



Battle Lines

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542nd Meeting

William R. Scaife, Editor

April Meeting

Reservations Are Required

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

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ON THE FRIDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING

E-mail and telephone reservations will
not be accepted

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2007
Time: Cocktails 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm
Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road
Price: \$28.00 per person
Program: "The Story the Soldiers Would
Not Tell- Sex in the Civil War",
Dr. Thomas Lowry.

April Program

The April program will feature Dr. Thomas P. Lowry, speaking on "*The Story the Soldiers Would Not Tell - Sex in the Civil War*".

Dr. Lowry is a graduate of Stanford University, where he studied history and medicine. He has served in the U.S. Air Force and was on the staff of the Masters & Johnson Clinic in 1972 and 1973. His previous books and numerous journal articles are on anatomy and the history of medicine. For more than 35 years a physician and psychiatrist, Lowry is currently on the faculty of the University of California at San Francisco. His works include: *Confederate Heroines: 120 Southern Women Convicted by Union Military Justice* (2006); *Venereal Disease and the Lewis and Clark Expedition* (2005); and *The Story the Soldiers Wouldn't Tell: Sex in the Civil War* (1994). His book on Sex in the Civil War was recognized as recommended reading by the Library Journal.

This program promises to be quite unique on a subject that explores the private lives of Civil War soldiers and is seldom discussed in historic writings. You might want to leave the kids at home for this one!

March Meeting

Noted forensic pathologist and long-time student of the Hunley, Dr. Jamie Downs, gave a riveting presentation on the forensic pathology study he conducted on the Hunley and its final crew.

His mix of humor and scholarly knowledge coupled with his deep respect of the crew's dignity, made the program one of the more enjoyable of this year's slate. If the rest of the Hunley investigation is done with the same level

March Meeting continued...

of care and caring it will be a first-class final result.

As a special item of interest, we had as one of our guests, Mary Elizabeth McMahon, a great-great granddaughter of Hunley crewman, James A. Wicks. Ms. McMahon is one of the few known descendants of any of the Hunley's crews.

Future Meetings for the 2006-2007 Campaign Year

May 8, 2007: "Chamberlain vs. Gordon: Who Was the Greater Soldier and Statesman?", Ed Bearss.

June 12, 2007: "General T.R.R. Cobb and Cobb's Legion", Sam Thomas, curator of the T.R.R. Cobb House in Athens. Mr. Thomas will also discuss movement of the Cobb House from Stone Mountain to its current location in Athens.

Harwell Award

The book committee, consisting of COL Jim Bogle, Ron Hudgins and the late Tom Watson Brown, has selected *Stealing the General* by Russell S. Bonds as the "2007 Richard Barksdale Harwell Award" winner. Mr. Bonds has been invited to receive the award and speak on the book during the next Campaign Year.

Upcoming Events

April 14, 2007: The Bartow History Center will hold a Civil War encampment at the Booth Museum in Cartersville from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Re-enactors will set up a mock camp, demonstrate the use of various weapons, and discuss topics of historical interest. Admission is \$3.00 per person, which includes admission to the Bartow History Center, and \$3.00 off admission to the Booth Museum.

April 9, 2007: Dr. Keith Bohannon, professor of history at the University of West Georgia, will speak at the Kennesaw Mountain National Military Park visitor center at 7:00 PM on the importance of the Battle of New Hope Church on the Atlanta Campaign.

May 18-20, 2007: "The 142d Anniversary Battle of Resaca Reenactment". 70 miles north of Atlanta. Take I-75 to exit #320 (Lafayette, Georgia Highway 136), go east approximately 3/10 mile to US 41. Turn left, go north approximately 3 miles, then turn right onto Chitwood Road.

President's Column

As we round the final turn toward the end of the campaign year, don't forget that in addition to this month's program we have two more excellent programs to follow. You will not want to miss either one.

Our membership now stands with a full contingent of three hundred members. Please help me welcome Harper Harris and Grattan W. Rowlands III as the newest members of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta.

The nominating committee will present its proposed slate of officers for the 2007 - 2008 Campaign Year at our April meeting. We are also nearing publication of the sixth edition of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta Yearbook.

Bill Scaife continues to improve and is getting better every day. Please continue to keep Bill in your thoughts and prayers.

Additions to the ACWRT Website

Our website now has pictures from our meetings posted and will soon have password protected access to our membership roster.

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