

# Battle Lines

#### Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

Founded 1949

June 2008 554th 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 10, 2008

Time: Cocktails 6:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Place: Ansley Golf Club

196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: \$28.00 per person

Program: "Jefferson Davis"

William C. "Jack" Davis"

### **May Meeting**

Terry Winschel did a splendid job, with able assistance from Rick Eiserman manning the overhead projector and pointer, of presenting a very interesting program on the Vicksburg Campaign. Terry drew on his years of experience with the Park Service at Vicksburg. This experience also led to his authoring several books on the topic. Another large Round Table crowd was on hand, and a spirited round of Q&A followed the speaker's presentation.

#### **June Meeting**

William C. "Jack" Davis will speak to us in June on Jefferson Davis. Jack is no stranger to the Round Table, last speaking to us in November 2002 when he received the Richard Barksdale Harwell Award for his outstanding book, "The Union That Shaped the Confederacy: Robert Toombs and Alexander H. Stephens." Currently serving on the Virginia Tech faculty, Jack has probably authored, edited, or otherwise participated in the publication of more significant books, periodicals, and other Civil War literary material than any other historian living today. You frequently see Jack on The History Channel's Civil War Journal. His "Duel Between the First Ironclads", "The Fighting Men of the Civil War: Rebels and Yankees", "Commanders of the Civil War", and "The Orphan Brigade: The Kentucky Confederates Who Couldn't Go Home" are just a few examples of his literary works. Please join us in June meeting to give Jack a warm welcome back to the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta!

### **Important Notice**

The Round Table membership present at the May meeting voted by over a two-to-one margin to move the meeting starting times up a half hour next year. The cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 pm, dinner will be served at 6:30 pm and the objective is to end the evening by 9:00 pm.

We will implement this change with the September meeting. Also, due to construction at Ansley, the September and October meetings will be held at the Piedmont Driving Club. There will be more about the Driving Club meetings in the Summer Battle Lines. Meetings will resume at the Ansley Golf Club effective November.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- June 7 8, 2008: "Cool History," themed programs examine various aspects of Civil War naval history at the National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus. www.portcolumbus.org or 706-327-9798.
- June 10 & 15, 2008: Guided History Walk Cheatham Hill. Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/kemo or 770-427-4686 ext. 0 or 770.422.3696
- June 28, 2008: Bicycle Tour of the Chickamauga Battlefield. Three-hour, 7 to 10-mile ride guided by a park ranger leaves from the park visitor center at 9:30 am. Reservations are required and bring your own bike (a limited number are available). 706-866-9241.
- June 28 29, 2008: 144th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Activities to include living history, infantry/cavalry/artillery demonstrations. Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Free. www.nps.gov/kemo or 770-427-4686 ext. 0 or 770.422.3696
- **July 4 6, 2008:** Living history including military and civilian demonstrations, children's games at Fort McAllister near Richmond Hill. 10 am-4 pm. \$4 adults. 912-727-2339.
- July 5 6, 2008 Living history including musket and cannon firings, a Civil War baseball game and patriotic music at the Fort Pulaski National Monument near Savannah. \$3/adult. 10 am-4 pm. www.nps.gov/fopu or 912-786-5787.

#### **Nominating Committee Report**

The following slate of officers will be voted on at the June meeting:

President:	Barbara Long
First Vice-President:	Bruce Stewart
Second Vice-President:	J.D. Humphries
Secretary/Treasurer:	David Floyd
Executive Committee:	
One-year term 2008-2009:	Gould Hagler
	Rick Eiserman
Two-year term 2008-2010:	Jack Melton
	Steve Morrison Jr.

#### **President's Column**

This is my last Battle Lines letter, and I thank all of you for your help, advice and support. I will be specific at the June meeting because space does not permit me to use the words necessary to give the acclaim due all of you.

The state of the Round Table is outstanding. In my view, we are the best Round Table in the world. Finances are sound and membership is full with a large waiting list of potential members to join. The programs were superb and your support of them was a key factor to our success.

The editors of our Battle Lines have done a fine job in presenting what is happening and going to happen in our Civil War world. I have chosen to let them show our community what a forward thinking group we are and saved my comments and announcements for our meetings. I did the best I could to get you home at a reasonable hour.

Finally, my family is fifth generation Atlanta. I love Atlanta, its history, and this Round Table. My time spent with you as President for the past year has been one of my life's cherished associations. My experience confirms the solid future of our Round Table, and that my successors will carry us forward with continued success!

It has been my distinct honor to have served you.

## Lee



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 Past President
 David Vaughan

 Battle Lines Editor
 Bill Scaife

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