

Civil War Roundtable of North Florida



“Where Both Sides Are Heard”
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Politics in Europe vis a vis Civil War

Please join us for our Next Meeting
6:30 PM Thursday, February 14, 2019

History and Legality of Session Leading up to the War By Kevin Hozey



While the concept of secession is most directly connected with the Civil War, it has been a significant factor at other times in American history, popping up repeatedly in the seven decades between the establishment of "a more perfect union" and its attempted dissolution. It was also not strictly a southern phenomenon. We will explore some of this

deeper history behind the concept of secession in America, and in the process consider its most important implicit question -- was it even legal in the first place?



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**Last Month's Meeting
January 10, 2019
The Medium and the Message: Confederate Monuments in
Georgia and Alabama.
Gould Hager**



Gould gave us an excellent presentation on the different types and styles of Confederate Monuments in Georgia and Alabama. He explained how the monument building started within months of the Confederacy's fall.



The earliest monuments were the work of local ladies associations. These were simple and generally erected amongst Confederate graves.

As time went on statues of Confederate soldiers on city streets and courthouse squares, now many by the United Daughters of the Confederacy (the same UDC who raised money and erected a state to the memory of Confederate Veterans in downtown Gainesville in 1904.



These memorials took on two purposes; remind us of Confederate soldiers noble qualities and to state the principles for which they fought. Many were built near the end of the 1800's, most were completed by 1920. One group of women took 25 years to raise the money needed. Then in the 1990's there was a resurgence of monument building, most now by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

In addition Gould provided us with an opportunity to purchase his comprehensive book, "Georgia's Confederate Monuments", a copy of which will be available as a raffle item later in the year at our Christmas Party. Thank you, Gould, for sharing your expert knowledge on the meaning and styles of these monuments.

DETAILS OF THE BEGINNING OF OUR 2019 SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 14, 2019

The Civil War in the Far West

Noah Gengler

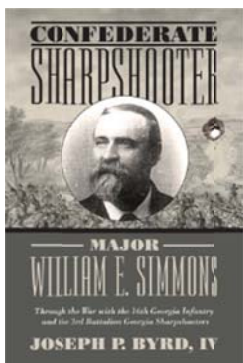
While the great battles and campaigns of the East captured the nation's attention, much was happening in the Far West during the Civil War years. From the quest for gold to replenish war treasuries, to the unbridled warfare with Native American tribes, the West was the stage for events and people who 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



CSS *Jackson* w/Brooke Rifled Cannons

wood gunboat. This presentation will go 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*

June 13, 2019

Phill Greenwalt

Florida Brigade at Gettysburg



Read William Faulkner's famous excerpt on Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg from his 1948 book *Intruder in the Dust*. He mentions Armistead, Kemper, Garnett, and even Wilcox. **No mention of Lang or the Floridians.** Walk the Union line near the now famous Copse of Trees on Cemetery Ridge and you see a dated map on one of the markers. Shows the routes taken by Pickett, Pettigrew, Trimble, and Wilcox. **No mention of Lang or the Floridians.**



It took a century from the conclusion of that disastrous charge of July 3rd for a monument to be dedicated to the Floridians who sacrificed so much on two of the three days of carnage that marked the Battle of Gettysburg. Until then, besides the Perry Brigade markers, no mention of Lang or the Floridians.



Yet, a brigade of Floridians were there, comprising three regiments: 2nd, 5th, and 8th Florida Infantry. All veterans of at least a year of campaigning with the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. All understrength. At Gettysburg they fought valiantly again and loss tremendously, 62% of the 775 infantrymen that came into the engagement. Highest total of any brigade in General Robert E. Lee's army.

Their role in the engagement has been marginalized and distorted. Their heroism and determination in two assaults across open ground questioned and slandered. What these three regiments attempted, with already depleted ranks, was amazing and due for more recognition than the history of the battle has afforded them.

This talk will focus on the Florida Brigade at Gettysburg, discussing their role during the Battle of Gettysburg, the aftermath, and the historical memory.

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August – No Meeting

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September 12, 2019

Walter Blanton

Topic – TBD

*Political Climate/Power Struggles
Of Europe vis a vis North America
and the Civil War*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 [Including member Eric Starnes and his incredible display of actual Civil War weapons (Rifles, Carbines, Pistols, Swords and more), and member Bob Wooley with his 12pdr Bronze Napoleon cannon, firing in the battle.]

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.floridaaqmuseum.org

INTERESTING FACTS FROM THE CIVIL WAR

Where the Soldiers in the Civil War Hailed From					
State	Men Furnished CS Army	% of CS Army	State	Men Furnished to US Army	% of US Army
Virginia	155,000	15.0%	New York	448,850	16.0%
Georgia	130,000	12.6%	Pennsylvania	337,936	12.1%
N. Carolina	127,000	12.3%	Ohio	313,180	11.2%
Tennessee	115,000	11.1%	Illinois	259,092	9.2%
Alabama	100,000	9.7%	Indiana	196,363	7.0%
Mississippi	85,000	8.2%	Massachusetts	146,730	5.2%
S. Carolina	60,000	5.8%	Missouri	109,111	3.9%
Texas	58,000	5.6%	Wisconsin	91,194	3.3%
Louisiana	53,000	5.1%	Michigan	87,364	3.1%
Arkansas	45,000	4.4%	New Jersey	76,814	2.7%
Missouri	40,000	3.9%	Iowa	76,242	2.7%
Kentucky	25,000	2.4%	Kentucky	75,760	2.7%
Maryland	20,000	1.9%	Maine	70,107	2.5%
Florida	15,000	1.5%	Connecticut	55,864	2.0%
Indian Terr	5,000	0.5%	Tennessee	51,227	1.8%
Total	1,033,000	100.0%	Maryland	46,638	1.7%
			Virginia	37,924	1.4%
			New Hampshire	33,937	1.2%
			Vermont	33,288	1.2%
			Louisiana	29,276	1.0%
			Minnesota	24,020	0.9%
			Rhode Island	23,236	0.8%
			Kansas	20,149	0.7%
			Mississippi	18,414	0.7%
			D. C.	16,534	0.6%
			California	15,725	0.6%
			Arkansas	13,815	0.5%
			Delaware	12,284	0.4%
			N. Carolina	8,191	0.3%
			Alabama	7,547	0.3%
			New Mex Terr	6,561	0.2%
			S. Carolina	5,462	0.2%
			Colorado Terr	4,998	0.2%
			Indian Terr	3,530	0.1%
			Georgia	3,486	0.1%
			Nebraska	3,157	0.1%
			Florida	2,334	0.1%
			Texas	2,012	0.1%
			Oregon	1,810	0.1%
			Western Terr	2,350	0.1%
			Total	2,803,292	100%

Contuning in 2019 - 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 will NOT have the book sale at the February, but it will return for a GRAND FINALE for this SETt of books at our MARCH MEETING. The excess will be returned to the Friends of Alachua Country Book Sale. There is still a good selection left. Don't miss this opportunity for some great deals. You're surely to find a good read at a low price.

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