

Civil War Roundtable of North Florida



“Where Both Sides Are Heard”
Founded in 2012

Upcoming Meetings

December 13

Christmas Party

No Regular Meeting

January 10, 2019

Gould Hager

*Georgia’s Confederate
Monuments: In Honor of a
Fallen Nation*

February 14, 2019

Kevin Hozey

*History and Legality of
Secession Leading up to the
War*

March 14, 2019

Noah Gengler

*The Civil War in the Far
West*

April 11, 2019

Joe Byrd

*Maj. W. Simmons
Confederate Sharpshooter*

May 9, 2019

Bruce Smith

*Warships on the
Chattahoochee*

June 13, 2019

Phill Greenwalt

Fla Brigade at Gettysburg

July 11, 2019

Thomas Jessee

R. E. Lee Impersonator



6th Annual CWRT-NF Christmas Party
Thursday, December 13, 2018

Napolitano’s 606 N.W. 75th <http://www.napolitanos.com/>

5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Entertainment!
Raffle!



Check us out

**Last Month’s Meeting
November 8, 2018**

Why did the Civil War Happen? By Donna Waller



Ms. Donna Waller gave an interesting discussion covering several views of why the civil war happened. Historians have different opinions, but 8 out of 10 will say that the Civil War was the most important event in our history.

The causes can be viewed objectively (facts) or subjectively (opinions). Up to the 1820’s most Americans would have identified themselves with their state first and as Americans second. The book by Colin Woodward “American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America” (from \$5.89 on Amazon) was highly recommended by the speaker as a source of explanation on this.

Americans were from very different cultures from the beginning of the nation. Early on the plantation culture took hold in Virginia growing the cash crop tobacco. The northern states began developing an independent farming culture.



All in all there were several cultural differences that would have led to the separation of the states at some point. These included cultural, political, economic, social differences and of course slavery.



Slavery was a contradiction at the time of the Declaration of Independence. The NW Territory abolished slavery early on. This signaled to the regions that depended on slavery that they would need to make sure that the Federal government didn’t get a majority to over through their interests. This was part of the reason for dropping the Articles of Confederation and developing a new Constitution.

DETAILS OF THE BEGINNING OF OUR 2019 SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 10, 2019

The Message and the Medium: Honoring the Confederacy in Georgia and Alabama.

Gould Hager



Mr. Hagler's will show photographs of selected Confederate monuments in these two states and discuss the different architectural forms the monuments take. Included are photos of Stone Mountain and the grand memorial in Montgomery, as well as typical monuments on courthouse squares and other locations in cities throughout both states. Along with the pictures and discussion of the



different styles the builders chose, Hagler will discuss the various purposes the monuments serve, that is, the messages the builders wished to convey through the medium of these memorial structures

Thursday, February 14, 2019

History and Legality of Secession Leading up to the War

Kevin Hozey

Professor Hozey will delve into the concept and legality of secession as well as its pre-war roots.

Thursday, March 14, 2019

The Civil War in the Far West

Noah Gengler

While the great battles and campaigns of the East captured the nation's attention, much was happening in the Far West during the Civil War years.

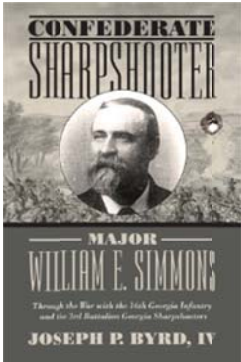
From the quest for gold to replenish war treasuries, to the unbridled warfare with Native American tribes, the West was the stage for events and people who would shape the outcome of the war, and indeed change the destiny of a nation once peace was restored. Please join Mr. Noah Gengler as he tells the tale of the Civil War in the West, territory by territory.



April 11, 2019

Confederate Sharpshooter Major William E. Simmons

Joe Byrd



Mr. Byrd will present an overview of his book on Major Simmons, including excerpts from his early years, his war record, and his post-war career as a prominent lawyer, legislator, political leader, and, for thirty-two years, Trustee of the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech.

“... this book is not just another book about a relative who fought in the Civil War. It is a gripping narrative of an elite unit from the Army of Northern Virginia and a great biography of one of the forgotten middle managers at war

who led the battalion. The book is deeply researched, well written, and contains many insightful references.” Robert Grandchamp, Blue & Gray Magazine



Will Simmons, Emory College, Class of 1858 (Top Left)

May 9, 2019

Warships on the Chattahoochee

Bruce Smith

With the coming of the War in April, 1861, it was obvious that keeping lifelines open from the Confederacy to those who could potentially help from the outside was going to be critical. One of those lifelines was from the Chattahoochee/Flint River system in the deep South which exited into the Gulf of Mexico at Apalachicola, Florida. A major market route for cotton and mill goods from Alabama and



Firing a CSS Jackson Brooke Rifle

Georgia. One blockading ship arrived off Apalachicola in June of 1861 and then two by August. One way to keep all the river ways open in the South was to create Confederate Navy ships to negate the US Navy efforts from the rivers and bays in the South. A large Navy construction yard was built in Columbus, GA, but the first efforts to defend the Chattahoochee River was the creation of a small Navy Yard in Saffold, GA and begin construction on a wood gunboat. This presentation will go



CSS Jackson w/Brooke Rifled Cannons

into further detail on all these issues and include images of many of these sites and ships. The efforts to raise from the Chattahoochee River both the wood gunboat, *CSS Chattahoochee*, and the full size ultra-modern ironclad *CSS Jackson* from the Chattahoochee River will also be discussed.



Catesby Jones Jacket, CSS Jackson

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18-19, 2019. Brooksville Raid, Brooksville, FL. Hosted by the Hernando Historical Museum Assoc. and th North Pinellas County Scout Sertoma Club. Two battles, Sat. 2:30 PM, Sun. 1:30 PM. 11210 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34613 www.brooksvilleraidreenactment.com

February 1-3, 2019. Battle at Townsend's Plantation (Renningers Market at Mt. Dora). Living history exhibits, folk music, weaponry, demonstrations and authentic camps. Battles, Sat. 3:00 PM, Sun. 2:00 PM. 20651 U.S. High 441, Mt. Dora, 32757 townsendfirm.com/plantation.htm

February 1-3, 2019, Battle at Fort Taylor, FL – Living History Saturday will be Fort displays & sea Battle around 10 AM, Sunday will be a small skirmish outside the Fort at 10 AM. 601 Howard England Way, Key West, 33040

February 15-17, 2019. The Battle of Olustee, FL. The reenactment takes place on the actual site where the Battle of Olustee (Ocean Pond) was fought. Best gathering of Civil War sutlers. Parade in downtown Lake City at 10:30 AM on Saturday. Reenactments, Sat. 3:30 PM and Sun. 1:30 PM. 5890 Battlefield Trail Road, Olustee, FL 32087 www.battleofolustee.org

February 22-24, 2019. Skirmish at White House, Dade City, FL. Living History, Civil War Reenactments will be held on Feb. 23-24, 2019 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Pioneer Florida Museum & Village, 15602 Pioneer Museum Road, Dade City, FL 33523. One-mile north of downtown Dade City, off US 301 www.pioneerfloridamuseum.org

March 1-3, 2019. Battle of Natural Bridge, FL. Held on the original site of the battle at the Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park. 7502 Natural Bridge Road, Tallahassee, FL. 32305 <http://www.floridastateparks.org/naturalbridge/>

March 8-10, 2019. Raid on Fort Pierce, FL. Battles are at 1:30pm Saturday and Sunday. Savannah Recreational Area, 1400 East Midway Road in Fort Pierce, FL 34982. <http://www.facebook.com/FTPierceRaid>

March 22-24, 2019. Battle at Narcoossee Mill, FL. Battles, both Saturday and Sunday, begin at 2:00 PM. Ample grandstand viewing of the battle. Authentic camps will be open to the public after 10:00 AM, then closed one hour prior to the battles until just after the battles. 4700 Chisholm Park Trail, St. Cloud, Florida 34771 <http://www.battleatnarcoosseemill.com>

March 30, 2019. History by Candlelight at Gamble Mansion Historic State Park, FL Come hear the history of Gamble Mansion from the 1840s to 1865 when Judah P. Benjamin left for England. Tours are from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. 3708 Patten Avenue, Ellenton, FL 34222. (941) 723-4536.

April 5-7, 2019. Pellicer Creek Raid, FL. Camps will be open to the public between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM for demonstrations of military camp life in 1864. Battles will take place on Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 PM. 7900 Old Kings Road, Palm Coast, FL. www.floridaagmuseum.org

DECEMBER IN THE CIVIL WAR

1861

- 4th - Senator John C. Breckenridge of Kentucky is expelled from his position. He had joined the Confederate army in November
- 8th - *CSS Sumter* seizes the US whaler *Eben Dodge* in the Atlantic.
- 10th - The Confederate Congress admits Kentucky as the 13th state of the Confederacy.
- 20th - Britain sends 2 ships to Canada in case the *Trent* affair escalates.
- 30th - James Mason and John Slidell (of the *Trent* affair) are transferred to the custody of the British Minister to the US.

1862

- 7th - Battle of Praire Grove, Ark., Conf. Gen'l Hindman surprises Federals under Gen'l Blunt.
- 10th - A bill passes creating the State of West Virginia
- 13th - Confederates defeat Gm'l Burnside at the Battle of Fredericksburg.
- 25th - Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln visit soldiers in several hospitals around Washington.
- 30th - *USS Monitor* sinks in severe weather off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.
- 31st - Battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn. Begins with an attack by Conf. Gen'l Bragg.

1863

- 2nd - Gen'l Hardee temporarily assumes command of the Army of Tenn. after Bragg's resignation.
- 6th - *USS Weehawken* (an ironclad) sinks in a storm in Charleston Harbor.
- 16th - Gen'l Joseph Johnston named as commander of the Dept. of Tennessee.

1864

- 1st - After the Battle of Franklin, Gen'l Schofield's Federal army reaches the Nashville defenses.
- 13th - Gen'l Sherman captures Ft. McAlister at Savannah, opening up communications to the US Fleet.
- 15th - Federal troops at Nashville attack the Army of Tennessee, routing them.
- 18th - Lincoln issues a call for 300,000 additional troops to put down the rebellion.
- 20th - Gen'l Hardee moves the confederate army out of Savannah.
- 21st - Gen'l Sherman's troops occupy Savannah and he sends a message to Lincoln, 'I beg to present you, as a Christmas gift, the city of Savannah.
- 23rd - Gen'l Butler packs a ship with 200 tons of black powder and blows it up near Ft. Fisher in Wilmington, NC, to no avail.
- 24th - Admiral Porter begins his bombardment of Ft. Fisher with 60 ships. Gen'l Butler lands north of the fort but fails to take the fort.
- 30th - Gen'l Butler is finally relieved of command, for the war.

New for 2018 - Raffle at the end of each Meeting

In an effort to raise more funds for continued exciting outside speakers the board has decided to hold a raffle at the end of each meeting. A Grand Prize related to the Civil War will be raffled off. In addition, conciliation prizes of books, other Civil War related items and a few fun items will be drawn for. Please see Sue Wooley to get your tickets before the meeting.



Typical of Monyhly Raffle Items at each Meeting

Book sales



We have a **NEW** supply of books that will be available for sale beginning with the November meeting. You're surely to find a good read at a low price.

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