

Civil War Roundtable of North Florida



"Where Both Sides Are Heard"
Founded in 2012

Upcoming Meetings

July 12

Dr. Brian Rucker
"Mine eyes have seen"

August

No Meeting

September 13

Dale Cox
Battle of Marianna and Natural Bridge

October 11

Peggy MacDonald
Ester Hill Hawks, Physician

November 8

Donna Waller
Why the Civil War Happened

December 13

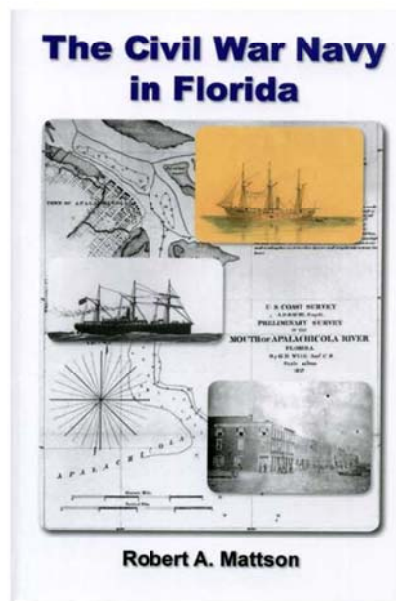
Christmas Party

Please join us for our Nest Meeting
6:30 PM Thursday, June 14, 2018

Naval Civil War in Florida

by

Robert Mattson



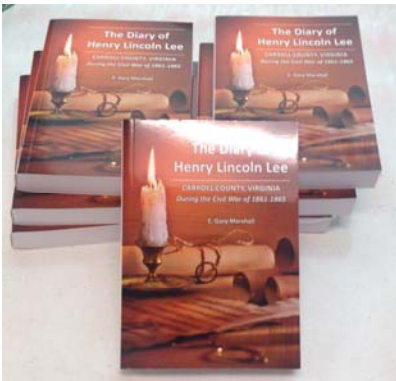
Robert Mattson will discuss the naval actions in and around Florida during the Civil War. Robert is a Naval Reenactor and will portray a Union Naval seaman.

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

Last Month's Meeting May 10, 2018

Gary Marshall dazzled the group with the real-life saga of living in Carroll County, Virginia during the War

Gary, an author an ordained minister and an engineer gave the group an insight onto what it was like to be in and around Carroll County Virginia during the Civil War. Starting right out, there was some "dissent" in the "loyalty" of the citizens toward seceding from the union. Over 10% of the population voted against secession. Might seem like a minor opposition, but when most neighboring counties were unanimously for secession, this was noticeable. The names of the men voting against secession were even printed in the paper.



Gary and his wife still own the family farm in Carrol County, his heritage there goes back 7 generations. To say that Gary had a few relatives in the war is an understatement. Seems he was related to everyone and almost everyone went to war.

Gary wrote a weekly article in The Carroll County News during the sesquicentennial of the war from April 2011 (anniversary of the bombardment of Ft. Sumter) through December 2015, 150 years after everyone was home and reconstruction was happening. Gary wrote these articles from the point of view of a fictional character

Henry Lincoln Lee, but basing it all on actual letters to and from county residents in the war. Gary wrote these articles anonymously, not knowing just what the reaction to them would be. Opinions about the war are strong, even 150 years later. In the end, no one seemed upset with Gary when they found out he wrote them.

Many of those initially opposed to secession joined the confederate army and many died. This is a story of difficult decisions in a difficult time. He also spoke of the brutality of the typically untrained and unpoliced "home Guard" and the havoc they wreaked in Carroll County.



Thanks, Gary, for a very
interesting and entertaining
evening.

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JUNE IN THE CIVIL WAR

1861

- 8th - The United States Sanitary Commission is given executive approval. The board will help maintain healthful conditions for Federal troops.
- 17th - The President observes Professor Thaddeus Lowe demonstrate the use of a lighter than air balloon. Some military advisors hope to employ balloons for observation of enemy movements.
- 24th - At Mathias Point, Virginia Confederate batteries are attacked by Federal gunboats. Three days later Confederates repel Federal attempts to land troops at this point.
- 30th - The *CSS Sumter* successfully slips past the Federal blockade, despite efforts by the *USS Brooklyn* to prevent it.

1862

- 6th - Confederate Captain James Montgomery, with an inadequate force of gunboats engages the Federal flotilla near Memphis. The Confederate boats have only 28 guns to the Federal's 68. The only Confederate vessel left after the battle, the *Van Dorn*, escapes down river. The Federals accept the surrender of Memphis before noon.
- 12th - General JEB Stuart takes a force of cavalry and artillery on a reconnaissance completely around McClellan's Federal army on the peninsula.
- 19th - President Lincoln outlines his controversial Emancipation Proclamation with his cabinet.
- 25th - Seven Days Campaign in Virginia begins.

1863

- 8th - Gen'l Lee attends a grand review of the Cavalry at Culpepper Court House.
- 9th - Federal Cavalry clash with Gen'l JEB Stuart at Brandy Station, Va. Federal troopers show that they are the equals of the southern riders.
- 24th - Confederate troops under Longstreet and Hill clash with Federals near Sharpsburg, Maryland.
- 27th - Lincoln removes Hooker as commander of the Army of the Potomac and replaces him with Gen'l George G. Meade.
- 30th - JEB Stuart engages Federal cavalry at Hanover, Pennsylvania.

1864

- 1st - Battle of Cold Harbor, Virginia begins. For 3 days the Confederates and the Federals battle it out with some of the costly charges in the war. 7000 Federals were lost in 30 minutes attempting to assault the Confederate lines.
- 8th - By a large margin Lincoln is nominated for president by the National Union Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. Andrew Johnson is nominated for vice-president over incumbent Hannibal Hamlin.
- 19th - *CSS Alabama* is sunk by the *USS Kearsarge* off Cherbourg, France

1865

- 22nd - The *CSS Shenandoah* fired its last shot, in the Bering Sea, capturing a New Bedford whaling ship.
- 23rd - Last formal surrender of a large Confederate force occurs in Oklahoma Territory

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



Your board has voted to significantly cut back the number of books offered for sale at each meeting. You have seen the same books for many months and we think if you were interested you would have purchased them. We will pick out about 1 box full of the more valuable, newer books and offer them for sale for the next couple of meetings. We will also pick out some of the best and save them for the raffle. The next Alachua County Library sale is in the fall. We will visit that and see if we can find new books to offer for sale at that time.

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