

Civil War Roundtable of North Florida



“Where Both Sides Are Heard”
Founded in 2012

Upcoming Meetings

April 9, 2020

John Weaver

*A Legacy in Brick & Stone -
US Third System Forts*

May 14, 2020

Sandy Prindle

*Booth’s Confederate
Connections*

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TBD

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Ron Kirkwood

*“Too Much for Human
Endurance” George
Spangler Farm Hospital
Gettysburg*

Sept. 10, 2020

Paul Brueske

*Battle of Mobile The Last
Siege, The Mobile Campaign*

Nov. 12, 2020

Basil Gribbon

*While the American Civil War
Rages the Major Powers of
Europe Play Monopoly,
setting the Board up for
World War I*

Please join us for our Next Meeting

6:30 PM Thursday, March 12, 2020

The Sultana Disaster

By Dan Wiles



Early on April 27th 1865 the *Sultana* burst into flames on the Mississippi River. Tragically, the US Government had contracted with the *Sultana* to

transport former Union prisoners of war from Confederate camps, such as Andersonville and Cahaba back north. Designed for 376 passengers, it was loaded with over 2,000 former POWs. About 1,800 men died when the ship’s boiler exploded and starting the fire. Dan had a relative who couldn’t swim,

but was one of the lucky survivors



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

Last Month's Meeting Belle Boyd: Rebel Spy C. W. Whitehair

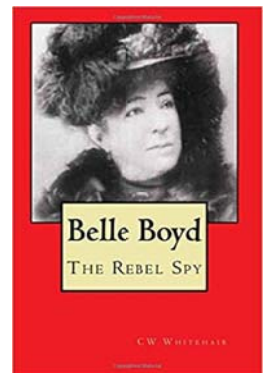


C. W. Whitehair gave us a very nice history of Belle Boyd, from her upbringing to her escapades as a spy for the southern cause. She was considered the most notorious and deceptive Confederate female spy that operated in the lower Shenandoah Valley during America's Civil War. During the war, she was arrested eight times, imprisoned three times, banished to the South and



eventually banished from the United States. He also spoke to her life as an author, and actress.

Mr. Whitehair brought several of the books that he has written including his book on Belle Boyd for sale to the group. Thank you, C.W.

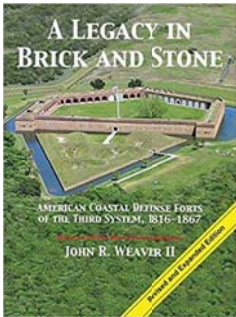


DETAILS OF OUR UPCOMING SPEAKERS

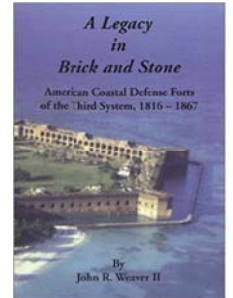
April 9, 2020

John Weaver

A Legacy in Brick and Stone



Mr. Weaver the definitive authority on the US’s “Third System” forts built along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts (and in San Francisco) between 1816 and 1867. Mr. Weaver knows all of the details of the designs of these forts. Many were built by some of the men who became key generals in the Civil War. The Civil War’s improved rifled cannon doomed these forts, but their history, design and involvement in the war is truly fascinating.

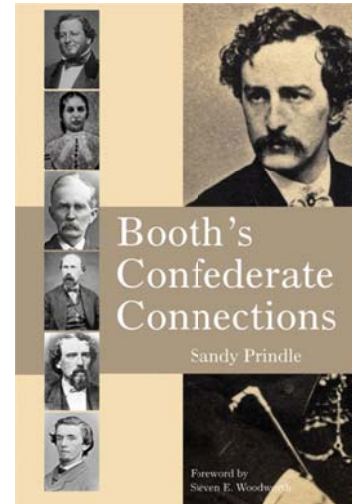


May 14, 2020

Sandy Prindle

Booth’s Confederate Connections

Mr. Prindle has researched to connection between the Confederate Government and the assination of Abraham Lincoln and written a book about it. He connects the failed Dahlgren raid on Richmond, where documents found on the Union leader Lt. Col. Ulric Dahlgren’s corpse outlined a plan to kill Confederate Jefferson Davis as the spark that lead to the Confederate Government becoming involved. Judah Benjamin, who directed the Confederate Secret Service, and knew about the Dahlgren plans was connected with the various plots by John Wilkes Booth to kidnap and then assassinate Lincoln.

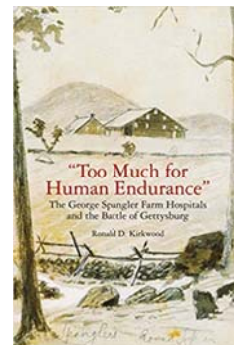


July 9, 2020

Ron Kirkwood

***“Too Much for Human Endurance” George Spangler Farm Hospital
Gettysburg***

The bloodstains are gone, but the worn floorboards remain. The doctors, nurses, and patients who toiled and suffered and ached for home at the Army of the Potomac’s XI Corps hospital at the George Spangler Farm in Gettysburg have long since departed. Using a massive array of firsthand accounts, Kirkwood re-creates the sprawling XI Corps hospital complex and the people who labored and suffered there—especially George and Elizabeth Spangler and their four children, who built a thriving 166-acre farm only to witness it nearly destroyed when war paid them a bloody visit that summer of 1863.



Kirkwood also establishes the often-overlooked strategic importance of the property and its key role in the Union victory. Army of the Potomac generals took advantage of the farm’s size, access to roads, and central location to use it as a staging area to get artillery and infantry to the embattled front line from Little Round Top north to Cemetery Hill just in time to prevent its collapse and a Confederate breakthrough.

September 10, 2020

Paul Brueske

Battle of Mobile, The Last Siege

The famous battle of Mobile Bay in August 1864 where Farragut uttered “Damn the Torpedoes” did stop blockade running into Mobile, but did not secure the city for the Federals. Mobile remained a vital river and rail logistical center for the Confederacy. It did not all end until the final surrender in Citronelle, Alabama in May of 1865.

**November 12, 2020**

Basil Gribbon

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HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT EVENTS

155th Anniversary of the Skirmish at Station No. 4 – Cedar Keys
Cedar Key City Park, Saturday, February 8, 2020



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156th Anniversary of Battle of Olustee

Olustee Battlefield, Fla. February 15-16, 2020



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