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## Park Day volunteers needed Saturday, April 1, 2017

Fort Fisher State Historic Site is sounding the volunteer alarm—only this time we're hoping to attract an array of dedicated men, women, and children armed with paint brushes, trash bags, and more. Park Day 2017 is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 8:30 am to 12 noon.

Now in its 21st year, Park Day is an annual hands-on

preservation event created by the Civil War Trust to assist with the maintenance of America's Civil War sites. The event is recognized by the U.S. Department of the Interior as a "Take Pride in America" event. Volunteers of all ages and ability levels are encouraged to participate. Many activities are appropriate for groups such as scout troops, service and civic clubs, and church youth groups.

Volunteers will receive a free Park Day T-shirt and will be treated to lunch provided by the Friends of Fort Fisher, the non-profit group which supports the site. Basic tools will be provided, but gloves and sunscreen are encouraged. Come help us beautify and preserve Fort Fisher. All volunteers are asked to register in advance by calling (910) 458-5538 or by emailing [john.moseley@ncdcr.gov](mailto:john.moseley@ncdcr.gov).

## Friends hold annual meeting & descendants reunion

More than 100 Friends members and descendants of soldiers who served and fought at Fort Fisher gathered to celebrate another year of significant accomplishments. Held concurrently with the annual commemoration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Fort Fisher, the

Friends met on Saturday, January 14, 2017 in the comfort of the Carolina Beach Courtyard by Marriott hotel.

Master of Ceremonies John Golden (aka Capt'n Roberts) introduced keynote presenter Dr. Chris Fonvielle who recounted the strategy of the

Union military and Lincoln administration to seal the important blockade running port of Wilmington, the "Lifeline of the Confederacy" during the last year of the war. Dr. Fonvielle explained the hardships of the soldiers and the civilians caught

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# From the site manager, Jim Steele...

Dear Friends:

Fort Fisher's 152<sup>nd</sup> anniversary program was a tremendous success! More than 6,000 people visited the historic site on a beautiful Saturday in January. This set a visitation record for events not held on a five-year anniversary such as the 145<sup>th</sup> and 150<sup>th</sup>. Such a great turnout inspires our best efforts to create innovative and exciting programming, and demonstrates the importance of Fort Fisher to our local tourism economy. Thank you so much for being a part of it.

For the program, we unveiled a new exhibit, "Heart, Hearth and Home: The Lamb Cottage by the Sea" (see story below). Sponsored by the Brunswick Civil War Roundtable, it has received great reviews for its focus on Colonel William and Daisy Lamb's domestic life at Fort Fisher and features many of their personal artifacts. The great crowd pleaser, the big "Rifled & Banded" 32-pounder gun in Shepherd's Battery was beautifully refurbished by our maintenance staff with funding by the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross. Five new interpretive trailside markers have been installed, all of them sponsored by a variety of historical and heritage organizations. And as always, the 152<sup>nd</sup> anniversary program was made possible by the Friends of Fort Fisher, the historic site's official non-profit support group. We thank all of you for making these site improvements and programming happen, and so do the 800,000-plus visitors we see here every year.

Now as we head into spring, it is time to get ready to host thousands of children who will visit on school field trips. Exposing these young minds to North Carolina history and culture is one of the most important things we do. So please continue to support our work by joining the Friends of Fort Fisher. We cannot do what we do without them, and a membership is a great way to become more involved with Fort Fisher. Thanks again, we look forward to seeing you here soon.

Sincerely,  
Jim Steele



## Heart, Hearth, and Home: the Lamb Cottage by the Sea

By Ray Flowers



*Thanks to the generosity of the Brunswick Civil War Roundtable, Fort Fisher State Historic Site unveiled a new exhibit in the museum which we call "Heart, Hearth and Home: The Lamb Cottage by the Sea." The exhibit focuses on Colonel William and Daisy Lamb's domestic life at Fort Fisher and features many of their personal artifacts. This is the story of the Lamb cottage, as told by our Curator of History, Ray Flowers:*

### INTRODUCTION

Finally, on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1863, after long delay and much anticipation, "Daisy" Lamb excitedly announced to her family back in Rhode Island that she and "Will" with the children and their nurse had finally taken possession of "The Cottage." "My own darling Mother – I am at last settled in my little new home and am very comfortable indeed." Like his wife, the Colonel would enthusiastically recall the rustic bungalow as an enchanted memory,

"... a quaint abode, constructed in the most primitive style, with three rooms around one big chimney..." situated about a mile north of the fort, "...on the wild sandy beach, ensconced among the sand dunes and straggling pines and black jack..." Perhaps at first glance, given the dimensions, construction and location of the modest dwelling, it might have been easily dismissed as an unlikely asylum for heroes and heroines entwined in epic events, but Lamb was insistent that, "This cottage become historic..." - and indeed it did!

In an 1893 article that Lamb penned in remembrance of Daisy entitled, "The Heroine of Confederate Point," he modestly reminisced in third person about their little home away from home: "Full of stirring events were the two years passed in the cottage on Confederate Point. The

drowning of Mrs. Rose Greenough [sic], the famous Confederate spy, off Fort Fisher, and the finding of her body, which was tenderly cared for... fox-hunting with horse and hounds, the narrow escapes of friendly vessels, the fights over blockade-runners driven ashore, the execution of deserters, and the loss of an infant son, whose little spirit went out with the tide one summer night, all contributed to the reality of this romantic life."

Their fairy-tale of a love story commenced in 1855 when Lamb's family sojourned north to escape the yellow fever that raged in Norfolk, Virginia. With a rotation of the compass' cardinal points and the change in geography, Master Lamb inadvertently exchanged the threat of infection for the reality of affliction. While visiting fra-

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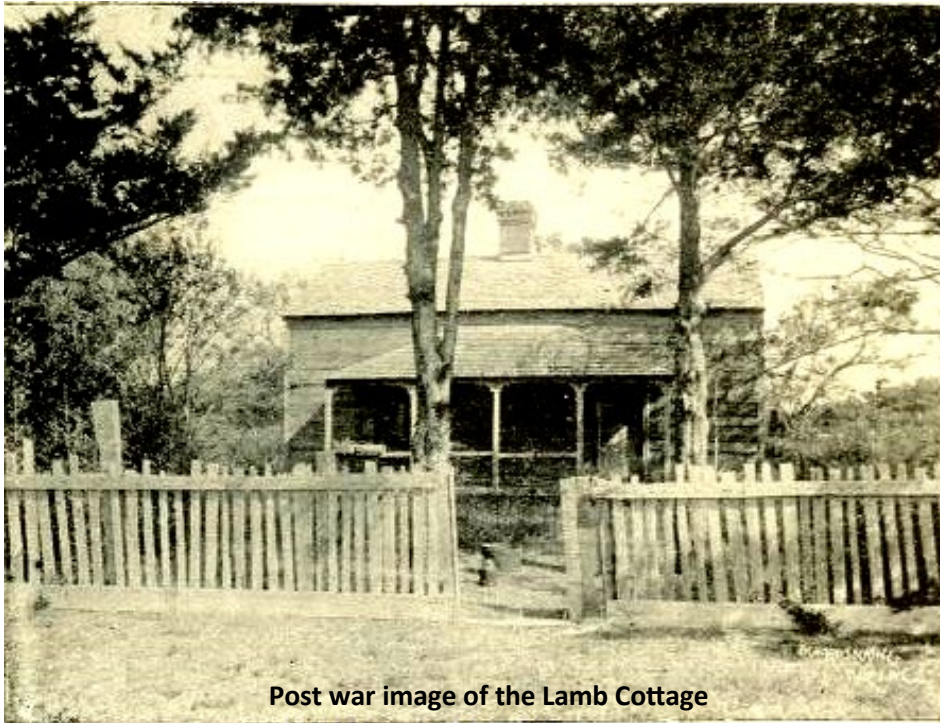
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ternity brothers at Brown University in Providence, young William was introduced to the chapter's wealthy sponsors, the Chaffee's, and their seventeen-year-old daughter – he was smitten! A “lovely Puritan maiden,” she had been christened Sarah Anne, but to friends and family she was Daisy, dainty and petite, with hazel eyes, rich dark golden hair and a complexion he likened unto a rose bloom. They were devout, on their initial outing, the very day they met, he accompanied her and the family to services at Providence's Grace Episcopal Church; appropriately, two years later, the courtship came full circle in the same sanctuary, when they were

married on September 7<sup>th</sup>, his twenty-second birthday. Daisy would proclaim that, “[God] has given me an inestimable treasure in my husband. He is everything I could wish, and oh so kind and devoted to me. I have always desired a lover husband, and I have one now.” Afterwards, the newlyweds set up housekeeping with his parents in Norfolk, well below the Mason and Dixon Line. Daisy quickly acclimated to southern soil and, “...soon became enamoured of her surroundings...” Despite her northern roots the flower was all meridian and Lamb would boast that, “When the John Brown raid burst upon the South and her husband was ordered to Harper's Ferry, there was not a more indignant matron in all Virginia, and when at last secession came, the South did not contain a more enthusiastic little rebel.”

He was of English-Scottish descent, scion of an affluent, tidewater attorney and politician whose family had been in Norfolk for a century when William was born. Typically, his family embraced the South's “peculiar institution,” assur-

ing that there was a “colony” of domestics to attend to the details that allowed Will all the advantages and privileges commensurate with his station. At twenty years old, when he first met Daisy, he was a wide-eyed child of fortune, precocious, athletic and handsome, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of William and Mary, class valedictorian and in possession of a law degree (though having not achieved his majority, was as yet ineligible to practice). Soon after he was editor and half owner of the Southern Daily Argus, a States' Rights Democratic rag that afforded him a means to further his political ambitions and espouse the rhetoric of the day.



Post war image of the Lamb Cottage

At the commencement of hostilities in April of '61, Lamb was captain of a Norfolk militia company, son and grandson of Norfolk mayors, a husband and father of three. Before the year was out he was promoted to major and assigned to Wilmington, North Carolina to assist in the erection of defenses along the Lower Cape Fear. Predictably, his wife and children soon followed. But alas, their stay was cut short when the youngest child died in February of '62. In the wake of the tragedy and pregnant again, Mrs. Lamb and the young ones returned to her in-laws in Norfolk. A few months

afterwards on May 10<sup>th</sup>, Norfolk was invaded and Lamb's father, the mayor, was forced to surrender the city to Federal forces. Four days later, down on the Cape Fear, Major Lamb was promoted again, when he was elected colonel of the 36<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Volunteers (2<sup>nd</sup> Artillery). Back in Norfolk, on the following day, May 15<sup>th</sup>, in the midst of an occupied city, Daisy gave birth to their fourth child. Six weeks passed and then on June 27, the blockade-runner *Modern Greece* laden with rifle, cannon, gun powder and a copious amount of booze shoaled just north of Fort Fisher. Then, seven days later, on

Independence Day, in the aftermath of a week-long garrison wide bender, twenty-six-year-old Lamb was ordered to Fort Fisher, to take command of the post and restore order. It was an ignominious beginning to what would prove to be an auspicious career.

Clearly, the colonel's star was in the ascension, yet earthly matters kept him grounded. He fretted helplessly as the situation in Norfolk deteriorated,

“Cut off from her husband and subjected to the privations and annoyances incident to a subjugated community, her father insisted upon her coming with her children to his home in Providence; but, notwithstanding she was in a luxurious home, with all that paternal love could do for her, she preferred to leave all these comforts to share with her husband the dangers and privations of the South... unable to manage three little ones, she left the youngest with his grandparents, and with the two others bravely set out for Dixie...arriving in the South, the brave young mother

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refused the proffer of a beautiful home in Wilmington, [or] the occupancy of the grand old mansion at "Orton"... but insisted upon taking up her abode with her children and... nurse in the upper room of a pilot's house, where they lived until the soldiers of the garrison built her a cottage..."

### CONCLUSION

During the next two years on Confederate Point as the Lamb's coupled beneath the Confederacy's star-crossed banner, Wilmington became a frenetic Mecca of activity. Removed twenty plus miles above the two inlets, it was ideally situated as a safe-haven in the ongoing storm. It boasted an infrastructure of docks, warehouses, shipyards, auction houses, machine shops, saw mills and railroads, (the Wilmington/Weldon line proving indispensable to the cause). As the second most fortified harbor in the South, it was well defended and the only one still open for business within proximity of the capital.

Because of blockade-running, a veritable who's who of Southern sympathizers migrated to the Lower Cape Fear; an index of accomplished professionals included newspaper correspondents, illustrators, authors, painters, poets, musicians, physicians and clergy. Of course, on the other hand were the unscrupulous profiteers: investors, agents and speculators who tainted the enterprise with bartered fealty, as well as the criminal covens of dangerous predators and scavengers lurking on the periphery. It was a cut throat double edged sword that sliced both ways, supplying the armies in the field with war materiel while simultaneously inflating the economy to ruination and undermining home front morale.

During the Colonel's reign at Fort Fisher practically every blockade-runner, be it the ship or the captain, dropped anchor in the Cape Fear River. Besides Maffitt, Usina, and Reid were several ranking British naval officers, a number of them having taken leave for an opportunity to make some real money. Indebted in part to the fort's vigilant gunners for their success they demonstrated their gratitude with lavish gifts to the garrison of sugar, coffee, whiskey, oranges and cannon. They were of course equally obliged to the

Colonel personally; Lamb states that, "...after the blockade-runners made her [Daisy] acquaintance the impoverished store-room was soon filled to overflowing..." Indeed, an inventory of a two-day tally lists: a bag of sugar, two jars of pickles, cheese, sardines, limes and pineapples, beef tongues, four bottles of rum, six bottles of claret, a dozen bottles of sherry, a dozen bottles of port, two bottles of brandy and two of Madeira. The colonel enumerated an august regatta of Britannia's brass that came to call, including English naval captain and later Ottoman admiral and Pasha, Augustus Charles Hobart-Hampden a.k.a. Captain Roberts, Admiral Charles Murray-Ainsley a.k.a. Captain Murray, Vice Admiral and Victoria Cross recipient, Sir William Nathan Wrighte Hewett and Victoria Cross recipient Captain Hugh Burgoyne, as well as Lamb's favorite, the civilian Tom Taylor- supercargo of the Anglo Confederate Trading Company. These sons of Neptune socialized with the Lambs, enjoyed the hospitality of the cottage and paid tribute accordingly. One Brit remembered that, "All the English who knew him spoke in the highest terms..." So solicitous was he for the success of their vessels that one Anglo mariner touted him, "...as their guardian angel... and [that] it was no small support in the last trying minutes of a run to remember who was in Fort Fisher."

In addition to the blockade-runners, a pantheon of Southern heroes, heroines and villains traversed the cross-roads of Wilmington or else trudged the sands of Confederate Point, indeed it was a stellar list of rebels that lent their name and reputation to the Lower Cape Fear. In the Fall of '63, none other than the Commander in Chief himself, President Jefferson Davis, inspected the Cape Fear defenses. During his tour Lamb's troops were privileged to honor him with the twenty-one-gun presidential salute. North Carolina's Governor was a visitor to the property on several occasions as was the president's military advisor and North Carolina's Department Commander, General Braxton Bragg - who

in a fated hour would prove himself the anathema of Fort Fisher and the Confederacy. In tandem with Bragg was twenty-seven-year-old division commander, Robert F. Hoke, the youngest major general in the Confederacy. Among the areas distinguished district commanders, were General J.R. Anderson, later famed for his management of the crucial Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond, General S.G. French of northern lineage and southern allegiance and Lamb's mentor Major General W.H.C. Whiting, (our "beloved General Whiting" so said Daisy). The Irish refugee, Major James Reilly, nicknamed the "Tarantula" for the lethal ordnance skills that he had demonstrated during his service with the Army of Northern Virginia, was the alpha and omega of Lower Cape Fear Confederates, having adopted the Wilmington area as his home both before and after the war. While General Lee (E.G. not R.E.) and J.E.B. Stuart's giant Prussian mercenary, Heroes Von Borcke, both boarded blockade-runners in Wilmington as did the scandalous spies and femme fatales Rebel Rose (Rose Greenhowe) and La Belle Rebel (Belle Boyd). The highly celebrated sea dogs, Captain John Wilkinson and the President's nephew the intrepid John Taylor Wood ran commerce raiders out of Wilmington, much as the navy's Flag Officer Lynch and Battery Buchanan's commander, Captain Chapman, immersed themselves in the Fort Fisher story. And though General Robert E. Lee never surveyed the fort personally - he did prophetically send word to Lamb, "...that if the fort fell he could not maintain his army."

With the close of 1864, the writing was on the wall for the Confederacy - and for the most part it read like an obituary. Out west, the once proud, ill-used Army of Tennessee was on its last legs, reeling, staggered like a punch drunk pugilist after a combination of decimating blows at Atlanta, Franklin and Nashville. While up in Virginia, Lee was besieged, his emaciated line between Richmond and Petersburg stretched thin and growing thinner each day; hanging on by their

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# Friends' hold annual meeting & descendants reunion

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in the war's path as well as the fate of those captured and sent to northern prison camps, thousands who died and are buried there, and the fortunate ones who survived to return home to rebuild their lives and a devastated southern economy. Friends Board Chairman John M. Coble recognized special guests NC Representative Ted Davis, Jr., Kure Beach Mayor Emilie Swearingen, and NC Division of State Historic Sites Director Keith Hardison. Chairman Coble presented highlights of 2016, particularly noting the completion and approval of the 8-month long Fort Fisher Master Plan by the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. The Master Plan will be used to guide future Fort Fisher site development. At the top of the priorities for the coming year will be designing a new visitors center and museum and reconstructing portions of the earthen fort for public interpretive and educational purposes. During the meeting, 5 directors were re-elected to the board; Ed Halloran (2 yr), James Johnson (2 yr), Brian Nunnally (2 yr), Tyrone Rowell (2 yr) Richard Wallace (2 yr).

The financial report and audit showed a healthy, well managed and governed organization. A slide show presented projects and donors/sponsors for which \$38,000 was raised. These include 5 new wayside trail interpretive markers (sponsors: NC Division UDC and Fort Fisher Chapter, UDC, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation, Society of the Order of the Southern Cross, and the Laird Family.) A new exhibit case to house the Col. William and Daisy Lamb artifacts was sponsored by a donation from the Brunswick Civil War Roundtable in memory of co-founder Tom O'Donnell. Renovation and repair of

the Armstrong Cannon carriage and chassis was completed by Anchor Wood Products of Leland, NC made possible by donations from numerous Friends members. (Anchor Wood also built the Col. Lamb exhibit case.) The biggest project completed in time for the anniversary program was repair and renovation of the site's working 32 pdr. rifled and banded seacoast mounted

Rep. Davis accepted the honors and reported his enthusiastic support for preserving our heritage, history and Fort Fisher, in particular.

Descendants were assisted with genealogical research by George Davis Camp 5, Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander Justin Ward and Adjutant Glenn Kye and Sons of Union Veterans MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp members Dennis

St. Andrew and James Johnson. The audience heard from Friends members Don Kinlaw and Dan Hickman who described their journeys in discovering their ancestors and their ties to Fort Fisher. Tom Fagart from Concord, NC discussed NC troops whose capture resulted in their confinement in Elmira POW Camp in New York. The mortality rate for the Fort Fisher captives was over 47 percent. Tom is a board member of the non-profit Friends of Elmira POW Camp and is the FOFF liaison with Elmira as we work to bring attention to these largely forgotten Confederates



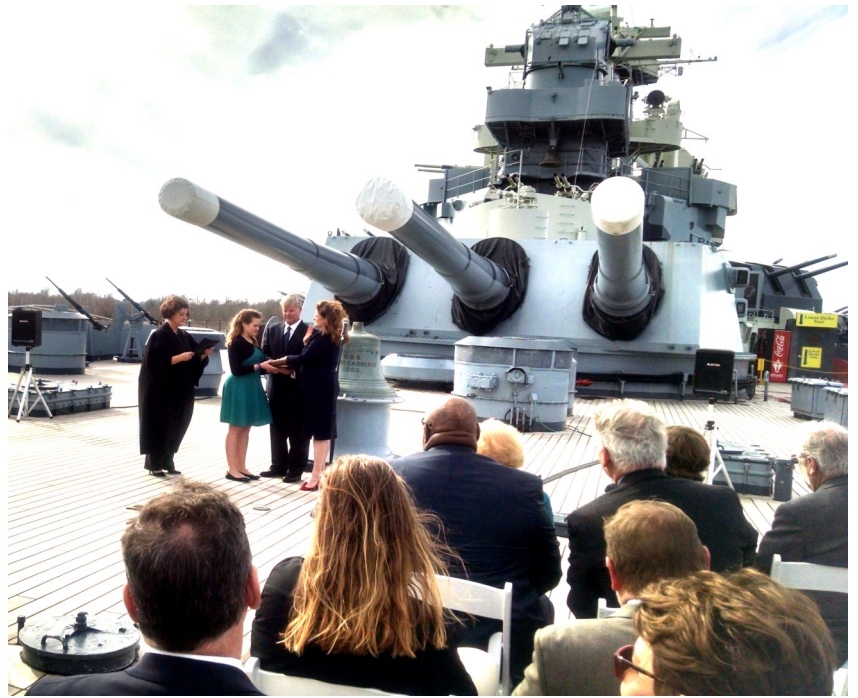
Friends Executive Dir. Paul Laird presents State Rep. Ted Davis, Jr., right, with a commission as honorary colonel of the 36th NC Regiment, the primary garrison regiment at Fort Fisher. Photo by Norm Melton.

cannon in Shepherd's Battery elevated gun chamber. This difficult project was made possible by donations from Friends members and a generous grant from the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross.

The Friends honored State Representative Ted Davis, Jr. for working with us through the Master Plan project and then working with the General Assembly's House leadership to appropriate \$400,000 to proceed with advance planning and design for a new Fort Fisher visitor center and museum. Rep. Davis was commissioned an honorary colonel of the 36<sup>th</sup> NC Regiment (2<sup>nd</sup> NC Artillery), the primary garrison regiment at Fort Fisher. Rep. Davis also was presented a mounted timber over 300 years old that had been used in the construction of Fort Fisher, 1861-1865.

resting in Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira. Tom has ancestors who are among those in Woodlawn. (See the Friends website to learn more and sign up if you are interested in receiving information on traveling to Elmira in June 2017 to honor those in Woodlawn and for dedication of a newly reconstructed original prison camp building that will be open to the public for educational purposes.)

The meeting adjourned while attendees gathered to talk about mutual ancestors and compare records and then departed to participate in the daylong 152<sup>nd</sup> anniversary program activities at Fort Fisher State Historic Site. The site reported over 6,100 attendees for the day. By any measure, the Friends Annual Meeting/Descendants Reunion and the 152<sup>nd</sup> Fort Fisher Anniversary Commemoration were great triumphs.



## Hamilton to lead NC Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources

Governor Roy Cooper appointed State Representative Susi H. Hamilton as the new Secretary for the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Sworn in by District Court Judge the Honorable Robin Robinson, Secretary Hamilton took the oath of office on January 26, 2017 aboard the *USS North Carolina* Battleship surrounded by family and friends and her department leadership. Friends Chair John Coble, Board member Mike McCarley, Site manager Jim Steele, and Executive Director Paul Laird were invited to the ceremony



George J. Brann of Lutz, FL proudly displays his new Model 1859 Sharps Rifle as winner of the Friends of Fort Fisher annual black powder rifle raffle. Mr. Brann held winning ticket 0637 out of over 2, 100 tickets sold. Congratulations, and a new raffle for another popular Sharps is underway, with that drawing scheduled during Fort Fisher's 153<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Commemoration on January 13, 2018. Please call 910-458-5538 for more information.



George J. Brann



# Meet Fort Fisher's... Dan Sturdevant



**1. How long have you been affiliated with Fort Fisher and what does a typical day at the fort involve for you?** I've now been stationed at Fort Fisher for a year and a half, having originally been hired for only a summer, but having blown expectations out of the water, I've been kept around. Usually during a day at the Fort, I primarily reside at the front desk, telling people where the bathrooms are, that beach passes are sold at the state recreation area, and that we are not the aquarium.

**2. Are you one of those crazy history majors? Tell us about your education and previous work experience.** Of course I'm one of those crazy history majors! I'd have to be to work here, no? I'm still obtaining my bachelor's

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in History at UNCW and on track to graduate in roughly 50 years. Prior to working at the Fort, I worked at Walt Disney World's Animal Kingdom working in merchandise.

**3. With whom from the Civil War era would you like to have dinner and what's one thing you would ask him/her?** I think having dinner with General Grant in his later years would be fascinating. From highest ranking Union General, to United States President, to being broke and poor and writing the best selling military memoirs after his death. I would probably ask him how big of an effect drinking had on his military career, or if he regretted the cigars becoming a staple in his life.

**4. What's your favorite thing about Fort Fisher?** My favorite thing

about Fort Fisher would easily have to be giving tours. Not only do I get to break up the monotony of being at the desk, but I get to bring people that are actually interested outside and around the Fort to learn real history.

**5. What do you think about the idea of charging admission to Fort Fisher?** Charging admission to the Fort would be ludicrous. For a 152 years after the fall of the Fort, this place has been free to all who come. To suddenly prevent the opportunity for people to come due to admission, would drive down numbers substantially.

**6. What do you like to do when you're not working at the fort?**

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# Dan Sturdevant

When I'm not working at the Fort, I'm usually at one of my other two jobs. Once in a blue moon when I'm not working, I'm usually at home doing the dozens of chores I've been putting off, and barely completing them.

**7. What books have you recently read?** Sadly, my book intake has been rather slow lately. I did just finish the book *Unbreakable*, a story about survival in WWII. Fantastic book which I'd highly recommend.

**8. Who are two of your favorite authors?** Two of my favorite authors by far are Rick Riordan and Harry Turtledove.

**9. What is your favorite movie of all time?** Geez, another tough one. I'm going to change it a bit, and say, favorite movie series, is the James Bond series. Never have I had more interest and connection with a film series in my life.

**10. What was the first and last concert you attended?** The first

concert I ever attended was the soul group the O' Jays. Even though I was only 16 or so, I enjoyed every minute of it, even with my limited knowledge of the songs. The last concert I went to was The Eagles, a couple of years ago. Easily, one of the best nights of my life. I'm glad I was able to see them before the passing of co-founder Glenn Fry, as the band will no longer be touring.

**11. What was the highlight of your high school years?** High-school was a fantastic time, with fantastic people. I think building my Eagle Scout project for my school was the highlight I have. I got to give back to my school in a small way, and shows how proud I am of my school.

**12. What single word best describes you?** Thank goodness you're asking me this and not others. Besides some words that can't be printed in here, I think Disney would best describe me. After working there, many of the skills and attributes I learned there have car-

ried over to now.

**13. If there were more hours in the day, what would you do with them?** I'd spend more time sleeping obviously.

**14. If you could change one thing about the visitor experience at Fort Fisher what would it be?** I really wish we had more interactive exhibits. Everything is so static and similar. I know it all comes down to monetary cost, however, creativity could outweigh the monetary cost.

**15. What's the weirdest thing you've seen at Fort Fisher?** I'd have to say, seeing myself walk in on time or even early, is definitely the weirdest thing.

**16. Do you often get mistaken for a celebrity and, if so, which one?** Name any fat celebrity with a beard, and boom. Zach Galifianakis, Jonah Hill, etc. When I didn't have a beard, I got Josh Peck (from Drake and Josh), all the time.

## Welcome New Friends of Fort Fisher Members

Frederick Altobellis  
Wilmington, NC

Judith & John Berger  
Port Charlotte, FL

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Ocean Isle Beach, NC

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Kure Beach, NC

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## Join the Friends of Fort Fisher

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Palisade Society	\$40
Mounds Society	\$100
Blockade Runner Society	\$250
Gibraltar of the South Society	\$500
Col. Charles F. Fisher Society	\$1000

### BENEFITS

Palisade Society – basic level of annual support includes attractive decal and member card, listing in *The Powder Magazine* quarterly newsletter, 10% discount on all purchases from our Fort Fisher Museum Shop and invitations to member only events

Mounds Society - level of annual support includes all of the above benefits plus one complimentary honorarium or memorial in one issue of *The Powder Magazine* newsletter

Blockade Runner Society - level of annual support includes all of the above benefits plus a 6"x 9" engraved brick paver on Fort Fisher's Walk of Honor

Gibraltar of the South Society - level of annual support which includes all of the above benefits except a larger 9" x 9" engraved brick paver, and a specially selected book annually from the Museum Shop

Col. Charles F. Fisher Society - level of annual support which includes all of the benefits of the Gibraltar level except the engraved brick paver is a permanent beautiful blue/gray 12" x 12" stone and may include an engraved emblem or logo

### Other ways to contribute:

Memorial and Honor Gifts, Artifact Donations, In-Kind Gifts, Volunteers, Named Gift Opportunities, Bequests – Contact the Friends Executive Director for information

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☐ New

☐ Renewal

All society memberships are based on a calendar year (Jan-Dec). Contributions are tax deductible, less the fair market value of goods and services received.

If you choose to waive your membership benefits, your contribution is fully tax-deductible.

☐ I wish to waive my society membership benefits

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### Membership Categories

Palisade Society	\$40	_____
Mounds Society	\$100	_____
Blockade Runner Society	\$250	_____
Gibraltar of the South Society	\$500	_____
Col. Charles F. Fisher Society	\$1000	_____

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## Heart, Hearth, and Home: the Lamb Cottage by the Sea

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fingernails, rumor had it that the belt buckles were scraping the back bones of his scare crow soldiers. And down in Georgia and throughout the Carolinas they were robbing the cradle and the grave desperately recruiting regiments of junior and senior reserves, mobilizing militia and home guard units, scrambling to assemble a makeshift, last ditch army of children and old men with which to thwart Sherman in his impending exodus out of Savannah. The only promising news in the whole scenario came from Fort Fisher—the last great Confederate victory, having been fought and won on the eve and anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace. The district commander took it as a sign from Heaven and was moved to proclaim it “Divine Intervention.”

Across the sands of time, all the way back to ancient Rome, in the wake of victorious campaigns the gods exhorted triumphant mortals with soft whispers of admonition, “Glory is fleeting... Glory is fleeting.” There would be little time for Fort Fisher’s defenders to savor their recent triumph before the fruits of the victory turned bittersweet: “The fleet reappeared unexpectedly on the night of the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 1865... her husband sent a courier to the cottage to instruct her to pack up quickly and be prepared to leave with children and nurse as soon as he could come to bid them good-bye. The garrison barge... was stationed at Craig’s Landing, near the cottage. After midnight, when all necessary orders were given for the coming attack, the colonel mounted his horse and rode to the cottage, but all was dark and silent. He found the message had been delivered, but his brave wife had been so undisturbed by the news, that she had fallen asleep and no preparations for a retreat had been made. Precious hours had been lost... he hurried them into the boat as soon as dressed, with only what could be gathered up hastily, leaving dresses, toys, and household articles to fall into the hands of the foe.”

At this point in the narrative Lamb abruptly draws the curtain on the wintry scene, and the reader like the young colonel, is left alone in the dark to contemplate the plaintiff adieus of loved ones as they recede into the abyss of a mile wide, pitch black, night shrouded river marking the conclusion of the Lambs’ time together on Confederate Point and the end of the Confederacy.

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