



# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table  
Founded 1949

March 2018

661st Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

## March Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATION  
IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$39.00** PER PERSON  
ONLINE AT [atlantacwrt.org](http://atlantacwrt.org) OR MAIL TO THE  
FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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ONLINE PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE OR  
CHECKS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THE  
**THURSDAY** PRIOR TO THE MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
**Time:** Cocktails: 5:30 pm  
Dinner: 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Capital City Club - Downtown  
7 John Portman Blvd.  
**Price:** **\$39.00** per person  
**Program:** Jeffry Wert

### The Civil War and the Cost of Valor

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Our March speaker will be Jeffry Wert. Jeff has spoken to the Atlanta Round Table, several times over the years and he always has a top notch program. Jeffry is the author of numerous civil war books including *Mosby's Rangers: The True Adventure of the Most Famous Command of the Civil War* (1991); *General James Longstreet: The Confederacy's Most Controversial Soldier* (1994); *Custer: The Controversial Life of George Armstrong Custer* (1996); *From Winchester to Cedar Creek: The Shenandoah Campaign of 1864* (1997); *A Brotherhood Of Valor: The Common Soldiers of The Stonewall Brigade CSA and The Iron Brigade USA* (2000); *Gettysburg, Day Three* (2002); *The Sword of Lincoln: The Army of the Potomac* (2006); *Cavalryman of the Lost Cause: A Biography of J. E. B. Stuart* (2008); *A Glorious Army: Robert E. Lee's Triumph, 1862-1863* (2011); received the Harwell Award in 2012.

In assessing "the cost of valor", he draws on original source material, to reconstruct the drama and terrors of war through the eyes of the ordinary men who fought in some of the war's most celebrated engagements. There are tales of grueling marches and almost unbearable deprivations; eyewitness accounts of ferocious fighting and devastating losses on both sides; and portraits of acts of courage and valor performed by soldiers and officers who, despite the difficulties they faced, remained dedicated to the cause for which they were fighting.

## Rick Eiserman in February

Round Table Honorary Member and friend presented a great program on the writings of PVT Joe Joskins, Co. A, 5<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry, a member of John Bell Hood's famous Texas Brigade. The only hitch is there was no Joe Joskins in the Texas Brigade. It was quite a detective story. If you missed Rick, you missed a good one.

Our thanks to Rick and we hope to see him back with us again sometime soon.

## Menu for January Meeting

- Mixed Baby Lettuces, Tomatoes, Diced Zucchini and Julienne Carrot, Dijon Vinaigrette
- Chicken Florentine over Spinach, Mushroom-Parmesan Sauce, Herb Roasted Potatoes
- Sponge Cake, Pastry Cream, Fresh Berries Trifle

Upcoming Programs

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

March 2 & 16, 2019: Civil War Atlanta Downtown
Walking Tour - Saturdays, 1:00-4:00 pm, Georgia
Pacific building, 133 Peachtree Street NE,
Walking tour of sites of Civil War Atlanta. Modern
vantage points of historic photographs will be
included. 2.5 to 3 hours of moderate walking with
frequent stops. Meet at plaza in front of the
Georgia Pacific building. FREE admission, but
reservations required. Each tour is limited to 20
persons. For more info: 404-688-3353, ext. 15,
phoenixfliesreservations@preserveatlanta.com

March 10, 17 & 24, 2019: Battle of Peach Tree
Creek Walking Tour Sundays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
each day, The DeFoor Centre, 1710 DeFoor
Avenue. 3-mile walking tour of the July 20, 1864
Battle of Peach Tree Creek. Tour will include
visits to Atlanta's Outer Defensive Line, the Old
Mt. Zion Church, the Embury Plantation location,
Howell's Mill location, the Peach Tree Creek
ravine, Tanyard Creek Park, Collier Mill artifacts,
and Loring's Hill. FREE admission, but
reservations required. Each tour limited to ten
persons. For more info: 404-688-3353 ext. 15,
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March 16, 2019: The History of Fort Walker -
Saturday, 3:00-4:00 pm, Atlanta Preservation
Center, 327 St. Paul Avenue SE. Fort Walker is
known as the only remaining feature of Atlanta's
inner defense line during the Civil War. It has
undergone the intrusion of urban growth through
the development of Grant Park and residential
expansion of the City of Atlanta. Participate in a
discussion on the role of Fort Walker in 2019, its
relevance and place in understanding historic
monuments moving forward in the historical
narrative. FREE admission. For more info: 404-
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New Reservation Policy

The Atlanta Civil War Round Table has experienced
some exciting changes during this Campaign Year.
We have enjoyed the continuation of some old
traditions and have added of some new ones.

One new factor concerns registration for the
meetings. The staff at the Capital City Club has
worked with us to provide a welcoming venue and
service that our members have come to expect.
Recently, we have had a severe spike in the number
of registrations from Friday to Monday and this left
the Capital City Club scrambling to accommodate
us. Consequently, we have promised to address the
matter and create a better format going forward.

As a result, we know that as conscientious members
you will help us implement some essential changes.
We need to provide the best number possible to the
Capital City Club staff by noon on the Friday before
each meeting. To accomplish this goal, you can
help us by making your payments in check or
through Pay Pal by Thursday at 8:00 P.M. If you
plan to pay by check, please keep in mind the time
for delivering the mail so that those payments do not
continue to drift in after the Thursday cutoff. You
will find this information spelled out in the Battle Lines
and available elsewhere to assist you. Once, the
Thursday timeline has passed, anyone who wishes
to attend may do so at the rate of \$56.00 per person
and with the caveat that the chef may make a
substitution from the announced menu.

See you there! Brian Wills, President

2018-2019 Directory

A revised directory will be going out electronically
following the March 1 deadline for dues payments
We will follow that up by having printed versions
available at the March meeting.

Officers for the 2018 - 2019 Campaign:

Table listing officers for the 2018-2019 campaign: President (Brian Wills), First Vice President (John Dietrichs), Second Vice President (Carlton Mullis), Secretary (Tim Whalen), Treasurer (Vicky Frolich), Executive Committee (2019: Mary-Elizabeth Ellard, Amir Nowroozzadeh; 2020: Loran Crabtree, Robert Woodruff), Past President (Grant Moseley), Battle Lines Editor (Leon McElveen).