



# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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October 2009

566th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

## October Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER  
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$32.00** 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, October 13, 2009

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

**Place:** Ansley Golf Club  
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

**Price:** \$32.00 per person

**Program:** *Jefferson Davis: Confederate  
Commander-in-Chief*

William J. Cooper

## Jefferson Davis: Confederate Commander-in-Chief

Author, William J. Cooper, will present our October program. His topic that night will be *Jefferson Davis: Confederate Commander-in-Chief*.

Mr. Cooper is the author of, *Jefferson Davis: American, Liberty and Slavery : Southern Politics to 1860, and Jefferson Davis and the Civil War Era*. He has in the process of researching and producing these volumes, established himself as one of the leading authorities on the life of Jefferson Davis. In his latest work he says of Davis, [Davis] saw himself as a faithful American ... a true son of the American Revolution and the Founding Fathers." Indeed, Davis's own father had fought in the Revolution, and Davis himself was a West Point graduate and Mexican War veteran. He declared January 21, 1861, "the saddest day of my life," as he resigned his U.S. Senate seat to follow his native state of Mississippi out of the Union.

We can look forward to an evening of insightful, even-handed review of the life and career of one of the most complicated of all Civil War figures by the author who has produced the definitive biography of the man.

## Richard McMurry in September

Our thanks to Richard McMurry for his presentation on Gen. Joseph E. Johnson at our September meeting. While I think it is safe to say his summary of Johnson fell somewhat short of outright praise, he delivered a complete and thoughtful opinion on the general's personality, tactics, strengths and particularly his weaknesses.

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While you may not agree with his assessment of Johnston's performance, you cannot argue the quality of his presentation nor his skill and ability in delivering it. Our thanks again for a job well done.



**Upcoming Events**

**October 10 - 12, 2009:** Living history, "Through the Ages: A Living History Timeline," at Swift Cantrell Park in Kennesaw. 10 am - 4 pm Saturday, noon - 4 pm Sunday and Monday. \$5/ adult, \$3 ages 4 - 12. [www.southernmuseum.org](http://www.southernmuseum.org), [hharris@kennesaw-ga.gov](mailto:hharris@kennesaw-ga.gov) or 770-427-2117.

**October 18, 2009:** Come support the park that is designated by the NPS to interpret the Atlanta Campaign. "Hear the Guns, Smell the Smoke", artillery demonstrations at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. 11:00 am - 3:30 pm. Free. 770-427-4686 extension 0 or [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo).

**October 19, 2009:** Talk, "Grant is Not a Mighty Genius, but He Is a Good Soldier," at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. 7 pm. Free. 770-427-4686 extension 0 or [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo).

**October 24, 2009:** *Civil War Round Table of Atlanta Field* trip to .National Civil War Naval Museum and the National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center, details below.

**October 24, 2009:** Seminar, "The Civil War in Georgia," at the Southern Museum in Kennesaw. \$20 (\$10 early registration). Details: [www.southernmuseum.org](http://www.southernmuseum.org) or 770-427-2117

**November 14, 2009:** Living history, camp and demonstrations at the Southern Museum in Kennesaw. 10 am - 4 pm. Free. [www.southernmuseum.org](http://www.southernmuseum.org) or 770-427-2117.

**Field Trip**

The Activities Committee is pleased to announce that we have selected the *National Civil War Naval Museum* and the new \$100 million dollar *National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center* both located in Columbus, Georgia, as the destination for our first field trip of the year on Saturday., October 24. We will have a special group tour set up at both museums just for us and exact details will follow shortly. Mark your calendars. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Kingery by phone 770-565-5815 or email at [tkingery2@bellsouth.net](mailto:tkingery2@bellsouth.net).

**2009 - 2010 Program Preview**

**November 10, 2009** .....Ed Bearrs  
*The Cairo*

**December 12, 2009**..... Jim Lewis  
*Stones River*

**January 12, 2010** ..... Tim Smith  
*Shiloh*

**February 12, 2010**..... Glenn LaFantasie  
*Twilight at Little Round Top*

**March 9, 2010** ..... James McPherson  
*Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief: Tried by War*  
RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL AWARD

**April 13, 2010**..... Jeffery Wert  
*The Stonewall Brigade vs. the Iron Brigade*

**May 11, 2010**.....Robert E.L. Krick  
*The Peninsula Campaign*

**June 8, 2010** ..... Jack Davis  
*The Siege of Charleston*

**ACWRT Website**

Don't forget about our website. You can view previous *Battle Lines*, see photos from our previous meetings and access the directory. To access the directory you need to use the user name, "cwrt", and the password, "atlanta". No caps or quotation marks.

After a mild misfire at the September meeting, our directory has been printed and will be ready for distribution at the October and next few subsequent meetings. Come get yours.

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