

4th Annual US Colored Troops Symposium – rev.2/04/08
Earning The Right To Citizenship-IV
Featuring Cameron Art Museum's
3rd Annual Civil War Living History Weekend

February 22 – 24, 2008

Schedule of Activities

All 4th Annual United States Colored Troops Symposium sessions held in the Reception Hall (RH) at Cameron (CAM) unless otherwise indicated

Friday 2-22 Education Day:

9 am-12 pm area schools invited in to watch and meet re-enactors

performing technical demonstrations. CAM grounds

USCT Seminars —Teacher Workshops, open to the public

11:00 am-Noon **Teachers' Workshop Orientation Session** – Earl James, reference archivist, NC Archives and History

1:00-2:00 pm **NC USCT Battles & Encampments** – Sharon Heist, author, Historian, Smith College graduate, specialist in African American and Native American histories will summarize NC USCT battles and encampments throughout NC.

2:00-3:00 pm **Black Union Sailors in the Civil War** – Bernie Siler – Asst. US Attorney, Washington, DC, member 54th Mass. Re-enactors

Speaker will highlight the accomplishments of Black Sailors in Union Navy and their role in key victories.

3:00-4:00 pm **Underground Railroad and Frederick Douglass-** Dr. David Anderson, chair Rochester, NY/Monroe County Freedom Trail Commission, author and master storyteller. Speaker will discuss

the desire of slaves to be free and the people that assisted them to

freedom.

5 pm –7 pm **Welcome Reception at Fort Fisher Museum for USCT Symposium participants, open to public**

7 pm **Film: *Civil War Gold*** – The story of the discovery of the steamship *S.S. Republic* sunk by hurricane en route to New Orleans in 1965 with its cargo of \$75 million in gold and silver in today's market. RH

8:30 pm – 9:30 pm **USCTLHA (USCT Living History Association) Board Meeting** – Hampton Inn, 17th St.

Saturday 2-23

8:30 am – 10:30 am **USCTLHA Annual Meeting** – Hampton Inn

10:00 am Campsite, Museum and Grounds Open

10:30 am **Welcoming Ceremony**—Mayor Saffo & CAM Director, Deborah Velders.

11:15 – 12 pm **Black Spy Network** - Hari Jones, Asst. Director and Curator, African American Civil War Memorial & Museum, Washington, DC. – Speaker will describe the sophisticated network of intelligence gathered by Black slaves and contrabands to assist in the Union victory.

11:30 am – 12:15 pm **Fashions of the Era** – United Daughters of the Confederacy, Cape Fear Chapter 3, museum grounds

12-3 pm Children's hands-on activities, clay and basket weaving demonstrations, Bellamy Mansion—Civil War Food Ways program, Clay Studio and grounds

12:15 – 1:00 pm **Fall of Wilmington**—Dr. Chris E. Fonvielle, Jr., UNC-Wilmington, author, *The Wilmington Campaign*. Speaker will chronicle the Fall of Wilmington from December at Fort Fisher to February at Forks Road and the USCT role in those battles. Introduction by Ruth Haas, Director, Cape Fear Museum.

1:00 – 1:45 pm **NC Black Storytellers** present vignettes: Escaping slaves, Women at Tea, Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman, Center Stage, Museum grounds

1:15 – 2 pm **Tours of entire battleground sites in area** Led by Richard Triebe, CFCW Roundtable, starting @ Halyburton Park, ending at CAM. Shuttle picks up at CAM

1:15 – 2 pm **Name Changing and USCT Genealogy Research**
–John Gourdin, Senior Fellow, United States Colored Troops
Institute

(NY), Genealogy instructor, lecturer and author. Speaker will introduce and demonstrate a methodical process to aid researchers in identifying Black Americans prior to the Civil War, overcoming the obstacle of identifying former slaves who tended to change their names after gaining freedom.

2:00 -3:30 pm **“Forks Road” Re-enactment & Technical Demonstrations including Cavalry**

3:30-4:15 pm **The Aftermath: 1865 –1898** – Dr. John Haley, UNC-Wilmington – Speaker will tie in the role of the USCT veterans in building Wilmington after the war until 1898.

4:30-5:15 pm **Marketing African American History & Culture**
Sharon Bryant, Tryon Palace, Tarshi McCoy, New Bern Convention Bureau , Mitch Bowman, Civil War Trails– speakers will discuss the challenges faced in promoting NC’s African American sites in tourism.

5:00 pm **Site Closes**

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm **Visionary Heritage Awards Banquet**, Keynote Speaker: Professor William B. Gould IV, Stanford University Law School, author, *Diary of a Contraband*, Hampton Inn

7:30 pm **Period Dance @ Halyburton Park Events Center**—An evening of dancing come in period clothing or whatever is comfortable to move in. [Enjoy calling, music and period dance instruction by Simon Spalding, New Bern, musician, composer-arranger, and historian.](#)

Sunday 2-24

10 am **Wreath Laying Ceremony** at USCT gravesites in Federal Cemetery, 19th and Market Streets

10 am Church services for reenactors, open to the public, [Campsite,](#)
[Museum](#) and Grounds [open](#)

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