

# Civil War Roundtable of North Florida



*“Where Both Sides Are Heard”*  
Founded in 2012

## Upcoming Meetings

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*

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**Noah Gengler**

*The Civil War in the Far West*

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*Maj. W. Simmons Confederate Sharpshooter*

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**Phill Greenwalt**

*Fla Brigade at Gettysburg*

July 11, 2019

**Thomas Jessee**

*R. E. Lee Impersonator*

Please join us for our Next Meeting  
6:30 PM Thursday, January 10, 2019

## The Medium and the Message: Confederate Monuments in Georgia and Alabama.

Gould Hager

Mr. Hager'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, Hager will discuss the various purposes the monuments serve, that is, the messages the builders wished to



convey through the medium of these memorial structures. Mr. Hager will have copies of his book for sale at the meeting.



**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
**4000 NW 53rd Avenue, Gainesville, FL**

## Last Month's Meeting December 13, 2018 6<sup>th</sup> Annual CWRT-NF Christmas Party



We enjoyed a great evening of conversation, refreshments and a nice dinner. Dinner was completed with a piece of ice cream cake from Carvel donated by Scott Ehrlich. An impromptu



discussion of various Confederate flags featuring the *Florida Secessionist* flag recreated by Sue Wooley was given by Bob Wooley.



Entertainment was provided by the duo of Pat Taylor and Rick Crumpley playing period songs on the guitar and banjo.



The grand finale of the evening was the raffle with Lee Jones

winning the grand prize set of Civil War DVDs from the History Channel.



## DETAILS OF THE BEGINNING OF OUR 2019 SCHEDULE

**Thursday, February 14, 2019**

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

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?.

**Thursday, March 14, 2019**

*The Civil War in the Far West*

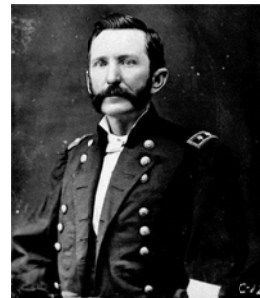
Noah Gengler

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



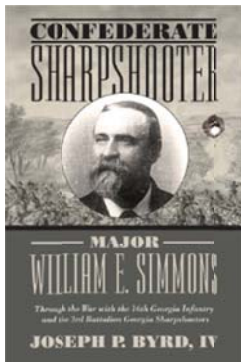
with Native American tribes, the West was the stage for events and people who would shape the outcome of the war, and indeed change the destiny of a nation once peace was restored. Please join Mr. Noah Gengler as he tells the tale of the Civil War in the West, territory by territory.



**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

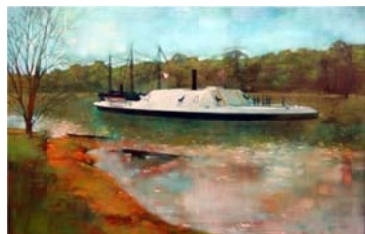
With the coming of the War in April, 1861, it was obvious that keeping lifelines open from the Confederacy to those who could potentially help from the outside was going to be critical.

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



CSS *Jackson* w/Brooke Rifled Cannons

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



Catesby Jones Jacket, CSS *Jackson*

and begin construction on a 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.

**June 13, 2019**

Phill Greenwalt

***Florida Brigade at Gettysburg***

**October 10, 2019**

Eric Jacobson

***Battle of Franklin***

**July 11, 2019**

Thomas Jessee

***R. E. Lee Impersonator***

**November 14, 2019**

Basil Gribbon

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

**August – No Meeting**

**September 12, 2019**

Walter Blanton

Topic – TBD

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.floridaagmuseum.org)

**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 obtained a NEW supply of books just before the November meeting. There is still a good selection left. We will only display these for sale at the January and February meetings before returning the left-overs to the Alachua County Library book sale. 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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