

Civil War Roundtable of North Florida



“Where Both Sides Are Heard”
Founded in 2012

Please join us for our Next Meeting

6:30 PM Thursday, November 14, 2019

“George McClellan endorses Judge Woodward”

By Professor Matt Gallman

Upcoming Meetings

December 12, 2019

Christmas Party

January 9, 2020

Dave Bowers

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



In late October 1863 General George McClellan endorsed Judge George W. Woodward in his campaign for the governorship of



Pennsylvania. Today this is barely a footnote in the narrative of the Civil War, and in the political history of George McClellan (who would go on to challenge Abraham Lincoln for the presidency a year later). But should it be ignored?

This talk will tell the fascinating story of how McClellan came to endorse Woodward, and suggest some reasons why it should matter to folks interested in presidential politics and the crucial election of 1864.



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

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

Last Month's Meeting John H. Anderson, Jr. as Frederick Douglass



John. H. Anderson Jr. gave us an outstanding explanation of some of the aspects of antibellum slavery. He pointed out that slavery was already happening in Africa before the whiteman came to make deals with the African slave traders, who were black as well. These slave traders kept captured natives in horable conditions and didn't care what they were sold into. He also pointed out that slavery in the United States meant doing any kind of work that needed to be done. So the slaves of the antibellum times really built America, they so much more than "pick cotton". They were carpenters, black smiths, coopers well as field hands. They did much skilled labor.



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After an excellent introduction on slavery in America, John took on his Frederick Douglass personana and what an impression he made. Basically he delivered a speech that must have been at least 30 minutes and had us all mesmerized by the words of Frederick Douglass. He was telling us why it was important for the black man to fight in this war, what it meant to them as men and to their future ant the future of their race. I think everyone sat there awstruck as we were transformed back to 1863 and were in the presence of a outstanding orator.

Thanks, John (Andy) for giving us such a rememberable evening.



OTTER CREEK REENACTMENT – TRENTON, FL

OCTOBER 5-6, 2019



Artifacts Collected in Northern Florida by Mr. Larry Skinner on Display at the Reenactment



Confederate 12 pdr Napoleon & Crew, Otter Springs Reenactment

DETAILS OF OUR UPCOMING SPEAKERS

January 9, 2020

Dave Bowers

Mathew Brady “Renowned Photographer of the Civil War”



Dave Bowers, a photographer and reenactor himself will give us an in-depth presentation on Mathew Brady. Showing what Brady did for Photo Journalism as he set the standards that the press uses today to portray battlefield photography. Dave will also show us how he moved around the battlefields with his portable photography wagon and processed the photos as well as Brady’s successes and failures.



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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

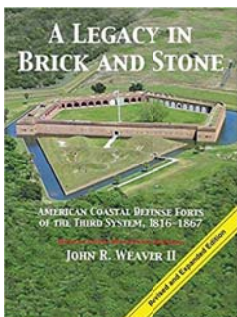


from Confederate camps, such as Andersonville and Cahaba back north. Designed for 376 passengers, it was loaded with over 2,000 former POWs. About 1,800 men died when the ship’s boiler exploded and starting the fire. Dan had a relative who couldn’t swim, but was one of the lucky survivors

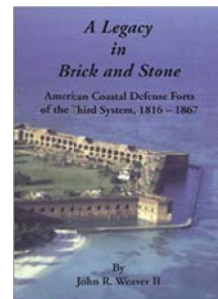
April 9, 2020

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

TBD

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15-17 Battle of Bowlegs Creek

Contact: Priscilla Perry fortmeadechamber@gmail.com

Location: 1639 Frostproof Hwy, Fort Meade, FL 33841

November 22-24 – Skirmish at Chip Co. Crossing (Dade City, Fla)

Contact: Everett Jones wjwingnut017@aol.com

Location: Pioneer Florida Museum & Village, 15602 Pioneer Museum Road, Dade City, FL

Internet Link: www.pioneerfloridamuseum.org

December 6-8 – Battle at Yellow Pines

Location: 7955 58th Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32967

Internet Link: www.militaryhistoryexpo.com

December 13-15 – Winter Muster at Ft. McAllister, Georgia

Location: 3894 Fort McAllister Road, Richmond, GA 31324

Internet Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mcalister2011/>

January 17-19 – Brooksville Raid

January 31 – February 2 – Battle at Townsend' Plantation

February 7-9 – Battle at Fort Taylor – Living History

February 8 – 155th Anniversary of the Skirmish at Station No. 4 Cedar Key, 10 A – 5 PM, Come and visit with reenactors depicting all the troops involved in the skirmish. Learn just what the skirmish was about. There will be camps and live demonstrations of rifled muskets and cannon used in the skirmish. In addition, Eric Starnes will be displaying his extensive collection of Civil War arms and Larry Skinner will be displaying his extensive set of Civil War artifacts dug around Florida. For more information, contact Bob Wooley.

February 14-16 - The Battle of Olustee

More Details on these events in the October Issue of this Newsletter

See also *Florida Reenactors Online News Magazine* - <https://sites.google.com/site/floridareenactorsonline/>

Continuing 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.



BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!! **PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING**

Please help insure the future of the **Civil War Round Table – North Florida** by being a member of the board of advisors and helping with all of the behind the scenes activities that make our monthly meetings with great speakers possible.

Contact one of the current board members and we'll introduce you to the excitement of organizing and running a Civil War Round Table.

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