

# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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June 2015 624thMeeting Leon McElveen, Editor

# **June Meeting**

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER RESERVATION CHECK OF \$36.00 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, June 9, 2015

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. Allen Guelzo

Gettysburg: The Last

Invasion

## Garry E. Adelman in May

Garry Adelman, our May speaker, put together a wonderful presentation on the use of photography during the Civil War. Those assembled heard an excellent speaker and his program was one that you would not want to miss if another opportunity arises.

### **Gettysburg: The Last Invasion**

RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD

Dr. Allen C. Guelzo, the Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era, and Director of Civil War Era Studies at Gettysburg College, will be our guest in June as he receives the Richard Barksdale Harwell Award for his book, *Gettysburg: The Last Invasion* (Knopf, 2013). He is also the author of *Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President*, which won the Lincoln Prize for 2000, *Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America*, which won the Lincoln Prize for 2005, and *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates That Defined America*, which won the Abraham Lincoln Institute Prize for 2008.

Be sure to be there as Dr. Guelzo looks at the experience of the individual soldier, the sway of politics over military decisions, and places the battle firmly in the context of 19th century military practice. With is knowledge of Gettysburg, Dr. Guelzo can relate, the sights, and the sounds of nineteenth-century combat: the lay of the land, the fences and the stone walls, the gunpowder clouds that hampered movement and vision; the armies that caroused, foraged, kidnapped, and sang and the head-swimming difficulties of marshaling massive numbers of poorly trained soldiers, plus thousands of animals and wagons.

Don't miss this one. Be there.

#### **Menu for June Meeting**

- ☐ Bibb Lettuce, Fried Chicken, Asher Blue Cheese, Sherry Vinaigrette
- ☐ Braised Beef Bordelaise, Baby Carrots, Haricots Verts, Orzo
- ☐ Dark Chocolate Cheesecake

# David Floyd Receives the Round Table's Highest Award

David Floyd, our long-time Secretary/Treasurer, was recognized at the May meeting. or his exceptional service to the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta. At last month's meeting, David received the Round Table's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. David has been the Secretary/Treasurer for our organization almost from the time he joined in 2001. In that time, he has taken and processed some 2,200 reservations and payments, not to mention dues, field trips, etc.

David is the eighth member in the history of the Round Table.to be so honored Previous recipients of he award are: Wilbur G. Kurtz, Sr., Dr. Bell I. Wiley, Richard Barksdale Harwell, Col. James G. Bogle, Franklin Garrett, J. Leon McElveen and William R. Scaife



## **Upcoming Events**

- June 11, 2015: Talk, reception, fundraiser for Camp McDonald Park (former Civil War training facility), at the Southern Museum in Kennesaw. 5:30 8:30. \$25. campmcdonaldpark.org
- June 13, 2015: Living history, tours and trail illumination at Camp McDonald Park in Kennesaw. Reveille at 7 am. Free. campmcdonaldpark.org
- June 14, 2015: Living history, "Artillery Demonstrations," at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. Camp with demos at 11 am, noon and 3 pm. Free. nps.gov/kemo
- June 20, 2015: Ranger-led bike tour of the Chickamauga battlefield. Two-hour tour begins 9:30 am at the visitor center. Bike reservations available. Free. nps.gov/chch
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### **May Walking Tour**

Thanks to all the members who sold out our May 16th "Civil War Atlanta Downtown Walking Tour" led by Charlie Crawford and Mary-Elizabeth Ellard with the Georgia Battlefields Association. We had perfect weather for our three-hour walking tour of the Civil War sites downtown and we were able to donate \$520 from the profit of the tour to the Georgia Battlefields Association. Our donation will be used to preserve and protect battlefields in Georgia. Thanks again to all that participated.

-- Terry Kingery and the ACWRT Activities Committee.



### 150 Years Ago...

- **2 June 1865:** The last Confederate surrender in the Trans-Mississippi Theater
- **13 June 1865:** James Johnston, a pro-Union politician, is appointed provisional governor of Georgia.
- **17 June 1865:** Fire-eater Edmund Ruffin dies of his own hand at his plantation Redmoor, Amelia County, Virginia
- 19 June 1865: General Robert S. Granger declares Emancipation Day in Texas. Now celebrated as Juneteenth
- **30 June 1865:** Conspirators in the assassination of President Lincoln are convicted by a military tribunal

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