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Concert is co-sponsored by First Federal Bank

Celebration at Fort Fisher: Recalling the Parties of Daisy Lamb to be Held Oct. 23

Ready for a picnic and a concert? On Saturday, October 23, the Fort Fisher State Historic Site will waltz back in time to recall the parties of Daisy Lamb, a Northern woman married to the fort's Confederate commander, Col. William Lamb. Experience the music of the era with traditional and popular musical performances throughout the day, featuring the highly acclaimed Huckleberry Brothers. Listen to the music and possibly learn some new dance steps as civilian reenactors engage our visitors in a nineteenth century dance. Step into Daisy's world as site historian Ray Flowers delivers a

talk on this Northern lady and her Southern officer and for the first time see a temporary exhibit of Lamb artifacts



Daisy Lamb

acquired by the Friends of Fort Fisher. Visitors can pick up copies of period recipes used by

Daisy Lamb and women in the Wilmington area, and kids of all ages can participate in hands-on activities. Cap off your visit to Fort Fisher with special firings of the site's 32 pounder, rifled and banded cannon, atop Shepherd's Battery. So join us 10 am to 6:30 pm. The event is cosponsored by First Federal Bank and the Friends of Fort Fisher. For more information, contact Amy Manor Thornton at 910-458-5538.

Amy Manor Thornton
Assistant Site Manager



Friends to Hold Annual Meeting Nov. 13, 2010

Friends of Fort Fisher members and historic site supporters will "muster" at Fort Fisher on Saturday, November 13, 2010 for its first annual meeting as a membership based charitable organization.

site improvements. The Annual Meeting will bring members and



Captain Braddy

While not yet one year old, the Friends will celebrate recent accomplishments, elect new directors to its governing board, enjoy lunch and hear updates on the site's community driven strategic plan as well as plans for

prospective members and supporters to Fort Fisher,

North Carolina's most visited historic site. After the rush of tourist season the site will be serene and beautiful with moderate temperatures that will lend itself to eating and meeting under the site's big walled tent. Special guests for the Annual Meeting will be descendants of Confederate Captain Kinchen Braddy. Captain Braddy commanded Fort Fisher's western most salient, Shepherd's

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From the Site Manager's Desk: Strategic Plan!

What an amazing summer it has been! Labor Day weekend has come and gone. Since Memorial Day, nearly 250,000 people have visited Fort Fisher State Historic Site!

When our visitor center was dedicated in 1965, I am sure no one at the ceremony could have imagined that Fort Fisher would have over a half-million visitors per year in the 21st century. These are terrific numbers that should gratify everyone in southeast North Carolina.

Tourism is crucial to our local economy, and it is a fact that visitors to historic sites and museums spend more time and money on their travels than most beachgoers. Fort Fisher adds real value to our community.

This is one reason I am so excited that Fort Fisher has begun strategic planning for the future. North Carolina Historic Sites, the Friends of Fort Fisher, and Cool Spring Center are working together on a plan that will shape Fort Fisher's development

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through and beyond the Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011-2015). A steering committee has been assembled. Its members represent a wide range of community interests, and all of them are leaders in their

fields. In August, we held two community forums to gather input from area residents. These were very successful. You brought us your thoughts, feelings, concerns, and ideas about Fort Fisher, and these will help in the strategic planning process.

By early 2011, we will have an actionable plan to guide Fort Fisher's continuing growth. Residents and visitors of the lower Cape Fear have supported Fort Fisher for nearly fifty years. I thank you for that, and look forward to your continuing involvement as Fort Fisher becomes the premier Civil War site in the nation.

Jim Steele, Historic Site Manager

Find that something special in our museum gift shop

The Gift Shop Corner

Fort Fisher recasts the 1907 reunion button, on sale now

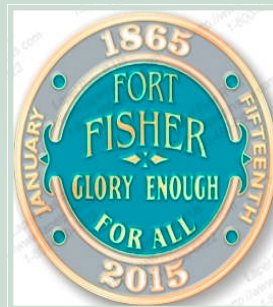
Recast reunion buttons available at gift shop!



We have a new and exciting item in the gift shop coming this month - as our way of paying homage to the reunion buttons of the past - Fort Fisher is recasting the 1907 reunion button for resale in the gift shop. We have replaced the 1907 date with 2015 - which is the 150th anniversary of the 2nd Battle of Fort Fisher. Retail price of this button will be \$4.25 plus tax.

This summer was a busy one for us here at Fort Fisher - and it shows through our gift shop revenue - we had an increase of 10.5% from last summer's revenue. This is quite an

accomplishment since some of our local tourist sites saw a decrease in visitation



this summer. Another example of our busy season - based on the revenue from our penny press machine - 4,602

pennies were smashed from June 1st to August 31st - that's a lot of smashed pennies- with the various historic themed logos on the pennies.

It has resulted in considerable site promotion and the machine has been a hit with young and old alike!

Becky Sawyer, Gift Shop Manager

Friends of Fort Fisher enjoy 15% off gift shop purchases!

Cannoneers' Corner: Our Salute to the *Eagle*



Artillery demonstrations are always crowd pleasers at Fort Fisher. In August, the staff had the opportunity to do something a little different than our usual demonstration. We had the distinct honor and pleasure of taking part in an old military tradition – a cannon salute. When we heard the U.S. Coast Guard barque *Eagle* would be coming to Wilmington for a visit, we decided to salute the ship as she traveled past the fort on her way up the Cape Fear River.

designed to do just that, but Anderson State Historic Site years of sitting out in the rain, said they could see the smoke salt air and sand threatened to make this impossible. However, with the right their Visitor Center.



The *Eagle* in turn thanked us for our salute with a blast from their signal cannon, which was much appreciated.

This was a unique opportunity and one-of-a-kind experience for our staff to show appreciation to our country's men and women in uniform. A special thanks to Lt. Cdr. Chris Vargo, executive officer, USCG Marine Safety Office, for coordinating with *Eagle*

amount of grease, the strength of six men, and some hefty levers we managed to get it to rotate.

On the morning of Friday, August 6th, we did what we set out to do. We positioned the 12 - p o u n d Napoleon up on the parapet next to the 32-pounder and gave a two gun salute as the *Eagle* passed the fort.

for coordinating with *Eagle*



and Fort Fisher. It was a honor to be a part of this the river was so loud and salute.

The blast that rolled out over the river was so loud and impressive the staff at Brunswick Town/Fort

Jessica Sutton, Site Assistant

Pardon us, while we make a little noise...



This was no easy feat and took some extra preparation. Given we are about a half to three quarters of a mile from the shipping channel, we wanted to make sure the *Eagle* could see and hear us. To accomplish this we had to turn the 32-pounder rifled cannon on Shepherd's Battery so it pointed out over the river. The carriage is



The Epergne, a treasured gift for a 'Guardian Angel'

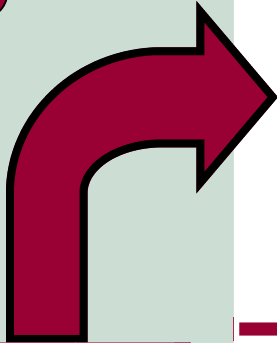


According to Tom Taylor's autobiographical account of, "Running the Blockade", it was the spring of 1863 when, "...I made the acquaintance – soon to ripen into a warm friendship – of Colonel William Lamb, the Commandant of Fort Fisher, - a man whose courtesy, courage, and capacity all the English who

knew him spoke in the highest terms... With the blockade-runners he was immensely popular; always on the alert and ever ready to reach a helping hand, he seemed to think no exertion too great to assist their operations, and many a smart vessel did his skill and activity snatch from the jaws of the blockaders. He came

to be regarded by the runners as their guardian angel; and it was no small support in the last moments of a trying run to remember who was in Fort Fisher." Clearly both men treasured the fraternal as well as the pecuniary advantages of their friend-

Save the date



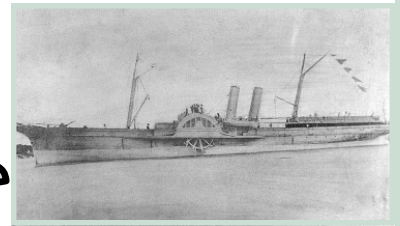
Pack your picnic basket! Bring your family! Enjoy great music, dancing, artifacts, and cannon firings throughout the day at Fort Fisher! It's free!



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER
23,
2010**

**10 AM
TO
6 PM**

**CELEBRATION
AT FORT
FISHER:
RECALLING
THE
PARTIES
OF DAISY
LAMB**



Fort Fisher Did you know? Trivia

In the age of blockade running, a 'bar tender' was not parlance for the man or woman who dispensed alcohol at the local tavern, but rather a classification of a Union blockade line that patrolled the shoal waters just off the Cape Fear. Given their close proximity to the Confederate shore batteries of Fort Fisher, many a Union 'bar tender' steamed under the cover of nightfall.

For more interesting history, visit www.nchistoricsites.org

Civil War Medicine by Jack Hisley, MD

February, 1865 – the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

According to the Surgeon General of the Union Army, the Civil War was fought “at the end of the Medical Middle Ages”. Surgery was barbaric and doctors knew very little about disease, let alone how to prevent or cure it. Because the Medical Corps of both armies were unqualified, understaffed, and under supplied, a soldier’s chance of dying from battle wounds or disease was 25%. As the conflict wore on, the armies’ medical departments increased in size, techniques were improved, and much was learned. At the war’s beginning, the Union Army had 98 medical officers, as compared with the Confederacy’s 24 medical officers. Within 4 years, 13,000 doctors were involved in the Union’s war effort and 4,000 military physicians served the Confederacy. More than 4,000 women served in Union hospitals as well.

In 48 months of fighting, 10 million cases of combat injuries and a variety of other medical problems were treated. The carnage was enormous. Approximately 620,000 men (360,000 Northerners and 260,000 Southerners) died during the years 1861 to 1865. By today’s standards (considering the 1990 U.S. Census), those deaths would be equivalent to 6 million war dead. The total number of soldiers who died from combat wounds approximated 110,000 for the Union and 94,000 for the Confederacy, despite intense efforts to treat wounded men within 48 hours after the injury. Casualties were transported via 2-wheel carts, wagons, and stretchers. Since care was primarily administered in field hospitals and in towns far removed from the battle front, many wounded soldiers died in the field while awaiting transportation.

The minie ball with its increased muzzle velocity created enormous exit wounds, damaging much tissue and shattering bone en route. Infected wounds were common in that the Germ Theory of Infectious Disease was not understood until the year 1867. Wounds to the head and trunk were almost always fatal. Wounds to the extremities were quite common. Of the 175,000 or so extremity wounds experienced by Federal troops, approximately 30,000 were amputated. Even though chloroform was available, the supply was limited, and the anesthesia was often not deep. Hence, the soldiers often felt that the best sur-

geon was the fastest surgeon. Surprisingly, despite the ever-present risks of infection and gangrene, 75% of amputees survived.

Disease was the soldier’s biggest foe in that approximately 60% of deaths were caused by typhoid fever, diarrhea, and pneumonia and tuberculosis. Measles, chickenpox, mumps and whooping cough plagued many of the young soldiers, who had never been exposed to these common childhood illnesses.

Filth was the major contributor to wartime illness in that the soldier camps were littered with decomposing food, overflowing latrines, slop pits, and heaps of manure – all of which contributed to the spread of viruses and bacteria throughout the camp. In the Union Army, the Surgeon General reported that 995 out of 1,000 men experienced chronic diarrhea and dysentery at one time or another. Contaminated water gave rise to repeated outbreaks of typhoid fever, which proved to be devastating for the Army. The sea-going sailors fared much better. Their water supply, which originated from distilled steam from the ship’s boilers, was sterile. Despite the fact that quinine was available, the Union Army experienced 1 million cases of malaria during the war years. Caused by the Anopheles mosquito, this recurring infection was debilitating to many, including Robert E. Lee.

Poor nutrition coupled with inadequate clothing constituted major factors that reduced the combat readiness of all armies. During the Peninsula Campaign, for example, George B. McClellan was at a major disadvantage in

that 20,000 of his troops were sick with scurvy.

Throughout the course of the war, surgeons became increasingly more adept at treating battle injuries, and doctors began to understand and appreciate the importance of cleanliness and nutrition. Detailed record keeping of medical activities became commonplace and patients and doctors gained respect for the field of nursing and women’s contributions to medical care.

After the war, many survivors continued to have problems associated with their wartime insults, in addition to health problems normally associated with aging.



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Thanks for Double Duty

Fort Fisher wishes to thank 2010 Mary Holloway Intern Wade Rogers for his hard work and for letting us take full advantage of his talents as a tailor.



When not giving tours and small arms demonstrations, Wade was busy making new uniforms for our artillery crew. He decided on recreating uniforms worn by Braddy's Battery, the unit that manned the 12-lb. Napoleon at the River Road sally port during the second battle at Fort Fisher. The new uniforms will be unveiled in November and featured in the next edition of *The Powder Magazine*.

Thanks again, Wade!

Calling all scouts!



Major projects at Fort Fisher State Historic Site need scout help for completion and would make excellent Eagle Scout projects or Girl Scout Gold Award projects. All of the projects described below are needed to improve the overall visitor experience at Fort Fisher by beautifying the landscape, improving visitor information, making our tour trail more accessible, and decreasing our environmental impact. With Fort Fisher staff help, scouts would research, budget, plan, and build the required project components. Contact Amy Manor Thornton (910-458-5538x201 or amy.thornton@ncdcr.gov) to discuss Eagle Scout or Gold Award projects and help us make Fort Fisher the best historic site in North Carolina!



Visitor Center Beautification/Landscaping A scout is needed to organize the donation of landscaping materials (or fundraising for necessary materials) and a corps of volunteers to landscape the Fort Fisher visitor center.

Plastic & Aluminum Recycling Program Fort Fisher is in desperate need of a recycling system to meet state law requirements and reduce our environmental impact.

Bird Watching/Local Wildlife & Nature Guides Many visitors to Fort Fisher State Historic Site come not only to learn about the American Civil War, but also to experience the beauty of this piece of land nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Cape Fear River. Resource guides are needed for visitors interested in local flora and fauna.

Visitor Benches This classic scout project would fill a vital need on the Fort Fisher tour trail. The current half mile trail only includes one rest point, half way along the trail. This means for many of our visitors our paved tour trail is inaccessible, simply because it lacks places to take a break while walking around. Several wooden benches are needed to correct the problem.

Information Kiosks Currently, all visitor information is available only in our visitor center. Given the breadth of our property, information kiosks are needed at several locations where visitors enjoy the natural beauty of our historic landscape, but do not visit our museum or tour trail.



By Amy Manor Thornton, Assistant Site Manager

**Saturday,
January 15
2011**

**Fort Fisher
presents:**

**“Glory
Enough for
All: the
146th
Anniversary
of the
Battle of
Fort Fisher”**

*(See back page for
more details)*



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**to NC Civil War
Sesquicentennial
2011-2015**

What can *you* do for the 150th?

“The biggest thing that local people can do is to become involved and engaged to ensure that the Civil War sesquicentennial is remembered where they live. There are endless opportunities for such groups as local history groups, genealogy groups, heritage groups such as the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of Union Veterans, and Sons of Confederate Veterans, to have educational forums, speakers at their meetings, coordinate local history days, etc. Citizens should consider forming Civil War 150 committees for their municipality and or county

that would plan and execute activities that would resonate with local constituencies. Keeping in mind that these activities should seek to draw a wide audience and be based in objectivity and sound scholarship. It may help the local committee in planning by using the three themes – Freedom, Sacrifice, Memory – as touchstones in their activities. In addition, local committees can draw resources from the NCCivilWar150.com web site. The NC Department of Cultural Resources, and in particular the North Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, stands

ready to assist local groups who ask for such aid. However, the impetus for such commemoration must come from a local source. The DCR is planning regional activities within the frame work of its Historic Sites, Museums, and the Archives but is not authorized to go beyond the bounds of the agency.”

—Chris Meekins, NC State Archivist and member of the NC Sesquicentennial Committee, in an interview with Michael Hardy, noted Civil War historian and author of *Remembering North Carolina's Confederates*, among others.

For more information on the North Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial, please visit www.nccivilwar150.com

ship. Thirty years later they were still corresponding when Lamb recalled that, "...the handsome and plucky Tom Taylor...was endeared to the [Lamb's] children as the "Santa Claus" of the war." For his part, Taylor as 'supercargo' (or loadmaster) of the Anglo Confederate Trading Company, operators of the *Banshee*, *Banshee II*, and *Nighthawk* had reason to feel generous. He recorded that, "Some idea of the vast profits accruing from blockade-running at this time can be gathered from the fact that, notwithstanding the total loss of the *Banshee* by capture, she earned sufficient on the eight successful round trips which she made to pay her shareholders 700 per cent on their investment.

As a token of appreciation for Lamb's solicitous vigilance the company had a memento fashioned – an epergne. And though Taylor fails to make mention of the elaborate trophy in his narrative, Lamb makes note of the coveted "silver vase" [epergne] no less than five times in his diary. On Wednesday, December 7, 1864 he wrote, "Dering, purser, brought me a small photograph of the silver vase presented me by owners of *Banshee*." Then on Tuesday, October 17, 1865 he wrote that he, "Had picture of silver vase framed." Finally, in late June of the following year, more than a year after the cessation of hostilities, Colonel Lamb at long last took possession of the treasured "silver vase".

Today, like so many relics of that era, the epergne has slipped below the surface of public purview. Still, the photograph survives as a testament symbolic of the quality of the association between Anglo/Confederate trading, blockade-running, Fort Fisher and the men who commanded them.

Inscription on base of epergne: Image courtesy of College of William and Mary - Epergne: "Presented to Colonel William Lamb, C.S.A., commanding at Fort Fisher, North Carolina, by the owners of the steamship *Banshee* in recognition of the eminent service and valuable assistance at all times so continuously rendered during the period she was engaged in trading between Nassau and Wilmington from May to November 1863. "

Ray Flowers, Curator of History

Meet Our Board: John 'Jack' Hisley, MD

One would assume that Dr. John 'Jack' Hisley doesn't like to sit in one place too long. Although officially retired, Dr. Jack is hardly a couch potato. On the contrary, his busy schedule resembles that of a hardened road warrior who seems to take great comfort in a richly diverse routine, if there is such a thing.

Originally from Baltimore, Dr. Jack specialized in maternal fetal medicine, but stopped working for monetary gain some four or five years ago. Fortunately for Fort Fisher, his 'to do' list includes Tuesdays at the historic site, where he gives tours, makes a lot of new friends, and cleans a mean lobby window. Oh, and he also serves on the board of the Friends of Fort Fisher.

Asked what he likes most about Fort Fisher, Dr. Jack replied, "I like the people I work with and the visitors I encounter. I enjoy



Dr. Jack Hisley
Friends board member
& site volunteer

talking to historians and hearing what they have to say. I just like learning."

But that's just on Tuesdays, and Dr. Jack is just getting warmed up. Two days a week, he also works pro bono for the Brunswick County Health Department, working at the women's health and maternity clinics and teaching staff education

sessions. A graduate of the University of Maryland, Dr. Jack also wound up teaching there. He attended medical school at Texas Tech. His interest in history began decades ago at Washington and Lee University, where Robert E. Lee served as president until his death in

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1870.

But whether it's medicine or history, Dr. Jack has an unmistakable passion for sharing what he learns. This is particularly evident in his assessment of what visitors of Fort Fisher are really looking

for. "People like stories...not facts and figures," said Dr. Jack. "I think the fort has a lot of great stories to tell."

"For instance, we need to really emphasize the geography of the site, discuss the unique characteristics of the port of Wilmington and the strategic importance of Fort Fisher as the premier defender of blockade runners," he said. "It's not just about the battle, I mean, what about daily life at Fort Fisher? Where did these guys get their food and drinking water and what was a typical day like?"

A former flight surgeon during the Vietnam War, Dr. Jack resides in Southport and gets his feet wet with regular ties to the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, filling yet another gap in time and ensuring that he's really quite comfortable learning—and teaching—on land, sea, and air.

Si Lawrence, III Media Specialist

Kenny Koch retires after 30 years



Kenny Koch, Fort Fisher's resident head of maintenance, announced plans to retire at the end of September. Kenny started working for Historic Sites in the 1970s and came on board full time in 1980. Throughout his career, he has been instrumental in keeping the site operational and overseeing countless projects that required a masterful blend of patience, experience, and good old-fashioned know-how. At NC Historic Sites Operations

Manager Rob Boyette presented him with a State Retirement certificate and proudly announced that Kenny had been inducted into the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, under Gov. Beverly Perdue. Thanks and congratulations, Kenny. We already miss you.

Join the Friends of Fort Fisher

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Individual Membership	\$25
Family Membership	\$40
Military/Student Membership	\$20

BENEFITS

Members receive subscriptions to *The Powder Magazine* quarterly newsletter, membership card, notice of educational programs and special events, a 15% discount in the Fort Fisher Museum shop, and invitations to special Friends of Fort Fisher events throughout the year.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP \$500 and Up

All of the benefits above, plus acknowledgement in *The Powder Magazine* quarterly newsletter, VIP acknowledgement in all special programs and recognition on the museum's permanent donor board.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

\$100 and Up

Benefits will be extended to a designated representative of the business. In addition, the business shall be entitled to one free display advertisement (business card sized) in the next edition of *The Powder Magazine*.

ARMSTRONG SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP \$500 and Up

Gifts are placed into a restricted fund for capital improvements. Benefits include membership for the year in which the gift is received, permanent recognition on the museum's donor wall and at the annual meeting of the Friends of Fort Fisher.

OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

- Memorial & Honor Gifts
- Artifact Donations
- Volunteers
- Named Gift Opportunities
- Bequests

MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

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- New Renewal

All 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.

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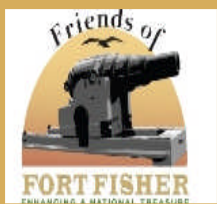
Jan. 15, 2011 "Glory Enough for All": 146th Anniversary of Fort Fisher

Kicking off NC's sesquicentennial commemorations of the American Civil War, Fort Fisher's anniversary program "Glory Enough For All" will focus on post-war reunions and efforts to memorialize the battle. Visitors will enjoy speakers on a range of topics, artillery demonstrations, infantry demonstrations, thematic tours & more. The program runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call the site at 910-458-5538 for more information about this exciting sesquicentennial program.

Friends' Annual Meeting, continued from page 1

Battery and the field artillery covering the Wilmington Road Sallyport (entrance) that became the focal point for the Federal infantry attack on January 15, 1865. Friends of Fort Fisher and site staff will unveil exact reproductions of the uniforms that Captain Braddy procured for his Company "C," 36th Regiment, NC Troops. The newly-uniformed Fort Fisher gun crew will then fire the bronze Napoleon field cannon in honor of the occasion. The Annual Meeting will begin at 12:00 noon with a delicious chicken and pulled pork meal. Members eat free but non members are asked to pay \$10 to help offset the lunch cost. Both members and guests are asked to RSVP by Wednesday, November 3 to Paul Laird at 910-612-7067 or by email at plaird@friendsoffortfisher.com.

—Paul Laird, Development Director



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Civil War Medicine, continued from page 5

Some of the most frequently reported postwar medical problems were chronic diarrhea, malaria, and rheumatism. Many veterans had dysfunctional limbs and experienced continuous wound drainage related to retained parts of clothing, bone fragments, and shrapnel.

By 1902, approximately one half of the war's survivors had died. Major General Adelbert Ames, who died on April 13, 1933, was the last remaining general officer. Military medicine improved because of the war, particularly in logistics, the treatment of trauma, and the use of anesthetics. However, these gains did not lead to improved civilian care. The concept of the scientific evaluation of medical treatment had not yet been developed, and real progress in medical therapy did not take place until the recognition of the existence of microorganisms.

In the next issue of *The Powder Magazine*, the medical history of Major General Newton Martin Curtis will be addressed.

—Jack Hisley, M.D.



Fort Fisher to Host Christmas Open House on Dec. 9, 2010

Join the staff of Fort Fisher State Historic Site and the Friends of Fort Fisher as we celebrate the holiday season with a Christmas Open House on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010 from 5 pm to 7 pm. Enjoy our wassail bowl and good cheer while saving 15% on all gift shop purchases for that special history lover. Friends of Fort Fisher members can save 25% on this day only. Refreshments will be served in the site's visitor center. Happy Historical Holidays!