

“General Burnside’s Sand March: The Forgotten North Carolina Expedition” (ZOOM)

Poor General Ambrose Burnside. He gets no respect. Bumbling his way across Burnside Bridge at Antietam, through the disastrous battle of Fredericksburg and the Mud March. But before all that, Burnside’s innovative planning and effective leadership brought significant victory in a series of engagements from February to June 1862 in the strategically vital sounds and along the barrier islands of North Carolina. In partnership with the U.S. Navy, the Burnside Expedition was the first and one of the few major joint amphibious operations. With aggressive follow up, it might have shortened the conflict.

About our Speaker:

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