

*Civil War Roundtable of North Florida*



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**MISSION STATEMENT/PURPOSE**

**The Civil War Roundtable of North Florida (CWRTNF)** is dedicated to the study, preservation and discussion of the events and people that were part of the War Between the States. Membership is open to all who have an interest in the American Civil War (1861-1865).

**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 43<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
(352) 334-1272

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

## **THIS MONTH'S MODERATOR**

Terry Houston

## **FEATURED SPEAKER**

Speaker: Roundtable Discussion

Topic: "Battle of Chickamauga"

The **Battle of Chickamauga**, fought September 19–20, 1863, marked the end of a Union offensive in southeastern Tennessee and northwestern Georgia called the **Chickamauga Campaign**. The battle was the most significant Union defeat in the Western Theater of the American Civil War and involved the second highest number of casualties in the war following the Battle of Gettysburg.

The battle was fought between the Army of the Cumberland under Maj. Gen. William Rosecrans and the Confederate Army of Tennessee under Gen. Braxton Bragg, and was named for Chickamauga Creek, which meanders near the battle area in northwest Georgia (and ultimately flows into the Tennessee River about 3.5 miles (5.6 km) northeast of downtown Chattanooga).

## **AGENDA**

- Refreshments  
Diane Fischler
- Administrative
- Presentation  
CWRTNF
- Open Discussion/Suggestions  
Group

## **NEWS OF THE CWRTNF**

Attendance Last Meeting: 15

We have an Internet mailbox. [civilwar@post.com](mailto:civilwar@post.com) Please use this e-mail address to contact the Civil War Roundtable of North Florida.

We now have a USPS mailbox. Please send any correspondence, including membership applications, to: Civil War Roundtable of North Florida, P.O. Box 357771, Gainesville, FL 32635

Many thanks to last month's speaker John McLean for his informative presentation on "The Battle of Gainesville".

A special thanks and “Well Done” to Diane Fischler for her time and effort in designing and printing our membership application.

‘Welcome Aboard” to new attendees:

- Tim Wall
- Lori Atkins
- Rosemary Cortez
- Virginia Lofton
- Debra Solomon

Upcoming CWRTNF Meetings and Speakers:

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Upcoming Outside Events:

- Visit the Olustee Civil War Expo  
When: Saturday, September 28, 2013  
Time: 10 am – 3 pm  
Where: Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park  
[www.battleofolustee.org/expo.html](http://www.battleofolustee.org/expo.html)

### **“THIS MONTH 150 YEARS AGO”**

#### ***EAST***

September 5, 1863 - British forces stop the shipment of two ironclads from Liverpool under orders from Lord Russell. This dashed Confederates hopes of British support during the war.

#### ***WEST***

September 19-20, 1863, - “Battle of Chickamauga”

September 21, 1863 - Mortally wounded at Chickamauga, Confederate Brigadier General Benjamin "Ben" Hardin Helms dies. He was Abraham Lincoln's brother-in-law.



Brigadier General Benjamin Hardin Helms

**CIVIL WAR FACT**

General Robert E. Lee, commander of the Confederate forces, traveled with a pet hen that laid one egg under his cot every morning.