That historic group”.....
Which “historic group”?

There are many groups in New Bern that have “history” or “historical” in their names, and they are frequently confused with one another:

**New Bern Historical Society** is a non-profit organization founded in 1923. Through the programs and events described in this brochure, we strive to achieve our mission: To celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education. We maintain the New Bern Battlefield Park and the Attmore-Oliver House campus at 511 Broad Street. All of our funding is private. [www.newbernhistorical.org](http://www.newbernhistorical.org)

**New Bern Preservation Foundation** is a non-profit organization. The mission of the New Bern Preservation Foundation is to preserve historically significant structures and sites in and around New Bern. [www.NewBernPF.org](http://www.NewBernPF.org)

**Tryon Palace** is a state historic site. Tryon Palace and the North Carolina History Center’s mission is to engage present and future generations in the history of North Carolina from early settlement and development of statehood through the mid-twentieth century by collecting, interpreting and preserving objects, buildings, landscapes and events that enrich understanding of the making of our state and nation. [www.TryonPalace.org](http://www.TryonPalace.org)

**City of New Bern Historic Preservation Commission** (HPC) is an arm of the city government. This appointed Commission reviews building plans to ensure that renovations in historic areas are carried out in accordance with city ordinances and their Historic District Guidelines. [www.newbernnc.gov](http://www.newbernnc.gov)

**Our Story**
In 1923, Judge R. A. Nunn and other Craven County citizens founded the New Bern Historical Society Foundation, Inc. The Historical Society now has over 900 members and 400 volunteers who contribute their talents and time. The Historical Society is a non-profit membership organization with an IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt classification.
On March 14, 1862, 11,000 Union troops led by General Ambrose Burnside and 13 gunboats led by Commodore Stephen Rowan, battled 4500 inexperienced, ill-equipped Confederate troops commanded by General Lawrence O’Bryan Branch to control the strategic town of New Bern.

The battlefield has been unmarked by development and agriculture. Redans remain as they were 150 years ago.

Walking paths are well-defined.

Huge battle map and all new interpretive panels tell the story of the Battle of New Bern and its impact.

Free self-guided tours. Private guided tours can be arranged by calling the Historical Society Office in advance.

The family- and dog-friendly park is open during daylight hours throughout the year.

Take your picnic lunch to the Richard K. and Linda C. Lore Visitor Center covered pavilion.

Located less than 5 miles outside of the city off US 70 East at 300 Battlefield Trail.

The Historical Society offices are located in the Attmore-Oliver House, c. 1790, in New Bern’s Historic District. In addition to offices, there is a Civil War display, dozens of historical photos, and two rooms reflecting life in the mid-19th century. Beautiful heritage gardens are located behind the house. The Attmore-Oliver House is open to the public Monday-Friday during business hours. Gardens are open to the public during daylight hours throughout the year.