

Memorial Events Committee

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

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Event Background and Support

This event was first held in November 2022 based on a five-year partnership with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, the National Park Service, and Flagler College. The event served as an initial opportunity to honor those warriors who had been imprisoned at Fort Marion, some of who died in St. Augustine, between 1875 and 1878. It also provided an important opportunity for the National Park Service to listen and learn from the Tribes and better understand the long lasting, traumatic impacts that this imprisonment had—and still has—on tribes today.

Through continuing partnership efforts, this year's gathering has been an expanded partnership to include the Kiowa Tribe, the Comanche Nation, and the Caddo Nation in addition to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

In addition to the Tribes, this event is also made possible through partnerships with host Flagler College, the University of Central Florida, and the Florida National Guard. These important events have also been made possible through the support of the National Park Foundation.

Plains Indian Warriors

Honoring Historic Footprints, 1875-1878



November 15 & 16, 2023

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, join the National Park Service and partners for **special FREE events** November 15 and 16, 2023. These events are made possible with close partnership with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, the Kiowa Tribe, the Comanche Nation, and the Caddo Nation—all attending from Oklahoma—as well as partners from the Florida National Guard, Flagler College and the University of Central Florida.

Art: Melancholy Prospect from Fort Marion, by Zotom



Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Flagler College, Virginia Room, Ringhaver Student Center

- 8:30 a.m.

Arrival & Check-in
- 9:00 a.m.

Opening Prayer and Welcome Remarks
Opening Prayer
Max Bear, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
Welcome
Bill TallBear, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
Gordie Wilson, Fort Marion Superintendent
Dorothy FireCloud, NPS Native American Affairs Liaison
Opening Remarks from Tribe Leadership
Lawrence Spottedbird, Chairman, Kiowa Tribe
Bobby Gonzalez, Chairman, Caddo Nation
Mark Woommavovah, Chairman, Comanche Nation
- 10:00 a.m.

“Lost Warriors”: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Prisoners of Fort Marion
Darren Brown, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
- 10:45 a.m.

BREAK
- 11:00 a.m.

Ledger Art: A Contemporary Artist’s Perspective
Julie Dickover, Flagler College, facilitator
George Levi
Beau Tsatoke
Dolores Purdy Cotton
NiCole Hatfield
- 12:15 p.m.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

Thursday, November 16, 2023
Flagler College, Virginia Room, Ringhaver Student Center

- 9:00 a.m.

Teaching Difficult Histories: The Burials of the Plains Warriors
Amy Larner Giroux, PhD, University of Central Florida
- 9:45 a.m.

In their Own Words: Kiowa Descendants
Dorothy Whitehorse DeLuane, Descendant of Mah-mante
- 10:00 a.m.

In their Own Words: Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Descendants
Bill TallBear, Descendant of Gray Beard
Quinton Roman Nose, Descendant of Roman Nose
- 10:30 a.m.

BREAK
- 10:45 a.m.

In their Own Words: Comanche Descendants
Rita Coosewoon, Descendant of Pile of Rocks - Quo-yoh
Aaron Nevaquaya, Descendant of Poor Seat - Tis-che-Coddy
- 11:15 a.m.

In their Own Words: Caddo Descendant
Ah-in-nist Sipes, Descendant of Prominent Man
- 11:30 a.m.

LUNCH
Provided at Flagler College
- 12:45 p.m.

Perspectives on Healing
Norene Starr, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
- 1:15 p.m.

Rewriting History—Cheyenne Warriors
Max Bear, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
- 1:45 p.m.

BREAK
- 2:00 p.m.

Final Thoughts
Lori Lee, Flagler College, facilitator
Bobby Gonzalez, Caddo Nation
Norene Starr, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
Jacob Tsoitigh, Kiowa Tribe
Martina Minthorn, Comanche Tribe

Closing Ceremony
Honoring Historic Footprints
Castillo de San Marcos (Historic Fort Marion)

3:45 p.m.
Join us for this FREE event to honor those who were imprisoned at Fort Marion from 1875-1878