

# Federal Point Historic Preservation Society

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## Newsletter

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### February Meeting

The Federal Point Historic Preservation Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 19, 2007, 7:30 PM, at the Federal Point History Center, 1121-A North Lake Park Blvd., adjacent to Carolina Beach Town Hall.

Guest speaker will be Si Harrington, Military Collection Archivist with the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. Mr. Harrington will discuss the State's efforts to collect military oral histories, memorabilia, and other material to record North Carolina's vast military history.

Si, a native of Erwin, North Carolina, is married with 3 daughters and five grandchildren. Along with being a history teacher, he served 12 years in the active U.S. Army and continued 18 more in the Army Reserve. His love and knowledge of military is obvious as he continues to be involved in military re-enacting, serving on the "Living History Crew" of the *Battleship North Carolina* as Chaplain.

Members and the general public are invited to attend.

### Last Month

Candace McGreevy, Executive Director of the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society at the Latimer House, presented a very educational and articulate program with slides on the Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and their many programs and projects to preserve our rich history. Through education of visiting school groups and implementing a grant to provide a summer camp, where young children can learn first hand arts and crafts of past generations, the Society is expanding to instill pride of history in our next generation. Approximately 40 members and guests were present.

### Message From Your President

By Judy Rhudy Thompson

Happy Valentine Day everyone! I have just returned from visiting my daughter and new granddaughter in Florida. I missed our last meeting and have heard that it was a great one with Candace McGreevy telling everyone about the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and their many exciting activities. Many thanks to Pat Bolander for standing in for me in my absence.

It was reported to me that the Society's participation at the 142<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary event at Fort Fisher was a greater success than we imagined. Congratulations and many thanks to our volunteers, Cheri McNeill, Paul Slobodnik, Jo Wainright, Jim & Jane Dugan, Lois Patton, and Leslie & Darlene Bright. Also, thanks to Barbara Hoppe, Site Manager, and other members who stopped by and offered to help.

Kure Beach's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is right around the corner. The month of festivities begins at 10AM on March 31, 2007, with a "big" parade in Kure Beach. Tell all your friends and above all "be there."

Karen Musser and members of the Wilmington newcomers' group will meet at the History Center on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM for a visit and overview of Federal Point History led by Leslie Bright. Interested folks are welcome to attend.

## **History of World War II**

### **Fifty Dates That Give The Highlights of World War II**

Extracted from a Special Edition of the Washington Post, Sunday, October 21, 1945

- September 1, 1939** - Germans invade Poland.
- September 3** - Britain and France declare war on Germany.
- April 9, 1940** - Nazis invade Norway and Denmark.
- May 10** - Hitler invades Lowlands. Churchill becomes British Prime Minister.
- June 22** - French sign armistice with Germany.
- August 8** - German air force begins blitz of Britain.
- June 22, 1941** - Nazis invade Russia.
- August 14** - Roosevelt-Churchill sea conference, drafts Atlantic Charter.
- December 7** - Japanese attack Pearl Harbor.
- December 8** - U. S. and Great Britain declare war on Japan.
- February 15, 1942** - Singapore surrenders.
- April 18** - Doolittle's "Shangri-La" bombers raid Tokyo, Yokohama and Nagoya.
- May 6** - Corregidor falls and organized Philippine campaign ends.
- June 3 - 6** - U. S. Navy routs enemy force in naval Battle of Midway.
- August 7** - U. S. Marines land on Guadalcanal and Tulagi in first major Allied offensive of the Pacific war.
- September 17** - Nazis penetrate Stalingrad.
- September 25** - Japanese turned back from Port Moesby.
- October 23** - British break Axis line at El Alamein.
- November 8** - Allies invade North Africa.
- November 13 - 15** - Battle of Guadalcanal gives U. S. decisive naval victory.
- January 18, 1943** - Russians completely break siege of Stalingrad.
- February 9** - U. S. Forces completely occupy Guadalcanal.
- May 12** - Axis resistance ends in Tunisia.
- August 15** - U. S. and Canadian forces invade Kiska to find Japanese have fled the island.
- September 3** - Italy invaded.
- September 8** - Italian surrender announced.
- November 21** - Marines and soldiers land on Makin and Tarawa.
- February 10, 1944** - Yanks and Aussies win Huon peninsula campaign, New Guinea.
- June 4** - Allies take Rome.
- June 6** - Anglo-American forces invade Normandy, France.
- June 16** - B-29 Superfortresses bomb Yawata, Japan, from China, in first land-based raid on Japanese home islands.
- June 20** - German generals fail in attempt to kill Hitler and seize control of the Reich.
- August 25** - Paris liberated.
- October 20** - MacArthur "comes back" as his forces storm ashore Philippines at Leyte.
- October 23 - 26** - U. S. Third and Seventh Fleets and submarines sink 24 Japanese ships in second Battle of the Philippine Sea.
- January 9, 1945** - Yanks land in Lingayen Gulf area of Luzon.
- January 17** - Soviets capture Warsaw.
- March 24** - Anglo-Americans drive over Rhine in force.
- April 25** - U. S. Soviet troops link at Torgau.
- May 1** - Nazis announce Hitler's death.
- May 2** - Berlin falls.

- May 7 -** Germany surrenders unconditionally.
- June 21 -** Organized resistance ends on Okinawa, 325 miles from Japan.
- July 5 -** MacArthur announces all Philippine islands won back.
- August 6 -** First Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.
- August 8 -** Russia declares war against Japan.
- August 14 -** Japan announces it will surrender to the Allies.
- September 2, 1945 -** Japan surrenders unconditionally aboard U. S. S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

## Society Notes

- **Membership Information:** Welcome to new members **Dr. Byron and Judith Moore**, who split their time between Kure Beach and Winston Salem! **Renewal Notices** are being sent on the anniversary of your

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joining the Society. We appreciate your prompt payment, saving the Society the expense of additional postage to send out a reminder. As dues invoices are mailed, we will be requesting an update of your personal information (address, phone, email address, etc). When you receive your next invoice, please take the time to verify your data and return the information form with your check.

- **Newsletters:** We now have 15 members receiving their newsletter via email. We hope you find this a convenient way to keep informed and thanks for saving your Society postage! If you wish to **receive** your FPHPS newsletter electronically, please send an email request to [fphps@yahoo.com](mailto:fphps@yahoo.com). To ensure that your message is not overlooked, please put the word **"NEWSLETTER"** in the subject line. **Thanks, Jeannie Gordon, Membership and Treasurer.**

- **Oral Histories:** The oral history committee wishes to thank **Isabell Foushee** for providing a very interesting interview. Thanks, also, to **Tommy Tucker** and **Sondra Nelder** who have provided information and pictures. Because Kure Beach will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, we are concentrating on folks who have a knowledge of early Kure Beach. If you were around during the 40s, 50s 60s or 70s, we really would like

to talk with you. Call Ann Hertzler, 458-4703 or Jeannie Gordon, 458-7880.

- **History Center News!** The History Center is now open on Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, or other times by appointment. Thanks so much to our volunteers: Jeannie Gordon, Leslie & Darlene Bright, Elaine Henson, Jean Stewart, Lois Taylor, Ron Griffin, Sylvia Snook, Ann Hertzler, and Jo Wainright, who welcomed 27 visitors.

Thanks to Rachel Johnson at the Island Gazette for featuring our Ocean Plaza shirts in her article on the History Center. We sold out! But we have more on order and a waiting list to fill.

If you have some time that you can spare on any Friday or Saturday, please call 458-0502 – leave a message. We desperately need you.

- Ruth Haas, Director, Cape Fear Museum, is looking for anyone in Southeastern North Carolina who claims to be associated with the Gullah-Geechee culture or who is or has done the presence and/or influence of Gullah-Geechee cultural traditions in southeastern North Carolina. Legislation has recently authorized funding for development of a Gullah-Geechee Heritage Trail under the auspices of the National Park Service. The law includes Brunswick and New Hanover Counties as the northern-most reaches of Gullah-Geechee. The NC Department of Cultural Resources and NPS are seeking representatives to help move this process along. If you can contribute, please contact Ms. Haas, (910) 798-4357.

● **Cape Fear Museum Associates** invite you to Opening Reception of **Civil War Photographs and Civil War Redux**, Thursday, 15 February 2007, 6:30 until 8PM, Cape Fear Museum, RSVP by Tuesday, 13 February to (910) 798-4364.

● **Cape Fear Museum Civil War Lecture Series, Tuesday, 20 February – “No Army Without Music”: The Songs of the Civil War**, All lectures begin at 6:30 pm in Cape Fear Museum’s Williston Auditorium. Call (910) 798-4362 for tickets and information.

● **Wilmington: Building Community Out of Conflict.** The sixth annual **Building Community** lecture series features snapshots of Wilmington at key moments in its history. Tuesday, February 27, 7 – 8:30 pm, **Snapshot of 1865** with Dr. Chris Fonvielle; Tuesday, March 6, 7 – 8:30 pm, **Snapshot of 1898**, with LeRae Umfleet; Tuesday, March 13, 7 – 8:30 pm, **Snapshot of 1966**, with Beverly Tetterton. To reserve a space, call Historic Wilmington Foundation at (910) 762-2511.

● It is not too late to buy your **2007 Attractions Dining and Value Guide**. We still have some for sale, along with new Ocean Plaza T-shirts, Society sweatshirts, tote bags, and a good selection of books. Stop in on Fridays and/or Saturdays, or at the next meeting, and check out our Gift Shop.

*We always welcome contributions and letters. We look forward to hearing from you!*

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