



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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June 2010

574th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

June Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$32.00** PER
PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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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 8, 2010
Time: Cocktails 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm
Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road
Price: \$32.00 per person
Program: Glenn LaFantasie
Twilight at Little Round Top

Robert E.L. Krick in May

Our May speaker, Robert E.L. Krick, carried on the Krick family tradition at the last Round Table by delivering an outstanding program on the siege of Petersburg.

Our thanks for a job well done and we look forward to a return visit from the younger Krick to our Round Table in the near future.

Twilight at Little Round Top

Glenn W. LaFantasie, the Richard Frockt Family Professor of Civil War History at Western Kentucky University, was. He received his BA in History from Providence College, an MA in American History from the University of Rhode Island, and a Ph.D. in History from Brown University. He is the author, among other works, of *Twilight at Little Round Top* (Wiley, 2005) and *Gettysburg Requiem: The Life and Lost Causes of Confederate Colonel William C. Oates* (Oxford University Press, 2006). A collection of his previously published Civil War essays, *Gettysburg Heroes: Perfect Soldiers, Hallowed Ground*, was published by Indiana University Press in 2008. He is presently at work on Lincoln and Grant, a book that will explore the relationship between the commander in chief and his general in chief.

For our program Glenn's topic will be one of the most celebrated firefights of the Civil War. He will focus on a five-hour segment of the three-day Battle of Gettysburg: the struggle for Little Round Top. His research has brought a new critical view and a wider perspective than many earlier historians, who have primarily fixated on the exploits of the 20th Maine regiment and its famous commander, Joshua Chamberlain. He corrects some of the mythology that's grown up around this unit. His view is that the 20th didn't run out of ammunition and that its climactic bayonet charge just hurried along a Confederate retreat-in-progress.

His knowledge of the hill's tactical centrality to controlling the entire Gettysburg battlefield, and of the Union and Confederate officers who led their units there will certainly make for an excellent program.

Upcoming Events

June 26 - 27, 2010: Anniversary activities at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Free. 770-427-4686 extension 0 or www.nps.gov/kemo.

July 4, 2010: Living history, "July Fourth Celebration," military demonstrations, period games and more at Fort McAllister Historic Park in Richmond Hill. 10 am-4 pm. Free with admission. www.gastateparks.org/FtMcAllister or 912-727-2339.



Don't Forget the Website

Don't forget that you can visit our website, 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**.

The ACWRT is on Facebook

Gould Hagler
Second Vice President

The Civil War Round Table of Atlanta has created a Facebook page to keep members and others up to date on monthly programs and activities. Members who are not already on Facebook are encouraged to sign up with Facebook and become fans of the Round Table's Facebook page.

Don't know what I am talking about? Don't worry. A couple of months ago I didn't know anything about this either.

Just click on the link below and look around. You will see some familiar faces and learn about the upcoming activities.

Of course, you will want your own Facebook page so you can interact with your friends at the Round Table and elsewhere.

Go to facebook.com. You can create a page for yourself in less time than it took for Sherman's men to torch a barn. There is nothing to it.

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Civil-War-Round-Table-of-Atlanta/107640215948022?ref=ts>

Elections at June Meeting

A vote of the membership present at the June meeting will take place on the following slate of officers offered by the Nominating Committee.

- President: J.D. Humphries
- First Vice-President: Gould Hagler
- Second Vice-President: Jack Melton
- Secretary/Treasurer:..... David Floyd
- Executive Committee:
- One-year term 2009-2010:.... Art Carey
Charlie Crawford
- Two-year term 2009-2011:.... Gary Barnes
David Beale

Chickamauga and Pickett's Mill Tour

Since the last issue of the Battle Lines Terry Kingery and his committee have orchestrated two top-notch field trips. On May 8th 45 of our members toured the Chickamauga battlefield with Park Historian Jim Ogden as their guide.

Last Saturday, May 29, Greg Reeves organized a group of 25 members on an in depth tour of the Pickett's Mill battlefield comprised of several speakers followed by an extensive walking tour.

Don't miss the next opportunity to participate in one of these outings. There is already talk of a follow-up to the Chickamauga tour with Jim Ogden taking us to Chattanooga and Lookout Mountain in October. Pickett's Mill also has another of its candlelight tours scheduled for November. You really got to see that napoleon fired at night. Be there next time.

Officers for the 2009 -2010 Campaign:

- President**Bruce Stewart
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2009: . Steve Morrison, Jr.
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