



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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602st Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

April Meeting

Reservations Are Required

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

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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, April 9, 2013

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

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

Price: \$33.00 per person

Program: Terry Winschel

*Gen. John C. Pemberton and
the Battle of Champion Hill*

The Battle of Champion Hill

The Battle of Champion Hill was the largest, bloodiest, most significant action of the Vicksburg campaign.

Terry Winschel, our April speaker, is a native of Pittsburgh and a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University. He is a 35-year veteran of the National Park Service who served at Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, Valley Forge, and recently retired as Historian at Vicksburg.

Terry will examine the brutal combat that swirled around Champion Hill on May 16, 1863, and the generalship of Confederate commander John C. Pemberton during this critical stage of the Vicksburg campaign. In the most important action of his military career, Pemberton had failed, and had failed miserably. Utilizing a series of transparencies, Terry will detail the battle action as it developed and examine the command decisions made by Pemberton from deployment to withdrawal of the Confederate army.

British military historian, General J.F.C. Fuller observed that "The drums of Champion's Hill sounded the doom of Richmond." Yet, despite this observation, only a handful of stalwart historians have ventured to analyze the impact of Champion Hill on the Vicksburg campaign and the fate of the Confederate nation. Perhaps more significant than any larger or bloodier action of the Civil War, the Battle of Champion Hill was the decisive action of the Vicksburg campaign, led directly to the fall of the Confederate bastion on the Mississippi River, and arguably sealed the fate of Richmond. The fierce combat which raged on the heights of Champion Hill on May 16, 1863, and the military leadership of John C. Pemberton in particular, thus warrant further investigation.

Jack Davis in March

Jack Davis may be the only one who could take the topic, The Monstrous Regiment of Women, and turn it into a very enjoyable topic for . He has done the legwork and certainly has put together an impressive body of knowledge.

Now if he could just tell us why they were all named Frank.

2012 - 2013 Program Schedule

May 14, 2013Jeffrey Wert
RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL AWARD

An Army Reborn: Lee and His Army From Seven Days to Gettysburg

June 11, 2013Dennis Frye
September Suspense: Lincoln's Union in Peril

Upcoming Events

April 13, 2013: *12th National Confederate Memorial Day Service*, 1:00 pm, Stone Mountain Park,. Annual memorial service at the Reflection Pool. Re-enactors will fire rifle and cannon salutes. Rain or shine. 706-678-7720, denardodian@bellsouth.net.

April 26 - 27, 2013: *Atlanta International Military Show*. Fri. noon to 5:00 pm, Sat. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Cobb County Civic Center. U.S. and foreign arms, civil war collectables and books. Admission: Adults \$6.00, ages 7-12 \$1.00. 704-282-1339,

April 27, 2013: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Booth Western Art Museum & Bartow History Museum, Cartersville GA. The Civil War comes to life as we reflect back on the events of 150+ years ago. Re-enactors, cannon firings, encampments, music, food, signaling, the home front and much more. Admission: Adults \$10.00, Seniors (65+) \$8.00, Students \$7.00, Children 12 & under \$3.00, Active military Free w/ ID. 770-387-1300, www.boothmuseum.org/.

April 27, 2013: Activities Committee Field Trip to Athens and Washington, GA. See the 12 foot Confederate Constitution which will be brought out just for our group.

150 Years Ago

2 April 1863: A Richmond mob demands bread from a supply wagon starting the so-called Bread Riot. The mob was personally addressed by Jefferson Davis, who tossed the money from his pocket into the crowd.

11 April 1863: Col. Abel Streight leaves Nashville, Tennessee on a raid of Rome, GA

30 April 1863: About noon, Ulysses S. Grant begins crossing the Mississippi and landing U. S. troops south of Vicksburg.

Early Exits

Unless you have an extremely pressing commitment and absolutely, positively have to leave the instant our speaker finishes his presentation, please remain in your seats until we adjourn the meeting. By this token of courtesy and respect we advance our reputation among those we invite to be our guests. We try to close by 9:00 pm. If there are problems with the club prompting your early exit, please let one of the board know.

Bylaws Vote

At the April meeting we will vote to amend the Constitution and By-Laws of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta, Inc. to add to Article IV "Officers and Directors" the position of "Assistant Secretary/Treasurer".

This position will be to assist the elected Secretary/Treasurer to carry out his duties as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Round Table and to assume the position of Secretary/Treasurer in case of his removal from office or his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office until the disability be removed, or a Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected. Said Assistant Secretary/Treasurer to be a voting member of the Executive Committee only in the absence of the elected Secretary/Treasurer. This position will ensure that the Round Table business not be interrupted. Since this is a change to the Constitution and By-Laws it is being submitted to the membership to review for a vote at the March meeting.

Officers for the 2011 -2012 Campaign:

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