cause</i>	-----	<i>Jim Gannon</i>
<i>A Shower of Star</i>	-----	<i>Jim Gannon</i>
<i>History of the CS Navy</i>	-----	<i>Richard Buggeln</i>
<i>Touched by Fire</i>	-----	<i>Jack McGarrie</i>

**\*\*\*\*\* Member News & Activities \*\*\*\*\***



**Blockade Runner the Robert E. Lee**

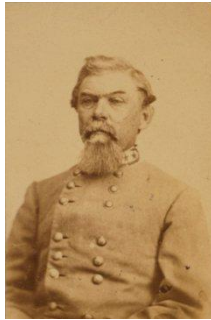
If you have member news or news about Civil War events that you think would be of interest to CFCWRT membership, send me an email with the details. Thank you.

**\*\*\*\*\* September \*\*\*\*\***

***No Such Army Since the Days of Julius Caesar: Sherman's Carolinas Campaign from Fayetteville to Averagesboro***



**Sherman**



**Hardee**



**Slocum**

**Wade Sokolsky** described the march of Sherman's army into North Carolina. When Sherman cut loose from Savannah to head to Virginia, his engineers and bummers allowed his 66,000 troops to advance 10 to 13 miles per day over an extremely difficult country-side. Sherman's rapid pace presented the Confederates with a difficult situation to consolidate forces to oppose his advance. Wade described what it was like to be "in Sherman's path." Confederate General Hardee left Charleston with 12,000 men – his was a troop of garrison men who averaged 6 miles a day as he raced Sherman to Fayetteville, North Carolina. Hardee arrived first; however, he arrived first but with only 6,500 soldiers



Confederate General Joe Johnston had the difficult task of contesting Sherman's march. Johnston had limited resources and no clear idea exactly where Sherman was headed – Raleigh or Goldsboro. Since Sherman marched his army in two separate wings, Johnston believed if one wing could be delayed on their march he had a chance against

his opponent. Hardee tried to slow Sherman's left wing at Averasboro. Johnston formed his plan for the battle of Bentonville only after Hardee was successful at Averasboro.

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**1 – When and where was the first Civil War Round Table founded?** The Chicago Civil War Round Table was founded on December 3, 1940. The speaker at its first meeting was Percival G. Hart and his subject was “Stonewall Jackson’s Valley Campaign.” Founder Ralph G. Newman stated the purpose of the group was to study the Civil War and the Great Emancipator. From that small beginning with sixteen attendees, Civil War Round Table discussion groups expanded to hundreds of groups scattered throughout the United States and around the world.

**2 – How was Sherman’s Army able to travel so quickly from Savannah to North Carolina?** Sherman’s engineers built bridges over flooded creeks, swamps and rivers at an amazing rate. They lived up to the “No such Army since the days of Caesar.” Also of much assistance, his bummers sucked the country-side dry as the army moved north toward Grant’s army in Virginia.

**\*\*\*\*\* Thoughts \*\*\*\*\***

Do you know anyone who may be interested in joining the CFCWRT? Please invite them to the October meeting.

**Editor**