



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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632nd Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

April Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$36.00** PER
PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

David Floyd
4696 Kellogg Drive, SW
Lilburn, GA 30047- 4408

TO REACH DAVID NO LATER THAN NOON
ON THE FRIDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING

E-mail and telephone reservations will
not be accepted

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2016
Time: Cocktails: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm
Place: Capital City Club - Downtown
7 John Portman Blvd.
Price: \$36.00 per person
Program: Earl Hess
**A New Look at the Battle
of Ezra Church**

A New Look at the Battle of Ezra Church

Our speaker in April will be Dr. Earl J. Hess. Dr. Hess has been a student of Civil War history since he was a teenager, growing up in rural Missouri. He completed his B.A. and M.A. degrees in History at Southeast Missouri State University. His Ph.D. at Purdue University. He has taught at a number of institutions, including the University of Georgia, Texas Tech University, and the University of Arkansas. Since 1989, he has been at Lincoln Memorial University. Dr. Hess has published nearly twenty books. He is widely recognized as a leading scholar and author on Civil War history.

His topic will be the nearby Battle of Ezra Church fought on July 28, 1864. The battle was a dramatic engagement during the Atlanta Campaign. Forces under Gen John Bell Hood desperately fought to stop Sherman's advancing armies as they tried to cut the last Confederate supply lines into the city. Confederates under Gen. Stephen D. Lee nearly overwhelmed the Union right flank, but Federals under Gen. Oliver O. Howard decisively repelled every attack. After five hours of struggle, 5,000 Confederates lay dead and wounded, while only 632 Federals were lost. The result was another major step in Sherman's long effort to take Atlanta.

Jeffrey Wert in March

A longtime friend of the Round Table, Jeffrey Wert, returned in April with an excellent presentation on the Confederacy's most controversial soldier, Gen. James Longstreet. It was a pleasure to see Jeffery again and to hear his insights into the general. It is our hope he can soon visit with us again.

Menu for April Meeting

- Peachtree Salad – Greens, Walnuts, Raisins, Blue Cheese, Balsamic Vinaigrette,
- Pan Seared Georgia Trout, Rice Pilaf, Lemon Caper Sauce, Vegetable
- Chocolate Mousse Cake

Upcoming Programs

May 10, 2016.....Gould Hagler
The Message and the Medium: Confederate Monuments in Georgia and Alabama

June 14, 2016Tim Smith
 RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD
Difficult and Broken Ground: The Terrain at Shiloh



Upcoming Events

April 2, 2016: *Soldier and Civilian Life During the Civil War* - Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site, 4432 Mount Tabor Church Road, Dallas GA. Learn about the life of soldiers and civilians during the Civil War. See what soldiers were issued from the army and learn what they took from the land as they marched toward Atlanta. Admission: \$3.00 to \$5.50. 770-443-7850, georgiastateparks.org/PickettsMillBattlefield

April 2 - 3, 2016: *River Blast!*, Saturday & Sunday, National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus, 1002 Victory Drive, Columbus GA. Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday 12:30 to 5:00 pm. Kid's games, black powder weapons demonstrations, cutlass drills, face painting and much more. Guests can also tour the museum as a part of their admission. There will also be marine and army re-enactors joining the museum's Water Witch Crew for a Marine Assault on Sunday. Admission: Adults \$7.50, Military & Seniors (age 65+) \$6.50, Students \$6.00, Children (ages 6 & under) are free with adult. 706-327-9798, www.portcolumbus.org/

April 30 - May 1, 2016: *35th Annual Old Clinton "War Days"* - Saturday & Sunday, Old Clinton Historic District, near Gray GA. Come to Old Clinton and take a step back in time, when the Battles of Sunshine Church and Griswoldville during Sherman's March to the Sea are re-created. Battles at 2:00 pm each day. Saturday will conclude with a memorial service at 8:00 pm in the Old Clinton Cemetery to honor Clinton's Confederate dead. Admission: Adults \$5.00, Students (under 18) \$3.00, Children (under 6) free. The memorial service is free for everyone. Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. 478-986-6383, www.oldclinton.org/

Special Guest Rate

At the April meeting, the first 20 reservations for a guest will be given a discounted rate of \$20. We ask that the guest be an individual that is interested in the study of the Civil War and is truly interested in becoming a member of our group. After we meet the quota of 20 guests, the remaining guests are welcome to attend at the regular price of \$36. One guest per member. As of press time there were still a few openings.

If you know of someone who should be a part of our group, please invite them to attend or forward their name to Vicky or me so that we can contact them.

Trivia Topic

In an effort to help bolster members' self-esteem, Charlie Crawford has decided to announce the trivia topic in advance of the meeting. His topic for April will be, *The High Ground: Hills and Ridges that Played a Role in Battles East and West.*



Collector's Tables at April Meeting

At the April meeting there will be an opportunity to share some of your favorite items with other Round Table members. If you would like to bring a few pieces to the meeting to display, please contact Vicky Frolich at vickyconn@yahoo.com and let her know what you are bringing so we can make sure that there are enough tables.

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