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MISSION STATEMENT/PURPOSE

MONTHLY MEETING

The Civil War Round Table of North Florida (CWRTNF) meets the first Thursday of each month (except holidays). The meeting is open to the public.

Location: Alachua County Library
Millhopper Branch - Meeting Room B
3145 NW 43rd Street
Gainesville, FL 32606
(352) 334-1272

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

THIS MONTH'S MODERATOR

John Walsh

FEATURED SPEAKER

Speaker: Sid Mayer

Topic: “Civil War Humor Stories”

AGENDA

- Refreshments
 - Bob Wright
- Administrative
 - John Walsh
- Presentation
 - Sid Mayer
- Open Discussion/Suggestions
 - Group

“THIS MONTH 150 YEARS AGO”

EAST

June 3, 1863 General Lee, with 75,000 Confederates, launches his second invasion of the north, heading into Pennsylvania in a campaign that will lead to Gettysburg.

June 9, 1863 “Battle of Brandy Station” The largest cavalry battle on American soil pitted Major Gen. Alfred Pleasonton (US) against Major Gen. J.E.B. Stuart (CS). Brandy Station is the first battle of the war’s most famous campaign – Gettysburg.

WEST

June 7, 1863 “Battle of Milliken’s Bend” was one of the earliest battles where African-American troops fought. In this battle, the majority of the Union forces were composed of black troops.

June 18, 1863 Major General John McClelland is relieved of command by Ulysses S. Grant for insubordination.

NEWS OF THE CWRTNF

Attendance Last Meeting: 8

We now have an Internet mailbox. Please use this e-mail address to contact the Civil War Roundtable of North Florida.

Many thanks to last month's speaker, Eric Starnes, for his informative presentation on "The Battle of Big Black" and to Diane Fischler for providing delicious desserts, drinks and outstanding 'Hardtack'.

'Welcome Aboard" to new attendees:

- Hap Caldwell
- Colin Smith

Upcoming CWRTNF Meetings and Speakers:

- July 4, 2013, No Meeting, Library Closed for the Holiday

Upcoming Outside Events:

- Saturday, September 28, 2013, 10 A.M. – 3 P.M., Olustee Civil War Expo

NEW CLASS !

"THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG"

Instructor: John Walsh

Learn about the causes of the Civil War along with the military and political leaders of the time. We will focus on the turning point and high water mark of the Confederacy, the Battle of Gettysburg. We will discuss important historical figures that played a critical role in this great conflict. Bring your interest, questions and enthusiasm.

Starts: Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Classes: 4

Where: SENIOR RECREATION CENTER

5701 NW 34th Street

Gainesville, Fl 32653

Registration is required. Contact Santa Fe College Center for Innovation and Economic Development for further information.

CIVIL WAR FACT

Hardtack (also called ‘sea biscuit’) is a simple type of cracker or biscuit, made from flour, water, and sometimes salt. Some hardtack used during the Civil War had been stored from the 1846–8 Mexican-American War. It appears that it was first called hardtack by the Union Army of the Potomac. Although the name spread to other units, it was generally referred to as hard bread by the armies of the West.