

Civil War Roundtable of North Florida



"Where Both Sides Are Heard"
Founded in 2012

Upcoming Meetings

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

Please join us for our Next Meeting

6:30 PM Thursday, September 12, 2019

***"Student Who Challenged Jackson to a Duel at VMI &
Later was Commander of the Stonewall Brigade"***

By: Professor Walter Blanton

James Alexander Walker was born in 1832 in Augusta County, Virginia. He attended private schools as a youth, and then entered the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. He



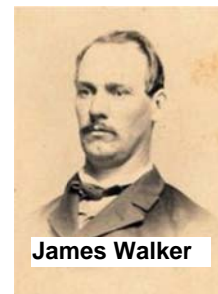
Jackson at VMI

was in a class of Major Thomas Jackson (Natural and Experimental Philosophy) when he thought Maj. Jackson was

challenging his integrity. He refused an order from Jackson to sit down and stop talking. Jackson dismissed him from class and charged him with disobeying an order. Cadet Walker, about to graduate in a few weeks, challenged

Maj. Jackson to a duel. Walker was court martialed and expelled. After which he studied law and became a lawyer.

At the beginning of the war, Walker enlisted as captain of the "Pulaski Guards". He advanced and at Fredericksburg he was acting brigade commander for Jubal Early. Jackson, on his death bed, requested that Walker be given command of the "Stonewall Brigade" at which time Walker was promoted to Brigadier General.



James Walker



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

**Last Month's Meeting
Robert E. Lee & His Family
By: Thomas Jessee**



Seeing Mr. Thomas Jessee at the Civil War Round Table Meeting made you think you were meeting General Robert E. Lee himself. Mr. Jessee looks and dresses the part. But more importantly he is extremely knowledgeable and gave a tremendous presentation about the life and family of Mr. Lee.

Mr. Lee was much more than just a great General and for those lucky enough to hear Mr. Jessee, you certainly found that out.



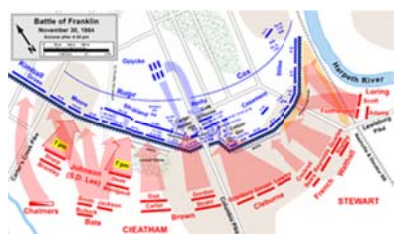
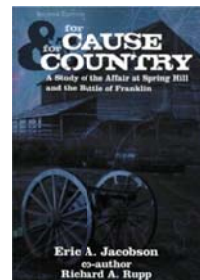
DETAILS OF OUR UPCOMING SPEAKERS

October 10, 2019

Eric Jacobson

Battle of Franklin

Mr. Jacobson is the Executive Director of the Battle of Franklin Trust and has written several books on the battle, including *For Cause & Country*, a very readable description of the battles at Spring Hill & Franklin, Tenn. Franklin was a horrific battle that seems to have been overlooked in the



in relation to battles like Gettysburg, even though the Confederate charge was larger, longer and deadlier than Pickett's. Franklin, fought late in the war, was the beginning of the end of the Confederate Army of Tennessee. The south lost 6,252 men (killed, wounded and missing) in about 5 hours of desperate fighting. Six Confederate generals died. Mr. Jacobson has such a tremendous grasp of the battle that you'll come away from his talk feeling like you were there!

November 14, 2019

Basil Gribbon

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

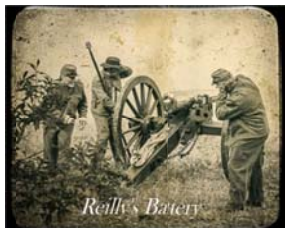
January 9, 2020

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***March 12, 2020**

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The Sultana Disaster

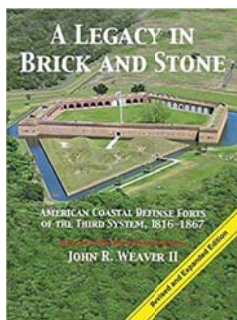
Early on April 27th 1865 the *Sultana* burst into flames on the Mississippi River. Tragically, the US Government had contracted with the *Sultana* to transport former Union prisoners of war



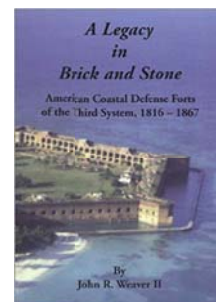
from Confederate camps, such as Andersonville and Cahaba back north. Designed for 376 passengers, it was loaded with over 2,000 former POWs. About 1,800 men died when the ship's boiler exploded and starting the fire. Dan had a relative who couldn't swim, but was one of the lucky survivors

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

September 7-8, Long Range Invitational Artillery Match, Grayling, Mich

Location: National Guard Range 8, Grayling, Mich

Internet Link: <https://grayling-mi.com/event/historic-cannon-firing-competition/2019-09-07>

Approximately 20 Civil War and Spanish American War field cannons and 12 Civil War mortars will be participating. Unlike other matches, usually limited to less than 200 yards, this event will have targets at 1,200 yards! Spectators are welcome.

September 6-8, 25th Anniversary of the Annual Battle of Tunnel Hill, Georgia

Location: 800 Hunt Road, Tunnel Hill, GA 30755

Contact: (678) 939-3679, email Ge, Ken. Sumner, Battle Coordinator, mtnrifles@msn.com

Internet Link: <http://www.battlefieldoftunnelhill.com>

At the site of the W&A RR tunnel, involved in the "Great Locomotive Chase" and seven skirmishes and battles. Battles on Saturday & Sunday. Military and civilian camps as well as sutlers.

September 27-28 – Occupation of Palatka

Location: 100 Madison Street, Palatka, FL

Contact: Rob Mattson, yelpmark@att.net

Internet Link: <http://palatka-fl.gov/239/Bronson-Mulholland-house>

Living history event, no battle or skirmish is reenacted. This recalls the March 1864 occupation of Palatka by Federal forces. There will be civilian and military camps and displays showing what it was like during that time.

October 4-6 – Raid on Otter Springs, FL

Location: 6470 SW 80th Ave., Trenton, Florida 32693

Contact: Clement Lindsey, 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 83rd St. East, Parrish, FL 34219

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

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

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

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/>

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

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

<https://www.andersonvillegeorgia.info>

November 1-3 – The 35th Annual Ocklawaha River Raid

Contact: Lt. Col. Keith Kohl (352) 454-6089 ltcol2ndbattalion@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

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

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 14-16 - The Battle of Olustee

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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