



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

Founded 1949

September 2016

635th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

September 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, September 13, 2016

Time: Cocktails: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm

Place: Capital City Club - Downtown
7 John Portman Blvd.

Price: \$36.00 per person

Program: David Powell

**The Chickamauga Campaign / Glory or
the Grave: The Breakthrough, The
Union Collapse and the Defense of
Horseshoe Ridge, September 20, 1863**

Tim Smith in June

Our June speaker and Harwell Award winner, Tim Smith, spoke on the topic of his book, *Difficult and Broken Ground: The Terrain Factor at Shiloh*. It was the most enlightening explanation of the factors that shaped the Battle of Shiloh that I have heard. If you missed it you missed a good one.

David Powell on the The Chickamauga Campaign

RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD

In an odd twist of timing, we will present Harwell Awards at consecutive meetings. Following our 2015 presentation in May to Tim Smith, we will follow this month with our 2016 Harwell Award going to David Powell for his work: *The Chickamauga Campaign / Glory or the Grave: The Breakthrough, The Union Collapse and the Defense of Horseshoe Ridge, September 20, 1863*. This will be David's second Harwell Award. He is the only author to be so honored since the award's inception in 1988. He first received the Harwell in 2011 for: *Failure In The Saddle: Nathan Bedford Forrest, Joe Wheeler, and the Confederate Cavalry In the Chickamauga Campaign*.

This work is being hailed by the Civil War community as, "impeccably researched, deeply analyzed, and especially well-written". Don't miss our September meeting to hear an outstanding author relate his work of what is likely to become part of the definitive study of a very complex battle.

Tell Me Something I Don't Know

We will continue with our brief topic talks with one of our members. This month: *George H. Thomas: The First Civil War Collector?* presented by Penn Templeman. Should be good.

Menu for September Meeting

- ☐ Southern-style Caesar Salad
- ☐ Fried Chicken Breast and wing, Mashed Potatoes with gravy, vegetable.
- ☐ Glazed Lemon Pound Cake

Dues Are Due

David Floyd has sent out dues notices. Make checks to Civil War Round Table of Atlanta. They are \$60.00 and go to:

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Upcoming Events

September 4 - 5 & 25, 2016: *Artillery Demonstrations at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park*, Artillery demonstrations show visitors the steps taken to fire cannon during the American Civil War and includes and explanation of the role of artillery during the Atlanta Campaign and at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. FREE admission. 770-427-4686, www.nps.gov/kemo/index.htm

September 17, 2016: *Chickamauga Battlefield Bicycle Tour*, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 am, Visitor Center, Chickamauga National Military Park, The public is invited to bring their bicycles and join in a leisurely-paced historical ride of approximately two hours in length. Loaner bicycles will be available for riders five-feet-tall and over at no charge. Reservations for loaner bicycles are required at 706-866-9241. The tour begins at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center. Ride length is approximately 3 - 4 miles on flat to moderately-hilly terrain. The rides are appropriate for adults and children ages eight and older when accompanied by an adult. All participants are required to wear helmets. FREE. 423-752-5213 ext. 139, kim.coons@nps.gov.

September 24, 2016: *Chattahoochee River Line Tour*, Saturday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, depart from the KSU Center. Join a tour of select sites along the last line of defense on the Cobb County side of the Chattahoochee River. Registration: \$50.00/person, includes shuttle transportation, maps and guided tour. www.riverline.org/Pages/Tour.aspx.

Spirit of '61 Award

I am very honored to receive the Round Table's 2016 Spirit of '61 Award. This award is given by the outgoing President to a member whom they feel has rendered outstanding service to the Round Table over their term. This is the second annual award by a President. The inaugural winner in 2015 was Terry Kingery.

Leon McElveen

Blue & Gray BBQ

The annual Blue & Gray BBQ held at the Atlanta History Center this summer was an exceptional event. About 130 members and guests were treated to first-rate BBQ as the programs and goals for the upcoming year were rolled out. In addition, to seeing the current exhibits, those interested and willing to brave the heat, were given a tour to see the progress on the new Cyclorama by its architect, Grant Moseley.

If you missed this event, you missed one of the highlights of our Campaign Year. You also missed an opportunity at culinary nirvana: pork rinds and pimento cheese. It just might be perfect. The main program was also preceded by a reception for new members who have joined over the past year.

IN MEMORIAM

STEPHEN D. MORRISON, SR.

FEBRUARY 28, 1928 - AUGUST 13, 2016

PRESIDENT

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF ATLANTA
1990 - 1991 CAMPAIGN

Trivia Topic

This month's trivia topic will augment the focus of our speaker as Charlie's trivia will be about the Battle of Chickamauga.

You have been forewarned, be prepared.

Officers for the 2016 - 2017 Campaign:

President	Gordon Jones
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Speakers for 2016 - 2017 Campaign Year

Gordon Jones - President



David Powell

September 13, 2016 - David Powell

RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD

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George Rable

October 11, 2016 - George Rable

PRESIDENTS NIGHT

Damn Yankees!: Demonization and Defiance in the Confederate South



Gary Ecelbarger

November 15, 2016 - Gary Ecelbarger

"Blackjack" Logan's 15th Corps at the Battle of Atlanta



Richard McMurray

December 13, 2016 - Richard McMurray

Ole Joe in the Vipers Pit: Joseph E. Johnston in the High Command of the Army of Tennessee



Will Greene

January 10, 2017 - Will Greene

Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove: The Civil War in Northwest Arkansas



Sal Cilella

February 14, 2017 - Steve Davis

Neither Great nor Genius: General John Bell Hood in 1864



Steve Davis

March 14, 2017 - Sal Cilella

Emory Upton: The Civil War General Nobody Knows

April 11, 2017 - Todd Groce

What Really Happened at Ebenezer Creek?



Todd Groce

May 9, 2017 - Harold Holzer

Lincoln and the New York Editors, 1864: How Atlanta Saved the President and the Press



Harold Holzer

June 13, 2017 - Gary Gallagher
The Year of Gettysburg and Vicksburg: Was 1863 a Turning Point?



Gary Gallagher

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5:30 - 7:00 pm - Cocktail Hour
7:00 pm - Dinner

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The Richard Barksdale Harwell Book Award

The Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

1989	<i>If It Takes All Summer: The Battle of Spotsylvania</i>	William D. Matter
1990	<i>Tennessee's Forgotten Warriors: Frank Cheatham and His Confederate Division</i>	Christopher Losson
1991	<i>Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain</i>	Robert K. Krick
1992	<i>Struggle for the Shenandoah</i>	Gary W. Gallagher
1993	<i>Decision in the West: The Atlanta Campaign of 1864</i>	Albert Castel
1994	<i>Echoes of Battle: The Atlanta Campaign</i>	Richard Bumgartner / Larry Strayer
1995	<i>The Campaign for Atlanta</i>	William R. Scaife
1996	<i>Robert E. Lee: A Biography</i>	Emory M. Thomas
1997	<i>Andersonville: The Last Depot</i>	William Marvel
1998	<i>Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend</i>	James I. Robertson, Jr.
1999	<i>Lee's Miserables: Life in the Army of Northern Virginia from the Wilderness to Appomattox</i>	J. Tracy Power
2000	<i>Secret Yankees, The Union Circle in Confederate Atlanta</i>	Thomas G. Dyer
2001	<i>Chessboard of War: Sherman and Hood in the Autumn Campaigns of 1864</i>	Anne J. Bailey
2002	<i>The Union That Shaped the Confederacy: Robert Toombs and Alexander Stephens</i>	William C. Davis
2003	<i>Cold Harbor: Grant and Lee, May 26 – June 3, 1864</i>	Gordon G. Rhea
2004	<i>The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock</i>	Francis A. O'Reilly
2005	<i>Days of Glory: Army of the Cumberland, 1861 - 1865</i>	Larry Daniel
2006	<i>Lost Triumph: Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg and Why it Failed</i>	Tom Carhart
2007	<i>Stealing the General, The Great Locomotive Chase and the First Medal of Honor</i>	Russell S. Bonds
2008	<i>Robert E. Lee - Reading the Man: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee Through His Private Letters</i>	Elizabeth Brown Pryor
2009	<i>Tried by War: Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief</i>	James M. McPherson
2010	<i>In the Trenches at Petersburg - Field Fortifications and Confederate Defeat.</i>	Earl J. Hess
2011	<i>Failure In The Saddle: Nathan Bedford Forrest, Joe Wheeler, and the Confederate Cavalry In the Chickamauga Campaign</i>	David A. Powell
2012	<i>A Glorious Army: Robert E. Lee's Triumph, 1862-1863</i>	Jeffry D. Wert
2013	<i>George Henry Thomas: As True As Steel</i>	Brian Steel Wills
2014	<i>Gettysburg: The Last Invasion</i>	Allen C. Guelzo
2015	<i>Difficult and Broken Ground: The Terrain Factor at Shiloh</i>	Timothy B. Smith
2016	<i>The Chickamauga Campaign - Glory or the Grave: The Breakthrough, the Union Collapse, and the Defense of Horseshoe Ridge</i>	David A. Powell