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# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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March 2010

571st Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

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## March 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 TUESDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING

E-mail and telephone reservations will  
not be accepted

**Date:** Tuesday, March 9, 2009

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

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

**Price:** \$32.00 per person

**Program:** James McPherson

*Tried by War: Lincoln as  
Commander-in-Chief*

## James McPherson to Receive Richard Barksdale Harwell Award

Our March speaker, James M. McPherson, is the George Henry Davis '86 Professor of History Emeritus at Princeton University. In addition to the work for which he will receive the Harwell Award, he has published numerous volumes on the Civil War, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Battle Cry of Freedom*, *Crossroads of Freedom*, *Abraham Lincoln and the Second American Revolution*, and *For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War*, which won the Lincoln Prize.

The work for which Dr. McPherson will be honored, *Tried by War: Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief*, focuses on Lincoln's military role. He writes, "In his conception of military strategy, Lincoln was Clausewitzian". He subscribed to the Prussian's theory of war that, 'the destruction of the enemy's military force is the leading principle of war,' and it "is principally effected only by means of the engagement' that is, by 'hard, tough fighting.'" He was often frustrated by his generals' failure to grasp that concept as illustrated by McClellan early in the war. Only near the end of the war did Federal generals such as Grant, Sherman and Sheridan seem to get onboard with Lincoln's plan.

Don't miss our March meeting for a very special speaker and topic.

## Jack Davis in February

A smaller than usual group braved the elements to hear Jack Davis' excellent presentation on the Siege of Charleston. Our thanks to Jack for once again providing a first-class program to our Round Table.

As to the outcome of the "Great Dalton Snowball

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## February Meeting continued...

Fight of 1864" re-enactment, it has been decided that the side filing the fewest insurance claims will be declared the winner. Please get copies of your claims into Bruce as soon as possible.

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**Winners of the Harwell Book Award**

- 1989..... *If It Takes All Summer*  
William D. Matter
- 1990..... *Tennessee's Forgotten Warrior*  
Christopher Lossen
- 1991..... *Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain*  
Robert K. Krick
- 1992..... *Struggle for the Shenandoah*  
Gary Gallagher
- 1993..... *Decision in the West*  
Albert Castel
- 1994..... *Echoes of Battle*  
Richard Bumgartner & Larry Strayer
- 1995..... *The Campaign for Atlanta*  
William R. Scaife
- 1996..... *Robert E. Lee*  
Emory M. Thomas
- 1997..... *Andersonville: The Last Depot*  
William Marvel
- 1998..... *Stonewall Jackson*  
James I. Robertson, Jr.
- 1999..... *Lee's Miserables*  
J. Tracy Power
- 2000..... *Secret Yankees*  
Thomas G. Dyer
- 2001..... *Chessboard of War*  
Anne Bailey
- 2002..... *The Union That Shaped the Confederacy*  
William C. Davis
- 2003..... *Cold Harbor: Grant and Lee*  
Gordon G. Rhea
- 2004..... *The Fredericksburg Campaign*  
Francis A. O'Reilly
- 2005..... *Days of Glory: Army of the Cumberland*  
Larry Daniel
- 2006..... *Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg*  
Tom Carhart
- 2007..... *Stealing the General*  
Russell Bonds
- 2008..... *Reading the Man - Robert E. Lee's Letters*  
Elizabeth Brown Pryor



**Andersonville Event Cancelled**

Due to several unanticipated conflicts with other events, the Andersonville National Historic Site has cancelled the weekend events for March 13 - 14. The Round Table trip planned by the Activities Committee has also been postponed. Both events are to be rescheduled for a date in the near future.

**2009 - 2010 Program Preview**

- 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** ..... TBA

**Upcoming Events**

- March 6 - 7, 2010:** Living history and displays, "United States Signal Corps" at Fort McAllister Historic Park in Richmond Hill. 11 am-3 pm. Free with admission. [www.gastateparks.org/FtMcallister](http://www.gastateparks.org/FtMcallister) or 912-727-2339.
- March 13, 2010:** Living history, "Civil War Encampment" at the Southern Museum in Kenesaw. [www.southernmuseum.org](http://www.southernmuseum.org) or 770-427-2117.
- March 20 - 21, 2010:** 145th Reenactment The Battle of Bentonville," big event staged every five years with demonstrations, camps, lectures and battles at 3 pm Saturday and 1:30 pm Sunday. \$8/adult per day. Complete details, tickets: [www.bentonville145.com](http://www.bentonville145.com).

IN MEMORIAM

**DR. WILLIAM D. STONE**

OCTOBER 11, 1921 - FEBRUARY 7, 2010

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