



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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May 2011

583rd Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

May Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$33.00** 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 PRECEDING THE MEETING

E-mail and telephone reservations will
not be accepted

Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Time: Cocktails: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm

Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: \$33.00 per person

Program: Tom Clemens
Ezra Carman and Antietam

Tom Clemens: Ezra Carman and Antietam

Our speaker in May will be Dr. Thomas G. Clemens, a foremost historian of the Maryland Campaign. He has spent more than two decades studying the campaign and editing and richly annotating the exhaustively written manuscript of Ezra Carman.

One of the campaign's participants was Ezra A. Carman, the colonel of the 13th New Jersey Infantry. After the horrific fighting of September 17, 1862, he recorded in his diary that he was preparing "a good map of the Antietam battle and a full account of the action." The project became the most significant work of his life.

From hundreds of veterans' accounts, thousands of letters, and dozens of maps, Carman wrote an 1,800-page manuscript on the campaign, from its start in northern Virginia through McClellan's removal from command in November 1862. It is the finest treatment of the campaign ever written.

Don't miss this chance to hear Dr. Clemens and an in-depth review of this pivotal battle.

2011 - 2012 Campaign Kickoff Event in August

Look for details to be announced soon by the Activities Committee soon for a 2011 - 2012 Campaign Year Kickoff BBQ event to be held in August.

The event is planned to be a casual, social event in an informal setting to get together with other Round Table members and get the details on the upcoming campaign year and observe the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. See you there.

Eric Wittenberg in April

Our speaker in May delivered an outstanding analysis of a long controversial topic, J.E.B. Stuart's actions surrounding the Gettysburg campaign. Eric has spent years in his study of the topic and it showed in his delivery. We also had as guests some of Eric's Atlanta relatives that he had not seen in some time.

Our thanks to Mr. Wittenberg for his outstanding presentation.

2010 - 2011 Upcoming Programs

June 14, 2011 Ed Longacre
J.E.B. Stuart's Lieutenants

Booth Museum Trip

A record Sixty-five members & their guests sold out our field trip for the opening of the Mort Kunstler Exhibit & reception at the Booth Museum & the Bartow County Museum in Cartersville on Saturday, April 9th. Mr. Kunstler, the world's best known living Civil War artist, led two private tours for the Round Table members. A check for \$500.00 was presented to the Booth to our own member, Seth Hopkins who is also the Executive Director of the Booth.

Chickamauga Trip - Part III

After two consecutive sold out field trips led by Jim Ogden to both Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain, he will lead us again on this field trip to Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga, and to Ringgold Gap. For reservations, please email *SHCrew@bellsouth.net* or call 770-445-7442. Price of only \$49 includes the charter bus to Chattanooga and a full day tour. At press time only a few seats were still available.

Upcoming Events

- May 7, 2011:** Civil War Artifact Day, experts identify relics at the Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site near Dallas. \$4. Call for details. 770-443-7850.
- May 14, 2011:** Saturday. Field Trip: The Battles of Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga, and Ringgold Gap with Jim Ogden.
- May 14 - 15, 2011:** Living history, "History Through the Ages," at the Southern Museum in Kennesaw. 10 am-4 pm Saturday, noon-4 pm Sunday. www.southernmuseum.org or 770-427-2117 extension 3180.
- May 21 - 22, 2011:** Reenactment, "Battle of Resaca," near Resaca. Camps, living history demonstrations and battles at 2 pm each day. Camps open 9 am-6 pm Saturday, 9 am-3:30 pm Sunday. \$5. Details: www.georgia-division.org.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee led by Past President, Bruce Stewart, has offered the following names for next year's slate of officers:

- President.....Gould Hagler
- First Vice PresidentJack Melton
- Second Vice President.....Art Carey
- Secretary / Treasurer David Floyd
- Executive Committee 2012:.....Gary Barnes
- 2012.....David Beale
- 2013:.....Vicky Conn
- 2013..... Stevan Crew

Elections will be held at the June meeting.



150 years ago

- 6 May 1861:** Arkansas votes to leave the Union.
- 20 May 1861:** North Carolina delegates to the Secession Convention vote to leave the Union.
- 21 May 1861:** The Confederate Congress moves the capital from Montgomery to Richmond.
- 24 May 1861:** Col. Elmer Ellsworth is killed at the Marshall House in Alexandria after removing a Confederate flag. Considered the first officer killed in the war.
- 26 May 1861:** Federal blockades were set up at Mobile by the USS Powhatan and at New Orleans by the USS Brooklyn.

Officers for the 2010 -2011 Campaign:

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- First Vice President** Gould Hagler
- Second Vice President**..... Jack Melton
- Secretary / Treasurer**..... David Floyd
- Executive Committee** 2011: Art Carey
- 2011: Charlie Crawford
- 2012: Gary Barnes
- 2012..... David Beale
- Past President**.....Bruce Stewart
- Battle Lines Editor**..... Leon McElveen