



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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621st Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

March Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$36.00** 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, March 10, 2014
Time: Cocktails: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 6:45 pm
Place: Capital City Club - Downtown
7 John Portman Blvd.
Price: \$36.00 per person
Program: Dr. Wendy H. Venet

***Commerce, Conflict, and
Civilian Loyalty in Atlanta***

The Civil War in Atlanta

Wendy Venet is professor of history at Georgia State University, where she specializes in Nineteenth Century American history and teaches courses on the Civil War and Reconstruction. Her publications include the edited work, *Sam Richards's Civil War Diary: A Chronicle of the Atlanta Home Front* (University of Georgia Press, 2009). Her current book, *A Changing Wind: Commerce and Conflict in Civil War Atlanta*, will be the guide for her presentation to us. In it, Ms. Venet is one of the first to focus on the experiences of Atlanta's civilians during the young city's rapid growth, the devastation of the Civil War, and the Reconstruction era when Atlanta emerged as a "New South" city.

Come hear Wendy as she brings to life the stories of Atlanta's diverse citizens, white and black, free and enslaved, well-to-do and everyday people. She brings a compelling account of residents' changing loyalties to the Union and the Confederacy, she will highlight the economic and social impacts of the war, General Sherman's siege, capture and destruction of the city and its stunning rebirth in postwar years. This is a topic not to be missed by anyone who wishes to better understand Atlanta during the Civil War, our memory of the Civil War and how we commemorate the war and its meaning today.

Mike Shaffer in February

Our thanks to Mike Shaffer for his presentation in February on Camp McDonald and its role the Confederate effort to prepare and train its new recruits for the experience of war. The difficulties encountered by both sides in caring for and training recruits is often

Menu for March Meeting

- Frisee Salad, Hard-cooked Eggs, Haricots Verts, Bacon Vinaigrette
- Seared Salmon w Basil Beurre Blanc, Parsley New Potatoes, Veg.
- Red Velvet Cake

Upcoming Programs

April 14, 2015.....COL Kevin J. Weddle
The Life of Admiral Samuel Francis Dupont

May 12, 2015..... Garry E. Adelman
Five Final Months of the Civil War in Photographs

RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD

June 9, 2015Dr. Allen Guelzo
Gettysburg

Upcoming Events

March 14 - 15, 2015: Tour, “*The Irish at Chickamauga,*” at the Chickamauga battlefield. 10 am-noon. Free. nps.gov/chch

March 14, 2015: Living history weekend at the Andersonville National Historic Site near Andersonville. Prisoners and camp guard experience. 10 am - 4 pm Saturday, 10 am-3 pm Sunday. Free with admission. nps.gov/ande

March 20, 2015: Symposium, “*1865: Year of Decision*”, at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw features William C. “Jack” Davis. Reception Friday with speakers at the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park. Symposium Saturday at the KSU Center. Free. More info, registration: kennesaw.edu/civilwarera

March 28, 2015: *Civil War Trust Park Day*, annual volunteer cleanup and preservation day at Civil War battlefields and sites around the country. civilwar.org/aboutus/events/park-day

April 15 2015: Final Lecture in “*The Civil War and the Forging of Character*” lecture series. Civil War historians Ed Ayers, David Blight, Gary Gallagher, and Joan Waugh will speak about the war’s most significant individuals and the war’s lessons that still resonate for us today. Gordon Jones, will moderate. Registration required (404) 262-3032, x1717.

Free Books

You may have noticed that in addition to giving out Col. Bogle’s books as door prizes, I have started putting a stack on the sign-in table. These books are free for the taking with a limit on one per member up until meeting time and then take as many as you want..

Dress Code

Please remember when attending a meeting or inviting guests that it is our policy and that of the Capital City Club that gentlemen wear coats and ties.

150 Years Ago...

4 March: 1865: Lincoln’s second inaugural address. Andrew Johnson, gives a rambling, drunk speech. having been given too much whiskey as medicine by a doctor.

11 March: 1865: Sherman captures Fayetteville, North Carolina.

13 March: 1865: Confederacy allows the induction of "negro soldiers." The measure did not state that blacks who fought for the Confederacy would be free, although that was apparently the understanding

19-21 March: 1865: Battle of Bentonville Hardee, D. H. Hill and A. P. Stewart combine to attack Slocum's advance. In spite of initial gains they are repulsed.

25 March: 1865: Battle of Fort Stedman Confederates break Union line at Petersburg. General John B. Gordon captures Fort Stedman, a Union outpost. With overwhelming force the federal troops turned back the advance, recaptured the fort and retook the lines

27 March: 1865: Lincoln holds a council of war with Grant, Sherman, and Porter on the *River Queen* at City Point

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