



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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May 2013

603rd Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

May Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$33.00** 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

E-mail and telephone reservations will
not be accepted

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 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: Jeffrey Wert

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

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At our May meeting we will honor author, Jeffrey Wert, with our Richard Barksdale Harwell Award for his book, *A Glorious Army: Robert E. Lee's Triumph, 1862-1863*.

Jeffry, a former high-school history teacher and a renowned scholar of the Civil War, is he author of nine books on Civil War topics and frequent speaker at our Round Table. In his latest work he focuses on the bold moves made by Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia during the period from June 1862 to July 1863. At the outset of his command Lee suffered from the public perception that he was timid and afraid to fight. That aura was immediately dispelled by Lee during the Seven Days Battles outside of Richmond when with bold action he drove McClellan's army from the outskirts of Richmond. His audacious tactics continued his legendary rise in command and increased the fame of his army with the battles of Antietam and Chancellorsville where he fought armies nearly twice the size of his own. After Gettysburg where Lee's tactics proved disastrous and with his officer corps decimated, he never again regained the momentum he had enjoyed during the time since the Seven Days.

Wert states the book's thesis succinctly in the volume's last sentence: "No American army, against such odds and in less than a year, compiled such a record as that of the Army of Northern Virginia, and none altered the direction of the conflict more."

Don't miss his chance to hear a true expert and scholar on the war as we award him our coveted book award.

Terry Winchel in April

Terry Winschel delivered a great program to those asson the Battle of Champions Hill at our April meeting. His description and analysis of this key event during Grant's Vicksburg campaign was exceptionally well done. His research and the maps he has developed were of the first order. Our thanks to Terry for a very good presentation.

2012 - 2013 Program Schedule

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

Upcoming Events

May 18 - 19, 2013: Reenactment, "Battle of Resaca," near Resaca. Camps and living history demonstrations open 9 am. Battles at 2 pm each day. \$5/adult. Schedule, directions: georgiadivision.org

May 25, 2013: Living history, artillery demonstrations at the Chickamauga battlefield. 9 am-4 pm. Free. nps.gov/chch

New Member Reception

There will be a reception for all new members just prior to the meeting on Tuesday. The reception will be from 5:00 to 5:30 pm and will be held in the room just to the left of the check-in table.

All members who have joined during this campaign year are invited to attend.

Athens & Washington Field Trip

The Athens & Washington field trip was a great success as it sold out all 48 seats on the bus.

Highlights of the trip were a personal tour of historic Athens by fellow member Vince Dooley, a tour of the T.R.R. Cobb House, a private viewing of the 12 foot long handwritten Confederate Constitution and new Civil War exhibits plus a tour of the vaults all at the new UGA Hargrett Library. Also, lunch was hosted by member Bill deGolian at his beautiful antebellum plantation in Washington with a tour of historic Washington & the Robert Toombs House, ending the day with a guided tour of the Barber's Creek Battlefield outside Athens where 1,000 feet of earthworks and gun emplacements still remain that saved Athens from Federal troops in 1864. The weather also held out nicely for the members.

Thanks to all those that assisted the Activities Committee with the various arrangements of this field trip and to all those members that attended our events during this campaign year.

-- Terry H. Kingery

Bylaws Vote

At the April meeting we voted 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".

150 Years Ago

- 1 May 1863:** Battle of Chancellorsville.
- 3 May 1863:** Nathan Bedford Forrest ends Abel Streight's Raid on Rome, Georgia, in heavy skirmishing at Cedar Bluffs, Alabama.
- 10 May 1863:** Gen. T.J. "Stonewall" Jackson dies from friendly fire wounds.
- 16 May 1863:** Battle of Champions Hill.

2013 - 2014 Nominations

The following nominations were offered by the Nominating Committee at the April meeting. We will vote at the June meeting.

- President..... Art Carey
- First Vice President..... David Beale
- Second Vice President.....Vicky Conn
- Secretary / TreasurerDavid Floyd
- Asst. Secretary / TreasurerBill Gurry
- Executive Committee 2013*: Gordon Jones
- 2013*: Grant Moseley
- 2014:..... Gene Hatfield
- 2014:..... Charlie Mitchell

* second year of two-year term

Officers for the 2011 -2012 Campaign:

- President** Jack Melton
- First Vice President** Art Carey
- Second Vice President**David Beale
- Secretary / Treasurer**..... David Floyd
- Executive Committee** 2013:..... Vicky Conn
- 2013:..... Stevan Crew
- 2014:..... Gordon Jones
- 2014..... Grant Moseley
- Past President**..... Gould Hagler
- Battle Lines Editor** Leon McElveen

The Richard Barksdale Harwell Book Award
The Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

1989	<i>If It Takes All Summer: The Battle of Spotsylvania</i>	William D. Matter
1990	<i>Tennessee's Forgotten Warriors: Frank Cheatham and His Confederate Division</i>	Christopher Losson
1991	<i>Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain</i>	Robert K. Krick
1992	<i>Struggle for the Shenandoah</i>	Gary W. Gallagher
1993	<i>Decision in the West: The Atlanta Campaign of 1864</i>	Albert Castel
1994	<i>Echoes of Battle: The Atlanta Campaign</i>	Richard Bumgartner / Larry Strayer
1995	<i>The Campaign for Atlanta</i>	William R. Scaife
1996	<i>Robert E. Lee: A Biography</i>	Emory M. Thomas
1997	<i>Andersonville: The Last Depot: The Last Depot</i>	William Marvel
1998	<i>Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend</i>	James I. Robertson, Jr.
1999	<i>Lee's Miserables: Life in the Army of Northern Virginia from the Wilderness to Appomattox</i>	J. Tracy Power
2000	<i>Secret Yankees, The Union Circle in Confederate Atlanta</i>	Thomas G. Dyer
2001	<i>Chessboard of War: Sherman and Hood in the Autumn Campaigns of 1864</i>	Anne J. Bailey
2002	<i>The Union That Shaped the Confederacy: Robert Toombs and Alexander Stephens</i>	William C. Davis
2003	<i>Cold Harbor: Grant and Lee, May 26 – June 3, 1864</i>	Gordon G. Rhea
2004	<i>The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock</i>	Francis A. O'Reilly
2005	<i>Days of Glory: Army of the Cumberland, 1861 - 1865</i>	Larry Daniel
2006	<i>Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg and Why it Failed</i>	Tom Carhart
2007	<i>Stealing the General, The Great Locomotive Chase and the First Medal of Honor</i>	Russell S. Bonds
2008	<i>Robert E. Lee - Reading the Man</i>	Elizabeth Brown Pryor
2009	<i>Tried by War: Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief</i>	James M. McPherson
2010	<i>In the Trenches at Petersburg - Field Fortifications and Confederate Defeat.</i>	Earl J. Hess
2011	<i>Failure In The Saddle: Nathan Bedford Forrest, Joe Wheeler, and the Confederate Cavalry In the Chickamauga Campaign</i>	David A. Powell
2012	<i>A Glorious Army: Robert E. Lee's Triumph, 1862-1863</i>	Jeffry D. Wert