



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table

A non-profit 501(c) (3), dedicated to promoting the serious study of the American Civil War

Blue & Gray Barbecue

Sunday, August 14
5:30-6 p.m. Cocktails
6-8 p.m. Dinner

Reservations Required

Register online at
www.atlantacwrt.org

Or mail a check (\$40 per ticket)
to Tim Whalen:
P.O. Box 2355
Griffin, GA 30224
Reservations must be made by
8 p.m. Thursday, August 11

Meeting Location

Atlanta History Center
130 West Paces Ferry Road NW
Atlanta, GA 30305

Menu

Pork or Chicken Barbecue;
Baked Beans; Cole Slaw;
Potato Salad; Other Traditional
Side Items. Cobbler for Dessert.
Lemonade and Iced Tea
will be served with the meal.
Let Tim know if you need a
special menu; there is an option
for vegetarians.

** Cash bar opens at 5:30 p.m.*



Loran Crabtree, ACWRT 2022-23 President, at the grave of Lt. General Stonewall Jackson's left arm in Locust Grove, Virginia.

Welcome to a New Campaign Year

Dear fellow Round Table members and Civil Warriors, Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Wells, wrote in his diary "The War has been waged with success, although there have been in some instances errors and misfortunes. But the heart of the nation is sounder and its hopes brighter."

This campaign year we will join together in fellowship at our monthly meetings to study and discuss the successes, errors, and misfortunes of the American Civil War. I hope we, as an organization, can come together and leave each meeting with our hopes brighter.

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Probing History

Expect a very special evening for our April 14 Barbecue. Atlanta Round Table Past President Gordon Jones (Pictured above at last year's barbecue) will offer some fascinating items from the museum collection for show and tell. Gordon is Senior Military Historian and Curator at the History Center. Through the barbecue, the Cyclorama and other exhibits will be open.

Dues are Due

Our 2022-23 Campaign Year is beginning. Please pay your \$75 annual membership dues. We are a 501(c) (3) non-profit. Your dues are tax deductible.

Visit our website:

www.atlantacwrt.org
to pay dues or donate.

Or mail a check for your dues to Treasurer Tim Whalen:

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Welcome to a New Campaign Year

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Loran Franklin Crabtree and I have been a member of our Round Table since 2015. I was born and raised here in the Atlanta area. My family, the Crabtrees, have been in Grant Park since the 1880's. Like all of you, I am fascinated by the Civil War and have been since I was a child. As a kid, I remember attending Civil War camps and symposiums with my mother and checking out books on the war at the library. My third great-grandfather on my mother's side, James Davis, served in Company H, Hardees Rifles, of the 5th Georgia, C.S.A. My third great-grandfather on my Dad's side, William Crabtree, served in the 34th Mississippi, C.S.A. William fought at the Battle of Ezra Church, survived the war, and then in 1914 was buried at Westview Cemetery beneath the ground where he once fought.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual Blue & Gray Barbecue at the Atlanta History Center this month. I will be at the registration table prior to dinner and I look forward to greeting you all. I believe you will be happy with the group of diverse speakers lined up for this coming campaign year.

I would like to thank our 2022-2023 Executive Committee: Robert Fugate, Bill Dodd, Tim Whalen, Mary-Elizabeth Ellard, John Ottley, Sy Goodman, Sam Moses and Elizabeth Buttimer, as well as Gary Barnes, Gould Hagler, and Carol Willey!

Lastly, **I would like to thank YOU** for being a member. I am honored and humbled to be your President, and I look forward to serving you and continuing to further the serious discussion and study of the American Civil War.

Loran Crabtree
President ACWRT



Past President J.D. Humphries with new member Bill Marks

Welcome to Our New Members

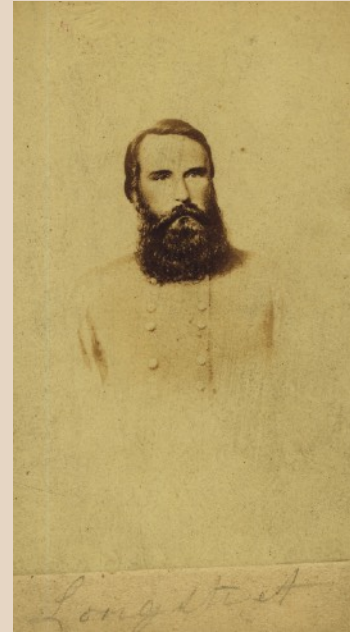
Our Round Table gained 14 new members this year. We look forward to many years of fellowship and study of the American Civil War with each one of you. Sam Moses, who comes to us from Washington DC where he was a friend of the Round Table there and a docent for the Arlington Historical Society, now serves on our board. Welcome to all of you and thanks for joining us!

Our new members:

Amy Renee Blalock,
 Alan James Koman,
 Melissa Baez,
 Dennis Elm,
 Michelle Anderson,
 Elizabeth Talmadge,
 Harry Lamon, Jr.,
 Chris Welton,
 Thomas Barnett,
 Bill Marks,
 Sam Moses



Elizabeth Talmadge touring with ACWRT in East Tennessee.



Pictured: General James Longstreet.
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'Why do men fight

who were born to be brothers?'

Former General James Longstreet

From the New York Times July 24, 1885

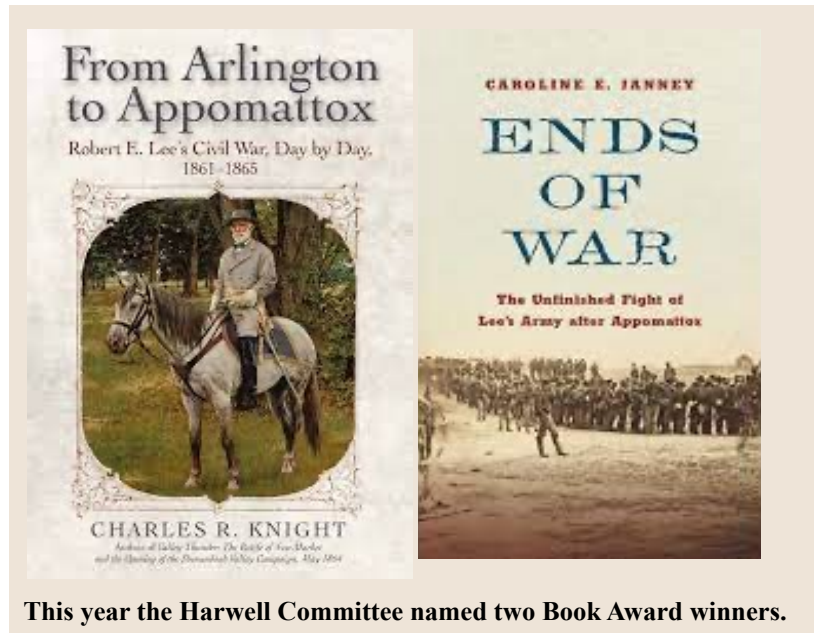
A Harwell First: Two Books Win 2022 Award

For the first time in the 33-year history of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table's prestigious Richard Barksdale Harwell Book Award, two books have been chosen to share the annual honor. Charles Knight's *From Arlington to Appomattox: Robert E. Lee's Civil War, Day by Day, 1861-1865* and Caroline Janney's *Ends of War: The Unfinished Plight of Lee's Army after Appomattox* are both 2022 recipients.

Robert Fugate of the Harwell Book Award Committee described the decision: "We decided to name two winners this year because the committee felt that there were two very strong submissions that were each unique in many ways. Caroline Janney's *Ends of War* brings a

new perspective to the familiar story of Appomattox and the aftermath of Lee's surrender. The book provides insight into the internal controversies and complexities of Union political and military decision making as well as the issues involving Confederate forces in Virginia who did not surrender with Lee, explaining why they didn't and what became of them in the succeeding months. She discusses the bitterness and determination of many Confederate soldiers who sought to continue the war and their efforts to do so, as well as the experience of Lee's surrendered soldiers in the period immediately after Appomattox. A number of individual accounts bring the nuances and intensity of this period to life in a book that was hard to put down." *Ends of War* also received the esteemed Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize for 2022.

Also honored is a book that hones in on wartime experience of the Confederacy's General Robert E. Lee. "In chronicling Robert E. Lee's activities day-by-day throughout the war, Charles Knight's *Arlington to Appomattox* provides both a reference book on how Lee spent each day of the war and a kind of intimate diary that can be read front to back," said Robert.



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Two Books Win 2022 Harwell Award (from Page 4)

“**Knight’s deeply researched volume** does something that is very difficult for a Civil War historian - he offers a wealth of new material and brings together the old in new ways, while keeping his opinions to himself. We see how Lee worked, ate, slept, how much time he devoted to family versus army matters, how his health held up, how others saw him, in short, how he spent his time each day - and we come to know him better; the “Marble Man” becomes more real and relatable. The committee believed that this is the type of book which will stand the test of time and be used by professional and armchair historians for as long as people study The Late Unpleasantness,” Robert concluded.

ImmEDIATE Past President Dr. Mary-Elizabeth Ellard noted: “The board respects the effort and knowledge that the Harwell Committee invests in their decisions. If they recognized two books as such stand outs, we knew to trust their assessment. The size of the award is such, that even when shared, it is substantial. This allowed us to present two awards in amounts that demonstrate genuine appreciation for each author’s work. “

The **Harwell Book Award** was established after Atlanta Round Table founder and first president Richard Barksdale Harwell died in March of 1988. Since 1989, it has been bestowed annually for the best book on a Civil War subject published in the preceding year. The Harwell distinguishes the Atlanta Round Table. It is nationally recognized as a mark of excellence for books of the American Civil War. Born in Washington, Georgia in 1915, Richard Harwell was raised in Atlanta where he obtained an undergraduate degree and a post-graduate library science degree from Emory. He served in World War II as the youngest commander of a Navy minesweeper. A college librarian and historian, his focus on Civil War history began when he helped Margaret Mitchell research *Gone With the Wind*. He also wrote and edited many books. Notably, he was chosen by esteemed Robert E. Lee biographer Douglas Southall Freeman to condense his multi-volume biography of Lee. Richard Harwell’s condensed edition of the Freeman book is still regarded as one of the best books on the subject of Lee.



Charles Knight is the speaker for our November meeting.



Caroline Janney will speak to us in January 2023.

A Preservation Victory: Rocky Face Ridge Park

On **Monday, July 25th**, with Round Table member Billy Hood and reenactor Scott White, I had the pleasure of attending the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new, 1,000-acre Rocky Face Ridge Park, located just north of Dalton on the eastern side of I-75. It took 25 years and \$3.4 million to assemble the land needed to save this battlefield and to develop it as a Whitfield County Park. In late 1863 and early 1864, General Joe Johnston's Confederate army spent the winter in north Georgia and eventually faced Union General W. T. Sherman's army at Rocky Face Ridge. The new park preserves the fields where the Atlanta Campaign opened. Several battles were fought here in May 1864; well-preserved entrenchments survive. Located in a natural, undeveloped, beautiful ridge and valley, the park features a newly constructed pavilion, bathrooms, a parking lot, hiking and biking trails, interpretive markers and a historic cannon.

The ceremony and ribbon cutting was attended by many local officials and members of contributing organizations. Among others The American Battlefield Trust, Save The Dalton Battlefields, LLC, the National Park Service, the Blue & Gray Education Society, The Whitfield County Historic Preservation Commission and the Georgia Piedmont Land Trust contributed to the acquisition of the historic land and, afterwards, to the development of the park. It will be one of the largest county-managed parks in Georgia. Hats off to Bob Jenkins, President of the Save The Dalton Battlefields organization and so many others for their preservation of this beautiful and historic park! This is one of the greatest recent achievements in Civil War battlefield preservation.



At the Rocky Face Ridge Park Dedication Ceremony: Top, Jim Ogden, Chief Historian of the Chickamauga-Chattanooga Military Park, addresses attendees; Bottom left, Interpretive Markers line the trail; Bottom right, A historic cannon stands sentinel. Its carriage was contributed by the Blue & Gray Education Society. (Photos: Terry Kingery)

Terry H. Kingery, Past President Atlanta Civil War Round Table

Longstreet Breaks Through at Chickamauga! Exclusive Bus Tour





**Featuring: Jim Ogden, NPS and
Brian Steel Wills, Center Director & Author**




Price:
Individual: \$59
Kennesaw Corps
Members: \$49
Includes: Charter
Bus, Guided Tour
and Lunch

Online Registration:



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THE CIVIL WAR ERA



**Sat., Sept. 24, 2022
8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Departs 3391 Town Point
Drive, Kennesaw, GA**

Coming this fall: Longstreet at Chickamauga

Those interested in the history of Georgia Confederate General James Longstreet at Chickamauga will have two excellent opportunities to learn more this fall. First up is a bus tour, *Longstreet Breaks Through at Chickamauga*, offered by the Kennesaw State University Center for the Study of the Civil War Era on Saturday, September 24. From October 28-30, Gainesville's Longstreet Society will offer its annual seminar on the topic of *Lee's Warhorse in Tennessee*.

There will be a registration link for the KSU tour later. In the meantime, those wanting to reserve a seat may send checks to Brian Wills/ Civil War Center MD 2206/ Kennesaw, GA 30144. Checks should be made out to Kennesaw State University with "Longstreet Tour 2022" in the memo line.

The Longstreet Society seminar will include a tour of Snodgrass Hill, led by historian and author Robert Carter; a Saturday bus tour led by Chickamauga-Chattanooga Military Park Chief Historian Jim Ogden and a Sunday morning visit to the National Medal of Honor Heritage Center in Chattanooga. For information about the Longstreet Society, visit <http://www.longstreetsociety.org>. Registration for the seminar has begun. For further information and to register see: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/longstreet-society-seminar-chattanooga-2022-tickets-304296006547>

Civil War Tours and Events of Interest

The momentum is building! The 7th Annual Collector's Showcase at Kennesaw State University's Center for the Study of the Civil War Era is just a few days away on Saturday, August 6 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Admission is free but donations are welcomed. Featured guest Tim Price, a collector, author and appraiser for PBS's Antiques Roadshow will be there to evaluate relics and collectible items. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about treasured family items and mementos of the Civil War.



Chickamauga, 1863 by Adolph Metzner. From: Michael A. Peake. 2010. Page 96. *Blood Shed in this War: Civil War illustrations by Captain Adolph Metzner, 32nd Indiana.* Indianapolis : Indiana Historical Society Press, (Print from the Library of Congress digital collection)

Don't miss the 44th Annual Southeastern Civil War and Antique Gun Show, hosted by the North Georgia Relic Hunters and the Marietta Parks and Recreation Department. The show will take place Saturday and Sunday, August 13th and 14th at the Cobb County Civic Center: 548 S. Marietta Parkway, S.E./ Marietta, Georgia 30060. Hours Saturday: 9 a.m-5 p.m and Sunday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There is Free Parking. Admission is \$8 for adults. Veterans and children under 10 may attend free. The show will feature Dug Relics, Guns and Swords, Books, Prints, Metal Detectors, Artillery Items and Currency. To inquire by mail: North Georgia Relic Hunters Association, Attention: Show Chairman/ P.O. Box 503/ Marietta, Georgia 30061 or email terryraymac@hotmail.com.

On Sunday, August 14, Oakland Cemetery will host a 75-minute tour, "We Shall Overcome: African American Stories from Civil War to Civil Rights." The anthem of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, "We Shall Overcome" dates back to

antebellum days and a spiritual sung by enslaved people, "No More Auction Block for Me." This tour explores the lives and accomplishments of outstanding and ordinary African Americans who fought to overcome the effects of slavery and discrimination and helped shape the history of Atlanta. The tour starts at the Front Gate (main entrance at Oakland Avenue and MLK Jr. Drive) at 10:30 a.m. For details, see eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/we-shall-overcome-african-american-stories-from-civil-war-to-civil-rights-tickets-346355146567?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete>

The Blue & Gray Education Society is offering two late summer tours in Chattanooga: "The Cavalry in 1863-1864, Georgia Campaigns" with Military Park historians Lee White and Jim Ogden, August 16-18; and "Bragg's Chattanooga Strategy" with Jim Ogden, August 18-21. For further details and to register see the society's tour listing on its website: <https://blueandgrayeducation.org>



Barbecue and the War

We know that the war years delivered deprivation. Confederates especially were often hungry. How did the culinary art of barbecue develop amidst these overwhelming challenges? If anyone would know, it's award-winning journalist and author Jim Auchmuty, our speaker on September 13, 2022. Jim spent almost 30 years with the Atlanta Journal Constitution where his work focused on Southern history and culture. Most recently, Jim served as guest curator for the Atlanta History Center's Barbecue Nation exhibit. The experience inspired his latest book, 2019's *Smokelore*. A native Georgian, Jim's previous book is *The Class of '65: A Student, a Divided Town, and the Long Road to Forgiveness*.

A Fond Farewell to 2021-2022

We left the pandemic last year, gathering for all but one meeting. In January the COVID Omicron Variant forced us once again to go virtual. Sy Goodman's talk, *Atlanta During the Civil War, A Geographical and Logistical Perspective*, did not suffer for it. We ended the year with another surprise when our June speaker Gary Gallagher fell ill. With less than 24 hours notice, Past President Brian Wills, published extensively on the subject of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest, delivered the program *Forrest at Ft. Donelson*. For our new campaign year, Brian will offer another program on Forrest, *Lightning on the River: Forrest at Ft. Pillow*, in May 2023.



Mary-Elizabeth Ellard thanks Brian Wills for his June talk.

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