



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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June 2012

594th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

June 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, June 12, 2012

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

Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: \$33.00 per person

Program: *James Longstreet: The Staff in
Lee's Right Hand*

Jeffrey Wert

James Longstreet: The Staff in Lee's Right Hand

Our final speaker of the year will be one who has visited us in the past, Jeffrey Wert. Jeffrey is a 1968 graduate Lock Haven State University, Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, in History. He is the author of eight books: *From Winchester to Cedar Creek: The Shenandoah Campaign of 1864*, *Mosby's Rangers*, *General James Longstreet: The Confederacy's Most Controversial Soldier*, *Custer: The Controversial Life of George Armstrong Custer*, *A Brotherhood Of Valor: The Common Soldiers of the Stonewall Brigade, C.S.A.*, and *the Iron Brigade, U.S.A.*, *Gettysburg: Day Three*, *The Sword of Lincoln*, and *Cavalryman of the Lost Cause: A Biography of J. E. B. Stuart*. *Gettysburg: Day Three* was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award. He will also be familiar from his numerous appearances on C-Span 2, Pennsylvania Cable Network, History Channel, and A & E.

Our speaker once wrote that, "Longstreet ... was the finest corps commander in the Army of Northern Virginia; in fact, he was arguably the best corps commander in the conflict on either side." As commander of the First Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, Longstreet was Robert E. Lee's ranking commander in the field. Lee called Longstreet his "old war-horse," "the staff in my right hand," and looked upon him as his most reliable, trusted subordinate. No one in the army was closer to Lee throughout the course of the war.

Don't miss the chance to hear the story of one of the key participants in the late unpleasantness from one who is an expert.

Robert Girardi in May

Our May speaker, Robert Girardi, gave us an in-depth discussion of the management and the role of the railroads in the Civil War and in particular the Atlanta Campaign. His breadth of knowledge and passion for this subject was very impressive indeed.

Our thanks to Robert for visiting with us and for his excellent presentation.

Upcoming Events

June 9, 2012: Bus tour, "The Great Locomotive Chase," includes visits to Allatoona Pass, Adairsville, Kingston and other sites associated with the April 1862 Andrews Raid. Begins at Emerson Elementary School, 54 Seventh St, Emerson. 9 am - 5 pm. \$40. www.visitcartersvillega.org/eventcal/1499

June 17, 2012: Cheatham Hill Talk, Phillip Whiteman talks about the Battle of Cheatham Hill. 11am and 1pm @ Cheatham Hill.

June 23 - 24, 2012: 148th Battle Anniversary, Various events commemorating the anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Artillery and infantry demonstrations presented, along with civilian and military life encampments.

June 23, 2012: Talk, "Confederate Generals' Campaign Furniture," recreating the originals, in Building 22, Auditorium 1021, at Kennesaw State University. 7:00 pm. Free. www.kennesaw.edu/civilwarera/calendar.shtml

Nominations

The following nominations were offered by the Nominating Committee at the May meeting. We will vote at the June meeting.

- President..... Jack Melton
 - First Vice President..... Art Carey
 - Second Vice President..... David Beale
 - Secretary / Treasurer David Floyd
 - Executive Committee 2013*: Vicky Conn
 - 2013*: Stevan Crew
 - 2014:..... Gordon Jones
 - 2014..... Grant Moseley
- * second year of two-year term



Second Annual Blue/Gray BBQ

Watch for details on the Second Annual Blue/Gray BBQ to kick off the 2012 - 2013 campaign year. A date in August and a location will soon be announced so watch for an email soon. Last year 125 members and their guests attended the event that had great BBQ & bluegrass music.

The Battle of Jonesboro Field Trip: June 16.

Right after it was announced, all forty spots quickly filled up for the Battle Of Jonesboro/ National Archives Field Trip scheduled for Saturday, June 16th. A tour of the Georgia Archives has also been added to the trip. If anyone still wants to go, please contact Chuck Carter at saluda26@bellsouth.net or call him at 404-906-4336 as a waiting list has been started in case of any cancellations. Make sure to get on the list if you are really interested in going.

150 Years Ago

- 1 June 1862:** Jefferson Davis replaces wounded Army of Northern Virginia commander Joseph E. Johnston with Robert E. Lee
- 7 June 1862:** James Andrews is hung in Atlanta
- 18 June 1862:** Six members of Andrews Raiders are hung in Atlanta near Oakland Cemetery.
- 21 June 1862:** Ulysses S. Grant ordered to Memphis to become district commander
- 26 June 1862:** Several battles collectively known as The Seven Days Battle begins near Richmond lasting through July 1.

Our British Cousins

Peter Gasgoyne-Lockwood says to give him a ring if you are in England. If there is UK Round Table scheduled he would like for you to attend.

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