

Battle Lines

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Leon McElveen, Editor

First Annual Blue & Gray BBQ

Saturday, August 13, 2011

Garden Hills Clubhouse 307 Pine Tree Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30305 6:30 - 7:30pm: Social hour, 7:30 - 9:30pm: Dinner

The Activities Committee is pleased to announce our First Annual Summer Blue & Gray Bar-B-Que to kick off the 2011-2012 Campaign Year and the Sesquicentennial. Join our new President, officers, and board as they announce their plans for the new campaign year along with the Activities Committee announcement of the field trips planned for the year. With the outstanding BBQ, there will also be live bluegrass music. Come very casual as no coats or ties will be allowed in the building. All members, family and friends are invited to attend at only \$20 per person which includes BBQ pork or chicken, tea, and dessert. Mail your check to David Floyd, , 4696 Kellogg Dr., Lilburn, GA 30047. This event will sell out so send in your check today.

The Garden Hills Clubhouse is conveniently located in Buckhead between Peachtree & Piedmont Roads at 307 Pinetree Drive. Parking is available around the clubhouse. Directions will be provided to all attendees in a final email before the event is held. Come Join your fellow members for the First Annual Summer Blue & Gray Bar-B-Que as a good time will be had by all!

December Meeting at Capital City

Due a conflict at Ansley Golf Club our December meeting will be held at the Capital City Club -Downtown, same place as the past March meeting. The Capital City Club is located at 7 Harris Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. For more information and detailed directions visit the club's website at *www.capitacityclub.org*

President's Column

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as President of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta. I am looking forward to a great Campaign Year in 2011-12, thanks to the active members and the hardworking leadership. The interest in the Civil War, always keen, is growing even greater as the nation begins the Sesquicentennial commemoration. The Round Table will continue its longstanding role in promoting the serious study of this central event in our history.

During the year we will have excellent speakers on a wide range of Civil War subjects. When I began to arrange the programs for the year, I found that everyone was eager to talk to our group, and those who had to decline because of other commitments did so with regret. We enjoy an excellent reputation among professional historians and others on the Civil War speaking circuit. They know that they will be addressing a large audience and, more importantly, a knowledgeable one.

Among the many top speakers in the lineup is our Harwell Award winner David Powell, author of *In the Saddle: Nathan Bedford Forrest, Joe Wheeler, and the Confederate Cavalry at Chickamauga.* Gary Barnes and the Harwell Award Committee did a superb job in reviewing the many fine books published in 2010.

In this edition of *Battle Lines* is a flyer showing all our speakers for the year. Our campaign will take us from the Port Royal to Monocacy and Washington City, from the prison camp at Fort Lawton to Sherman's bombardment of Atlanta, from the Confederate supply system to Reconstruction. Don't miss one.

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150 Years Ago

- **3 August 1861:** Off the coast of Virginia a Union naval officer ascends in a tethered balloon to look at Confederate controlled Hampton Roads. It is the first balloon ascent from a ship in naval history.
- **10 August 1861:** Battle of Wilson's Creek [US] Battle of Springfield [CS]. Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon [US] is killed in the Confederate victory.
- **21 July 1861:** First Manassas [CS], First Bull Run [US] About 25 miles southwest of Washington the first major battle of the Civil War pits Irvin McDowell [US] against P. G. T. Beauregard [CS] and Joe Johnston [CS].
- **22 July 1861:** George B. McClellan [US] ordered to Washington to take command of the Army of the Potomac following the defeat at Bull Run.

Upcoming Events

- August 10, 2011: Wilson's Creek at Chickamauga, Chickamauga National Battlefield Park, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. 150th Anniversary of a small, yet savage engagement around Wilson's Creek as both sides fought for control Missouri. This engagement would be the first of many for men who would later fight along the banks of another creek in September 1863. For more info. call 706-866-9241.
- August 13 14, 2011: Southeastern Civil War Show, relics and more for show and sale at the Southeastern Civil War Show at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta. *www.ngrha.com.*
- August 16, 2011: Battle of Allatoona Pass, Cherokee County Historical Society, Robert Jones. 7:00 pm at the Rock Barn, 658 Marietta Highway, Canton, Georgia. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. www.rockbarn.org.
- September 1, 2011: War Like the Thunderbolt, Russell Bonds, Civil War Round Table of Cobb County, First United Methodist Church Marietta, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 reception, 7:00 program, Event is free, but reservations are requested, RSVP to cobbcivilwarrt@gmail.com. For more information call David Brannan 770.315.7764.

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In addition to the fine monthly programs, we will once again have the opportunity to take part in several field trips. Watch for the notices and sign up. All the trips are most informative and lots of fun besides. A special thanks to Terry Kingery and the Activities Committee for the hard work they do in making these events possible.

Many people - officers, Executive Committee members and others - devote their time and talent to make the Round Table such an outstanding organization. I can't name them all in this brief column, but I must recognize J. D. Humphries, who served with distinction as our President in 2010 - 2011. Thank you, J. D.

The Round Table is fortunate to have so many dedicated people volunteering to keep the wheels turning. With their leadership we can look forward to an educational and entertaining year this time around and well into the future.

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