



# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

Founded 1949

September 2009

565th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

## September Meeting

PRESIDENTS' NIGHT

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER  
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$32.00** 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:** **Wednesday, September 9, 2009**

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

**Place:** Ansley Golf Club  
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

**Price:** **\$32.00 per person**

**Program:** *Joseph E. Johnston and the  
Defense of Atlanta*

Richard McMurry

## Important Meeting Changes

Please note the following:

1. The September meeting has been moved  
Wednesday, September 9.
2. The February meeting has been moved from  
to Friday, February 12.
3. The meeting times will be 30 minutes later

## Richard McMurry Here in September

Our September speaker, Richard M. McMurry, is a native of Atlanta. He received his B. A. degree in history from the Virginia Military Institute. He received his Masters and Doctorate degrees from Emory University under Bell Wiley.

Richard taught history at Valdosta (Georgia) State College and served as an adjunct professor at North Carolina State University. Since 1988 he has been a freelance writer and speaker and has served as a guide /historian for many tour and cruise groups.

McMurry has authored more than one hundred articles and several books on various facets of the Civil War. Two of his books--*John Bell Hood and the War for Southern Independence* and *Two Great Rebel Armies: An Essay in Confederate Military History* have been recognized as among the one hundred best modern Civil War books.

*Two Great Rebel Armies*: received both the UDC, Simon Barach University Award, and the Fletcher Pratt Award, presented by the New York Civil War Round Table. His history of the 1864 military operations in North Georgia, *Atlanta 1864: Last Chance for the Confederacy*, was published by the University of Nebraska Press as a volume in the Great Campaigns of the Civil War Series. The Austin, Texas Civil War Round Table selected the book for the 2001 Daniel M. & Marilyn W. Laney Prize.

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4. Meals will be \$32.00 per person.

**Upcoming Events**

**September 4 - 6, 2009:** Reenactment, "The Atlanta Campaign", on the Nash Farm Battlefield, McDonough. Living history, music and more daily. Battles 6:30 pm Friday, 4 pm Saturday and 2 pm Sunday. Gates open 9 am (10 am Friday). \$10/adult daily. [www.atlanta-campaign.com](http://www.atlanta-campaign.com). Tickets, 877-206-4044.

**October 2 - 3, 2009:** Cleburne Festival, Ringgold Gap Civil War Festival honoring Confederate Maj. Gen. Patrick Ronayne Cleburne & Oct. 3 dedication of his bronze statue in Ringgold. Living history with infantry & artillery, music, military ball, H. L. Hunley replica plays, storytelling, period cooking. Free. For more information, contact Marcy Cirlot, (706) 965-1249, [info@ringgoldgapfestival.com](mailto:info@ringgoldgapfestival.com); [www.ringgoldgapfestival.com](http://www.ringgoldgapfestival.com).

**October 19, 2009:** Talk, "Grant is Not a Mighty Genius, but He Is a Good Soldier," at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. 7 pm. Free. 770-427-4686 extension 0 or [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo).

**October 24, 2009:** *Civil War Round Table of Atlanta Field* trip to National Civil War Naval Museum and the National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center, details below.

**October 24, 2009:** Seminar, "The Civil War in Georgia," at the Southern Museum in Kennesaw. \$20 (\$10 early registration). Details: [www.southern-museum.org](http://www.southern-museum.org) or 770-427-2117



**Field Trip**

The Activities Committee is pleased to announce that we have selected the *National Civil War Naval Museum* and the new \$100 million dollar *National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center* both located in Columbus, Georgia, as the destination for our first field trip of the year on Saturday, October 24. We will have a special group tour set up at both museums just for us and exact details will follow shortly. Mark your calendars. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Kingery by phone 770-565-5815 or email at [tkingery2@bellsouth.net](mailto:tkingery2@bellsouth.net).

**2009 - 2010 Program Preview**

- October 13, 2009** .....William J. Cooper  
*Jefferson Davis: Confederate Commander-in-Chief*
- November 10, 2009** .....Ed Bears  
*The Cairo*
- December 12, 2009** ..... Jim Lewis  
*Stones River*
- January 12, 2010** ..... Tim Smith  
*Shiloh*
- February 12, 2010** ..... Glenn LaFantasie  
*Twilight at Little Round Top*
- March 9, 2010** ..... James McPherson  
*Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief: Tried by War*  
RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL AWARD
- April 13, 2010** ..... Jeffery Wert  
*The Stonewall Brigade vs. the Iron Brigade*
- May 11, 2010** .....Robert E.L. Krick  
*The Peninsula Campaign*
- June 8, 2010** ..... Jack Davis  
*The Siege of Charleston*

IN MEMORIAM

**WILLIAM R. SCAIFE**

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