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# Battle Lines

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## John Koski Speaks in June

John Koski, Director of Library and Research for the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia, gave the membership assembled in June a memorable presentation on the beginnings, history and direction of their truly remarkable collection. Our thanks to John for sharing his time and knowledge with us.

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## Electronic Battle Lines

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## Don't Forget the Website

Don't forget that you can visit our website, [www.civilwarroundtableofatlanta.org](http://www.civilwarroundtableofatlanta.org) to check on the latest developments, see photos from the last meeting, read recent Battle Lines or access the directory. To access the directory you must enter the user name: **cwrt** and password: **atlanta**.

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## Meeting Times

Meeting times next year will revert to those of previous years. Cocktails: 6:00 pm, Dinner: 7:00 pm. The meetings will still conclude by 9:00 pm.

## President's Column

I would like to thank all of you for granting me the opportunity to serve as president for the 2009-2010 campaign year. I have been able to draw on the talent and experience of past presidents for guidance, and their willingness to help is most appreciated. We are fortunate to have an outstanding, very dedicated executive committee and I am confident in their judgment.

In particular, I would like to thank Barbara Long for the opportunity to work under her leadership. She was able to bring us a range of interesting topics over the past ten months. I will strive to uphold her high standards.

Rick Eiserman has once again chaired our Speakers Committee. His expertise has been invaluable. He has been a member of numerous civil war organizations, and his broad knowledge and familiarity with so many of our speakers over the years cannot be properly recognized.

I would like to keep in our thoughts all of our members who are facing illness, and wish them a prompt recovery. We must never forget our armed forces throughout the world, including past president Hank Frampton, who is in Afghanistan.

This year will see a wide variety of subjects. We will have speakers with their focus on battles, such as Shiloh, Stones River and Charleston, campaigns to Atlanta and up the Peninsula, on people, with Joe Johnston, Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln. Finally, Ed Bearss and Jeffrey Wert will share their knowledge on the Cairo and the Stonewall Brigade.

I am looking forward to a great year, and wish everyone a very enjoyable summer.

-- Bruce H. Stewart Jr.

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**Upcoming Events**

**July 17, 2009:** 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Peachtree Creek, the Buckhead Heritage Society will sponsor a lecture by Civil War Author Robert "Bob" Jenkins Sr. Friday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bobby Jones Golf Club, Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres served. Admission: \$5 Members or \$10 Non-members.

**July 17 - 19, 2009:** 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta. Neighborhoods in Atlanta's 5th Council District have teamed up to organize B\*ATL the weekend event. This will not only be an event of remembrance but also one with fun for everyone including: a Gala Dinner and House Tour, a 5K run, Van and Walking Tours, a re-creation of the frontlines with re-enactment soldiers and artillery, a Civil War village with civilian re-enactors, historic music concerts and dramatic performances. Information and tickets for the Gala, and B\*ATL tours are available at [batlevent.org](http://batlevent.org).

**July 18, 2009:** Historic Oakland Foundation, Russell Bonds presents "Saving the General". Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres begin at 5pm and the lecture begins at 5:30pm. The lecture is free to Oakland Foundation members and \$15 for others. There is very limited seating and these lectures are usually sold out well in advance so reservations and tickets should be arranged by contacting [mwoodlan@oaklandcemetery.com](mailto:mwoodlan@oaklandcemetery.com).

**August 8 - 9, 2009:** 31st Annual Southeastern Civil War Show & Sale at the Cobb County Civic Center, Marietta. Hosted by North Georgia Relic Hunters Association. For more information, contact: Steve Beaver, (770) 826-3306, [stevebeav1@yahoo.com](mailto:stevebeav1@yahoo.com), [www.ngrha.com](http://www.ngrha.com).

**Activities Committee**

Past President Terry Kingery, Chairman of the newly formed Activities Committee, has along with committee members, Art Carey, Leon McElveen, Jack Melton and Greg Reeves been working on some great activities for the 2009-2010 campaign year. Look for information on those vents in the next *Battle Lines*. If you have any ideas or want to help contact Terry at [Tkingery2@bellsouth.net](mailto:Tkingery2@bellsouth.net).

**2009 - 2010 Program Preview**

- September 8, 2009** ..... Richard McMurry  
*Joseph E. Johnston and the Defense of Atlanta*  
PRESIDENTS NIGHT
- October 13, 2009** ..... William J. Cooper  
*Jefferson Davis: Confederate Commander-in-Chief*
- November 10, 2009** ..... Ed Bearrs  
*The Cairo*
- December 8, 2009** ..... Jim Lewis  
*Stones River*
- January 12, 2009** ..... Tim Smith  
*Shiloh*
- February 9, 2009** ..... Glenn LaFantasie  
*Twilight at Little Round Top*
- March 9, 2009** ..... James McPherson  
*Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief: Tried by War*  
RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL AWARD
- April 13, 2009** ..... Jeffery Wert  
*The Stonewall Brigade vs. the Iron Brigade*
- May 11, 2009** ..... Robert E.L. Krick  
*The Peninsula Campaign*
- June 8, 2009** ..... Jack Davis  
*The Siege of Charleston*

**Congratulations**

Round Table Member and Southern Museum of Locomotive & Civil War History staffer, Ava Wilkey and her husband Matthew, announce the birth of son Corson Matthew Wilkey on May 26, 2009 at 11:04 pm, 9 lbs 6 oz., 20-3/4 inches long.

**Officers for the 2009 -2010 Campaign:**

- President** ..... Bruce Stewart
- First Vice President** ..... J.D. Humphries
- Second Vice President** ..... Gould Hagler
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- Executive Committee** 2010: ..... Jack Melton  
2010: . Steve Morrison, Jr.  
2011: ..... Art Carey  
2011: .... Charlie Crawford
- Past President** ..... Barbara Long
- Battle Lines Editor** ..... Bill Scaife