

# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

Founded 1949

May 2009 563rd Meeting William R. Scaife, Editor

## **May Meeting**

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER RESERVATION CHECK OF \$30.00 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, May 12, 2009

Time: Cocktails 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Place: Ansley Golf Club

196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: \$30.00 per person

Program: "The Death of Stonewall"

Frank O'Reilly

## Wilson Greene in April

Our thanks to Wilson Greene, Executive Director of the Executive Director, Pamplin Historical Park in Petersburg, Virginia who stepped in on short notice to pinch hit for our scheduled speaker. His presentation illustrated his depth of knowledge on the events surrounding the siege and battles around Petersburg in the war's waning days.



# The Death of Stonewall" Frank O'Reilly

Our speaker for May will be Frank O'Reilly. Frank is no stranger to our organization. He has visited us before when he received the 2004 Richard B. Harwell Award for his book, *The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock*. Mr. O'Reilly is also the author of "Stonewall" Jackson at Fredericksburg: The Battle of Prospect Hill, December 13, 1862: The Fredericksburg Campaign.

Frank O'Reilly is currently Historian of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Battlefield Park. While the majority of Frank's expertise is the Fredericksburg Campaign, he will briefly step outside of that realm to focus on the events leading to the death of one of its leading characters, Lieutenant General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson.

General Jackson's death followed the accidental shooting of he and members of his staff as they were returning to camp after scouting the battlefield following the battle of Chancellorsville on May 2, 1863. His group was mistaken for a Union cavalry force an fired upon by a Confederate North Carolina regiment Several officers in the group were killed and Stonewall wounded three times. Following amputation of his left arm and his relocation to "Fairfield", the plantation of Thomas C. Chandler, Jackson died of complications from pneumonia on May 10, 1863.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of our past Harwell Award winners as he addresses the "The Death of Stonewall".

#### **Remaining Program**

#### **Upcoming Events**

- May 15 17, 2009: Battle of Resaca Reenactment at the Chitwood Farm, part of the original battlefield. For more information www. georgia division.org or e-mail csgrizly@comcast.net.
- May 18, 2009: "The Marietta National Cemetery,", Brad Quinlin; Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Monday Lecture Series, Visitors Center, 7:00 p.m.
- May 23, 2009: Living history, camps and demonstrations at Fort McAllister Historic Park near Richmond Hill. 10 am-4 pm. Park fee charged. 912-727-2339.
- May 23, 2009: Memorial Day Weekend at Fort Pulaski National Monument near Savannah. Living history with infantry and artillery demonstrations. 9 am-7 pm. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/fopu or 912-786-5787
- May 30 31, 2009: Living history, infantry programs at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. 11 am, noon, 2 pm and 3 pm. Free. 770-427-4686 extension 0 or www.nps.gov/kemo.
- **June 27 28, 2009:** Anniversary activities at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Free. 770-427-4686 extension 0 or www.nps.gov/kemo.

# Kennesaw Mountain Plans Events to Celebrate 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Kennesaw National Battlefield Park will commemorate the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain with a series of special programs and events culminating on the anniversary weekend of June 27 - 28.

Being so close, we often take this special place for granted and fail to take in all it has to offer. The park is designated by the National Park Service as the one responsible for interpreting the entire Atlanta Campaign. Contact the park and take advantage of all it has to offer. 770-427-4686 extension 0 or <a href="https://www.nps.gov/kemo">www.nps.gov/kemo</a>

#### **Nominating Committee Report**

Nominating Committee Chairman Lee Weinstein gave the following report for the 2009-2010 Campaign Year:

President:	Bruce Stewart
First Vice-President:	J.D. Humphries
Second Vice-President:	Gould Hagler
Secretary/Treasurer:	David Floyd
Executive Committee:	
One-year term 2009-2010:	Jack Melton
	Steve Morrison, Jr.
Two-year term 2009-2011:	Art Carey
	Charlie Crawford

These nominations will be reviewed at the May meeting and a vote will occur at the June Meeting.

#### **Email Address Changes**

If your email address that use for delivery of the *Battle Lines* changes or if you wish to change how it is delivered please inform Leon McElveen at *mcelveen@msn.com* or 770.856.1544.

## **Dan Bearse Passes Away**

Round Table member Danforth "Dan" Bearse passed away April 30. He was 84. Dan joined the Round Table in 2006 and was a faithful member of our group until illness limited his attendance. He will be missed.

Officers for the 2008 -2009 Campaign:		
President	Barbara Long	
First Vice President	Bruce Stewart	
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	2009: Jack Melton	
	2009: . Steve Morrison, Jr.	
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