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THE TAMPA BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE BUGLE CALL



Thoughts from the President

I was the first and, to date, only President of our Round Table. Due to continuing health problems, I will not run for reelection. Your Nominating Committee has put together a good list of potential Officers for 2019. Of course nominations will be taken from the floor before we vote at this month's meeting.

It was my idea to start a local Round Table and it has been an adventure. We started from scratch. Only one person at the first meeting had ever been to a Round Table meeting. It wasn't me. It was Frank Crawford. I want to thank some of those who helped make us successful. **Scott Peeler** has served as Vice President from the beginning. He did a fine job running the meetings I could not attend. **Jim Weiss** was our first Treasurer. Jim set up our bank account and did the required IRS paperwork. During the years we met at the History Center, he made the room reservations every month. Jim has not held an official office the last few years but he has been someone I could always rely on when I needed help, which was often. My late wife, **June**, was our Secretary the first few years. More importantly she always encouraged and supported me when I would be ready to throw in the towel. Frank Crawford was our first Newsletter editor. He was also my mentor in the early days. In more recent time, others have held Office or provided services but the ones above were our Pioneer officers and without them, we would not have survived.

Finally, I want to thank the **History Center** and the **Children's Board** for providing us with first class meeting rooms at no charge.

Meeting October 31, 2018 Minutes

Meeting was held at 6:30 P.M. In the Children's Board Building. Jim Weiss and Scott Peeler gave us a recap of the Family History Fair we participated in at the Germany Library. Col. Spike Speicher brought various Civil War relics to display on our exhibit table. They reported a lot of interest in our organization from those who stopped by our table.

Our speaker was Col. Peter Mullen. He discussed the affiliations of the Southeastern Indian Tribes with the Union and Confederate Army's. The best known was Confederate General Stan Waite who led the Cherokee Braves in Indian Territory and surroundings. He was the last Confederate General to surrender.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45

*These are Meeting Minutes that I wrote for our last meeting. I took brief notes at the meeting. The next day, I used my notes to write these Minutes up in a Word document. The entire process took about 30 minutes. We need someone to step up and be our Secretary. Writing the Minutes is an easy job. **Think about it!***

Jack

The next meeting of the Tampa Bay Civil War Round Table will be Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Children' Board Building 1002 E. Palm Ave. Tampa, FL. The speaker will be Jay Ferris and the topic will be : The Random Nature of History and the Problem with What If's/If Only.

2019 dues of \$25 are now payable.

Two reminders: There will be no December meeting. The January meeting is **Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019. Please note we will meet on Tuesday instead of Wednesday because of a scheduling conflict.**

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Jay H. Ferris, Treasurer/Program Chairman

You are invited to submit information or articles to be included in our Newsletter. These can be anything you feel will be of interest to our membership. They must be submitted by the 12th of each month. They must be in the form of an attachment that can be copied completely into the newsletter without having to be retyped. Please remember, we are non-partisan and non-political. Submit your information to Jim Weiss jimweiss@verizon.net

As early as December, 1862 , president Jefferson Davis denounced states' rights as destructive to the confederacy. The mountainous counties of West Virginia bolted to the Union. Confederate troops had to occupy East Tennessee to keep it from emulating West Virginia. Winn Parish Louisiana refused to secede from the Union. Winston County, Alabama declared itself the free state of Winston. Unionist farmers and woodsmen in Jones County, Mississippi declared the free state of Jones.

Every Confederate state except South Carolina supplied a regiment, or at least a company of white soldiers to the Union army, as well as many black recruits. Armed guerrilla actions plagued every Confederate state with the exception of Missouri (and the 1863 New York City draft riots , few Union states or afflicted with such problems.) It became dangerous for Confederates to travel in parts of Alabama Florida North Carolina Tennessee and Texas. The war was fought not just between the North and South but between Unionists and Confederates within the Confederacy and Missouri. By February 1864 president Davis despaired: "Public meetings of treasonable character, in the name of state sovereignty, are being held."

The US states' rights as an ideology was contradictory and could not mobilize the white South for the long haul.

Here is where we meet.



Mark Your Calendar Now

**The January Meeting will be Tuesday, January 29, 2019
due to a conflict at the Children's Board.**

Editor's Note: The following was copied from the October issue of The Civil War Reporter, which is the newsletter of the McHenry County Civil War Round Table. Thank you Frank.

THANKSGIVING IN THE CIVIL WAR

By Jodi Frederiksen American Civil War Museum

By November 1861, the American Civil War was in full swing.

Eleven states seceded from the Union, Federal troops had been called up, and the Rebel armies had been engaged in two battles which included Manassas and Wilson's Creek.

Though perhaps some of the initial excitement of going to war remained, a break came for Confederate soldiers in mid-November, 1861. Perhaps following the example of General George Washington from 1789, Confederate President Jefferson Davis declared a "day of fasting, humiliation and prayer" to take place on November 15, 1861. While this new proclamation was very similar to others that Davis issued which specifically called for a day of "thanksgiving," that word does not appear in the wording of this particular message.

However, from the headquarters of the Valley District, Major General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson ordered all drills to be suspended for the day.

