

Civil War Roundtable of North Florida



“Where Both Sides Are Heard”
Founded in 2012

Upcoming Meetings

October 11

Peggy Macdonald

Ester Hill Hawks, Physician

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

March 14, 2019

Bruce Smith

Warships on the Chattahoochee

April 11, 2019

Joe Byrd

Maj. W. Simmons Confederate Sharpshooter

May 9, 2019

Noah Gengler

John Baylor and Conf. AZ

Please join us for our Next Meeting
6:30 PM Thursday, October 11, 2018

Ester Hill Hawks

By Dr. Peggy Macdonald



Peggy Macdonald, director of the Matheson History Museum in Gainesville, will speak on Dr. Esther Hill Hawks and the emergence of modern medicine during the Civil War. Hawks was a physician, a Northerner, a teacher, a school



Dr. Esther Hill Hawks

administrator, a suffragist, and an abolitionist. In her diaries, she describes heading to the South after the war to care for the newly freed slaves in her capacity as both a teacher and a doctor



General Hospital Number 10, Hilton Head Island



Manchester, NH

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

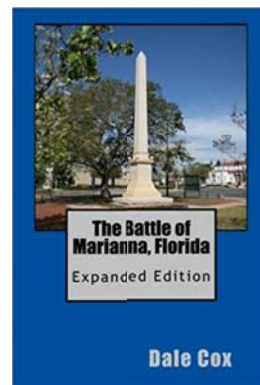
Last Month's Meeting September 13, 2018

Dale Cox speaking on The Battles of Marianna and Natural Bridge

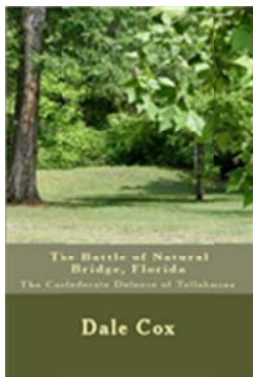


Dale Cox a long time resident of west Florida is an expert on the Civil War, especially in that region. Last month he shared his in-depth knowledge of two late war battles that occurred in Florida, one at Marianna and the second at Natural Bridge.

Come to find out Marianna was a key location to relay telegraphic messages from Tallahassee to the rest of the Confederacy. Without control of that town, the Florida State Government would be severely crippled in its ability to communicate to Richmond and other locations critical to its continuance of the war.



On September 27, 1864 a column of 700 Union soldiers attacked Marianna. What ensued was an incredible resistance from a few Confederate regulars, but mostly "home guard". The battle has been called "Florida's Alamo" because of the bloody and intense fighting around St. Luke's church. The church was eventually torched, killing at least 4 confederates still inside. Ultimately the confederates surrendered, with some of these prisoners, even though they weren't regular troops were sent to northern prisoner of war camps.



Dale continued with his description of the battle of Natural Bridge on March 6, 1865. While this battle did defend Tallahassee we found out that capturing the Capital was not the primary focus of the Federal commander, General Newton was hoping to release northern POW's held in Thomasville, Georgia. After raids by confederates on Ft. Myers he assumed that the Confederates didn't have sufficient troops in northern Florida to prevent him from marching right up to Georgia. In fact they did.

This was one of the last significant victories by the Confederacy and it did keep Tallahassee the only Confederate state capital city east of the Mississippi River that didn't fall before the final surrender.

The Confederate rushed to gather troops to defend the capital, including cadets from the West Florida Seminary (today's FSU). They fought just as bravely but didn't get the fame that the cadets from VMI did at the battle of New Market in Virginia.

After landing General Newton found that the bridge over the St. Marks River had been burned, so they continued north to what was known as the Natural Bridge where the river went underground for a short distance. The Confederates were waiting for them there and defeated them. The majority of the Union troops were from the 2nd and 99th USCT, former slaves and free blacks from the north. In addition was the 2nd Fla Cavalry US. Floridians who had formed a cavalry regiment for the Union.

Dale, thank you for a very informative and interesting evening.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5-7, 2018. Parrish Train Raid, Parrish Fla. A small event with two short attacks on the train as it passes each day (11:00 AM and 1:00 PM) Florida Railroad Museum, 12210 83rd St. East, Parrish, FL <https://sites.google.com/site/floridareenactorsonline/>

October 12th-14th, 2018. Raid on Otter Springs. Trenton, Fla. Reenactment of the 3-part raid on Station 4, spanning February 9th through 13th, 1865. Two engagements on Saturday (Clay Landing and Levyville) with the Battle at Station 4 on Sunday. Otter Springs Park and Campground, 6470 SW 80th Ave., Trenton, Florida. <https://www.facebook.com/raidonotter/>

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 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

OCTOBER IN THE CIVIL WAR

1861

- 4th - Lincoln observes a balloon ascension by Thaddeus Lowe.
John Ericsson is given a contract to build an ironclad warship for the Union Navy.
The Confederacy signs treaties with the Cherokee, Shawnee and Seneca Indians, allowing them to enter the war.
- 9th - Confederates attack the Federal batteries on Santa Rosa Island in Pensacola Bay and are repulsed.
- 12th - Confederate ironclad *CSS Manassas* confronts the Union Navy at the mouth of the Mississippi River.
- 24th - Lincoln terminates Gen'l Fremont's command in the west and gives control to Gen'l David Hunter.
- 31st - Gen'l Winfield Scott resigns as General-in-Chief of the Federal Army.

1862

- 3rd-4th Battle of Corinth results in a withdrawal by Confederate troops under Gen'l van Dorn
- 8th - Battle of Perryville, Kentucky. Confederates under Gen'l Bragg are forced to withdraw.
- 18th - Confederate Gen'l John Hunt Morgan routs Federal cavalry forces at Lexington, Kentucky.
- 22nd - At Maysville, Ark, Union forces successfully push Confederates out of the area.

1863

- 2nd - Hooker's troops arrive by train to reinforce Chattanooga.
- 15th - The Confederate submarine *H. L. Hunley* sinks for the second time during training, this time killing its inventor Horace Hunley.
- 29th - The Federals send 2,691 shells into Ft. Sumter, the stepped-up firing will continue for days.
- 30th - Federal steamship *Chattanooga* arrives in Chattanooga with 40,000 rations, ending the siege.

1864

- 1st - Gen'l Hood moves his army around Atlanta to strike Sherman's railroad line at Salt Springs.
- 2nd - Gen'l Beauregard is given command of the two armies in the west, those under Hood and Taylor.
- 7th - The *USS Wachusett* unlawfully captures the *CSS Florida* in the Brazilian port of Bahia.
- 8th - The *CSS Shenandoah* (aka *Sea King*) sails from London.
- 13th - Colonel John Mosby and his partisan rangers derail a train near Kearneyvill and rob a Federal paymaster of \$173,000 and then burn the train.
- 17th - Gen'l Hood moves toward Gadsen, Ala, ending his attacks on Sherman's supply line and heading north.
- 19th - The *Sea King* is officially commissioned the *CSS Shenandoah* and begins its mission of raiding Federal merchant shipping.
- 30th - The *CSS Olustee* runs the Naval blockade at Wilmington, NC to continue as a commerce raider.

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 continue the book sale but with a much reduced selection of books. We have downsized the large number of books we were hauling back and forth to the meetings. We'll visit the Alachua County Library book sale in the fall, looking for a few good books to add to the sale.

Christmas Party

We will be holding the Christmas Party this year on the 2nd Thursday of December, the 13th. There will be entertainment by two local artists from Cedar Key playing guitar and banjo and singing period songs. Space is limited, so sign-up early. We had a sign-up sheet at the September meeting and we'll do that at the October meeting then we'll need to get the count for the reservation, so no reservations after the October meeting. If you want to email your reservation, please send a note to either of the address below. Looks to be a good time.

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