



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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579th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

January Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$33.00** 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, January 11, 2011

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

Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: \$33.00 per person

Program: Russell Bonds
*War Like the Thunderbolt - The
Battles for Atlanta*

Russ Bonds to Speak on "War Like the Thunderbolt"

Our January speaker will be our own Russ Bonds. In addition to being a member of the Round Table, Russ is the recipient of the 2007 Richard B. Harwell Award for his work, *Stealing the General: The Great Locomotive Chase and the First Medal of Honor*. His latest work, *War Like the Thunderbolt - The Battles for Atlanta*, will be the basis of his presentation this month. Russ brings a new perspective to the Atlanta Campaign, he moves beyond the strategy and the troop movements to tell the story of Atlanta and its people during that most trying time.

Russ is an in-house lawyer at The Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta and a lifelong resident of north Georgia. He was born in Atlanta and grew up in Marietta, just a few blocks from the spot where James Andrews and his men first boarded the *General* on the morning of April 12, 1862. Russ received a B.S. with honor from Georgia Tech and a law degree *magna cum laude* from the University of Georgia, where he was the Executive Articles Editor of the *Georgia Law Review*. He has published several articles and reviews on Civil War topics in national publications, including "Pawn Takes Bishop: The Death of Lieutenant General Leonidas Polk," *Civil War Times* and "Lieutenant Tecumseh: Sherman's First March Through Georgia, 1844," *Civil War Times*. He lives in Marietta, Georgia with his wife and three daughters.

Don't miss this chance to hear one of our own and one of the leading authorities on the war in Georgia as he gives us his insights into how our city fought, fell and suffered in the Summer and Fall of 1864.

The 8th Georgia Performs at the December Meeting

The 8th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regimental Band led by John Carruth gave a truly wonderful performance to the assembled membership at our December meeting. The band with its antique period instruments created what must be the most authentic reproduction of the music of both sides during the Civil War. Our thanks to John and his group.

2010 - 2011 Program Preview

- February 8, 2011** COL Ty Seidule
West Point's Memory of the Confederate Generals
- March 8, 2011** Gary Gallagher
R.E. Lee: A Modern 19th Century Commander
- April 12, 2011** Eric Wittenberg
J.E.B. Stuart's Gettysburg Ride
- May 10, 2011** Tom Clemens
Ezra Carman and Antietam
- June 14, 2011** Ed Longacre
J.E.B. Stuart's Lieutenants

Upcoming Events

- .January 9 - 10, 2011:** The Low Country Civil War Show & Sale at Gaillard Auditorium, Charleston, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-3. For more information, contact Mike Kent, 770.630.7296 or www.mikekentshows.net.
- February 5, 2011:** Saturday, ACWRT Activities Committee Field Trip to the *Chickamauga Civil War Show* in Dalton, Georgia.
- February 15, 2011:** Tour, "Hazen's Approach March: Behind-the-Scenes tour," at the Pickett's Mill Battlefield Historic Site near Dallas. 11 am-2 pm. \$4. 770-443-7850
- February 19 - 21, 2011:** 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Aiken at Confederate Memorial Park, Aiken. Battles both days, Saturday artillery night fire & dance, Sunday church services. Sponsored by Southern Guard Brigade and Brig. Gen. Barnard E. Bee Camp, SCV. For more info. www.thebattleofaiken.com.
- .March 12, 2011:** Saturday, ACWRT Activities Committee Field Trip to Andersonville National Historic Site and National POW Museum with private tour and living history.



HAPPY MID-CAMPAIGN YEAR

2010 - 2011



Activities Committee Report

The Activities Committee had a very successful trip to the huge Civil War Show in Franklin, Tennessee on Saturday, December 4th. With the new location in Franklin, the show remains the world's largest Civil War Show. We had a great group that went and following the show, our group had a private tour of the Carter House in downtown Franklin where much of the fighting took place. We also had a special nighttime tour of the Carnton Plantation where the six Confederate generals that had been killed in the battle were laid out on the back porch. Our group also was informed during our visit of all of the exciting coming plans that are being made to expand and enlarge the battlefield.

Dalton Civil War Show

As a follow up to our Franklin excursion, the Activities Committee invites you to join us as we go in mass to the annual Chickamauga Civil War & Military Show & Sale being held at the Northwest Georgia Convention Center in Dalton on Saturday, February 5th. It is one of the very best Civil War shows in the country with over 400 tables of items for sale including relics, books, prints, maps, currency, flags, shells, uniforms, buttons, letters, images, etc. We will meet at the Kennesaw Cracker Barrel at Exit 271 off I-75. For those that want breakfast/coffee. We will begin gathering at 7:30 am and depart at 8:20 am carpooling and arriving at the show about 9:15 am. Included in your \$8 admission this year, will be two excellent lectures at the show.

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