



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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October 2008

556th Meeting

William R. Scaife, Editor

October Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$35.00** 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 14, 2008

Time: Cocktails 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm

Place: **Piedmont Driving Club**
1215 Piedmont Avenue, N.E.
404-875-2565

Price: **\$35.00** per person

Program: *"The Battle of Atlanta"*
Ed Bearss

Ed Bearss Returns

A Round Table favorite, and now Honorary Member, Ed Bearss, returns as the speaker for our October Round Table. Ed was born in 1923 in Montana. He served as a Marine in World War II and was severely wounded at Cape Gloucester, New Britain. After a lengthy recovery Ed completed his education by receiving his BS in Foreign Service from Georgetown and his MA in History from Indiana where his thesis was on Gen. Patrick Cleburne. In 1954 Ed joined the US Park Service and eventually rose to be its Chief Historian. He still retains the title of Chief Historian Emeritus. Currently, Ed travels as many as 200 days per year leading tours on mostly Civil War and WWII topics. He routinely outpaces his much younger guests in charging over rough terrain, recreating the color of famous infantry and cavalry attacks.

As always, it is an honor and pleasure to have Ed back. Don't forget that we are at the Piedmont Driving Club at 5:30 pm for this meeting.

Presidents' Night

Our October Meeting will be Presidents' Night. This is the one time each year we honor our Past Presidents. This event coupled with Ed Bearss surely means a bid crowd. Please make a special effort to get your check to David Floyd well in advance of the "Friday before" deadline. Also time is running out to pay your dues. If you have not yet paid, now is the time.

Column 1 continued...

new insights into the personal side of Lee is a must read for anyone with an interest in R.E. Lee. It is certainly well deserving of the accolades being given it.

Elizabeth Pryor Receives Harwell Book Award

Elizabeth Brown Pryor received the 2008 Richard Barksdale Harwell Award for her book, *Reading the Man: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee Through His Private Letters*, at our September meeting. She presented a program that was very well received by the large crowd assembled. She focused on just a few of the recently discovered Lee letters that are the focus of her book. This book with its

2008 - 2009 Program Preview

November 11, 2008	Bud Robertson <i>TBA</i>
December 9, 2008	Bobby Horton <i>"Christmas 1880"</i>
January 13, 2009	Caroline Janney <i>"Burying the Dead - Ladies Memorial Associations"</i>
February 10, 2009	Tom Cartwright <i>"Battle of Spring Hill - What Happened to Hood?"</i>
March 10, 2009	Catherine Deichmann <i>"Running for the Confederacy: Bermuda in the War"</i>
April 14, 2009	Peter Carmichael <i>"Young Virginians in Peace, War, and Reunion"</i>
May 12, 2009	Frank O'Reilly <i>"The Death of Stonewall"</i>
June 9, 2009	John Coski <i>"The Museum of the Confederacy"</i>

Upcoming Events

October 17 - 19 2008: *"Sparks of Secession"*, Westville 1850, in Lumpkin. An early war recruitment scenario which will develop, on-going, throughout the weekend into a fully functional period-correct village setting. *For more information, contact:* unionguy1 @comcast.net or Vickie at thistledewbooks@comcast.net; www.geocities.com/scar_civilwar/Westvilleindex.html

October 18, 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.

November 7 - 9, 2008: *Atlanta Reenactment at Nash Farm Battlefield*, McDonough. Battles Saturday and Sunday, Cavalry battle on Saturday morning, Friday school program. Military Ball Saturday night with the 97th Regimental String band. Artillery bounty. Registration \$15 to October 15, walk-on \$25. *Proceeds to preservation.* For more information contact, Atlanta Campaign Inc., (877) 206-4044; www.atlantacampaign.com.

How Long Has Carlton Sturdevant Been the Trivia Master?

The answer to that question is 14 years. Having asked all known trivia questions regarding the war, Carlton has relinquished the job to Charlie Crawford. Carlton was presented a plaque in recognition of his extraordinary service at our September meeting. Thanks again Carlton for keeping everyone on their toes.

Oakland Event

Oakland cemetery will host a presentation *"The Battle of Peachtree Creek"*, with guest speaker Charlie Crawford on Saturday, November 15. Food/drinks will be served at 5:00 p.m., Charlie will begin at 5:30 in the Bell Tower. A "Civil War at Oakland" tour will follow the lecture. The lecture is free for members of the Historic Oakland Foundation, \$15.00 for non-members.

Hank Frampton to Afghanistan

Former President Hank Frampton, who served with the 82nd Airborne in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, has returned to the Middle East as a civilian contractor to aid development of the Afghan National Army.

In Memoriam

Philip Secrist

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