

FORT SUMTER CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

OCTOBER 12, 2026

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*****MEETING LOCATION*****

WASHINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY ARMORY

287 Meeting Street, Charleston, S.C.

Corner of Meeting and George Street

Cocktail Reception 6:00-7:00 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

Bring \$10 to enjoy a special bourbon tasting with rare bourbon options from nine Civil War states. The WLI has an excellent museum that is not open to the public. This is a true treat for our members and guests to explore.



The Capture of Fort Fisher (Library of Congress)

Program: The Wilmington Campaign From river forts to burning rail lines, the February 1865 Union campaign unfolded in decisive moments that sealed the Confederacy's last major Atlantic port. Located 28 miles from the mouth of the Cape Fear River, Wilmington, NC was one of the Confederacy's most important ports for overseas supplies, fueling both the Southern war effort and Gen. R. E. Lee's forces in Virginia.

Speaker: Prof. Emeritus Chris E. Fonveille (Dept. of History, UNC Wilmington) is a leading authority on coastal defenses and blockade running in southeastern North Carolina. The author of numerous books and articles, he was appointed to the North Carolina Historical Commission in 2014, was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine upon retirement, and is the former president of the Cape Fear CW Round Table. Prof. Foneveille will be our tour guide on the Nov. 6-7, 2026, Wilmington Field Trip.

WILMINGTON FIELD TRIP NOVEMBER 6-7, 2026
SEE DETAILS BELOW

Meeting Schedule

MEETINGS RETURN TO JENKINS HALL AT THE CITADEL

November 9, 2026

Program: Civil War Veterans, North & South, Who Served in the Khedive of Egypt's Army

Speaker: Jim Morgan

December 14, 2026

Program: The Civil War & the Creation of Baseball

Speaker: Bruce Allardice

January 11, 2027

Program: Point Lookout Prison

Speaker: Robert Crickenberger

February 8, 2027

TBA

March 8, 2027

Program: TBA

Speaker: William C. "Jack" Davis

April 12, 2027

**Program: The Cassville Affairs: Johnston, Hood, and the Failed
Confederate Strategy in the Atlanta Campaign**

Speaker: Robert Jenkins

May 10, 2027

Annual Banquet – Roberts Foundation Book Award

June 14 (Flag Day)

TBA

NO MEETING IN JULY & AUGUST

WILMINGTON FIELD TRIP

NOVEMBER 6-7, 2026

**NOTE: ONLY 2026 PAID FORT SUMTER CWRT MEMBERS ARE
ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIELD TRIP**

The annual Fall Field Trip will be to Wilmington, NC. We will tour Ft. Fisher, “the Gibraltar of the South,” and its impressive new museum, as well as the Confederate Sugar Loaf Line, Ft. Anderson, and the Forks Road Battlefield.

Our Saturday guide is Chris Fonvielle, Jr., a native Wilmingtonian and author of several books on coastal defenses and blockade running in southeastern North Carolina. He taught Civil War history at the UNC-Wilmington from 1996 until his retirement in 2018. We will be blessed with his expert interpretation, compelling storytelling, and the shared pleasure of exploring history where it happened.

To reserve your spot for this great adventure, there are two steps that you need to make. Both links are on our round table website at <https://www.fortsumtercwrt.org/>.

1. Register on the Eventbrite page. The link is on our website.

The \$250 per person fee will cover a catered Friday night welcome reception in the Bellamy Room at the Hampton Inn Downtown Wilmington, a full Saturday tour, lunch, and an evening banquet dinner in a private room at the historic Pilot House Restaurant.

- 2. Reserve a hotel room for Friday and Saturday night. The Hampton Inn at 225 Grace St. in downtown Wilmington is holding a block of rooms for us at \$163 a night. If you collect Hilton Hotel Honor points, Hampton Inn is now part of their family of hotels. The special link to reserve your room at our special rate is on our webpage.**