

Civil War Roundtable of North Florida



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NO JULY MEETING !

Next Meeting (open to the public)

Thursday, August 7, 2014, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at:

Millhopper Branch Library (Meeting Room A in the back)
3145 NW 43rd Street
Gainesville, Florida 32606

Roundtable Discussion for August 7, 2014

Historian and author Keith W. Kohl will speak about the Battle of Gainesville on August 17, 1864—the 150th anniversary of that battle this year. Keith wrote *Florida's Civil War Years* (2011). He will bring copies of his book to sign after the meeting. **\$11 per book (cash preferred; will take a check). If time permits, Keith will speak about his experiences in 1992 as an “extra” in the filming of the movie *Gettysburg*.**



Right: Capt. John J. Dickison, known as the “Swamp Fox,” led the Confederate forces (Companies H, F of the 2nd Florida Cavalry) into Gainesville on August 17, 1864, and dispersed the Federal troops (75th Ohio Mounted Infantry; two companies of the 4th Massachusetts Cavalry; Battery A, 3rd Rhode Island Heavy Artillery). Photo courtesy: *State Library and Archives of Florida*

Meeting Agenda for August 7, 2014

Welcome new members & attendees

- Introductions

Administrative

- Financial report
- **Membership payment: annual dues to be paid at the September 4th meeting (checks payable to CWRNF)**

Roundtable discussion

- **Battle of Gainesville: August 17, 1864**

Open discussion / Q&A

Recommendations / ideas for future meeting topics and discussions

Book signing by speaker / author Keith Kohl. \$11 per book (cash preferred; will take a check)

CWRNF News

Previous June 5, 2014 meeting

Meeting attendance: 20. Members Eric Starnes and Terry Huston gave informative talks on the Battle of Cold Harbor. Eric spoke from the perspective of Lee's troops, including after-action reports, and Terry addressed the battle from the standpoint of the Federal troops. Diane Fischler talked about the Roundtable's first field trip: Andersonville. She gave a brief slide presentation of the CWRNF trip to the National Historic Site and stopping at two other historical sites: 1) Jimmy Carter Regional Airport

(formerly Souther Field where Charles Lindbergh flew his first solo flight), and 2) Andersonville Village, which was the last railroad stop for 45,000 Federal prisoners of war heading to the nearby POW camp.

Website: www.cwrnf.org

Please check the website periodically for updates on the CWRNF's ongoing events. We will continue emailing the monthly *Courier*.

Books, maps, magazines, DVD sales to raise money

Donate one or more of your "gently used" hard or soft cover history books, history DVDs, historical maps, or magazines for re-sale at our monthly meetings. The books can cover any period in history, but American 19th and 20th century history books would be preferred. All proceeds go directly into the CWRNF account. **So please bring in your books, maps, magazines, and DVDs!** Payment can be either cash or check (made payable to CWRNF). Please place a post-it note on the front cover to show the sale price for each item. At these reduced rates, the prices are not negotiable.

Membership dues

Full membership dues will be payable on September 4th for next year's participation in the CWRNF organization. We also encourage anyone who may not be able to attend our meeting—but who wishes to support our organization—to sign up. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Individual: \$25
Couple/Family: \$35
Student: \$15

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Upcoming Events

CWRNF schedule of meeting topics (speakers and topics subject to change)

Sept. 4: **Speakers: all of you.** Many of you have ancestors who fought in the Civil War, as indicated in past CWRNF gatherings. The floor will be open to anyone who would like to give a brief talk (about 10 minutes) about a relative and any of their known experiences during the Civil War. If there is not enough time to cover all these ancestors, we can hear about them in future meetings. "Experiences" of that particular soldier/sailor can cover name, state of origin, regiment, which army, known battle participation, relationship to that ancestor, what became of them after the war, etc. **We would like to post the names of your ancestor(s) on the website. This meeting is also an opportunity for you to suggest topics of interest for future meetings. Please share your ideas!**

Oct. 2: TBA

Nov. 6: Ray Carson, author, professional photographer, and the University of Florida's chief photographer, will give a talk on Civil War photography. Ray is author of *The Civil War Soldier: A Photographic Journey*, published by Stackpole Books (2000). The dust jacket reads: "Through stark, unposed photographs of Civil War re-enactors, photographer and re-enactor Ray Carson has captured this reality of the common soldier's life. Combining the intimacy and intensity of modern photojournalism with the authenticity and historical feel of 1860s photography, Carson has painted a vivid portrait of both the glory and the tragedy of the Civil War." He has exhibited his photographs in numerous galleries throughout the United States, and has published in national magazines, including *Discovery Magazine*, *Archeology Magazine*, and *U.S. News & World Report*.

Dec. 11: **Second annual CWRNF holiday dinner. Restaurant and time to be announced. Dinner is in place of the Dec. 4th meeting. At the Aug. 7th meeting, indicate on a sign-up sheet if you would like to come to the dinner. Please be prepared to say how many others will be attending with you. The sign-up sheet will be circulated again at the Sept. 4th meeting. Based on the number of members/guests who wish to attend the dinner, we will reserve a private room at a restaurant. Given the busy holiday season for private rooms, the reservation needs to be made by Sept. 30.**

Outside Events:

August 16, 2014 – Battle of Gainesville 150th Anniversary Commemoration

The CWRNF will have reserved table space at the 150th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Gainesville, held behind the Matheson Museum east of the downtown library on East University Avenue. Three members of the CWRNF have volunteered to man a table from approximately 8 a.m. to noon that morning. Contact Diane Fischler (phone: 352--378-3726; email: diane@proofinggrounds.com) if you would like to assist at this table.