



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

Founded 1949

November 2013

607th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

November Meeting

Reservations Are Required

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

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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, November 12, 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. Brian Steel Wills

***George Henry Thomas,
As True as Steel***

Brian Wills to Receive the 2013 Richard B. Harwell Award

One of our own, Dr. Brian Steel Wills, will be on hand in November to receive 2013 The Richard Barksdale Harwell Award for his work, *George Henry Thomas: As True as Steel*. This award is presented annually by our Round Table for the best book on a Civil War subject published the preceding year.

Brian is the Director of the Civil War Center and Professor of History at Kennesaw State University. He came to KSU after a long tenure at the University of Virginia's College at Wise. He is the author of numerous works relating to the American Civil War, including a new biography - *Confederate General William Dorsey Pender: The Hope of Glory*. His other titles include: *A Battle From the Start: The Life of Nathan Bedford Forrest* Reprinted as: *The Confederacy's Greatest Cavalryman: Nathan Bedford Forrest*. *The War in Southeastern Virginia*, (2001), and *No Ordinary College: A History of The University of Virginia's College at Wise*, (2004), *Gone with the Glory: The Civil War in Cinema* (2006). An updated edition of the James I. "Bud" Robertson, Jr., *Civil War Sites in Virginia* (2011) arrived just in time for the 150th Anniversary, and in 2012, Brian authored *George Henry Thomas: As True as Steel*, our 2013 award winner.

Gen. Thomas, a Virginian, while a successful commander of the Army of the Cumberland, he failed to achieve the acclaim of contemporaries such as Grant and Sherman.

Join us in November as we honor Brian and hear him speak on one of the key figures in the western theater and particular the Atlanta Campaign, Gen. George Thomas.

Lance Herdegen in October

Dr. Lance J. Herdegen presented a program on the famed Iron Brigade at our October meeting. Dr. Herdegen has obviously spent a great deal of time and effort in his research of the famed unit's history

Our thanks to Dr. Herdegen for coming to be with us and sharing his knowledge.

Upcoming Programs

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

January 14, 2014 Stephen M. "Sam" Hood
Gen. John Bell Hood

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

November 9, 2013: Walking tour, "A Walk Down 'Memory Lane' — Units on the Battleline at Chickamauga," at the Chickamauga National Military Park. 2 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/chch

November 16, 2013: Living history, "Candlelight Tours," at Pickett's Mill Battlefield Historic Site near Dallas. Civil War figures from both sides tell their battlefield stories. Tours at 6, 7, 8 and 9 pm. \$8. 770-443-7850 or friendsofgastateparks.org/pickettsmill.

November 16, 2013: Living history and other special programs, "Night Museum" at the Andersonville National Historic Site near Andersonville. Experience the museum and prison site at night. 6-9 pm. Free. nps.gov/ande

November 23 - 25, 2013: Anniversary activities, "Battle for Chattanooga." living history, special tours and talks at several locations in the Chattanooga area including Lookout Mountain, Orchard Knob and Missionary Ridge. Free except \$3 Point Park (Lookout Mountain). nps.gov/chch

November 27, 2013: Driving tour, "'Senseless Exposure of Brave Men': Ringgold Gap," begins at the Ringgold Depot, US 41 and Depot Street, Ringgold. 10:30 am. Free. nps.gov/chch

Two Longtime Round Table Members Pass Away

Dr. Ken Young passed away on August 19. Ken was a respected dentist in Marietta for over forty years and active in various dental profession organizations.

Another longtime member, Dr. Don DeBra, died on October 18. Don hadn't attended meetings in several years due to the advance of his Parkinson's disease, but he regularly attended in his wheelchair until about five years ago.



150 Years Ago

19 November 1863: At the dedication of the National Cemetery in Gettysburg Lincoln delivers his Gettysburg Address, a two-minute speech that following the speech he calls it a "flat failure".

24 November 1863: The Battle of Lookout Mountain, "The Battle Above the Clouds".

25 November 1863: Battle of Missionary Ridge, three Union armies attacked the Army of Tennessee atop Missionary Ridge, east of downtown Chattanooga.

26 November 1863: Battle of Ringgold Gap. Patrick Cleburne's [CS] rear guard action against Joseph Hooker [US] following the defeat at Missionary Ridge gives Braxton Bragg time to establish a line in Dalton, GA

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The Richard Barksdale Harwell Book Award
The Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

1989	<i>If It Takes All Summer: The Battle of Spotsylvania</i>	William D. Matter
1990	<i>Tennessee's Forgotten Warriors: Frank Cheatham and His Confederate Division</i>	Christopher Losson
1991	<i>Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain</i>	Robert K. Krick
1992	<i>Struggle for the Shenandoah</i>	Gary W. Gallagher
1993	<i>Decision in the West: The Atlanta Campaign of 1864</i>	Albert Castel
1994	<i>Echoes of Battle: The Atlanta Campaign</i>	Richard Bumgartner / Larry Strayer
1995	<i>The Campaign for Atlanta</i>	William R. Scaife
1996	<i>Robert E. Lee: A Biography</i>	Emory M. Thomas
1997	<i>Andersonville: The Last Depot: The Last Depot</i>	William Marvel
1998	<i>Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend</i>	James I. Robertson, Jr.
1999	<i>Lee's Miserables: Life in the Army of Northern Virginia from the Wilderness to Appomattox</i>	J. Tracy Power
2000	<i>Secret Yankees, The Union Circle in Confederate Atlanta</i>	Thomas G. Dyer
2001	<i>Chessboard of War: Sherman and Hood in the Autumn Campaigns of 1864</i>	Anne J. Bailey
2002	<i>The Union That Shaped the Confederacy: Robert Toombs and Alexander Stephens</i>	William C. Davis
2003	<i>Cold Harbor: Grant and Lee, May 26 – June 3, 1864</i>	Gordon G. Rhea
2004	<i>The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock</i>	Francis A. O'Reilly
2005	<i>Days of Glory: Army of the Cumberland, 1861 - 1865</i>	Larry Daniel
2006	<i>Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg and Why it Failed</i>	Tom Carhart
2007	<i>Stealing the General, The Great Locomotive Chase and the First Medal of Honor</i>	Russell S. Bonds
2008	<i>Robert E. Lee - Reading the Man</i>	Elizabeth Brown Pryor
2009	<i>Tried by War: Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief</i>	James M. McPherson
2010	<i>In the Trenches at Petersburg - Field Fortifications and Confederate Defeat.</i>	Earl J. Hess
2011	<i>Failure In The Saddle: Nathan Bedford Forrest, Joe Wheeler, and the Confederate Cavalry In the Chickamauga Campaign</i>	David A. Powell
2012	<i>A Glorious Army: Robert E. Lee's Triumph, 1862-1863</i>	Jeffry D. Wert
2013	<i>George Henry Thomas: As True As Steel</i>	Brian Steel Wills