



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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544th Meeting

William R. Scaife, Editor

June 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, June 12, 2007
Time: Cocktails 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm
Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road
Price: \$28.00 per person
Program: "General T.R.R. Cobb and Cobb's Legion", Sam Thomas, curator of the T.R.R. Cobb House .

May Meeting

"Ed Bearss gave a riveting presentation on "Chamberlain vs. Gordon: Who Was the Greater Soldier and Statesman?". Articulating the details of each man's military and civic contributions, delivered in typical Ed Bearss manner, Ed left it to the individual listener to draw his own conclusion on who was the greater Soldier-Statesman.

June Program

Sam Thomas, curator of the T.R.R. Cobb House in Athens, will speak on the history of the Cobb House. He will also discuss movement of the Cobb House from Stone Mountain to its current location in Athens.

Thomas Reade Rootes Cobb left an indelible mark on the history of Athens and Georgia. He was a University of Georgia graduate, co-founder of its law school, Confederate Brigadier General, and principal author of the Confederate Constitution. In the army he rose to the rank of Brigadier General and was killed in the Battle of Fredericksburg in 1862 at the age of 39. T.R.R. Cobb was a man of his time, an ardent supporter of states' rights.

After languishing for almost 20 years at Stone Mountain, 70 miles from its original location on Prince Avenue in Athens, the T.R.R. Cobb House was moved home to Athens in 2004. Its new address is only about two blocks from its original site. The house, with its distinctive octagonal wings and historically appropriate colors, has been completely restored to reflect the style of 1860, when T.R.R. Cobb was at the peak of his short-lived career. The house will soon open with a house museum, public spaces and a gift shop.

The evening promises to be most informative on a topic of local interest.

May Meeting continued...

Ed's visit with the Round Table this year was highlighted by a visit to President David Vaughan's home to view his prized tintype collection. We eagerly look forward to Ed's return in the near future.

Upcoming Events

June 16-17 2007: Seminar and dedication of the restored Piedmont Hotel owned by Gen. Longstreet. The Longstreet Society. Keynote speaker Keith Bohannan. Members: \$135, New members \$160. For info. 770.530.5504, www.longstreet.org or rplcher@charter.net.

June 23-24, 2007: "143rd Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain", Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery demonstrations. 770.422.3696.

July 13-14 2007: *Atlanta International Military Collectors Show.* North Atlanta Trade Center, Norcross, GA, Friday 12-8, Saturday 9-5. 770.282.1339, richard@thecarolinatrader.com, www.thecarolinatrader.com.

July 14 2007: "Portraits in Gray; A Civil War Photography Exhibition". Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History. Featuring the renowned Vaughan Collection. See "hold the Date" below.

July 21, 2007: "The Battle of Atlanta in History and in Memory". Historic Oakland Foundation, Speaker, Daniel Pollack. Wine/cheese 5:00 pm, program 5:30 pm. Members: \$5.00, non-members \$15.00. Contact Mary Woodlan at 404-688-2107 for reservations.

Hold the Date

On Saturday, July 14th, 5:00 pm, The Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History will host the members of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta in a special event to view the opening of their latest exhibit, "Portraits in Gray; A Civil War Photography Exhibition".

The exhibit will feature the collection of our own David Vaughan. "Portraits in Gray" will be a multi-themed exhibition using original Civil War photographs to explore the character of the southern soldier and photography of the period. Themed gallery sections include; "Citizen Soldiers", "Georgia Military Institute" and "Snapshots in Time".

You will receive an invitation in the mail shortly, but make plans now to be there.

President's Column

I am truly amazed how fast my term has expired, and would like to express how deeply grateful and honored I am to have served as your President. I hope you enjoyed the variety of programs as much as I enjoyed arranging them.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the following individuals for their support this past year. First, I would like to thank the entire executive committee for their wisdom and guidance in keeping the Round Table on a steady path. Without your support, I do not think I would have had such a successful year. Thanks to Rick Eiserman for heading up the speaker committee. Rick has already assisted me as well as the next two incoming presidents. A special thanks to Jack Melton for his expertise and knowledge -- we now have a state of the art website. And lastly, Carlton Sturtevant, for his entertainment and unique trivia program which is a highlight at every meeting.

Thank you again for all of your support this year. I hope you and your family have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Welcome New Members

Harper Harris
Grattan Rowland
Dr. George Cary
Barry Bettis
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