



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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April 2018

652nd 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:

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

Reservations and payment may be made
online at: cwrta.org

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Time: Cocktails: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm

Place: Capital City Club - Downtown
7 John Portman Blvd.

Price: \$36.00 per person

Program: Don Frazier

Blood on the Bayou: War in the Trans-Mississippi

Blood on the Bayou

Our speaker for April will be Dr. Donald Frazier, professor of history at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas. His recent work and the topic for his visit with us, *Blood on the Bayou: Vicksburg, Port Hudson, and the Trans-Mississippi*, received the 2016 Laney Book Prize given by the Austin Civil War Round Table.

Blood on the Bayou tells the story of the closing of the Mississippi River by Federal forces in the summer of 1863, but it is told from the perspective of the west side of the river, describing the lesser known actions that occurred during that summer. Dr. Frazier details how the fighting on this side of the river affected the recently emancipated slaves, created a black army of occupation and forever changed the social and economic landscape of Louisiana and the entire nation.

Be on hand on the 10th to hear Don as he challenges many commonly held notions of the Vicksburg and Port Hudson campaigns. In the past, the movement of large armies and the grand assaults garnered the most attention, but small unit actions and big government policies in the Trans-Mississippi did as much to shape the outcome of the war.

See you there.

Brooks Simpson in March

Our March speaker, Brook Simpson, cemented his reputation as one of the leading authorities on U.S. Grant. His comparison of Grant the battlefield general, the general-in-chief, and the President was an outstanding insight into the man and the factors that shaped his legacy.

Menu for April:

- Southern-Style Caesar Salad, Herb Croutons, Parmesan, Buttermilk Dressing
- Braised Beef Bordelaise, Mashed Sweet Potatoes
- Dark Chocolate-Raspberry Cake, Chocolate Ganache

Upcoming Programs

May 8, 2018 David Powell
*The Chickamauga Campaign:
 Retreat into Chattanooga*

June 12, 2018 Bo Dubose
*How We Built Our Civil War Collection:
 And Why It Matters*

Upcoming Events

April 7, 2018: *17th Annual National Confederate Memorial Service* - Saturday, 1:00 pm, in front of the Carving Reflection Pool, Stone Mountain Park. Annual service to memorialize those who served the Confederacy. Program includes a speaker and firing salute. FREE admission; tell employee at entrance gate you are attending the service. 404.372.3420, odan@denardandmooreinc.com

April 14, 2018: *Andrews Raid*, Saturday, April 14, 7:30 to 8:30 pm, Underpass Amphitheater at Depot Park, 2829 Cherokee Street, Kennesaw GA. Historian Michael K. Shaffer will recount the events of April 12, 1862 when Union spy James Andrews, along with soldiers from Ohio, stole the locomotive General at Big Shanty. In case of rain this event will be held inside the Southern Museum. Admission: Adults \$7.50, Seniors (age 60+) \$6.50, Children (ages 4-12) \$5.50. 770-427-2117, www.southernmuseum.org/

April 14, 2018: *Hood's Texas Brigade at Chickamauga*, Saturday, 2:00 to 3:30 pm, Chickamauga Battlefield, Hood's Texas Brigade is considered to be one of the best fighting units of the Confederate Army. This walk will look at their story on the battlefield of Chickamauga, FREE admission. 706-866-9241, www.nps.gov/chch

April 22, 2018: *Artillery Demonstrations at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield* - Sunday, 11:00 to 4:00 pm, Near the Visitor Center, Each program lasts 30 to 40 minutes and includes an explanation of the role of artillery during the Atlanta Campaign and 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. 770-427-4686, www.nps.gov/kemo/

**Round Table Spring Field Trip:
 Oakland Cemetery - 14 April**

Oakland Cemetery Civil War Stories. Stand at the site where General Hood watched the Battle of Atlanta. Hear the story of the Great Locomotive Chase and Andrew's Raiders. See the Lion of Atlanta as it lies wounded and dying over unknown soldiers from nearby battlefields and hospitals, and the Confederate Obelisk, at one time the tallest structure in Atlanta. This tour also explores the achievements of famous military leaders and soldiers during and after the war. Franklin Garrett, the official Atlanta historian, once said: "History has several components: the participants, the chroniclers, and the historians. All of these components reside at Oakland. Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (group lunch after, if interested) Meet at the Front Gate Register email: carltonmullis@gmail.com ACWRT members and guests. Tour size is limited to 30.

KSU Bus Trip to Dalton with Jim Ogden & Brian Wills

On Saturday, April 21st, the *Center for the Study of the Civil War Era* will hold an exclusive bus tour of Dalton, Georgia. The tour will be led by the incomparable Jim Ogden, renowned historian of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park and the Center's director, Dr. Brian Steel Wills, ACWRT Vice President. The excursion will include a charter bus, lunch, and entry into Huff House, in addition to touring sites that most visitors to the area do not explore. Register Online at <http://bit.ly/daltonbustour>. Call Sarah Rudick at 470-578-4771 with any questions.

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