

Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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Leon McElveen, Editor

# Blue & Gray BBQ

**Reservations Are Required** 

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$28.00** 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, AUGUST 4.

Reservations and payment may be made online at: <u>cwrta.org</u>

- Date: Sunday, August 6, 2017
- Time: Cocktails: 5:00 6:00 pm Program: 6:00 - 8:30 pm
- Place: Atlanta History Center 130 West Paces Ferry Road Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Price: \$28.00 per person

**Program:** Gordon Jones & Grant Mosely

## **Cyclorama Progress**

### Chris Mackowski in June

Chris Mackowski, who is not exactly the quiet, retiring type, presented the Battle of Spotsylvania in a style never before seen at the Round Table. He used the tables in the room as a battlefield map and those in attendance as key positions in the battle. Thank God Bob Rivers was seated on the Confederate side. Very entertaining and informative presentation.

## Seventh Annual Blue & Gray BBQ

It's time again to plan for our Summer BBQ at the History center! We are once again thankful for the AHC hosting this event and very much appreciate their hospitality. Last years event was special in that we were able to see the beginnings of the new Cyclorama building.

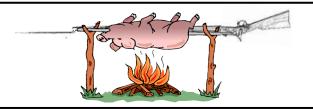
This year will be even more spectacular since we will be able to go inside the new Lloyd and Mary Ann Whitaker Cyclorama Building and see the "painting"! What a great opportunity for a sneak preview of this fantastic relic and get a close up view of the restored locomotive "Texas".

You really don't want to miss this!

The event will take place in the Grand Overlook Ballroom, Sunday, August 6, 2017 from 3:30-5:30 pm. Dress is casual, bibs optional...

Your payment of \$28 per person includes the reception, dinner, entry into the gift raffle and admission to all exhibits at the History Center.

After dinner, our new President, Grant Moseley will announce the scheduled speakers and topics for the year and other events planned for 2017-2018.



#### Menu for the BBQ nicken BBQ □ Cobbler

- Pork/Chicken BBQ
  - Lemonade / Iced tea
- Baked Beans
  Cole Slaw
  - D Pork
- Potato Salad
- Pork Skins and pimento cheese

#### From the President

Greetings to all members of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta.

The time is here for our new campaign year 2017 -2018! This will be our 68th year of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table and it is shaping up to be as informative, entertaining, and fun as all of the previous campaigns. I am humbled by the knowledge and experience of our past presidents and hope that I will be able to continue their fine tradition.

Our membership remains strong in numbers reflecting our community's significant interest in Civil War history. As we look to the future of this great organization, let's work for long-term sustainability and maintaining the purpose of our organization; to further the serious discussion and study of the Civil War.

This year's list of monthly programs offers relevant topics from nationally recognized Historians. Each one designed to inform, educate, and potentially excite the imagination of our members. You might notice a slight increase in the number of programs related to Cavalry. As a horse rider, I can not think of a subject more specific to 19th Century romanticism than the last of the great horse soldiers.

Our meetings will once again be held at the Capital City Club in downtown Atlanta. The CCC has provided excellent service these past few years and nothing less is expected of them this year. Please set your schedules to attend this year's programs and enjoy the comradery and interaction with other Civil Warriors!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Round Table,

### Grant

#### West End Tour

Our West End Field Trip on Saturday, July 15. A total of thirty intrepid Civil Warriors led by Steve Davis and Gordon Jones visited: Mozeley Park, site of Ezra Church, Westview Cemetery and Cascade Nature Preserve, site of the Confederate works in the Battle of Utoy Creek.

Our leaders and guides were exceptional and everyone enjoyed the tour immensely. All of this was followed by a tactical after-action debrief at Smokebelly BBQ. Watch for other tours to follow.

### **Upcoming Events**

- August 13, 2017: Artillery Demonstrations at Kennesaw Mountain - Sunday, 11:00 am, 12:00 noon, 2:00 & 3:00 pm, Outside of Visitor Kennesaw Mountain Center. National Battlefield Park. Artillery demonstrations show the steps taken to fire cannons during the American Civil War. Each program lasts approximately 30 to 40 minutes and includes an explanation of the role of artillery during the Atlanta Campaign and at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon, explaining the role of each person working the cannon. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. FREE admission. 770-427-4686, www.nps.gov/kemo/
- August 19, 2017: Chickamauga Battlefield Bicycle Tour - Saturday, 9:30 to 12:00 noon, Visitor Center, Chickamauga National Military Park. The public is invited to bring their bicycles and join in a leisurely-paced historical ride of approximately 2-1/2 hours in length. NPS rangers will talk about the battle and history of the battlefield. Loaner bicycles will be available for riders five-feet-tall and over at no charge. Reservations for loaner bicycles are required at 706-866-9241. The tour begins at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center. Ride length is approximately 3 to 4 miles on flat to moderately-hilly terrain. The rides are appropriate for adults and children ages eight and older when accompanied by an adult. All participants are required to wear helmets. FREE admission. 423-752-5213 ext. 139, kim coons@nps.gov

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