



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

Founded 1949

November 2007

547th Meeting

William R. Scaife, Editor

November 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, November 13, 2007

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

Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: \$28.00 per person

Program: *Stealing the General*
2007 Harwell Award Winner,
Russell Bonds

October Meeting

Chaplain Col. John Brinsfield's program on "Faith in the Fight", focusing on Civil War Chaplains, gave those attending a new understanding and respect for the men who served as chaplains. His knowledge and research on the subject has also brought to light the significant role the chaplains played in shaping the future leaders on both sides during their pre-war education.

Our thanks again to Chaplain Colonel Brinsfield for an excellent program.

Stealing the General

At our November meeting, Round Table Member, Russell Bonds, will receive the Richard Barksdale Harwell Award of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta for his book, *Stealing the General: The Great Locomotive Chase and the First Medal of Honor*. Russell will also be our featured speaker and his program the subject of his book.

Richard Barksdale Harwell Award

Each year the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta confers the prestigious Richard Barksdale Harwell Award for the best book on a Civil War subject published in the preceding year. However, some members may not know who this coveted award is named for or how it came about. Having been familiar with the Civil War Round Table of Chicago, Richard Barksdale Harwell was responsible for conceiving the idea of a Civil War Round Table in Atlanta. In November 1949, Richard Harwell hosted a dinner at his home attended by Franklin Garrett, Beverly DuBose, Jr., Carl Forrester and Wilbur Kurtz to discuss the formation of a Civil War Round Table. As a result of that gathering, the first meeting of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table was held at the Piedmont Driving Club on December 10, 1949. Richard Harwell was issued membership certificate No. 1 and elected its first President. Prior to completion of his term, he relocated to Chicago to become the Secretary of the College Library Association. The award named in his honor was created in 1989, following his death on March 9, 1988, and has been awarded on an annual basis since.

The Richard B. Harwell Book Award Committee consisted of Jim Bogle, Ron Hudgins and the late Tom Watson Brown. A list of previous winners follows on the next page.

Upcoming Programs

December 11, 2007 John Simon
U.S. Grant

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

February 12, 2008 Craig Symonds
The USS Monitor Recovery

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

Dues are Due

If you have not paid your dues (\$45.00) for the 2007 - 2008 Campaign Year, contact David Floyd immediately to maintain your membership.

New Nametag Cabinet

Thanks to Jim Mountz for procuring the Round Table a new cabinet to organize and store our now 300+ nametags.

Aussie Expedition

The Round Table's new, self-appointed Ambassador to the Outback, Gordon Jones, has made contact with kindred souls down under.

Gordon presented the program at the Melbourne [Australia] Civil War Round Table in September. Gordon's topic was on the Atlanta History Center and the Wray Collection. Gordon extended the best wishes of the Atlanta Round table and left the group with one of our speaker mementos.

Upcoming Events

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 9-10, 2007: "Atlanta International Military Show", North Atlanta Trade Center, Norcross. Friday 12 pm - 6 pm, Saturday 9 am - 5 pm. Admission \$6, ages 7-12 \$1. For info.: (704) 282-1339 or www.thecarolinatrader.com.

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.

Winners of the Harwell Book Award

1989 *If It Takes All Summer*
William D. Matter

1990 *Tennessee's Forgotten Warrior*
Christopher Lossen

1991 *Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain*
Robert K. Krick

1992 *Struggle for the Shenandoah*
Gary Gallagher

1993 *Decision in the West*
Albert Castel

1994 *Echoes of Battle*
Richard Bumgartner & Larry Strayer

1995 *The Campaign for Atlanta*
William R. Scaife

1996 *Robert E. Lee*
Emory M. Thomas

1997 *Andersonville: The Last Depot*
William Marvel

1998 *Stonewall Jackson*
James I. Robertson, Jr.

1999 *Lee's Miserables*
J. Tracy Power

2000 *Secret Yankees*
Thomas G. Dyer

2001 *Chessboard of War*
Anne Bailey

2002 *The Union That Shaped the Confederacy*
William C. Davis

2003 *Cold Harbor: Grant and Lee*
Gordon G. Rhea

2004 *The Fredericksburg Campaign*
Francis A. O'Reilly

2005 *Days of Glory: Army of the Cumberland*
Larry Daniel

2006 *Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg*
Tom Carhart

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