



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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September 2013

605th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

September Meeting

Reservations Are Required

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

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TO REACH DAVID NO LATER THAN NOON
ON THE FRIDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING

E-mail and telephone reservations will
not be accepted

Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Time: Cocktails: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm

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

Price: \$33.00 per person

Program: Dr. Timothy B. Smith

Corinth 1862

Battle of Corinth 1862

Dr. Timothy Smith, author and historian, will be our speaker at the September meeting. He will speak on the Battle of Corinth. Dr. Smith, who last visited us in January of 2010, is a native of Mississippi but now teaches history at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Dr. Smith served as a Ranger at the National Park Service at the Shiloh National Military Park for seven years, where his interest in the Civil War was intensified. His main area of interest and specialty, besides the Civil War, is the history of Civil War battlefield preservation.

The Battle of Corinth (so named as to differentiate it from the Siege of Corinth earlier the same year) was fought October 3-4, 1862, in Corinth, Mississippi. For the second time in the Iuka-Corinth Campaign, Union Maj. Gen. William Rosecrans defeated a Confederate army, this time one under Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn.

After the Battle of Iuka, Maj. Gen. Sterling Price marched his army to meet with Van Dorn's. The combined force, under the command of Van Dorn, moved on Corinth, a critical rail junction. The fighting began on October 3 as the Confederates pushed the Federal army back to an inner line of fortifications.

On the second day, the Confederates moved under heavy Union artillery fire, storming Battery Powell and Battery Robinett, where hand-to-hand fighting occurred. After the Federals recaptured Battery Powell, Van Dorn ordered a general retreat. Rosecrans did not pursue immediately and the Confederates escaped destruction.

Be there for our first meeting of the year and as we observe our traditional Presidents' Night

Dennis Frye in June

Dennis Frye, a longtime friend of the Round Table and frequent speaker, demonstrated at our June meeting why he continues to be one of the most in demand Civil War speakers in the country. His presentation on Lincoln's crisis in 1862 was exceptional. Our thanks to Dennis and standing invitation to come back soon.

150 Years Ago

PRESIDENTS' NIGHT

September 10, 2013.....Dr. Timothy B. Smith
Corinth 1862

October 8, 2013 Lance Herdegen
The Iron Brigade

RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD

November 12, 2013 Dr. Brian Steel Wills
George Henry Thomas, As True as Steel

December 10, 2013..... 8th Georgia Infantry Band
Civil War Music

January 14, 2014 Dr. James McPherson
War on the Waters

February 11, 2014.....Dr. Buck T. Foster
Sherman's Mississippi Campaign

March 11, 2014 Ed Bearss
Gettysburg Myths

April 8, 2014..... Edward Bonekemper III
The Overland Campaign

May 13, 2014.....Brad Quinlin
The Atlanta Campaign

June 10, 2014.....James Gindlesperger
The End of the CSS Alabama

Upcoming Events

September 7 - 8, 2013: Reenactment, "*Battle of Tunnel Hill*", at Tunnel Hill. Living history camps, demonstrations and battles.
tunnelhillheritagecenter.com

September 20-22, 2013: Special 150th programs and exhibits in and around the Marietta Square. Tours, living history, fireworks and more. www.mariettacivilwar.com for more info. Premier of Kennesaw movie Sunday night.

September 21 - 22, 2013: Reenactment, "*Battle at Chickamauga*", living history camps and battles each day, near Mountain Cove Farm Store, 994 Dougherty Gap Road, Chickamauga. \$10-\$15. civilwar150th.org

September 28, 2013: Ranger program, "*Not Knowing a Friend From a Foe -- Braxton Bragg's Battles Within the Army of Tennessee*", at the Bragg Reservation, Missionary Ridge in Chattanooga. 11 am. Free. nps.gov/chch

Third Annual Blue/Gray BBQ

The Round Table kicked off the 2013-14 Campaign Year with the third Annual Blue/Gray BBQ at fabulous Barrington Hall in Roswell. We had our best attendance ever with over 115 members and guests attending. The costumed docents gave excellent tours of the house and the weather held out perfectly. A nice donation was presented to Bill Browning and Barrington Hall for providing the facility and the complimentary tours for our members.

Chickamauga Reenactment

Come and experience the largest event of the 150th Sesquicentennial in Georgia and one of the largest in the country. The Activities Committee has organized a trip to the 150th Anniversary Battle of Chickamauga Reenactment, Sunday, September 22, to see over 10,000 infantry, cavalry, artillery, and civilian re-enactors participating in the event. We will have a tent with complementary drinks/snacks to host members and guests. Look for a separate email with all the details on how to sign up for the trip.

150 Years Ago

9 September 1863: James Longstreet leaves Virginia with his corps to reinforce the Army of Tennessee

19-20 September 1863: The Battle of Chickamauga, The bloodiest two days in American history cost the Federals a total of 16,170 casualties out of 58,000 troops. The Confederate total losses were 18,545 out of 66,000 troops. Combined total: 34,715.

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