



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table
Founded 1949

October Meeting

Reservations are required

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RESERVATION IN THE AMOUNT OF
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**TO REACH TIM NO LATER THAN
THURSDAY BEFORE THE
MEETING.**

Date: Tuesday, October 8

Time: Cocktails 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:45 p.m.

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

Price: **\$39** per person

Program: Greg Biggs

*Sherman's Logistics: The Atlanta
Campaign, Four Months in 1864*

Menu for October Meeting

Local Greens

Roasted Pork Loin

Sauteed Apples

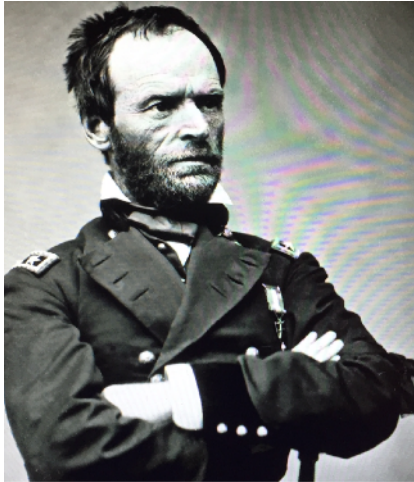
Fingerling Potatoes

Pineapple Carrot Cake

Sherman's Logistics: The Atlanta Campaign, Four Months in 1864

Historian Greg Biggs will present a program detailing the strategy and logistics of General William T. Sherman's Atlanta Campaign for October's meeting. When Sherman set his sights on Atlanta, he prepared to supply his army in a manner that surpassed every other Civil War general. Rebuilding railroads and confiscating locomotives and cars to haul supplies, Sherman set a daily goal for shipments to his forward base in Chattanooga. Ruthless in making sure that only supplies got on the cars, Sherman also guarded the line of rails that ran back to Louisville, Kentucky from Confederate raiders. Building on a system begun by General William S. Rosecrans, Sherman's engineers built forts and blockhouses and prepared pre-fabricated trestles for replacing those brought down by Confederates. His preparations were masterful and thorough, but not without flaws. Greg's talk will examine the nuts and bolts of Sherman's logistics and analyze his errors. Sherman's supply line performed as he expected and Atlanta was captured, thus setting the stage for two more campaigns before the war ended in April 1865.

Greg is president of the Clarksville (Tennessee) Civil War Round Table and program chair of the Nashville CWRT. He has written for Blue & Gray magazine, Civil War Regiments Journal, North-South Trader, the Citizen's Companion and many other publications. A battlefield tour leader, he is researching first person accounts of the Tullahoma campaign and assembling a unit history of the 83rd Illinois Infantry. Greg lectures and consults extensively. He specializes in Military flags, the Civil War Western Theatre, and Revolutionary War campaigns.



William T. Sherman, 1865
(Matthew Brady, National Archives)

A Very Special Raffle Item

After our October Speaker presentation, our special raffle item for the evening will be a 1977 reprint of *The Confederate Soldier in the Civil War*, originally published in 1897. It is a large coffee table sized-book with many period photographs, prints and Battle Maps. The book is in excellent condition and was in the library of Beverly M. Dubose, Jr. until 2018, then offered as a giveaway this year by "Bo" DuBose.

KSU Bus Tour

KSU will offer an all day bus tour of Civil War Museums in Columbus on October 12. For details see: <http://bit.ly/columbusbustour> or call (470) 578-2551.

Sherman On Newspaper Correspondents

We all appreciated Dr. Steven Woodworth's comments and presentation on the evolution and conduct of the Wilderness Campaign last month. Gregg Biggs will be talking on Sherman's Atlanta Campaign and the logistics involved this month – I found an interesting (though likely unrelated) Sherman quote in the ACWRT Battle Lines for February, 1999 (William R. Scaife, President), from Sherman's Memoirs, Vol. II, pg. 408:

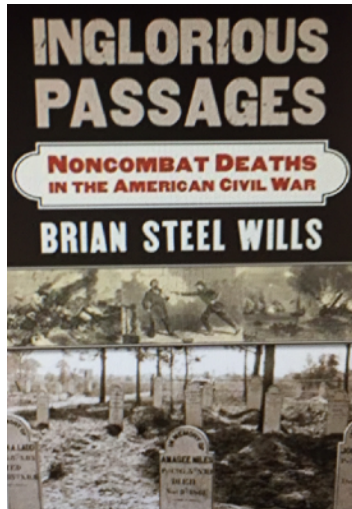
"Newspaper correspondents with an army, as a rule, are mischievous. They are the world's gossips, pick up and retail the camp scandal, and gradually drift to the headquarters of some general who finds it easier to make reputation at home than with his own corps or division... Moreover, they are always bound to see facts colored by the partisan or political character of their own patrons, and thus bring army officers into the political controversies of the day...."

Wonder if anyone spilled the beans to the press about Sherman's plans during that campaign?

John

In November: Wayne Motts Remembers Lewis Armistead and Pickett's Charge

From an esteemed military family, Lewis Armistead served the Army in the West and the Mexican war before leaving to join the Confederacy. General Armistead's brigade led Pickett's Charge and achieved the 'high-water mark of the Confederacy,' the farthest point reached by the Confederacy at Gettysburg, on July 3, 1863. Armistead was mortally wounded and died after the battle. Wayne E. Motts, author of *Trust in God and Fear Nothing: Lewis A. Armistead, CSA* and co-author with James Hessler of *Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg: A Guide to the Most Famous Attack in American History*, will speak in October. Chief Executive officer of the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Wayne has been a guide at Gettysburg for 27 years.



Brian Wills Honored

President John Dietrichs honored Immediate Past President Brian Wills in September for “yeoman’s service” last campaign year. Besides serving as President, Brian made a presentation and was the winner of the Harwell Book Award for his latest book *Inglorious Passages*. Brian was awarded a plaque with a gavel made from pine wood salvaged during renovations to the first Governor’s Mansion in Milledgeville. Leon McElveen acquired the pine and had it fashioned into gavels. “This gavel traversed the Civil War, Reconstruction and beyond,” said Dietrichs. “Congratulations Brian, and thank you!”

Longstreet Society Marks 25 Years

Gainesville’s Longstreet Society will celebrate its 25 year anniversary from Friday through Sunday, October 18-20 with an annual seminar, an all day Chickamauga Battlefield Tour, and tours of Longstreet’s famous Piedmont Hotel, which was partially restored and is maintained by the society. On Friday volunteers will lead tours of the hotel and offer a chicken dinner that evening. (Longstreet’s hotel is credited with creating chicken fried in batter or Southern Fried Chicken and generating the poultry industry in north Georgia). The annual seminar and celebration will be headquartered at the Hilton Garden Inn in Gainesville. On Saturday there will be a bus tour of the Chickamauga Battlefield led by Harold Knudsen, author of *General James Longstreet: The Confederacy’s Most Modern General*. The keynote speaker for the annual dinner and silent auction Saturday evening will be Cory Pfarr, author of the new book *Longstreet at Gettysburg: A Critical Reassessment*. Civil War Historian Michael K. Shaffer, a lecturer at Kennesaw State and Emory and author of *In Memory of Self and Comrades: Thomas Wallace Colley’s Recollections*, will lead the closing program Sunday morning. The Hilton Garden Inn is offering special rates for seminar guests through September 27. Call 770-532-3396 for the special rate. Register for the Seminar at www.longstreetsociety.org or call the society at 770-539-9005: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

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Round Table Past Presidents at the September meeting: Top Row (left to right): Gordon Jones, Brian Wills, Bruce Stewart, Emmett Hall, Penn Templeton, Mike Behan, Grant Moseley, David Vaughn, Bill Erquitt, Grady Ireland, J.D. Humphries; Seated (left to right): Gould Hagler, Dudley Ottley, Barbara Long, Vicky Frolich, David Beale, Terry Kingery.

Shaffer, Hagler, Mingus to Offer Civil War Lectures at Barrington Hall

As part of the Saturday brunch series, on October 5, from 10 a.m. to noon, Civil War Historian Michael K. Shaffer, an author and lecturer at Kennesaw and Emory, will deliver the talk "Grant and Sherman: Together in Victory." Shaffer will return to the Wednesday Evening Lectures on October 16 to reflect on the career of General James Longstreet, General Robert E. Lee's "Old War Horse." Past ACWRT President Gould Hagler will deliver the talk "Mississippi Was in Our Hands: The Second Battle of Corinth and Its Aftermath" on October 30. On the evening of November 6, Pennsylvania Civil War Historian Scott Mingus' lecture will present "Targeted Tracks: The Cumberland Valley Railroad in the Civil War, 1861-1865." Barrington Hall's Saturday Bruch series is offered from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays. Wednesday Evening Lectures take place from 7-9 p.m. Both are in the Barrington Hall Barn, 535 Barrington Dr, Roswell, GA 30075. The suggested donation per lecture is \$5 per person. To reserve a place, call 770-640-3855. See www.roswellgov.com.

Early October Events: Locomotive Chase Festival, Allatoona Pass

In Barrow County, October 5 and 6 the 51st Annual Great Locomotive Chase Festival and the 155th Anniversary of the Battle of Allatoona Pass will be observed. For information see: <https://visitcartersvillega.org/> or call 770-387-1357.