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Books: Iraqi Freedom veteran writes Civil War history

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Dr. Philip Hatfield of Raeford has written and published "The Rowan Rifle Guards, a History of Company K, 4th Regiment, North Carolina State Troops 1857-1865."

Hatfield is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and participated in rescue operations after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He has published articles related to North Carolina and West Virginia in the Civil War, and has three other books related to the Civil War, also available on amazon.com.

The Rowan Rifle Guards - later re-designated as Company K, 4th North Carolina State Troops - served in every bloody engagement waged by the Army of Northern Virginia.

For information about "Rowan Rife Guards," email Hatfield at rowanrifeguards@yahoo.com.

Spooky times

It's October. You know what that means: Time to scare ourselves and look for ghosts. "Ghosthunting North Carolina," by Kala Ambrose, will point you in the right direction.

Her website gives information about the book, the author and her North Carolina appearances (mostly in the Triangle area) at ghosthuntingnorth carolina.com.

Want to be a nurse?

Fayetteville State University graduate Caroline Porter Thomas is the author of "How to Succeed in Nursing School: Before, During and After."

On her website - howtosucceedns.com - she writes about how she passed the nursing examination on her first attempt, even as some of her classmates struggled.

She discusses the specifics of her strategies to study effectively and to motivate herself. She also interviewed nursing professors who describe the habits of successful nursing students.

Thomas is a nurse in a cardiac/neurologic step-down unit in a hospital in Silver Spring, Md.

Book events

Tuesday, Oct. 11: D.G. Martin, the host of the UNC-TV show "North Carolina Bookwatch," will speak at 7 p.m. at the Headquarters Library.

Wednesday, Oct. 12: Ellen Baker will be at The Country Bookshop at 4:30 p.m. with her books, "I Gave My Heart to Know This" and "Keeping the House."

Friday, Oct. 14: Children's author Richard Peck will talk with children and parents about his adventure book "Secrets at Sea" at 4 p.m. at The Country Bookshop.

Saturday, Oct. 15: The Friends of the Library book sale is from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Headquarters Library. Enter through the back door near the benches by the creek. Cash or check only.

Oct. 20: The Civil War speaker series at the Headquarters Library will address the book "Enemy Women" by Paulette Jiles at 6:30 p.m. To register, call 483-7727.

Nov. 3: The Civil War speaker series at the Headquarters Library will address the book "Lincoln's Dreams" by Connie Willis at 6:30 p.m. To register: 483-7727.

Feb. 25: The Writers Conference and Book Fair in Lumberton will feature best-selling writers Carla Neggers, author of 60 novels, and Dr. Michael Palmer, author of 17 medical thrillers. Admission is free.

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