

History of the Civil War in Florida

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Place: Anderson-Price Building, 42 North Beach Street, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

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At the outset of the Civil War, Florida's entire population was only a bit larger than present-day Gainesville. Still, the state played an outsized role in the conflict. Floridians fought for the Union and Confederate armies. Sunshine State farmers provided beef and other foodstuffs for the Confederacy, rations that proved increasingly consequential as the years wore on. The battles of Olustee and Natural Bridge, where boys from the West Florida Seminary entered the fray, helped keep Tallahassee as the only Confederate-held capital east of the Mississippi River. Even the conspirators involved in Lincoln's assassination wove a trail that led to Florida. Join author Robert Redd on a tour of the lesser-known aspects of Florida in the Civil War.

Robert Redd is currently the Cultural Coordinator for the County of Volusia. Previously, he was the Executive Director for

the New Smyrna Museum of History. He has published six books through Arcadia Publishing. The two most recent include *Hidden History of Civil War Florida* (2022), and *Florida at Sea: A Maritime History* (2023). The latter is co-authored with Dr. Nick Wynne and Dr. Joe Knetsch. He holds a Bachelor's degree in American Studies from Stetson University, and a Master's degree in Public History from American Public University.

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