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# Battle Lines

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May 2007

543rd Meeting

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## May Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER  
RESERVATION CHECK OF \$28.00 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 8, 2007  
**Time:** Cocktails 6:00 pm  
Dinner 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Ansley Golf Club  
196 Montgomery Ferry Road  
**Price:** \$28.00 per person  
**Program:** "Chamberlain vs. Gordon: Who  
Was the Greater Soldier and  
Statesman?" ..... Ed Bearss.

## April Meeting

Dr. Thomas P. Lowry gave a fascinating presentation on "*The Story the Soldiers Would Not Tell - Sex in the Civil War*". This unique subject, which is seldom discussed in historic writings, captivated everyone as he detailed the experiences of the very private lives of Civil War soldiers and their lady companions. Dr. Thomas's sense of humor added to the enjoyment of a very remarkable evening program.

## May Program

Once again we are fortunate to have the incomparable Ed Bearss speak to the Round Table in May. His subject this year is "*Chamberlain vs. Gordon: Who was the Greater Soldier and Statesman?*"

Ed was Chief Historian of the National Park Service prior to his retirement in 1995. He currently holds the title of Chief Historian *Emeritus*. Ed has hardly retired, however - he continues to conduct a variety of battlefield tours and is engaged in numerous speaking engagements and Civil War activities that keep him busy for over 200 days of the year! As engaged as Ed is in Civil War activities, writings, and preservation, less publicized is his service to this Nation as a US Marine in World War II.

Ed has received numerous awards for his work and dedication including the Bruce Catton Award, the Alvin Calman Award, the Bell I. Wiley Award, the T. Harry Williams Award and the Harry S Truman Award for Meritorious Service in the Field of Civil War History. He is a Fellow of the Company of Military Historians. In 2001 The Civil War Preservation Trust created the Ed Bearss Award for achievements in historic preservation and made Ed the first recipient.

As the son of a WWI Marine, Ed enlisted in the Marine Corps in April 1942 destined for combat in the Pacific with the 3d Marine Raider Battalion during the invasion of Guadalcanal and the Russell Islands. Ed also saw action with the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, in New Britain. He was severely wounded at "Suicide Creek" at Cape Gloucester, New Britain in January 1944. Ed spent 26 months recovering in various hospitals before his discharge as a corporal in March 1946. Ed continues to personify the USMC slogan, "*Semper Paratus*", in word and deed.

We truly look forward to an outstanding evening with Ed Bearss, one of our nation's national treasures!

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## **Future Meetings for the 2006-2007 Campaign Year**

**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.

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## **Upcoming Events**

**May 4-5, 2007:** The Third Annual New Interpretations of the American Civil War Symposium will be held on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007. This year's theme will be: "*The Struggle Within: The Confederate Home Front*." The event will be held at Kennesaw State University Social Science Building #22 (Room 1021), KSU is right off the Chastain Road exit from I-75. The event is sponsored by KSU's Center for the Study of the Civil War Era; The Center for Regional History & Culture; Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park; and Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association. Starts at 7 pm May 4 and 9 am May 5. Cost is \$15.00 which includes a box lunch for Sat. More info at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/history/Jfowler2@kennesaw.edu>

**May 18-20, 2007:** "*The 142<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**June 21-24, 2007:** Franklin's Charge Civil War Conference. A very ambitious Civil War conference will be held in Franklin, TN pertaining to the battlefield and historic preservation. The theme of the conference will be, "Why Franklin Matters". Speakers include Robert Hicks, Sam Davis Elliott, Thomas Cartwright, Fred Prouty, Mauriel Joslyn, Keith Bohannon, Eric Jacobson and others. Details can be found at: : [www.franklinscharge.com/summer-schedule.html](http://www.franklinscharge.com/summer-schedule.html)

## **Nominating Committee Report**

Nominating Committee Chairman Terry Kingery gave the following report for the 2007-2008 Campaign Year:

**President:** .....Lee Weinstein

**First Vice President:** .....Barbara Long

**Second Vice President:** .....Bruce Stewart

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**Battle Lines Editor:** ..... Bill Scaife

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## **2007 - 2008 Program Preview**

The following is a partial listing of the proposed programs for the 2007 - 2008 Campaign Year.

"Lee's Retreat from Gettysburg" ..... Kent Brown

"Faith in the Civil War" ...Col Chaplain John Brinsfield

*Stealing the General*,..... Russell Bonds

"U.S. Grant" .....John Simon

"A Visit With Mr. Lincoln" ..... Jim Getty

The USS Monitor ..... Craig Symonds

### **Officers for the 2006 -2007 Campaign:**

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