

# Civil War Roundtable of North Florida



*"Where Both Sides Are Heard"*  
Founded in 2012

## Upcoming Meetings

November 14, 2019

**Matt Gallman**

*George McClellan and  
Politics*

December 12, 2019

**Christmas Party**

January 9, 2020

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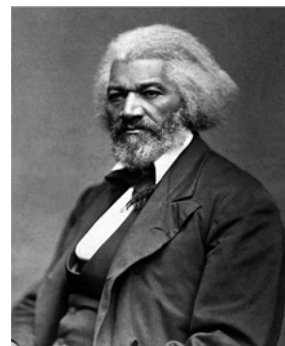
**John Weaver**

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

Please join us for our Next Meeting  
**6:30 PM Thursday, October 10, 2019**  
**John H. Anderson, Jr. as Frederick Douglass**



John H. Anderson, Jr., the son of Civil War reenactors has been part of his mother's reenactment troop for 17 years. His mother had been troubled by the neglect and false impressions most



historians had given of slaves and free persons of color regarding their development of our nation. Deliberately omitting rhetoric about the well known horrors of slavery, they set out to tell the stories about the lives and contributions of Americans of African decent from this era. John chose to learn the role of the famed abolitionist orator Frederick Douglass and began giving speeches and discussions on the Civil War and the contribution of people of color.

His goal in impersonating Frederick Douglas is to have everyone present feel enlightened and proud to be an American descendant of our history, regardless of which side our ancestors stood during the civil war. He speaks to all races, all ages and all cultural backgrounds with that simple goal in mind.

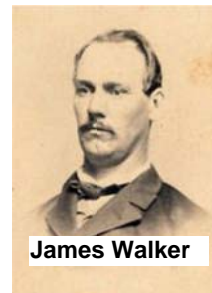
He has participated in the Battle of Olustee Festival for 17 years has been the main speaker at the Emancipation Day commemoration in Tallahassee, as well as many other events. He played a leading role in his mother's documentary film, 'Filling the Gap'. We look forward to a very interesting program with "Mr. Douglass".

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

**Last Month's Meeting**  
**"Student Who Challenged Jackson to a Duel at VMI & Later was  
Commander of the Stonewall Brigade"**  
**By: Professor Walter Blanton**



Dr. Blanton give us a very insightful account of the exciting life and war time experiences of James Alexander Walker. Seems that Mr. Walker was a very independent and high spirited young man that usually served him well, except in Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson's class at VMI. James, about to graduate, got into an argument with Jackson and Jackson charged him with disobeying an order. Walker challenged Jackson to a duel, luckily nothing came of that! But Walker was court martialed and dismissed from VMI.



James Walker

Following his dismissal he studied law and was practicing as an attorney when the war broke out. Eventually working his way through the ranks, he became known to Jackson as someone who was a fighter, distinguishing himself in many battles.

As a final tribute to his honor, Stonewall, on his deathbed, stated that Walker should be given the Stonewall Brigade.

Turns out that James had a brother Silas and Professor Blanton, who's first name is actually Silas is related to him, so he is also related to James.

Professor Blanton who has taught at Jacksonville University for over 50 years is also a big game hunter having taken over 20 trips to Africa hunting, several of those for lion.



Jackson at VMI

# LONG RANGE ARTILLERY MATCH – GRAYLING, MICH SEPTEMBER 7, 2019



20 pounder Parrott  
In the mud & Firing



Coehorn & Siege Mortars

10" Mortar Ball in Flight



3" Ordnance Rifle



24 pounder Bronze  
Howitzer



What we shoot at



Bob Wooley's 12 pdr  
Bronze Napoleon



What we shoot

# DETAILS OF OUR UPCOMING SPEAKERS

**November 14, 2019**

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*George McClellan and Politics*

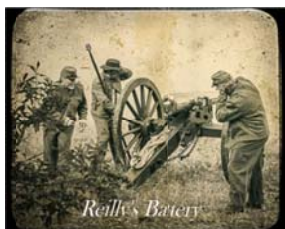
**January 9, 2020**

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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*Civil War Navy Topic TBD*

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Dan Wiles

*The Sultana Disaster*



Early on April 27<sup>th</sup> 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

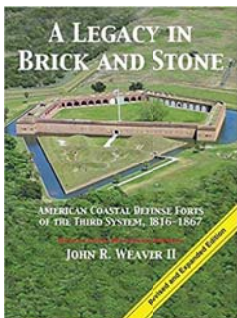


from Confederate camps, such as Andersonville and Cahaba back north. Designed for 376 passengers, it was loaded with over 2,000 former POWs. About 1,800 men died when the ship’s boiler exploded and starting the fire. Dan had a relative who couldn’t swim, but was one of the lucky survivors

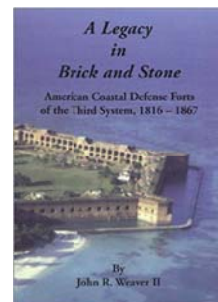
**April 9, 2020**

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

### October 4-6 – Raid on Otter Springs, FL

Location: 6470 SW 80<sup>th</sup> Ave., Trenton, Florida 32693

Contact: Clement Lindsey, [cwpyroman@gmail.com](mailto:cwpyroman@gmail.com)

The Federal Raid from their base on the Cedar Keys will be reenacted with two engagements on Saturday (Clay Landing and Levyville) and Station 4 on Sunday.

### October 4-6 – Parrish Train Raid

Location: Florida Railroad Museum, 12210 83<sup>rd</sup> St. East, Parrish, FL 34219

Contact: Barry King (352) 817-1776, [bjking75thohio@yahoo.com](mailto:bjking75thohio@yahoo.com)

Internet Link: <http://www.frm.org>

This small event will have two attacks on the train per day (11:00 AM & 1:00 PM).

### October 18-20, Andersonville Historic Fair & Civil War Reenactment, Georgia

Location: Civil War Village of Andersonville, 117 E. Church Street, Andersonville, GA 31711

Contact: (229) 924-2558, [info@andersonvillagegeorgia.info](mailto:info@andersonvillagegeorgia.info)

Internet Links: <http://www.facebook.com/andersonvillehistoricfair/>

<https://www.andersonvillegeorgia.info>

### November 1-3 – The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocklawaha River Raid

Contact: Lt. Col. Keith Kohl (352) 454-6089 [lcol2ndbattalion@gmail.com](mailto:lcol2ndbattalion@gmail.com)

Location: Florida Horse Park, 11008 S. Highway 475, Ocala, FL 34480

### November 1-3 – Battle of Irwinville, Georgia

Contact: Chris Burns [gatarheel75@gmail.com](mailto:gatarheel75@gmail.com)

Location: Jefferson Davis State Historic Site, 228 Jeff Davis Park Rd., Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750

### November 15-17 Battle of Bowlegs Creek

Contact: Priscilla Perry [fortmeadechamber@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:wjwingnut017@aol.com)

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

Internet Link: [www.pioneerfloridamuseum.org](http://www.pioneerfloridamuseum.org)

### December 6-8 – Battle at Yellow Pines

Location: 7955 58<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32967

Internet Link: [www.militaryhistoryexpo.com](http://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 – **155<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Advisory Board Members**

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**Sid Mayer**

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