



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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May 2017

643rd Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

May 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

Reservations and payment may be made
online at: cwrta.org

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Time: Cocktails: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm
Place: Capital City Club - Downtown
7 John Portman Blvd.
Price: \$36.00 per person
Program: Jim Ogden

**The Fight For Chickamauga's
Reed's Bridge**

Todd Groce in April

Our April meeting was highlighted by Todd Groce's presentation on the events surrounding the crossing at Ebenezer Creek.

Todd who serves as President and CEO of the Georgia Historical Society, has made this incident a special focus of his and his knowledge of it was evident in his presentation.

Jim Ogden to Step in for Harold Holzer

In an unfortunate repeat of last year, Harold Holzer will not be able to be with us again this year. His ongoing health issues have taken a serious turn and he is currently in the hospital in New York. Please include him in your thoughts and prayers.

Taking Harold's place will be long time friend and Honorary Round Table Member, Jim Ogden. Jim began his service with the National Park Service in 1982. Since 1988, he has been the Historian at Chickamauga Chattanooga National Military Park. In that time, he has led over 400 Staff Rides for U.S. Army officers studying the battlefield.

Forrest, Hood, even the rarely heard of Bushrod Johnson, were involved at Reed's Bridge. It was the first place Confederates crossed the creek on September 18. It's reported burning on the morning of the 19th played a role in bringing on what is usually recognized as the two day Battle of Chickamauga. Come be with us as Jim fills in the details of this ignition point of one of the great battles of the Civil War.

Tell Me Something I Don't Know II

The Unknown Hero of DeGress's Battery: When US Capt. Francis DeGress fired the last shots of canister at attacking Confederates overrunning his battery during the Battle of Atlanta, he was not alone! Find out who helped him - and gave his life in the attempt.

Menu for May Meeting

- Spinach Berry Salad
- Roasted Chicken Breast, Vegetable
- Carrot cake

Upcoming Programs

June 13, 2017 Chris Mackowski
The Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse

Nominating Committee Report

Vicky Frolich, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the proposed slate of officers for the 2017 - 2018 Campaign Year at the April meeting. The floor will be open for additional nominations at the May meeting and we will vote in June. Those placed in nomination are:

- President**.....Grant Moseley
- First Vice President** Brian Wills
- Second Vice President**
- Secretary / Treasurer** David Floyd
- Asst. Secretary / Treasurer** David Floyd
- Executive Committee** 2017: Mary-Elizabeth Ellard
 2017: .Amir Nowroozzadeh
 2018: Loran Crabtree
 2018..... Carlton Mullis
- Past President** Gordon Jones
- Battle Lines Editor** Leon McElveen



The Texas Returns to the Cyclorama

The *Texas* returns to the Atlanta History Center on Wednesday, May 3, probably around mid-morning. It'll be craned into its new home on front of the cyclorama building and will be in its new circa 1886 configuration and paint scheme. The building is not open to the public yet, but every one can come watch it go in.

Field Trip to Emory Archives

Our field trip to the Emory rare books and manuscript library is Saturday June 3. It will begin 10:30 am

Our guide will be, Randy Gue, Curator of Modern Political and Historical Collections at the Rose Library. He will led us through some of the items in the permanent collection that pertain to the Atlanta Campaign. Don't miss this opportunity to see this one of a kind collection. Details to follow.

Upcoming Events

May 7, 2017: *Artillery Demonstration on Kennesaw Mountain* - Sunday, 11:15 am, 12:15, 2:15 & 3:15 pm, On top of Big Kennesaw Mountain, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Kennesaw GA. Living historians will talk about the lives of Civil War soldiers and demonstrate how muskets and cannon were loaded. Programs will take place on top of the mountain at 11:15, 12:15, 2:15, and 3:15. Remember to give yourself enough time to walk up the mountain for the program or take the shuttle bus for \$3.00. FREE admission. 770-427-4686, www.nps.gov/kemo/

May 19 - 21, 2017: *153rd Anniversary Battle of Resaca Reenactment* , Friday through Sunday, Chitwood Farm, Resaca GA. One of the largest reenactments in Georgia, held on a portion of the actual battlefield. memorial service at the Resaca Confederate Cemetery on Saturday; exciting battles both Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Other activities include touring of the camps and talking with the soldiers, cavalry competition, Saturday night period dance, Sunday morning period church service, reenactors "yard sale" and other living history activities. Shop sutler row for period wares; food and beverages available. Open to the general public on Saturday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission: Adults \$5.00, Children (ages 6 to 12) \$2.00. Directions: I-75 to Exit #320, east into Resaca, then three miles north on U.S. Hwy. 41. Turn right on Chitwood Road and follow the signs. 800-887-3811, www.georgiadivision.org/bor_reenactment.html

Many, many more Civil War related events going on around Georgia in the month of May. For more details go to: www.civilwarheritagetrails.org/civil-war-events/may.html

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