



# The Watch Fire

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Newsletter of the North Carolina Civil War Tourism Council, Inc.

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## Chairman's Note

As I write these notes today, I notice on my calendar that it is the first day of spring. The days will be longer and the weather here in North Carolina will begin to turn warm and pleasant. Many visitors from this state and others will begin to look for places to spend their vacations this summer and, as the tourism numbers indicate, many of these tourists will come to our state to tour our numerous Civil War sites. Spring is also a very busy time for the dedicated professionals and volunteers that run these sites throughout the state; as they prepare programs and the sites themselves for the thousands of visitors that come with the warm weather.

The spring is also promising to be a very busy and exciting time for us in the North Carolina Civil War Tourism Council as well! You have probably already received your membership renewal letters in the mail and thank you for all those that have already renewed! We have changed the membership to a calendar year (January – December) instead of the old fiscal calendar which will hopefully make things simpler both for you as members and for our board as well. The new Council website should be up and running by the end of April. Included in the new Council website will be a membership tab which will make joining the Council and renewal of memberships much easier. Also included will be a calendar of events, a monthly site or agency profile, photographs, research information, a new logo, and much more. The site name will remain the same: [www.nccivilwar.com](http://www.nccivilwar.com). Our grants program will be up and running by the summer and we have been working with our tourism consultants in the western part of the state about increasing visitation and highlighting the Civil War sites in the west.

As you will notice from the calendar of events, there are many events that are occurring throughout the state in the coming months. I encourage each of you to attend one or more of these events and support our Civil War sites, symposiums and agencies. Also, if you have the time, please consider volunteering at one of these sites or agencies and share your interest and knowledge of the Civil War in North Carolina with our thousands of visitors. As I have stated before, the key asset of the Civil War Tourism Council is our membership! Your ideas and suggestions are all important and will greatly aid the Council as we move to the future.

Once again, thank you for your support of the North Carolina Civil War Tourism Council!

Jeff Bockert  
Chairman, NC Civil War Tourism Council

## **Civil War Trails Update from Executive Director Mitch Bowman**

The new statewide NC Civil War Trails map-guide will be shown for the first public viewing at this years Governor's Travel & Tourism Conference.

The Dept. of Commerce is going out to bid for printing in the next few weeks, and we will have the map-guide, with nearly 200 sites in 70 counties, by late spring.

Anyone with additional sites to include on the Civil War Trails should contact Mitch Bowman at [hmb7@cox.net](mailto:hmb7@cox.net) or (804) 783-7423 or Teresa Watts at [twatts@nccommerce.com](mailto:twatts@nccommerce.com).



## **Series Continues at the Arsenal in Fayetteville**

"The Weekend Special" is a new program that will begin in January at the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex in Fayetteville. Each Saturday at 2:00 pm, the museum will offer an informal program covering a wide range of topics. Topics will change each week, so interested visitors are asked to call ahead for details. Ask for Chris Woodson or Heidi Bleazey at (910) 486-1330.

## **Bennett Place Film Series Continues**

The Bennett Place State Historic Site in Durham will continue its film series the third Friday of each month after the holidays. Films start at 7:00 pm and are free and open to the public. The schedule of films is as follows:

April 20 – *The Littlest Rebel*  
 May 18 – *Wicked Spring*  
 June 15 – *Gods and Generals*  
 July 20 – *Gettysburg*

For more information contact the site at [Bennett@ncmail.net](mailto:Bennett@ncmail.net) or (919) 383-4345.



*Onslow County Museum  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Living History Program  
1776 – 1946*

*Saturday & Sunday  
April 14 – 15, 2007  
10 am until 5 pm*

*Revolutionary War • War of 1812 • Mexican War • Civil War • Spanish  
American War • WWI & WWII*

*Living History Demonstrations Include  
Artillery, Infantry, Navy & Marines  
Civilian – Life on the Homefront  
Children's Activities, Music & More*

*In conjunction with the program  
Spring Pig Party by Friends of Farmers  
Buy a BBQ plate \$5.00 each – Supports Scholarship Program*

*For More Information Contact  
Onslow County Museum • 301 S. Wilmington Street • Richlands, NC 28574  
(910) 324-5008 • museum@co.onslow.nc.us*

**\*\*\*Editor's Note – Its Time Renew Your Membership!\*\*\***

For those that may have not received a membership renewal letter in the mail or those of you who are not members, but still receive this newsletter, please find below a membership letter and form. Please renew your membership or join today! Thanks!

February 26, 2007

Dear NC Civil War Tourism Council Member:

Enclosed please find your membership renewal form for 2007. If you are thinking that it has been some time since you last renewed your membership, you are correct. Membership renewals were not mailed in June 2006 as would have been standard in the past. Due to changes in the organization, including a change in leadership, we have decided to change the membership year from a July-June cycle to a simpler January-December calendar year cycle. In essence, your membership was extended for six months at no cost to you. However, now that all changes are in effect it is time to renew memberships. We hope that you will continue to support the efforts of the Council to market and promote North Carolina's Civil War sites, and to assist in providing top-quality Civil War programming around the state. Here are a few highlights of what the Council is doing on behalf of North Carolina's Civil War sites.

- Continuing to produce our newsletter, the *Watch Fire* which now includes a Calendar of Events and a Civil War Roundtable schedule.
- Continuing to sponsor multi-site promotional ads in publications such as *Civil War Traveler*.
- Partnering with other organizations, sites, and museums to provide programming such as conferences and symposiums.
- Establishing a new grants program to provide funding to sites and museums for Civil War programming, educational materials, CW Trails markers, and more.
- Revamping the Council's website ([www.nccivilwar.com](http://www.nccivilwar.com)) to make it more informative and user friendly.

Current officers of the Council are as follows:

Chairman – Jeff Bockert ([jeff.bockert@ncmail.net](mailto:jeff.bockert@ncmail.net) or 919-581-1040)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Andrew Duppstadt ([andrew.duppstadt@ncmail.net](mailto:andrew.duppstadt@ncmail.net) or 252-526-9600)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Terri Stutts ([TStutts@BBandT.com](mailto:TStutts@BBandT.com) or 252-246-4707)  
 Secretary – Jann Brown ([jann.brown@ncmail.net](mailto:jann.brown@ncmail.net) or 252-526-9600)  
 Treasurer – Currently Vacant

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the Council please feel free to get in touch with any of our officers. We hope that you will use the form below to renew your membership in the Council, and please mention us to any friends or relatives that would be interested in joining. The Council is certainly moving forward, and we hope that you will come along with us!

Sincerely,

*Andrew Duppstadt*

Andrew Duppstadt, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair

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**MEMBERSHIP FORM  
PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO THE ADDRESS BELOW**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(email addresses will be used to send notices of new editions  
of the *Watch Fire* and upcoming events and programs)

Member Level: Individual (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate, Museum, or Site (\$100) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: NCCWTC, PO Box 31522, Raleigh, NC 27622

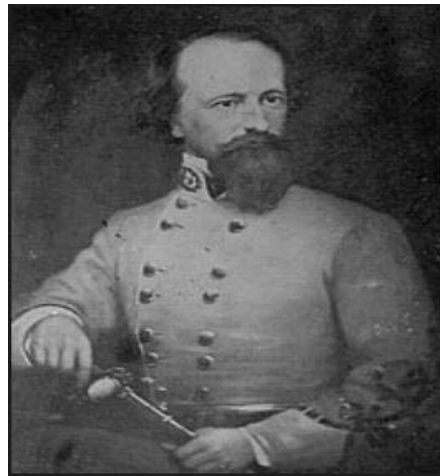
Please make checks payable to: North Carolina Civil War Tourism Council

Comments or Suggestions:

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of Descendants of the Pettigrew-Kirkland-MacRae Brigade to be Held in April – submitted by Michael May**

The reunion will be held on Saturday, April 21, from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm at the Barbecue Lodge, 4600 Capital Boulevard in Raleigh. A program on the 26<sup>th</sup> North Carolina at Gettysburg will be given by Mr. Fred Kiger. There will also be music by Mr. Marvin Gester. The program will begin at 1:00 pm.

There is a cost for both the meal and the program. For more information call (919) 481-0425 or email [Mmay1213@aol.com](mailto:Mmay1213@aol.com). Come join the Pettigrew Historical Association for this interesting and entertaining event!



### **New Logo for the NC Civil War Tourism Council**

In the ongoing efforts to revitalize and update the NC Civil War Tourism Council, we have developed a new logo. This logo will appear on the newly updated website, as well as Council letterhead. Thanks to Si Lawrence for his hard work on this!



### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Editor's Note: Certainly this is but a partial listing of all that is going on at North Carolina's sites and within the various Civil War Roundtables. If you would like to have any of your site's or group's events or meetings published in this newsletter please send them in advance to Andrew Duppstadt at [andrew.duppstadt@ncmail.net](mailto:andrew.duppstadt@ncmail.net) or 100 North Queen Street, Kinston, NC 28501. *The Watch Fire* is published quarterly so plan ahead!**

### Upcoming Events

Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15. Onslow County Museum, Richlands. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Living History Weekend. This year's event features Onslow's military heritage from 1776-1946. See flyer above for more details. For info call (910) 324-5008 or email [museum@co.onslow.nc.us](mailto:museum@co.onslow.nc.us).

Saturday, April 28. Bennett Place State Historic Site, Durham. 142<sup>nd</sup> anniversary observance will be held from 10 am – 4 pm. Civil War soldier life displays, drill demonstrations, domestic skills, and music will be featured. For more information contact [Bennett@ncmail.net](mailto:Bennett@ncmail.net) or (919) 383-4345.

Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29. Annual Living History Weekend and Battle of Plymouth reenactment. Plymouth, NC on the waterfront. For more information go to [www.livinghistoryweekend.com](http://www.livinghistoryweekend.com) or call (252) 793-1377 or (252) 793-4804.

Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29. Fort Macon State Park, Atlantic Beach. Civil War Living History Weekend. The 1<sup>st</sup> North Carolina Volunteers will do a weekend-long living history including musket and cannon firing demonstrations at the fort. For more information call (252) 726-3775, (252) 726-8908, or email [fort.macon@ncmail.net](mailto:fort.macon@ncmail.net).

Saturday, May 5. Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site, Four Oaks. A Confederate Memorial Day service will be hosted by the site and the Harper House-Bentonville Chapter UDC at 11 am near the Confederate mass grave. For info call (910) 594-0789 or email [Bentonville@ncmail.net](mailto:Bentonville@ncmail.net).

Sunday, May 6. Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington. The Cape Fear Chapter UDC will host a Confederate Memorial Day service at the Confederate monument in the cemetery at 3 pm. For more information contact [endabre@bellsouth.net](mailto:endabre@bellsouth.net).

Saturday, May 19. Historic Edenton. A Civil War living history program focusing on the maritime aspects of the war in eastern North Carolina will be held on the town green in front of the historic 1767 Chowan County Courthouse. Living historians from Ship's Company of the Roanoke will provide displays and demonstrations focusing on both the Union and Confederate navies. For more information contact (252) 482-2637 or [edenton@ncmail.net](mailto:edenton@ncmail.net).

Saturday, May 26. Fort Macon State Park, Atlantic Beach. Artillery demonstrations will be conducted using the fort's original 6-pounder field cannon. Firing demonstrations

and interpretive talks will be held at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30. For more info call (252) 726-3775, (252) 726-8908, or email [fort.macon@ncmail.net](mailto:fort.macon@ncmail.net).

Saturday, June 2. Hammocks Beach State Park, Swansboro. Maritime living history. Living historians from Ship's Company of the Roanoke will be on hand with displays and demonstrations relating to the maritime military heritage of coastal Onslow County. Time periods and demonstrations may vary depending on personnel, but Civil War will be featured. For info contact [andrew.duppstadt@yahoo.com](mailto:andrew.duppstadt@yahoo.com) or call the park at (910) 326-4881.

Saturday, June 2. Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site, Four Oaks. Summer Seasonal Living History program and Artillery demonstrations. Costumed interpreters will demonstrate various activities of the common soldier, such as small arms demonstrations, close order drill, and provide talks on uniforms and equipment issued to the soldiers. Uniformed interpreters will also provide firing demonstrations on a full-scale 3-inch ordnance rifle, which was a commonly used cannon during the war. All demonstrations are subject to change without notice. For info call (910) 594-0789 or email [Bentonville@ncmail.net](mailto:Bentonville@ncmail.net).

Saturday, June 23. Fort Macon State Park, Atlantic Beach. Artillery demonstrations will be conducted using the fort's original 6-pounder field cannon. Firing demonstrations and interpretive talks will be held at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30. For more info call (252) 726-3775, (252) 726-8908, or email [fort.macon@ncmail.net](mailto:fort.macon@ncmail.net).

Wednesday, July 4. Fort Macon State Park, Atlantic Beach. Artillery demonstrations will be conducted using the fort's original 6-pounder field cannon. Firing demonstrations and interpretive talks will be held at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30. For more info call (252) 726-3775, (252) 726-8908, or email [fort.macon@ncmail.net](mailto:fort.macon@ncmail.net).

### **Roundtable News**

**We will gladly print Civil War Roundtable schedules if we have the information far enough in advance. Please send your schedules to me at [andrew.duppstadt@ncmail.net](mailto:andrew.duppstadt@ncmail.net) and the get the word out!**

**\*Surry County CWRT** – The Surry County Civil War Roundtable meets the first Tuesday of every month from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Mount Airy Public Library on Rockford Street. Everyone is welcome to come for an informal discussion of topics related to the Civil War. For more information contact [surrycountycwrt@yahoo.com](mailto:surrycountycwrt@yahoo.com) or call John Cail at (336) 786-6942.

NO SCHEDULE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

**\*Civil War Roundtable of Eastern North Carolina** – The Civil War Roundtable of Eastern North Carolina meets the fourth Thursday of every month at Golden Corral, 209 Freedom Way (NC Hwy. 24), Jacksonville. Buffet supper begins at 6:00 p.m., followed

by the meeting starting at 6:30. For further information call (910) 347-5287 or (910) 934-2642.

April 26 – Wade Sokolosky, Early Stages of Sherman’s Carolinas Campaign

May 24 – TBA

June 28 – Ray Flowers will talk about Mrs. Daisy Lamb, wife of Col. William Lamb

**\*New Bern Civil War Roundtable** – The New Bern Civil War Roundtable meets the second Wednesday of each month from September through May at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station Museum on Hancock Street. For more information contact Horace Mewborn at (252) 633-1634 or [neuser@always-online.com](mailto:neuser@always-online.com).

April 11 – Linda deNigs will speak about Civil War medicine

May 9 – Jerry Elliott will talk about John Brown’s Raid on the arsenal at Harper’s Ferry and its connections to New Bern

**\*Raleigh Civil War Roundtable** – The Raleigh Civil War Roundtable meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the North Carolina Museum of History, 5 East Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. For more information contact Bob Farrell at [cwfan2@aol.com](mailto:cwfan2@aol.com) or Charles Hawks at [charleshawks@nc.rr.com](mailto:charleshawks@nc.rr.com).

April 9 – Ernie Dollar, Battle of Morrisville

May 14 – Ms. Nora Brooks will do a first person portrayal of Mrs. U.S. Grant

June 11 – Dan Barefoot will talk about Generals R.F. Hoke and S.D. Ramseur

July 9 – Jon Sarris, Civil War in Western North Carolina

**\*Civil War Roundtable of Durham** – Meets the third Thursday of each month (except June, July, and August) at 7 p.m. at the Bennett Place State Historic Site. For more information call Jack Schrader at (919) 383-5629 or the site at (919) 383 4345.

NO SCHEDULE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

**\*Fort Macon Civil War Roundtable** – The Fort Macon Civil War Roundtable meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union Building on the campus of Carteret Community College in Morehead City. For more information contact John Rhodes at [croat2@aol.com](mailto:croat2@aol.com).

April 24 – TBA

May 22 – TBA

June 26 – TBA

**\*William Dorsey Pender Civil War Roundtable (Rocky Mount/Tarboro)**

Meets the fourth Thursday of every month except July and December at 6:00 p.m. at Gardner's Barbecue in Rocky Mount. For more information contact Ken Lautzenheiser at [cwrken@earthlink.net](mailto:cwrken@earthlink.net) or Kendall Cranston at [kkcranston@earthlink.net](mailto:kkcranston@earthlink.net).

**\*Arsenal Park Roundtable (Fayetteville)** – The Arsenal Park Roundtable meets on the last Thursday of every other month at the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. For more information call (910) 486-1330.

**\*Cape Fear Civil War Roundtable (Wilmington)** – meets the second Thursday of each month from September through May at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, located at the intersection of Airlie Road, Wrightsville Avenue, and Military Cutoff Road. For more information contact Dan Geddie at (910) 799-5338 or Bruce Patterson at (910) 794-8905.

April 12 – Dr. John Haley, topic TBA

May 10 – Eric Wittenberg, topic TBA

**\*North Carolina Civil War Roundtable (Burlington)** – meets on the third Saturday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, and November). Meetings are held at K&W Cafeteria, 2629 Ramada Road in Burlington. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and a speaker at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Dr. Eugene Adcock at [eadcock@triad.rr.com](mailto:eadcock@triad.rr.com) or Tom Barrows at [tbarr100@aol.com](mailto:tbarr100@aol.com). You may inquire about the cost of dinner and reserve a seat.

May 19 – Jon Sarris, "A Separate Civil War: Communities in Conflict in the Mountain South."

July 21 – A. Wilson Greene, Topic TBA

**\*Outer Banks Civil War Roundtable** – meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Duck Woods Country Club. For more information contact Mike Ross at 252-261-2000 ext. 1 or [mross@beachlink.com](mailto:mross@beachlink.com).

April 17 – Mr. Walter White, “The Confederacy’s Bomb Brothers, George and Gabriel Rains.”

**\*Western NC Civil War Roundtable** – meets the second Monday of each month from September through April in room 215 of the Jackson County Criminal Justice Building in Sylva. Refreshments and social hour start at 6:30 followed by a 7:00 meeting. For more information go to the web page at [www.wnccwrt.org](http://www.wnccwrt.org) or email [rozchris@earthlink.net](mailto:rozchris@earthlink.net).

April 9 – Tim Smith, Shiloh

May 14 – David Petruzzi, General Buford

