



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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December 2007

548th Meeting

William R. Scaife, Editor

December 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, December 11, 2007
Time: Cocktails 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm
Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road
Price: \$28.00 per person
Program: "U.S. Grant".....John Simon

November Meeting

Our own Russell Bonds delivered his program on, *Stealing the General: The Great Locomotive Chase and The First Medal of Honor*, to a packed house last month. Russell also received The Civil War Round Richard Barksdale Harwell Award for his work.

His depth of knowledge on the raid, its key characters, and its aftermath were most evident in his presentation. He has brought the entire raid from inception and planning through completion and the creation of the first Medal of Honor together into one single work.

U.S. Grant

The Round Table is very fortunate to have as our speaker this month, John Y. Simon. John is the preeminent authority on Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. He is also the executive director of the Ulysses S. Grant Association which maintains a collection of over 200,000 Grant documents.

John received a Ph.D. at Harvard University in 1961 and became a member of the faculty of Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1964. He teaches courses on the Civil War, Reconstruction, and Illinois history. John is the editor of *The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant*, which he began in 1962. Thus far, twenty-eight volumes have been published to date. For this, in 2004, he received a special Lincoln Prize. In addition to his work on this series, he has published other books, written more than one hundred articles, essays and book chapters, holds office in national professional associations, and serves as a consultant for federal and state agencies, university and commercial presses, and other editorial projects. The recipient of numerous awards, Simon maintains active research interests in Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War, and Illinois history.

Make your plans now to hear John's presentation on this complex character -- "an unmilitary soldier, an unpolitical president and an unliterary author."

November Meeting continued...

Our thanks to Russell for great program. The screening of, *The General*, with Buster Keaton during the cocktail hour was an especially nice touch. When you see Russell thank him for a great program and congratulate him on a great book.

Upcoming Programs

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

February 12, 2008 Craig Symonds
The USS Monitor Recovery

March 11, 2007 Joseph T. Glatthaar
The Army of Northern Virginia

April 8, 2008

Jefferson Davis William C. "Jack" Davis

May 13, 2008

Vicksburg Campaign Terry Winschel

June 10, 2008 Gordon Rhea
Overland Campaign and the Army of the Potomac



Upcoming Events

December 1-29, 2007: Saturdays only, 1:00 pm, "New Manchester History Hikes", Sweetwater Creek State Park, Lithia Springs, GA, 1-mile hike (easy/moderate) focuses on ruins of Civil War-era textile mill and history of Sweetwater Creek valley, \$1-2, \$3 parking. 770-732-5871.

December 1-2, 2007: "21st Middle Tennessee Civil War Show & Sale", Tennessee State Fair Grounds, Nashville. Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-3. Contact: Mike Kent, (770) 630-7296, mlkshows@yahoo.com; www.mikekentshows.net.

December 11 & 18, 2007: "Candlelight Nights", Atlanta History Center, 5:30 - 9:00 pm, Enjoy the grounds and historic homes with period music, storytelling and crafts. Admission: \$10 members, \$15 non-members. For info. or reservations call 404.814.4150.

February 15 - 17, 2007: "32nd Reenactment of the Battle of Olustee", Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park, Lake City, FL. Saturday battle 3:30 p.m., Olustee reenactment battle Sunday 1:30. Daily colors ceremony, medical demonstrations, period music, reenactors ball, author lectures. Gate fees support Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park. . Admission \$5 adults, \$2 over age 5.

President's Column

The turnout for our November meeting was spectacular and thoroughly enjoyed by all. I ask all members to put our December meeting on their calendars as a must attend program. John Y. Simon's presentation on U.S. Grant promises to be as riveting as Russell Bond's program on the *General*. I want to see all of you at Ansley on 11 December!

Bill and Ollie Scaife send their very best to all members of the Round Table. Bill plans to resume meeting attendance in 2008. We all enjoyed his return at the September meeting after his long illness, and he is eager to get back to our monthly meetings in the new year. He is staying busy working on a new book that promises to be as outstanding as his previous works. Stay busy, Bill, and we look forward to your return in 2008!

I wish all Round Table members a very happy and safe Holiday Season. And let's look ahead to a very healthy and prosperous New Year!

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
2007**

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