

2018 CAPE FEAR HISTORY
SYMPOSIUM
AT FORT CASWELL

FOCUS

ON FORTS

AUG 24-25

The history of United States coast defense — a story written in weathered landmarks from coast to coast.

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Symposium Schedule

(Revised 8-17-2018)

Friday, Aug 24

3-5 pm	Check-In	Caswell Office
6:00 pm	Banquet Begins	Smith Conference Center
7:00 pm	Lecture #1 w/John Weaver	Sherrill Chapel
8:30 pm	Dessert & Coffee	Smith Conference Center

Saturday, Aug 25

7:30 am	Breakfast	Smith Conference Center
After breakfast, we ask all departing guests to be out of their rooms.		
8:45 am	Breakout Session 1	
9:35 am	Breakout Session 2	
10:30 am	Lecture #2 w/Quentin Schillare	Sherrill Chapel
11:45 am	Lunch	Smith Conference Center
12:50 pm	Civil War Artillery Demonstration	Field Beside Chapel
1:30 pm	Lecture #3 w/Glen Williford	Sherrill Chapel
3:00 pm	Campus Tour Led by our Experts	
4:00 pm	End of Symposium.	

- We welcome guests to stay with us an additional night and enjoy local attractions on your own.-

Register and book your stay through our Reservations Office at (910) 278-9501



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LECTURES

Lecture #1: John Weaver

An Overview of the Third System of American Coastal Defense



John R. Weaver II is a nationally known expert on masonry coastal defenses, and is the author of the highly acclaimed *A Legacy in Brick and Stone: Coastal Defense Forts of the American Third System, 1816-1867*. He is an active member and former chair of the Coast Defense Study Group, a member of the Council on America's Military Past, and a member of the Camp Tippecanoe Civil War Roundtable.

In addition to *Legacy*, John has authored three book chapters, numerous technical articles and conference presentations (including three keynote presentations), and a technical tour on nineteenth-century fortifications. He has provided technical support for two major fort-restoration projects and several interpretive displays. He has consulted for the National Park Service and several state park organizations, providing training for park leadership and interpretive rangers. Currently John is providing technical support and on-camera presence for two television documentaries for The American Heroes Channel (AHC), produced by Ravelin Films.

Lecture #2: Quentin Schillare

Fort Caswell: Away from the Guns

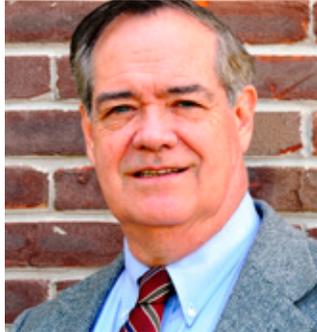


Lieutenant Colonel Quentin W. Schillare, USA, Retired, enlisted as a private in 1967 and retired in 1997. He served overseas in Vietnam, Germany, Korea, East Africa, and Kuwait, and at many posts in the United States. He has a BA in history and an MBA from the University of Connecticut and two Master of Military Arts and Sciences from the Army Command and General Staff College, one in history and one in operational art. His current interests include the history of the layout and architecture of Army forts during the period 1890 to 1917,

especially those of the coast artillery. Quent has authored a book on the history of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and writes articles on the history of the fort for the post newspaper. He and his wife Gail live in Lenexa, Kansas.

Lecture #3: Glen Williford

The Modern Defenses of Cape Fear, 1886-1927



Glen Williford was born in San Diego, California. As the son of a military father (U.S. AirForce) he lived at many domestic and international bases, and developed an enthusiasm for military history. Glen graduated in 1970 from the University of California, Davis. After a successful career in the chemical industry, he took early retirement in order to pursue history full time.

However, even before this transition, his interest in the history of coast artillery led to his co-founding of the Coast Defense Study Group—today an organization of over 400 historians specializing in American harbor defense. Since retirement he has published or been contracted to write over ten works, mostly on fortification and artillery subjects. His most recent project is a series of identification guides to American field and coast defense guns.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout sessions take place Saturday morning and are small seminars with a specialized topic of interest and an emphasis on discussion and demonstration. Each session is presented twice, choose two from the three options below to attend.



Dale Floyd

Besides the Big Forts: Martello Towers, another Third System Fortification

Dale E. Floyd, who was born in Dayton, Ohio, now resides in Charlottesville, Virginia. He received his B.S.Ed. From Ohio University, an M.A. in History from the University of Dayton, and completed additional history post-graduate work at American University and the University of Virginia.. He served as an archivist in military records at the National Archives, 1969-1980; a historian in the Office of History, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1980-1991; the historian on the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission staff, 1991-1993; and a historian with the American Battlefield Protection Program, National Park Service, 1993-1995. Since retiring from the U.S. Government in 1995, Mr. Floyd has been a contract historian, undertaking various projects including researching and writing. Mr. Floyd is also a licensed Washington, D.C. tour guide who, in addition, conducts tours of military sites around the world. As a military historian, Mr. Floyd specializes in military architecture, military education and 19th century military history.

Vincent Melomo & Tom Beaman

The Archaeology of Fort Caswell: Marterial Evidence of Wars, Peace, and William Peace.



Vincent Melomo is Associate Professor of Anthropology at William Peace University in Raleigh, North Carolina, and researches and teaches in both sociocultural anthropology and archaeology. He has conducted research in historical archaeology in the southern United States, primarily on the colonial period and the Civil War. His research in cultural anthropology has primarily been on immigrants, and their struggles to carve out unique identities and cultural forms in an American context. His work in these very

different areas is married by an overarching interest in the global interactions that have created the ethnic and cultural diversity of the United States in the present and past.



Tom Beaman Has taught Anthropology and Archaeology courses as a full-time Associate Professor of Anthropology at the Northern Campus of Wake Technical Community College since 2008, and is an adjunct instructor at Wilson Community College and William Peace University (Peace College). He has previously worked as a staff archaeologist for the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation at Monticello, for the James River Institute for Archaeology in Williamsburg, Virginia, for

the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and for the North Carolina State Historic Sites Section. He has and has over two dozen published articles and/or book reviews in *Historical Archaeology*, *Southeastern Archaeology*, *North Carolina Archaeology*, *The North Carolina Historical Revue*, and *The Journal of the New Bern Historical Society*.

Vincent & Tom have both worked on four archaeological field schools in Brunswick County, North Carolina, at NC State Historic Site Brunswick Town / Fort Anderson in 2009 and 2011, and at Fort Caswell in 2013 and 2015.



Robert Kelly

Fort Monroe:

How Documentation, Physical Investigation, and Archival Research Informs Preservation Initiatives

Robert Kelly served as the Research and Preservation Assistant

for the Fort Monroe Authority from 2011 – 2014 and was named the Casemate Museum Historian in 2014. His is a graduate of Old Dominion University, where he received his Bachelor of History in 2009. While studying at ODU, Robert focused on Civil War, Virginia, and Maritime History. Robert serves as the Vice-President of the Fort Monroe Historical Society, is an American Association of Museums peer reviewer, serves on several board committees of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, and is a life member of the American Friends of Lafayette. Robert and his wife Katherine, an elementary school educator, reside “on post” at Fort Monroe in quarters originally built in 1875 for Army officers.

ABOUT THE VENUE

Fort Caswell today is a Coastal Retreat and Conference center owned and operated by the Baptist State Convention of NC, featuring housing types for everything from youth camps all the way to modern appointed hotel rooms and lodges.

Since 1949, the Baptists have hosted spiritual retreats on the grounds of the former military base, taking care to adapt and reuse as many of the original buildings as possible while maintaining their condition against the threats of time and salt weather.

Since 2013, Fort Caswell has a renewed focus on programming for history enthusiasts and operates an education program which provides science and social studies experiences for field trips.



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Registration Form

August 24-25, 2018

Check in and Registration time: Friday starting at 4:00 PM

Check out by: Saturday at 10:00 AM

Cost:

\$115.00 commuter (per person, includes program and meals*).

\$156.00 double occupancy room (per person, includes program, meals,* and 1 night's lodging).

\$171.00 single occupancy room (includes program, meals,* and 1 night's lodging).

First Name: _____ Last Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Commuter Number of guests
 Double Room Number of guests
 Single Room

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:

Fort Caswell
100 Caswell Beach Rd.
Oak Island, NC 28465

-Register by submitting form with correct amount of money per person to Fort Caswell's mailing address

-Spaces are filled on a first-come basis - please send in form as soon as possible.

-All monies are refundable up to 30 days PRIOR to the event. After that all monies are forfeited.

*Meals (3) include Friday dinner, Saturday Breakfast and Lunch.

Please contact reservations with housing questions **(910) 278-9501**
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