



# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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November 2011

587th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

## November Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER  
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$33.00** PER  
PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

**David Floyd**  
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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, November 8, 2011

**Time:** Cocktails: 6:00 pm  
Dinner: 7:00 pm

**Place:** Ansley Golf Club  
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

**Price:** **\$33.00 per person**

**Program:** David Powell  
*Failure in the Saddle - Nathan  
Bedford Forrest, Joe Wheeler, and  
the Confederate Cavalry in the  
Chickamauga Campaign*

## David Powell to Receive The Richard Barksdale Harwell Award

The recipient of our book award, David A. Powell, is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute with a BA in history. While he has published numerous articles of different battles, for the past decade, his focus has been on the battle of Chickamauga. His latest book is *Failure In The Saddle: Nathan Bedford Forrest, Joe Wheeler, and the Confederate Cavalry In the Chickamauga Campaign*. The Confederate cavalry has enjoyed a storied and favorable history of its daring exploits during the Civil War, however, sometimes the romance evoked obscures the history.

Despite the presence of two Southern cavalry corps under legendary commanders Nathan Bedford Forrest and Joe Wheeler, Union troops crossed the Tennessee River unopposed, and turned Bragg's left flank. Threatened with the loss of the railroad, Bragg had no choice but to retreat and lost Chattanooga without a fight. When Bragg struck back at Chickamauga, he was once again surprised by the position of the Union army. Although Chickamauga was a Southern victory, Federal counterblows reversed all that had been so dearly purchased.

David's book is an attempt to determine what role the Confederate cavalry played in both the loss of Chattanooga and the staggering number of miscues that followed up to, through, and beyond the battle at Chickamauga. *Failure in the Saddle* offers new perspectives on the role of the Rebel horsemen in every combat waged during this long and bloody campaign and, by default, a fresh assessment of the generalship of Braxton Bragg.

## Bill Bragg in October

Round Table member, Bill Bragg, presented those assembled an outstanding program on how historians have treated the subject of Reconstruction through the years. His insight gave us a look not only at the period of reconstruction, but also at how historians' views change with time. Our thanks to Bill.

**2011 - 2012 Program Preview**

- December 13, 2011**..... Stephen Wise  
*Forgotten History: The Battle of Port Royal*  
 [To be held at the Capital City Club - Downtown]
- January 10, 2012** ..... John Derden  
*Camp Lawton: The Largest Prison in the World*
- February 14, 2012**..... Greg Biggs  
*How Johnny Got His Gun - The Confederate Supply System*
- March 13, 2012**..... Gail Stephens  
*The Race for Washington, Summer 1864*
- April 10, 2012**..... Jeffrey Wert  
*James Longstreet: The Staff in Lee's Right Hand*
- May 8, 2012** ..... Robert Girardi  
*Railroad Defense in the Atlanta Campaign*
- June 12, 2012**..... Stephen Davis  
*What the Yankees Did to Us*

**Upcoming Events**

- November 5, 2011:** Kennesaw Mountain NBP, "Artillery Talk", at the top of Kennesaw Mountain 11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm.
- November 6, 2011:** Kennesaw Mountain NBP, "Artillery Demonstrations", Kennesaw Mountain Visitors Center, 11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm.
- November 3, 2011:** Civil War Round Table of Cobb County, The Confederacy's Last Hurrah, Wiley Sword, KSU Student Center - University Rooms (Bldg. #5 on KSU map), Reception 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm, For more info call David Brannan, 770.315.7764 or [brannan53ga@gmail.com](mailto:brannan53ga@gmail.com).
- November 14, 2011:** Monday Night Program - Lee White "*Manigault's Brigade at Kolb Farm*", 7pm @ Kennesaw Mountain NBP Visitor Center.
- November 15, 2011:** Lecture, "Rearing Rebels: A Look at Confederate Textbooks," by David Parker, author of *Breaking the Heartland: The Civil War in Georgia*. Kennesaw State University, Sturgis Library, in Kennesaw. 7 pm. Free. [www.kennesaw.edu/civilwarera](http://www.kennesaw.edu/civilwarera).

**Bud Robertson Event a Success**

Our reception for Dr. Bud Robertson prior to his lecture at Kennesaw University had over 60 members in attendance. An engraved box was presented to Dr. Robertson by Gould Hagler celebrating his long affiliation with our Round Table. We also presented a donation of \$1,060 Round Table member and Director Dr. Brian Wills for the Kennesaw University Center for The Study of The Civil War Era.

**Franklin Civil War Show**

On Saturday December. 3, the Activities Committee is once again organizing a carpool to the world's largest Civil War Show in Franklin, Tennessee. This show has everything Civil War related including arms, books, uniforms, flags, shells, photos, maps, etc. Details to follow.

**150 years ago**

- 1 November 1861:** George McClellan promoted to General-in-Chief
- 7 November 1861:** Battle of Port Royal: Union naval forces under Flag Officer Samuel DuPont secure an inlet between Charleston and Savannah including Hilton Head
- 7 November 1861:** Battle of Belmont: U. S. Grant [US] defeats Gideon Pillow [CS]. Grant's men are then routed by B. F. Cheatham [CS].
- 7 November 1861:** British mail packet Trent, carrying Confederate commissioners to London and Paris, is halted in the Bahama Channel by the U.S. warship *San Jacinto*.

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