

Fall 2014 Joint NCAS/NCAC Meeting

Organizers: Thomas E. Beaman, Jr., RPA, Hannah P. Smith, and Jim McKee

Friday, October 17 – Southport, NC

6:00 PM Walking Tour of Historic and Archaeology of Southport, North Carolina.

Join local Southport historian Jim McKee as he provides a one-hour walking tour of the notable historic and archaeological sites of Southport, North Carolina. Those interested should gather on the ocean side lawn of Fort Johnston, located on East Bay Street, by 6:00 PM. Public parking is available on Bay Street and other streets nearby. A comfortable pair of walking shoes, bug repellent, and a bottle of water are recommended. No advanced registration required.

7:00 – North Carolina Archaeological Council Reception at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Southport

9:00 PM

The North Carolina Maritime Museum in Southport is located at 204 East Moore Street. Follow Highway 211 into downtown Southport, where it becomes North Howe Street. The museum is located on the left before the stoplight, on the corner of North Howe Street and East Moore Street, which is about two blocks before the end of North Howe Street at Bay Street (and the Atlantic Ocean).

9:00 PM – Southport Bar Crawl
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Following the North Carolina Archaeological Council reception, for those interested a scenic tour through Southport's finest (and not so finest) bars will be offered. You must be 21 years of age to participate. Designated drivers will be provided to shuttle participants back to their respective hotels if needed.

Saturday, October 18 – Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site Visitors Center and Museum, Winnabow, NC

9:30 AM NCAS Board Meeting in the Conference Room

10:00 AM Welcome and Introductions in the Audio Visual Room

NCAS General Meeting

Elections for Positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and two At-Large Board Positions. Winners announced following Program.

10:30 AM – Program: Recent Research on Colonial Era Brunswick Town and
11:30 AM Civil War Period Fort Anderson

10:30 AM: Jim McKee (Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site) –

“Reaching for the Channel: Historical and Archaeology Recovery of a Colonial Period Wharf at Port Brunswick”

10:45 AM: Hannah P. Smith (Independent Researcher) – “Top and Bottom and Nothing In Between: The Conservation of an 18th Century Cap and Two Shoes”

11:00 AM: Thomas E. Beaman, Jr., RPA (Wake Technical Community College) and Vincent H. Melomo (William Peace University) – “Searching for the Civil War Barracks at Fort Anderson: Physical Remnants and Artifact Patterns”

11:15 AM: Paul R. Shivers (Hifill Engineering) and Jim McKee (Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site) – “Archaeology Above the Ground: Surveying the Earthworks of Fort Anderson”

11:30AM – On and Off the Marked Trails: A Historical and Archaeological Tour of Brunswick Town and Fort Anderson
1:00 PM

A guided tour of the Historic Site will be offered, with specific attention to historical, archaeological, and preservation issues of the excavation ruin beyond the standard visitor tour. Stops at the commercial district and Civil War barracks site—both in the woods, well off the marked paths—will be included. A comfortable pair of walking shoes, bug repellent, and a bottle of water are recommended. No advanced registration required.

1:00 – Lunch on Your Own
2:00 PM

2:00 - Tour of Fort Caswell
4:30 PM

By special arrangement, a historical and archaeological tour of Fort Caswell, a Third System brick and mortar fort constructed between 1827 and 1838, will be offered. Due to the limited access granted to Fort Caswell, advanced registration will be required. Please contact Dee Nelms @ 919-807-6552, by Friday, October 11, should you wish to participate. The entrance fee into Fort Caswell will be paid by the North Carolina Archaeological Society. Those interested will meet in the parking lot of Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site, and will proceed by vehicle to Fort Caswell. A comfortable pair of walking shoes, bug repellent, and a bottle of water are recommended.

Lodging Options

Comfort Suites

4963 Southport Supply Road, Southport, North Carolina, 28461
910-454-7444

A block of 15 rooms can be reserved at the Comfort Suites under the name of the NCAS. There are smoking and non-smoking rooms available with 2 queen beds or king beds for \$111.20 per night, (plus tax). This hotel is located 15 minutes from Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson and is 10 minutes from Fort Caswell.

Hampton Inn

5181 Southport-Supply Road Southeast, Southport, North Carolina, 28461
910-454-0016

There are smoking and non-smoking rooms available with 2 twin beds or king beds for approximately \$120.00 per night (plus tax). This hotel is also 15 minutes from Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson and is 10 minutes from Fort Caswell.

Wingate by Wyndham Southport

1511 North Howe Street, Southport, North Carolina 28461
910-454-0086

The Wingate Hotel is located in downtown Southport, an approximate 15 minute drive to Fort Caswell. Rooms regularly vary in price between approximately \$130 to \$190 dollars, depending on preferences of room or suite with different amenities. Slightly lower room prices may be available if booked on-line.

Directions to Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site

From Raleigh and Points West:

- Take I-40 East toward Wilmington.
- After you pass the Castle Hayne exit you should see a sign for I-140. Exit RIGHT and take I-140 West/South across the Cape Fear River and all the way to 421.
- Exit onto 421 South. After you are on 421 South for a little while, you will once again go over a bridge, and you will see the city of Wilmington, the Cape Fear River, and the Battleship Memorial on your left.
- Going over the bridge, get in the RIGHT LANE, and STAY TO YOUR RIGHT. You will want to stay on 133 SOUTH.
- Go 1 ½ miles and take the exit for SOUTHPORT / OAK ISLAND.
- At the bottom of the ramp you will come to a STOP LIGHT, make a LEFT.
- Follow 133 SOUTH for about 12 miles, and you will see signs for Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson on the left hand side of the road.
- At the signs for Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson, turn LEFT onto the secondary road and follow it into the Historic Site.

Local Options for Lunch will be Provided Upon Request at the Meeting