

**The Friends of the Carteret County Public Library Present
ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM... Sunday APRIL 15 • 3PM**

Blackbeard's Last Battle



Kevin Duffus: Historian • Author • Filmmaker

Just in time for the 300th anniversary of Blackbeard's demise, Kevin Duffus, author of *The Last Days of Black Beard the Pirate* (4th Edition, 2014), will speak on Blackbeard's last battle and the conflicting interpretations of his origins and motivations. He will provide answers to these intriguing questions: What happened during Blackbeard's last days that precipitated his demise? Who, truly, was Edward Teach, and from whence did he come? What was his true name? And where may he have hidden his treasure?

The author exposes the truth behind many of the enduring Blackbeard myths — his Bristol, England, birthplace; his 14 wives, including Mary Ormond; the burning of fuses in his hair to frighten his victims; and the countless tall tales of buried treasure, secret tunnels, and the shocking origins of the legend of his silver-plated skull used as a drinking cup by a secret society.

In addition to dozens of new discoveries, one revelation promises to stand out as the most amazing. With the help of research by genealogists, Kevin Duffus will share long-forgotten clues he found to the potential identity of Blackbeard. The conclusions are staggering and have become controversial.

As a Road Scholar for the state, Kevin Duffus's visit to Beaufort is sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. This free event is open to the public as well as members of the Friends of the Library. The talk will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the library and will be followed by refreshments. Mark your calendars for this special event!