

Civil War Roundtable of North Florida



“Where Both Sides Are Heard”
Founded in 2012

Upcoming Meetings

November 8

Donna Waller

Why the Civil War Happened

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

Basil Gribbon

Political Climate/Power Struggles of Europe vis-a-vis North America and the Civil War

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The Civil War in the Far West

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Joe Byrd

Maj. W. Simmons Confederate Sharpshooter

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Bruce Smith

Warships on the Chattahoochee

June 13, 2019

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Fla Brigade at Gettysburg

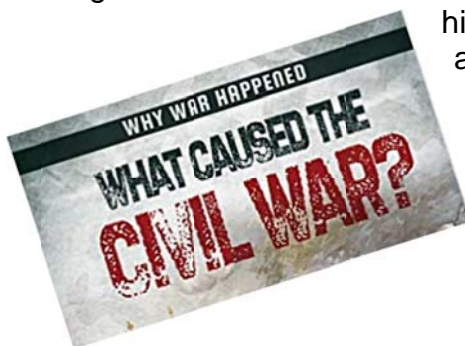
Please join us for our Next Meeting
6:30 PM Thursday, November 8, 2018

Why did the Civil War Happen?

By Donna Waller



Ms. Waller has spent 25 years teaching at Santa Fe College, where American political history was her specialty. She will enlighten us as to how various



historians might answer this question. Come and join us to better understand this complex question.

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

Check us out on the web: www.cwrnf.org

**Last Month's Meeting
October 11, 2018**

Dr. Peggy Macdonald speaking about Ester Hill Hawks



Dr. Peggy Macdonald, director of the Matheson History Museum in Gainesville, provided our October meeting with an evening of stories of a woman, Dr Ester Hill whose only desire was to be a doctor. But the mores of the time prevented her from taking advantage of her skills and talents. Initially relegated to a nurse status she proved her true value. A most interesting evening with many questions.

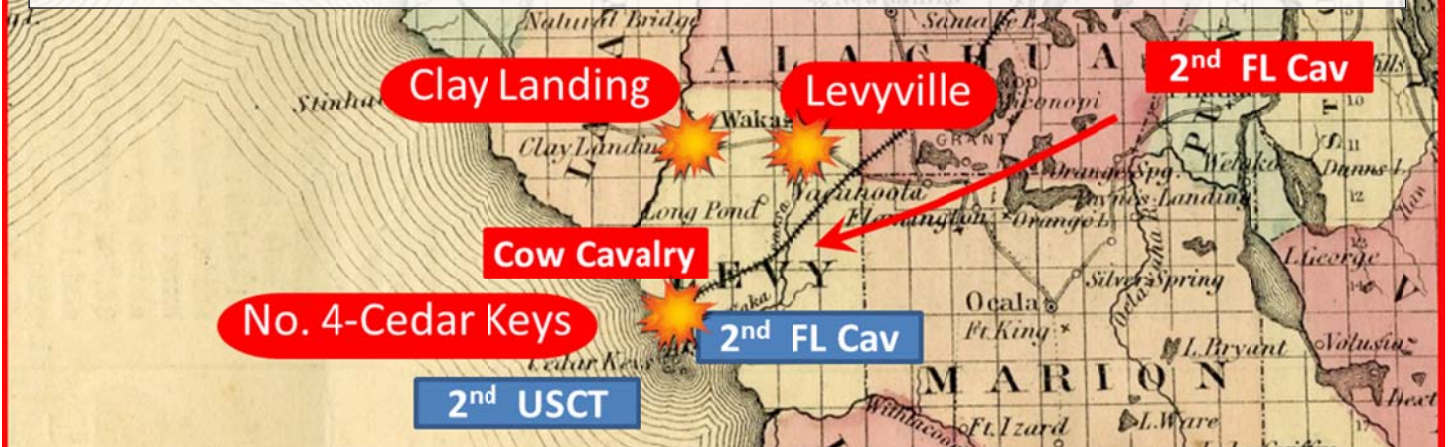


Dr. Ester Hill Hawks

REENACTMENT AT OTTER SPRINGS

OCTOBER 13-14, 2018

A Reenactment of the February 1865 Yankee Raid out of Cedar Keys



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



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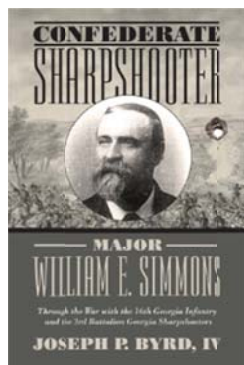
While the great battles and campaigns of the East captured the nation's attention, much was happening in the Far West during the Civil War years. From the quest for gold to replenish war treasuries, to the unbridled warfare with Native American tribes, the West was the stage for events and people who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

November 2-4, 2018. 34th Annual Ocklawaha River Raid, Ocala, Fla. Reenactment will occur at the Florida Horse Park, 11008 South Highway 475. Ocala, Fla.

<https://sites.google.com/site/floridareenactorsonline/>

November 9 – 11. Tallassee, Alabama. Battles for the Armory. 19359 Rifle Range Road, Tallassee AL. Tallassee Living History and Heritage Days features the “Battles for the Armory” Civil War reenactment. This year marks the 21st anniversary of the Battles of the Armory. The public is invited on Saturday and Sunday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm to see a live portrayal of a Civil War battle, as well as handmade clothing, accessories, weapons, toys and even soap-making. Admission: Adults \$5.00, Children ages 10 & under are free. 334-283-4693, www.tallasseearmoryguards.org

November 16-18, 2018. The Skirmish at Chip Co. Crossing (Dade City, FL). Living history and Civil War Reenactments. Skirmishes will emerge from the village and battles will take place on Sat. and Sun. Pioneer Florida Museum & Village, 15602 Pioneer Museum Road, Dade City, FL 33523 www.pioneerfloridamuseum.org

December 1-2, 2018. Battle at Yellow Pines, FL. Held at Vero Beach Military History Expo at the Indian River County Fairgrounds. Battle held on Saturday and Sunday. 7955 58th Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32967 www.militaryhistoryexpo.com

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 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

NOVEMBER IN THE CIVIL WAR

1861

- 1st - George McClellan promoted to General-in-Chief of the Federal Army.
- 2nd - Lincoln relieves John Fremont from duty.
- 7th - Battle of Port Royal Sound, SC. Federals secure the inlet between Savannah & Charleston.
- 4th - Maj. Gen'l Stonewall Jackson assumes command of the Shenandoah Valley District.
- 7th - Gen'l Grant defeats Gen'l Pillow and then is routed by Gen'l Cheatham at Belmont, MO.
- 8th - Conf. commissioners are taken by USS San Jacinto from the British Mail Packet *Trent*.

1862

- 2nd - Federal navy assaults Ft. McAllister south of Savannah.
- 5th - Lincoln orders McClellan to be relieved of command.
- 6th - Jefferson Davis & Alexander Stevens are elected President and Vice-President of the CSA.
- 8th - Gen'l Ben Butler is relieved of command in New Orleans because of his disregard for civilians.
- 15th - George Randolph resigns as the Confederate Secretary of War.
- 24th - Joe Johnston assumes command of the reorganized Confederate Department of the West.

1863

- 2nd - President Lincoln is invited to make a few remarks at the cemetery dedication in Gettysburg.
- 9th - Lincoln attends the play, *The Marble Heart*, in which John Wilkes Booth stars.
- 11th - Ben Butler returns to active duty commanding the Dept. of Virginia and North Carolina.
- 17th - Siege of Knoxville begins, lasts until December 4.
- 19th - Lincoln delivers a 2-minute speech at the cemetery dedication at Gettysburg.
- 24th - Battle "Above the Clouds", Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 27th - Conf. Gen'l. John Hunt Morgan escapes from the Ohio State Prison.
- 29th - Battle of Ft. Loudoun (Knoxville), Tennessee.

1864

- 5th - Battle of Johnsonville, Gen'l Forrest and 2 captured gunboats attack supply depot on Tenn River.
- 8th - Republican Lincoln defeats Democrat McClelland for a second term as President.
- 10th - Sherman begins his march to the sea from Atlanta, Georgia.
- 22nd - Battle of Griswoldville, Georgia.
- 30th - Battle of Franklin, Tennessee

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 Monthly 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.

Christmas Party



We will be holding the Christmas Party this year on the 2nd Thursday of December, the 13th at Napolitanos Restaurant, 606 NW 75th St. Gainesville. There will be entertainment by two local artists from Cedar Key playing guitar and banjo and singing period songs. Hopefully you've signed up, if not see Sue Wooley and perhaps she can squeeze you in. Looks to be a good time.

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