



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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September 2006

535th Meeting

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September Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF \$28.00 PER
PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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TO REACH DAVID NO LATER THAN NOON
ON THE FRIDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING

E-mail and telephone reservations will
not be accepted

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2006

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

Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: \$28.00 per person

Program: Jim Ogden, Historian
Chickamauga & Chattanooga
National Military Park.
*"McLemore's Cove: Bragg's First
Shot at a Battle of Chickamauga".*

McLemore's Cove

Join **Jim Ogden**, Historian at Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park as he examines Braxton Bragg's efforts of September 10-11, 1863 to destroy a Federal Force in a valley on the eastern side of Lookout Mountain. Bragg's actions are one of those "what ifs" of the Civil War. It's where Bragg could and should have fought a Battle of Chickamauga. As a division-sized element passed through LaFayette and entered

President's Column

I hope you all enjoyed your summer break and anticipate our next meeting as much as me. I have coordinated an all star line up of speakers this year so you'll not want to miss a single program.

At the September meeting the Round Table traditionally pays tribute to its past Presidents. I urge all past Presidents to attend and be recognized. Their leadership and commitment to this organization are primary reasons why we are so strong and continue to attract top speakers.

Many of you have commented that our Round Table does not have a web page or site and the only internet listing mentioning the CWRT of Atlanta is several years old. During my term, we will create an informative web page, updated regularly which will provide timely information about upcoming programs and events as well as a posting of our current newsletter and history. John Evans has agreed to help spearhead this project. Please let me know if you'd like to help out or have expertise in this area.

McLemore's Cove continued...

McLemore's Cove Bragg realized that an opportunity was at hand. Gaps in Pigeon Mountain allowed Confederates access at several points giving them as much as a four to one numerical advantage. Bragg could set the Federals back weeks or months.

It didn't happen. Why? What went wrong? Overshadowed by what became the Battle of Chickamauga a week later this episode is generally only lightly discussed. See why McLemore's Cove was Bragg's First Shot at a Battle of Chickamauga

Upcoming Events

September 10-11, 2006: *"Battle of Tunnel Hill Civil War Reenactment"*, 215 Clisby Austin Road, Experience the era of the 1860's, on the grounds of the actual skirmish just before the start of the Atlanta Campaign, 800.331.3258.

September 16, 2006: *"War Between the States Day"* 217 Cove Road, Civil War living history in downtown Chickamauga and on the grounds of the Gordon-Lee Mansion. Re-enactors portraying life in 1863 in Chickamauga with period sutlers, women's re-enactors groups, period music. 706.375.7702 or 706.375.4728.

September 22-23, 2006: *"4th Annual Civil War Naval Symposium"*, National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus. Come hear scholars speak in depth about special topics like torpedoes, marines in the civil war, steam engines and much more 706.327.9798

September 23, 2006: *"Olstee Civil War Expo, Encampment and Living History"*. Olustee Battlefield Historic Site. Saturday: 10am to 3pm. Lecture, exhibits, infantry, cavalry and artillery demonstrations. Union and Confederate camps <http://www.floridastateparks.org/olustee/default.asp> or at olusteecso@yahoo.com

October 6-8, 2006. *"Andersonville Battle in Andersonville, Georgia"*. Two battles, sutlers, antiques and crafts. Andersonville Civil War Museum and the POW Museum are nearby. <http://www.andersonvillega.freesevers.com>

October 6-8, 2006: *"38th Annual Great Locomotive Chase Festival"*, Adairsville, GA, Arts & crafts festival in the town that witnessed the Civil War's Great Locomotive Chase, 800-733-2280

November 3-5, 2006: *"Atlanta Campaign Civil War Re-enactment"*, Georgia International Horse Park, Conyers, GA, Civil War History comes alive as re-enactors recreate battles from the Atlanta Campaign. For more information www.atlanta_campaign.com

Upcoming Meetings for the 2006-2007 Campaign Year

October 10, 2006: *"Captain Henry Wirtz and Andersonville Prison: A Reappraisal"*, Dr. R. Fred Ruhlman

November 14, 2006: *Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg and Why it Failed*, Tom Carhart will receive the Richard Barksdale Harwell Award of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta for his book bearing the same name.

December 12, 2006: *"The 8th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regimental Band"*. Bring a friend for this lively and festive holiday program.

January 9, 2007: *"The Civil War in 3-D"*, Bob Zeller will present a visual program of period stereoscopic photographs with 3-D glasses.

February 13, 2007: *"Matthew Brady and 19th Century American Photographic Portraiture"*, Grant Romer, Museum Director for the Kodak Eastman House.

March 13, 2007: *"Forensic Pathology Study of the Final Hunley Crew"*, Jamie Downs, MD.

April 10, 2007: , *"The Story the Soldiers Would Not Tell- Sex in the Civil War"*, Dr. Thomas Lowry.

May 8, 2007: Ed Bearss - Program TBA

June 12, 2007: TBA

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