



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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592nd Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

April Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$33.00** PER
PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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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, April 10, 2012

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

Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: \$33.00 per person

Program: Stephen Davis

What the Yankees Did to Us

Stephen Davis: What the Yankees Did to Us

Sherman's burning of Atlanta" is a phrase that virtually falls off Atlantans' tongues, but during the war our city suffered physical damage in a lot of other ways: Our speaker for April, Dr. Stephen Davis' topic will be "What the Yankees Did to Us: Sherman's Bombardment and Wrecking of Atlanta". Which is also the title of his upcoming book. His review will include among others: Confederate engineers' stripping or leveling some suburban homes in their fortified lines or fields of fire, the Federal bombardment of 20 July - 25 August; the destruction, by both sides, of houses in no-man's land; the Federals' destruction of exurban houses behind their fortified lines to the Chattahoochee; Confederate demolition, 1 - 2 September, of the reserve ordnance train, which leveled nearby buildings; northern soldiers' dismantling of structures for materials in building their huts during the occupation; Federals' destruction of buildings in the way of their inner defense lines, constructed during October; Union engineers' "authorized" destruction of railroad roundhouses, factory chimneys, freight depots and commercial structures; and Federals soldiers' unauthorized arson, 11 - 15 November.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Steve on his third visit to our Round Table since 1989 and get his insights into this maybe not so well understood phase of Atlanta's history.

Gail Stephens in March

Gail Stephens presentation in March was a wonderful look, at just how close Jubal Early's 1864 raid on Washington, D.C. was to a dramatic success for the Confederates. Her in-depth examination of the timeline and principal players gave an understanding of this somewhat obscure event.

Our thanks to Gail for a great program.

Program Schedule Change

Note that our speaker for April will be Stephen Davis who was originally scheduled for June. Due to a conflict that arose he and Jeffry Wert will swap dates. Jeffry Wert will be our speaker in June.

2011 - 2012 Program Preview

May 8, 2012 Robert Girardi
Railroad Defense in the Atlanta Campaign

June 12, 2012..... Jeffrey Wert
James Longstreet: The Staff in Lee's Right Hand

Upcoming Events

March 31, 2012: Civil War Trust Park Day at Kennesaw Mountain - Saturday, March 31, 8:30 to 1:00 pm or so to help provide light-weight maintenance at the park.

April 1 & 15, 2012: *Artillery Demonstrations. Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.* All cannon firings take place at the Visitor Center, unless otherwise stated. Firing times are 11, 12, 2, and 3 o'clock. These programs are free and open to the public.

April 12, 2012: *The Great Locomotive Chase Anniversary.* Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History, Events include: 6 a.m. breakfast at the Trackside Grill in downtown Kennesaw (\$20), a 150th anniversary proclamation will be presented at the historic Kennesaw depot at 8:30 a.m. (free). The museum, 2829 Cherokee St., will offer free admission from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. 6:30 p.m., the Great Locomotive Chase dinner will be held at the Trackside Grill (\$100). 8 p.m., the museum will host "Dessert at the Southern Museum" featuring Bobby Horton performing Civil War era songs (\$25 for those who do not attend the dinner).

April 14 - 15, 2012: The Southern Museum observance continues, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., April 14-15 with "Camp McDonald: A Living History Weekend," featuring local re-enactment groups interpreting life in the Confederate encampment that was sited across the tracks from the museum. \$5, \$2 ages 4-12 (includes museum admission). Information: 770-427-2117, www.southernmuseum.org/sesquicentennial.

April 21, 2012: *ACWRT Heartland Of The Confederacy, Macon To Milledgeville Field Trip* Bus tour including the Cannonball House, Fort Hawkins, Old Clinton, Griswoldville Battlefield, Old Georgia Capital and Governor's Mansion, led by Bill Bragg. Contact Chuck Carter at saluda26@bellsouth.net or 404.906.4336

Heartland of the Confederacy Tour Sold Out

The Activities Committee "Heartland of The Confederacy, Macon To Milledgeville" Field Trip scheduled for April 21st is now all sold out for the 56 seats on the bus, but if you want to get your name on the wait list in case of cancellation, please email Chuck Carter and let him know at saluda26@bellsouth.net . Thanks to all of our members who signed up making this our fifth consecutive sold out field trip!

150 Years Ago

6 April 1862: On the first day of the battle of Shiloh/Pittsburg Landing, General Albert Sidney Johnston, commander of the Department of the West is killed while leading an advance against a Federal position in a peach orchard.

7 April 1862: Island No. 10, in the Mississippi River downstream from New Madrid, is captured. More than 5,000 Confederates are taken prisoner

8 April 1862: Following a disastrous second day at Pittsburg Landing, Confederates withdraw to Corinth, Mississippi

10 April 1862: Battle of Fort Pulaski

12 April 1862: The Great Locomotive Chase

28 April 1862: New Orleans surrenders



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