

Civil War Roundtable of North Florida



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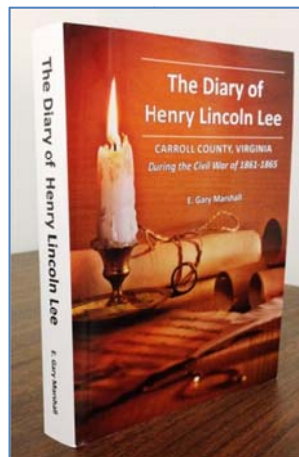
Please join us for our Next Meeting
6:30 PM Thursday, May 10, 2018

Gary Marshall

Discussing

“Conflicted Family, Conflicted County, Conflicted Nation: The Civil War in Carroll County, Virginia”

Based on his Book



The Diary of Henry Lincoln Lee

June 26, 1863
The 29th VA Infantry with two Carroll County companies was just issued Enfield rifles to replace their old smoothbore muskets. The Enfield's are .577 caliber which is smaller than the .69 projectile of the muskets. The new guns are said to be accurate and durable. The 29th, at the insistence of President Jefferson Davis, is being stationed in defense of Richmond while General Lee is marching north.

The 24th VA Infantry has been in Berryville, outside Winchester. The soldiers were there issued new clothes, not really uniforms per se, but clothes to replace the threads that were just barely hanging on their war-worn bodies. They are now on the march north with General Lee.

The 50th VA Infantry is also in this line of march with Lee. They report being detached to destroy canal boats on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and to destroy Union stores of grain and flour. They know they are headed deeper into Pennsylvania but the precise objective is still conjecture.

There are a lot of Carrol boys off the native soil of Virginia. They are in a "foreign" country seeking to win liberties from the perceived tyrannies of the North. One soldier of the 50th writes, "The people generally seem to be very kind to our soldiers. They divide their milk, butter, apple butter, and anything they have very liberally. But I tell you, the ladies of Pennsylvania wear a tremendous long face when they see the Rebels coming, but if they don't like the rebels there is no love lost."

It has been a forgone conclusion, but now official as of June 20, 1863: West Virginia is the 35th state in the Union, and Wheeling is its capital. I don't suppose "Union" is the best present term. Tradition since the American Revolution holds that the former colonies are now a "union" of states, as in these "United States of America." Secession has fractured that Union into North and South. If Grant wins Vicksburg we will be fractured again into East and West along the boundary of the Mississippi River. Our hopes and prayers rest with Lee and Providence.

The Carroll News, Wednesday, June 26, 2013

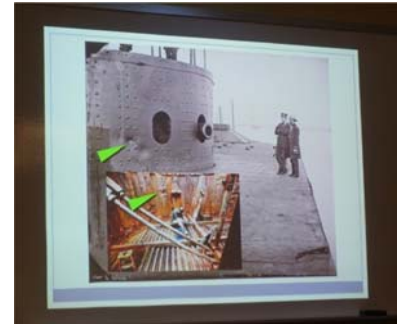
Trinity United Methodist Church (TUMC)
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Last Month's Meeting April 12, 2018

Mark Laubacher used his medical background to give us an excellent insight to what a surgeon experienced on the *USS Monitor*!



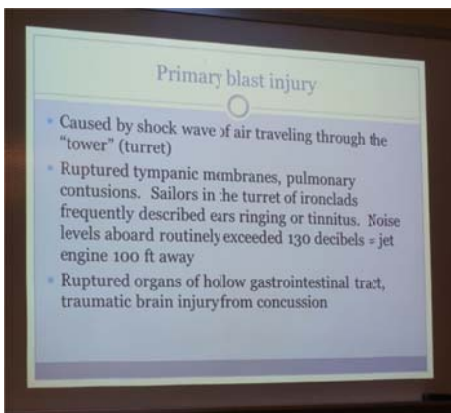
As a RN and paramedic Mark tapped into his knowledge of medicine to explain to us that serving on board a Federal Ironclad war ship in the civil war was no picnic. Starting out on their journey from New York to Hampton Roads, Virginia to fight the *CSS Merrimac* the unseaworthy *USS Monitor* was



Hits in the Monitor Turret

tossed about, making nearly everyone sick. That turned out to be the simplest of his problems as they got into battle, there wasn't the injuries from musket fire,

but there were serious injuries due to the concussion of iron bolts striking the *Monitor's* turret. Then to add insult to injury the below deck areas became polluted with poisonous gases such as carbonic acid and carbon monoxide when the ventilators weren't working or didn't work well enough. Then there was the seriously high heat below decks, caused by heat of the engines and poor ventilation. One additional problem he ran into after the fighting was the long time on station in the James River, with men drinking



water from the river they came down with all sorts of illnesses from the polluted water. Daniel Logue, MD a surgeon in civilian life volunteered to serve as a Naval Surgeon and was assigned to the *USS Monitor* in February, 1862, before it launched. He resigned from the Navy when the *Monitor* came in to be refitted in October, 1862.



Thank you *Mark* for a very informative and interesting Civil War Round Table presentation.

MAY IN THE CIVIL WAR

1861

- 6th - Arkansas' state legislature votes 69-1 in favor of secession.
- 9th - James Bullock is sent to England to purchase arms and vessels for the Confederacy.
- 13th - Britain's Queen Victoria declares her nation's position of neutrality, but will give each side the rights accorded belligerents.
- 20th - North Carolina votes for secession.
- 24th - Alexandria, Virginia is occupied by Federal troops.
- 31st - General Beauregard is given command of the Confederate Army of the Potomac.

1862

- 3rd - Gen'l Johnston evacuates Yorktown under pressure from Gen'l McClellan.
- 8th - Stonewall Jackson repulses Gen'l Schenk's Federals in a major battle in the Shenandoah Valley.
- 9th - Norfolk is evacuated by Confederates.
- 9th - Gen'l Hunter frees slaves in South Carolina, Florida and Georgia.
- 19th - 8 Conf. gunboats attack 7 Federal ships near Island #10 and Sink ironclads Cincinnati and Mound
- 11th - CSS Virginia (Merrimack) is destroyed in the James River by Confederates.
- 16th - Gen'l Butler issues the "Woman Order" in N. Orleans because of harassment by the local women
- 19th - Lincoln countermands Hunter's order of May 9th that freed slaves.
- 31st - During the battle of Fair Oaks, Gen'l Johnston is wounded and Gen'l Lee takes command.

1863

- 1st - Hooker attacks Lee as the battle of Chancellorsville begins.
- 2nd - Jackson executes his flank attack and is wounded at Chancellorsville, JEB Stuart takes command.
- 6th - Former congressman Vallandigham charged with treason and sentenced to close confinement.
- 10th - Jackson contracts pneumonia after amputation of his arm and dies at Guinea's Station, Virginia
- 16th - Battle of Champion Hill, Miss. Confederates retreat to Vicksburg.
- 19th - Vallandigham is ordered out of Federal Military boundaries and not to return.
- 27th - Federal siege of Port Hudson (on the Mississippi R.) begins.
- 28th - First regiment of colored troops leaves Boston for Hilton Head, they are the 54th Mass.

1864

- 2nd - Confederates harass Bank's army as he continues his retreat to Alexandria, Louisiana
- 4th - 122,000 Federal troops cross the Rapidan River initiating the battle of the Wilderness.
- 8th - Sherman starts his Atlanta Campaign by probing the Army of Tennessee near Dalton, Georgia
- 8th - 21st - Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia
- 9th - Gen'l Sedgwick is killed by a sharpshooter at Spotsylvania, Virginia.
- 11th - Battle of Yellow Tavern, JEB Stuart is wounded and dies the next day.
- 23rd - 26th Battle of North Anna, Virginia

1865

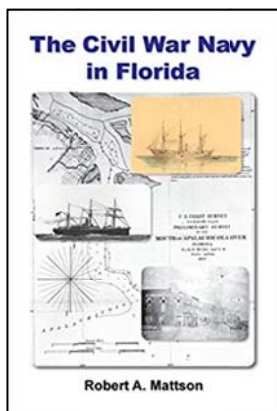
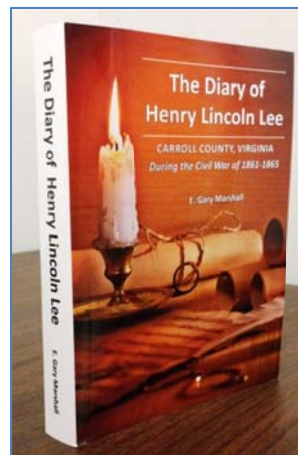
- 3rd - Lincoln's funeral train reaches Springfield, Illinois
- 4th - Gen'l Taylor surrenders the western army to Gen'l Canby at Citronelle, Arkansas
- 9th - Gen'l Nathan Bedford Forrest disbands his troops.
- 10th - President Davis captured by the 4th Michigan Cavalry near Irwinville, Georgia
- 11th - CSS Stonewall sails into Havana harbor and surrenders to Federal officials on the 19th.

Upcoming Meetings

(second Thursday of each month—6:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church)
(speakers and topics subject to change)

May 10, 2018:

Historian **Gary Marshall** will speak on **Conflicted Family, Conflicted County, Conflicted Nation: The Civil War in Carroll County, Virginia**, based on his book, *The Diary of Henry Lincoln Lee: Carroll County, Virginia during the Civil War of 1861-1865*.



June 14, 2018:

Robert Mattson will talk about the **Naval Civil War in Florida**, based on his book by the same title (2014). His presentation will focus on men, ships, and actions. Robert is a Civil War reenactor who portrays a Union Navy seaman.

July 12, 2018:

Dr. Angela Zombek, history professor at St. Petersburg College (and a University of Florida graduate), will speak on **Imprisonment in the Civil War Era**. Of the approximate 3.8 million soldiers in the Civil War, about 400,000 became POWs.

Right: Georgia's infamous Andersonville POW camp where 13,000 Union soldiers perished. Photo taken on Aug. 7, 1864, by Andrew Jackson Riddle. Photo courtesy: Civil War Academy



Aug. 9, 2018: No meeting

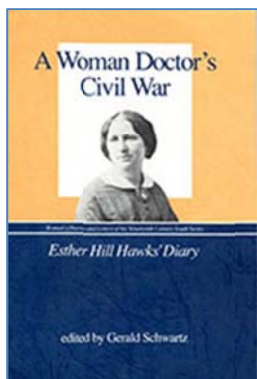
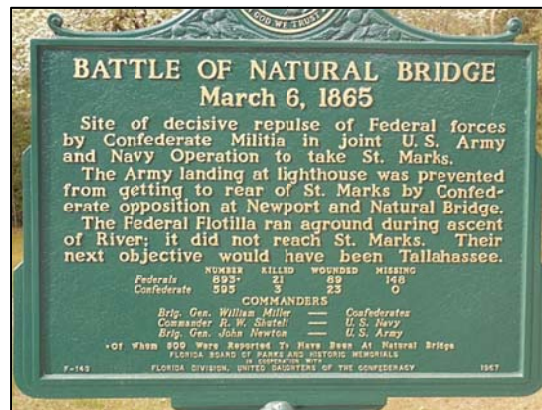
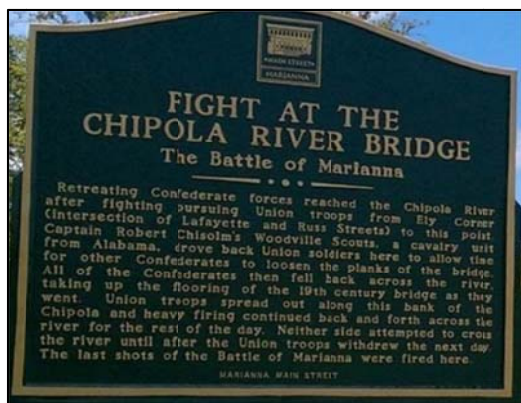
Sept. 13, 2018:

Author and historian **Dale Cox**, of Two Egg (in the Panhandle), Florida, will give a presentation on the **Battle of Marianna (Sept. 27, 1864) and Natural Bridge (March 6, 1865)**.

Below left: photo of Battle of Marianna plaque. Plaque courtesy: <http://twoegg.tv/tag/marianna/>

Below right: photo of Natural Bridge plaque.

Plaque courtesy: http://www.rvadventuresofgaryandmarianne.net/RV_2015_03.html



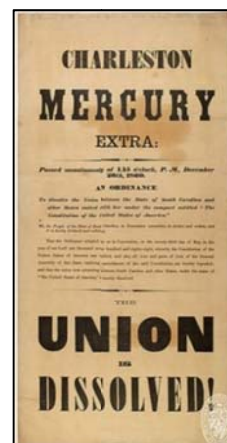
Oct 11, 2018:

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

Nov. 8, 2018:

Donna Waller will give a talk on **Why the Civil War Happened**. Dr. Waller is a retired Santa Fe College faculty member where her teaching focus for 30 years was on the Civil War and the history of the American presidency. In October 2014, she spoke to the CWRNF on the war with Mexico and Pres. James K. Polk.

Right: Charleston Mercury broadside printed Dec. 20, 1860, which instigated a war resulting in more than 700,000 deaths. Courtesy: http://railsplitter.com/?page_id=218



Dec. 13, 2018: Holiday Party

Upcoming Local, Regional, State and Nearby Civil War Events
(events & dates subject to change; please confirm event & date before traveling)

May 4-6 – Federal Garrison of Fort Clinch, Fernandina Beach, Union soldiers, sailors and marines recreate the camps in and around Ft. Clinch in May 1864. For more information see their website:

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Fort-Clinch>

May 18-20 – Battle of Resaca, Georgia Located at Chitwood Farms, Chitwood Road NE, Resaca, Georgia. Battle reenactment both days at 2:00 PM. Ladies tea at 11:30 AM Saturday. Church services and baseball game on Sunday. For more information see their website:

http://www.georgiadivision.org/bor_reenactment.html

July 5-8 – Gettysburg, Pa_155th Gettysburg National Battle Reenactment at 1085 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg. For more information 800-514-3489 or <http://www.gettysburgreenactment.com>

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.



Raffle items at the April Meeting

Book sales



We will continue to have a sale at the back of the room of “gently used” Civil War history books, history DVDs, historical maps, and/or magazines for at our monthly meetings. All proceeds go toward outside speaker fees and room rental fees.

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