



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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October 2007

546th Meeting

William R. Scaife, Editor

October 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, October 9, 2007
Time: Cocktails 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm
Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road
Price: \$28.00 per person
Program: *Faith in the Fight - Civil War
Chaplains*
Col. Chaplain John Brinsfield, Jr.

September Meeting

Kent Brown gave a fascinating presentation on the Confederate retreat from Gettysburg. His presentation of Lee's preparations for withdrawal early in the campaign were of particular interest. Special recognition was given to the Past Presidents of the Round Table and to David Vaughan for his outstanding year as our immediate past President.

Important Notice

If you or your guest require special meals at the meetings, you must make those requests, along with your reservation to David Floyd, prior to noon the Friday preceding the meeting.

Special requests cannot be accommodated after that time. Your understanding and cooperation is much appreciated.

Faith in the Fight

For both the Union and Confederate soldiers, religion was the greatest sustainer of morale in the Civil War, and faith was a refuge in times of need. Guarding and guiding the spiritual well being of the fighters, the army chaplain was a voice of hope and reason in an otherwise chaotic military existence.

Our October speaker, John Wesley Brinsfield, Jr., is the leading authority on military Chaplains. He is the Chaplain Corps Historian at the Army Chaplain School, Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. He has degrees from Vanderbilt, Emory, and Yale Universities, and was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at Mansfield College, Oxford. He has taught at West Point, the Army War College, and recently at Erskine Theological Seminary. During 28 years of active duty he has served in the Pentagon as well as during Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

He has authored or co-authored seven books including, *Faith in the Fight: Civil War Chaplains*, *Religion and Politics in Colonial South Carolina*; *The Spirit Divided: Memoirs of Civil War Chaplains - The Confederacy*, *The Spirit Divided: Memoirs of Civil War Chaplains - The Union*, and *Encouraging Faith, Supporting Soldiers*.

Upcoming Programs

November 13, 2007 Russell Bonds
Stealing the General - 2007 Harwell Award Winner

December 11, 2007 John Simon
U.S. Grant

January 8, 2008 Jim Getty
"A Visit With Mr. Lincoln"

See the website for the rest of this year's programs

The Directory on the Website

Our 2006-2007 Membership Roster is now posted on the website. For access go to:

www.civilwarroundtableofatlanta.org

Select "Membership Directory" from the menu.

User Name is: "CWRT", Password is: "2007"

Dues are Due

Your dues (still only \$45) and membership renewal cards are due 31 October. Membership in the Round Table is limited to 325. Only a handful of slots are open with demand exceeding supply. Don't let your membership lapse.

Upcoming Events

October 6-7, 2007: "Battle of Allatoona Pass", Allatoona Pass Battlefield, Commemorate the 143rd Anniversary, Union and Confederate reenactors, demonstrations, tours of the Clayton-Mooney House and the battlefield. 770.975.4226.

October 13, 2007: "Behind the Scenes Tour of the Wray Collection", Hosted by Gordon Jones and The Atlanta History Center. 10:00, 11:00, 12:00 and 1:00. Space is limited. For reservations call David Floyd 770.979.2637.

November 2-4, 2007: "Battle of Atlanta Reenactment", on Lovejoy Station battlefield near Hampton. For more information www.atlantacampaign.com or 877.206.4044

November 12, 2007: Lecture, "Courage Under Fire", by Wiley Sword, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, 7:00 pm in the Visitors Center. Free. 770.422.3696.

Bill Scaife Receives Distinguished Service Award

The highlight of the September meeting was the return of Bill Scaife. Bill's long-term dedication and service to the Round Table in so many capacities over the years has made this organization one of the most recognized of its type in the country. In recognition of his contributions, Bill was presented with the Round Table's Distinguished Service Award. Bill is only the seventh person in the Round Table's history to receive this honor and it is well deserved.

As a friend, mentor, and confidant to so many, Bill's return and recognition was a special moment for all of us.

Welcome back, Bill.

Ed Bearss: Honorary Member

Ed Bearss, a special guest and longtime friend of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta, is now a member. Ed was voted a Honorary Membership at the last Executive Committee meeting.

Ed will join us for a meeting next year to formally accept his new membership.

Requested Attire

Please note that the requested attire for gentlemen at our meetings is business attire or, more simply, coat and tie.

Officers for the 2007 -2008 Campaign:

President Lee Weinstein

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2009: ...Gould Hagler

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