



# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table

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656th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

## October Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$39.00** PER PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

**Vicky Frolich**  
**PO Box 922877**  
**Peachtree Corners, GA 30010**

TO REACH VICKY NO LATER THAN THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Reservations and payment may be made online at: [atlantacwrt.org](http://atlantacwrt.org)

**Date:** Tuesday, October 9, 2018

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

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

**Price:** **\$39.00** per person

**Program:** Steven Woodworth

**Showdown in the Wilderness:  
Ulysses S. Grant and Robert  
E. Lee, May 1864**

## Grant and Lee - Showdown in the Wilderness: May 1864

Our speaker for October will be Steven E. Woodworth. Steve is the author, coauthor, or editor of twenty-eight books on the Civil War era. These include *Jefferson Davis and His Generals: The Failure of Confederate Command in the West*, *Davis and Lee at War*, *Six Armies in Tennessee: The Chickamauga and Chattanooga Campaigns*, and *While God Is Marching On: The Religious World of Civil War Soldiers*, *Nothing but Victory: The Army of the Tennessee, 1861-1865*; and *Manifest Destinies: Westward Expansion and the Civil War*. Dr. Woodworth currently teaches history at Texas Christian University.

Steve's topic for October will be the Battle of the Wilderness in May 1864. The battle is notable not only for carnage it produced in the dense, tangled woods west of Chancellorsville, but for being the first battle with Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee as opposing commanders. Lee continued to have the ability to anticipate his foe's movements, but Grant began his never retreat strategy that led to Petersburg. The two armies had a combined 24,500 casualties for the two days and ended up essentially where they had started. Including this battle, the Federal army would suffer casualties equal to 50% of all the casualties they had suffered in the war up until that time.

Be with us in October to hear Steve's insights into this pivotal battle in the bloody endgame of the American Civil War.

## Bud Robertson in September

It was a pleasure to have Bud Robertson back with us for the September meeting. Bud claimed the Atlanta Round Table as his "home" Round Table. I don't think anyone realized that Bud first attended the Atlanta Round Table in 1956.

Bud gave those assembled an excellent examination of Robert E. Lee's role in influencing post-Civil War America.

## Menu for September Meeting

- Southern-style Caesar Salad, Herb Croutons, Parmesan, Buttermilk Caesar Dressing
- Seared Salmon, Citrus Beurre Blanc, Grits Cake
- Dark Chocolate Cake, Milk Chocolate Mousse, Espresso Ganache

**Upcoming Programs**

- November 13, 2018** ..... Brian Wills  
RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD  
*Inglorious Passages: Noncombat Deaths in the American Civil War*
- December 11, 2018** ♦ ..... Richard McMurry  
*Venomous Toads and Buzzard Pukes: Confederate Journalism, 1861-1865*
- January 8, 2019** □ ..... John Scales  
*Did Forrest Make a Difference?*
- February 12, 2019** ♦ ..... Rick Eiserman  
*Will the Real PVT Joe Joskins (Co. A, 5th TX), Please Step Forward!!*
- March 12, 2019** ..... Jeffry Wert  
*The Civil War and the Cost of Valor*
- April 9, 2019** □ ..... Jack Davis  
*General Wharton's War: From Donelson to Surrender in Forgotten Letters of Gen. Wharton*
- May 14, 2019** ♦ ..... Peter Carmichael  
*The Fate of a Confederate Deserter after Gettysburg*
- June 11, 2019** ..... Jennifer Murray  
*On a Great Battlefield: The Making, Management, and Memory of Gettysburg National Military Park*
- Silent Auction Night ♦ ..... Relic Night □

**Upcoming Events**

- October 5 - 7, 2018:** *50th Annual Great Locomotive Chase Festival*, Friday - Sunday, downtown Adairsville. Enjoy crafts, food, entertainment, and Saturday morning parade, with street dance on Friday evening and gospel singing on Sunday. Friday 10 am - 11 pm, Saturday, 9 am - 11 pm, Sunday noon to 5 pm. Admission: \$3.00. 770-773-3451, [www.adairsvillega.net](http://www.adairsvillega.net)
- October 6 - 7, 2018:** *154th Anniversary Battle of Allatoona Pass Remembered*, 10 am to 4 pm each day, Allatoona Pass Battlefield, Acworth GA. Tour the hillside and the railroad cut through the pass. Walk the trails, visit the star fort earthworks, Rifle & cannon demos. 770-975-0055, <http://gastateparks.org/RedTopMountain>
- October 16, 2018:** *United States in World War I*. Georgia Tech, hosted by Sy Goodman. Speakers include: John Morrow, Franklin Professor of History at UGA and Richard Faulkner, the Stoff Chair in Military History at the Army Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth and GEN Philip Breedlove, former SACEUR. RSVP [bit.ly/GAGreatWarSymposium](http://bit.ly/GAGreatWarSymposium) or [chris.mcdeermott@gatech.edu](mailto:chris.mcdeermott@gatech.edu).

**Reservations and Special Meals**

We have been asked by the Capital City Club to confirm our meal numbers and requests for special meals per the terms of our agreement with them. Please make every effort to make your payment online or have your check to the PO Box by end of day on the Friday preceding the meeting.

Also, if you request a special meal, we need that by end of day on Friday before the meeting as well. If you wish to request a special meal, please add that to the "Special Instructions" on the PayPal site or email Vicky at [treasurer@atlantacwrt.org](mailto:treasurer@atlantacwrt.org).

With everyone's cooperation we can avoid any added meal costs or penalties.

**Charlie Crawford to be Honored by Georgia Historical Society**

Our own Charlie Crawford will receive the Sarah Nichols Pinckney Volunteer of the Year Award from the Georgia Historical Society at our October meeting.

This award recognizes individuals and groups who have selflessly contributed their time and resources to advance the mission of the Georgia Historical Society. It is named in honor of Sarah Pinckney, who for many years has given so generously of her time and resources to this organization. This merit-based award is given at the discretion of the Georgia Historical Society.

Be there in October to support Charlie.

**Relics**

As announced at the last meeting, John Dietrichs will be presenting a DuBose brick from the Brandy Station area of Virginia as the relic to some lucky attendee.

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