



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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December 2010

578th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

December 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, December 14, 2010

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

Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: \$33.00 per person

Program: 8th Georgia Infantry Band
"Christmas Concert"

Earl Hess Receives Harwell Award

Author Earl Hess received the Round Table's Richard B. Harwell Award at our November meeting. He also delivered a presentation on his book's topic, the war in the trenches at Petersburg. He has a masterful understanding of situation at Petersburg as well as the accompanying horrors of living and fighting in the conditions there. Our thanks and congratulations to Dr. Hess for an award well deserved.

The 8th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regimental Band to Perform

The Eighth Regiment Band of the Georgia Volunteer Infantry formed in 1986 in Rome, Georgia, when, John Carruth, the conductor of the Rome Symphony Orchestra asked brass percussion players to stay after a practice and work on Civil War era music. They gathered up the necessary instruments for playing music from the Civil War era, including an E-flat tuba that was being used as a planter, and were able to play the music. The Eighth Regiment now uses all original period instruments.

The 14-member band, still led by John Carruth, performs music from both sides of the conflict in replica blue and gray uniforms, with appropriate dialogue and action. They "dress, feel and act so that ... you can feel what the men and women of the Civil War period felt".

The members of the 8th Regiment Band are not paid. Many of the band members have been a part of the group for up to sixteen years. They exist to "keep this great American band music alive."

The band has appeared at five Great American Brass Band Festivals, concerts with the Atlanta, Chattanooga, and Rome Symphony Orchestras, the "Good Morning America Show", "Performance Today" on National Public Radio, the permanent multi-media show at Chickamauga National Park, and the Southeastern United States Clinic. They performed at the memorial interment of the crew of the Confederate submarine, Hunley,. The band also appeared in three made-for-television movies, and performed on several college campuses and at numerous battle re-enactments.

2010 - 2011 Program Preview

- January 11, 2011**Russell Bonds
War Like the Thunderbolt - The Battles for Atlanta
- February 8, 2011** COL Ty Seidule
West Point's Memory of the Confederate Generals
- March 8, 2011** Gary Gallagher
R.E. Lee: A Modern 19th Century Commander
- April 12, 2011**.....Eric Wittenberg
J.E.B. Stuart's Gettysburg Ride
- May 10, 2011**..... Tom Clemens
Ezra Carman and Antietam
- June 14, 2011** Ed Longacre
J.E.B. Stuart's Lieutenants

Upcoming Events

- December 4 - 5, 2010:** The Middle Tennessee Civil War Show & Sale, Williamson County. Agricultural Expo Park, 4215 Long Lane Franklin, TN 37064, Hours: Saturday 9 am - 5 pm, Sunday 9 am - 3 pm, Adults \$8, Under 12 Free.
- December 6, 2010:** *Crossroads of Conflict: A Guide to Civil War Sites in Georgia*, Carnegie Auditorium, Carnegie Library, 1 La Grange Street Newnan, GA, Monday, 6:30 pm, Meet the authors as they discuss locating over 350 historic sites. 770.683.1347.
- December 8, 2010:** Lecture, "*Driven West: Andrew Jackson's Trail of Tears to the Civil War*", at the Atlanta History Center, 130 West Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta. Wednesday, 8:00 pm. www.atlantahistorycenter.com.
- January 1 - 2, 2011:** Anniversary programs at the Stones River National Battlefield in Murfreesboro, TN. Ranger led walking and caravan tours, living history and talks. See www.nps.gov/stri for schedule.
- February 5, 2011:** Saturday, ACWRT Activities Committee Field Trip to the *Chickamauga Civil War Show* in Dalton, Georgia.
- March 12, 2011:** Saturday, ACWRT Activities Committee Field Trip to Andersonville National Historic Site and National POW Museum with private tour and living history.

Activities Committee Report

The Activities Committee had a very successful sold-out, nighttime lantern tour and re-enactment at the Pickett's Mill Battlefield on November 6th. Special thanks go out to Bruce Stewart, Wayne Willingham, and Ranger James Wooten, for providing outstanding lectures and a tour for our members. Stevan Crew, along with the other committee members, is to be complimented for coordinating a great event. Coming up, the Activities Committee, has a good group carpooling to the Franklin Civil War Show and Battlefield Tour on Saturday, December 4th.

More special events have been organized for April and May. Watch for their announcement soon. Thanks go out from the Committee to all of our members for their overwhelming interest and attendance for each of our events held in 2010.

Kennesaw Mountain NBP Named as Focus for Sesquicentennial

The National Park Service has designated Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park as one of two key sites to mark the sesquicentennial in 2014. Watch for details.

Courtesy to Our Speakers

It seems that with each meeting, more and more people are bolting for the door immediately upon the speaker's last word. We are looking into adding more staff for valet parking to expedite getting your car, so if you don't absolutely, positively have to leave at that moment, please wait for the conclusion of the meeting.

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