



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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February 2011

580th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

February Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$33.00** 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, February 8, 2011

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

Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: \$33.00 per person

Program: COL Ty Seidule
*West Point's Memory of the
Confederate Generals*

West Point's Memory of the Confederate Generals

Our February speaker will be COL Ty Seidule, PhD. COL Seidule has over 26 years of leadership experience in the US Army. He led a cavalry troop in the 82nd Airborne Division during the first Gulf War and later a training battalion tasked with an army wide reorganization of basic training to reflect the realities of warfare in Iraq and Afghanistan. At West Point, Dr. Seidule has served as the Chief of Military History, Chief of International History, and the Deputy Head of the Department of History. In 2007, Dr. Seidule was selected as the inaugural West Point Fellow to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.

His topic for his evening with us will be: *Gentlemen Warriors or Traitorous Scoundrels? West Point's Memory of Robert E. Lee and the Confederate Generals.* West Point educated many of the most famous and effective Confederate generals of the Civil War including Robert E. Lee. Yet Lee and his fellow Confederates resigned their commissions and fought against the United States Army. Join us and hear how the Military Academy has remembered her Confederate sons. He will explore how some of the most iconic West Point buildings, monuments, and paintings represent efforts by faculty and alumni to banish or include the Confederates.

Don't miss out. See you there.

January Meeting continued...

If you missed out in January on getting one of Russ Bonds' books, he will have paperbacks of *Stealing the General* and hardcovers of *War Like the Thunderbolt* for sale and signature in February. Bring cash or check.

Russ Bonds at the January Meeting

In spite of having to reschedule our January meeting because of the weather to Thursday the 20th a big crowd turned out to hear Round Table member Russ Bonds' program on the best book his mother ever read. Russ' overview of the battles around Atlanta was superb. But it only touched the surface of what is contained in his book, *War Like the Thunderbolt*. Our thanks to Russ for a great program.

2010 - 2011 Upcoming Programs

- March 8, 2011** Gary Gallagher
R.E. Lee: A Modern 19th Century Commander
CAPITAL CITY CLUB - DOWNTOWN
- 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

8th Georgia at Dalton Show

If you missed the 8th Georgia Band at our December, meeting they will be performing at the Chickamauga Civil War Show at 5:00 pm. in Dalton on Saturday, February 5.



Upcoming Events

- February 5, 2011:** Saturday, ACWRT Activities Committee Field Trip to the *Chickamauga Civil War Show* in Dalton, Georgia.
- February 5, 2011:** Alexander Stephens 199th Birthday Celebration. Crawfordville, GA. The event will begin at 11:00 am at the group shelter inside the Alexander H. Stephens Park. Info: David Denard, 770.441.1645
- 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
- March 12, 2011:** Saturday, ACWRT Field Trip to Andersonville National Historic Site and National POW Museum with private tour.
- March 12 – 13, 2011:** "RiverBlast!" Living history, weapons demonstrations, skirmishes. Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus. 10 am-4 pm. Free with museum admission. www.civilwarnavalmuseum.com or 706-327-9798.
- March 26, 2011:** Living history, "Sherman's Army Returns to Kennesaw," Southern Museum in Kennesaw. Free with admission. www.southernmuseum.org or 770.427.2117 x 3180.

March Meeting Moved

Due to renovations at Ansley Golf Club, our March meeting will be at the Capital City Club - Downtown. More in the March Battle Lines.

Dalton Civil War Show

If you wish to join us for our annual excursion to the Chickamauga Civil War in Dalton on Saturday, February 5th, contact Greg Reeves ASAP littesorrell@bellsouth.net or 678.702.3309. We will meet at the Kennesaw Cracker Barrel at I-75 Exit 271 at 7:30 am and depart at 8:20.

150 years ago

- 6 Nov 1861:** Lincoln Elected 16th President
- 20 Dec 1861:** South Carolina secedes
- 9 Jan 1861:** Mississippi secedes, *Star of the West* fired upon.
- 10 Jan 1861:** Florida secedes
- 11 Jan 1861:** Alabama secedes
- 19 Jan 1861:** Georgia secedes
- 26 Jan 1861:** Louisiana secedes
- 29 Jan 1861:** Kansas admitted as a Free State
- 1 Feb 1861:** Texas votes to secede from the United States. (Officially seceded on 2 March)
- 4 Feb 1861:** The Confederate States of America is founded in Montgomery, Alabama
- 18 Feb 1861:** Jefferson Davis inaugurated as President of the Confederate States of America

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