



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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December 2011

588th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

December Meeting

Reservations Are Required

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

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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, December 13, 2011

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

Place: Capital City Club - Downtown
7 Harris Street

Price: \$33.00 per person

Program: Dr. Stephen Wise

*Forgotten History: The Battle of
Port Royal*

Dr. Stephen Wise to Speak on Battle of Port Royal

Dr. Stephen R. Wise is the director of the museum and the Cultural Resource Manager for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot located at Parris Island, South Carolina. He also teaches history as an adjunct professor at the Beaufort campus of the University of South Carolina, serves as an advisor to the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust and the Beaufort County Historical Society.

Dr. Wise will speak on the Battle of Port Royal, one of the earliest amphibious operations of the American Civil War, in which a U.S. Navy fleet commanded by Flag Officer Samuel du Pont and U.S. Army expeditionary force overwhelmed the Confederate defenders at the two forts guarding Port Royal Sound, located between Savannah and Charleston on November 7, 1861.

Be there to hear Dr. Wise discuss this event not often considered a headline event, but none the less a very important one the overall strategy and conduct of the war.

December Meeting Will Be at The Capital City Club - Downtown

Due to a conflict at the Ansley Golf Club, our December meeting will be held at the Capital City Club - Downtown. The club is located at 7 Harris Street. Visit www.capitalcityclub.org for directions.

Those of you who insist on showing up at Ansley Golf Club will find your nametag missing, your dining partners unfamiliar, and the topic somewhat below expectations.

David Powell in November

David Powell, the recipient of our 2011 Richard B. Harwell Book Award, gave those assembled an excellent program on the roles of the Confederate cavalry of Gen. Forrest and Gen. Wheeler in the Battle of Chickamauga. His long interest in this battle has given him a depth of knowledge that was evident both in his book and in his presentation.

2011 - 2012 Program Preview

- 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**.....Jeffry 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

- December 10, 2011:** Reenactment, "Winter Muster & Battle at Fort McAllister near Richmond Hill. Living history plus 1865 battle reenactment. \$5. 912-727-2339.
- December 10, 2011:** Candlelight tours at the Carter House in Franklin. Benefits preservation efforts. Details: www.battleoffranklintrust.org.
- February 4 - 5, 2012:** Dalton Civil War Show, Northwest Georgia Trade Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road, Dalton. Fee charged. 706.272.7676.

KSU Civil War Center Events

The Kennesaw State University Center for the Study of the Civil War has announced the following events.

Ninth Annual Civil War Symposium, 1862: *The Path to Freedom*, March 23 - 24, 2012 at KSU.

Shiloh Trip: May 19 - 20, 2012 (additional details coming in early 2012).

Fall Civil War Symposium, *Diplomacy, Colonization, and Civil War Medical Practices*, Saturday, October 13, 2012 at KSU.

For more information contact esteemed academics and Round Table members Brian Wills or Mike Schaffer. They run the show out there.

Activities Committee Report

The Activities Committee has concluded a successful 2011 calendar year. It has conducted field trips to the Dalton Civil War Show, Andersonville, the Booth Museum with painter Mort Kunstler, the Chattanooga Battlefield with Ranger Jim Ogden, the Summer Blue & Gray BBQ, the Allatoona Pass Battlefield, the Bud Robertson reception/lecture, and the Franklin Civil War Show with the Tom Cartwright tour. The committee is working on two new field trips for 2012 and will announce those soon. The Activities Committee, wishes to sincerely thank all the members of the Round Table for their outstanding support of the activities during the past year.

The next group event will be to the annual Dalton Civil War Show on Saturday, February 4, 2012. Details soon to follow.

150 years ago

- 7 December 1861:** Stonewall Jackson destroys the West Virginia side of Dam Number 5 on the Potomac River, disrupting the C&O Canal and impacting the Union's ability to repair the B&O Railroad.
- 13 December 1861:** Battle of Camp Allegany, West Virginia.
- 21 December 1861:** Abraham Lincoln signs a bill creating the Navy Medal of Honor, America's first medal. It is to be presented to sailors or marines who "...distinguish themselves by their gallantry and other seamanlike qualities..."

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