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# Battle Lines

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November 2006

537th Meeting

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## November Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER  
RESERVATION CHECK OF \$28.00 PER  
PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

**David Floyd**  
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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, November 14, 2006

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

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

**Price:** \$28.00 per person

**Program:** Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg  
and Why it Failed, by Tom  
Carhart

## November Speaker

Tom Carhart will receive the Richard Barksdale Harwell Award of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta for his book, Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg and Why it Failed. Tom will also present the program at the November meeting on the subject of his book.

## Richard Barksdale Harwell Award

Each year the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta confers the prestigious "Richard Barksdale Harwell Award" for the best book on a Civil War subject published in the preceding year. However, some members may not know who this coveted award is named for or how it came about. Having been familiar with the Civil War Round Table of Chicago, Richard Barksdale Harwell was responsible for conceiving the idea of a Civil War Round Table in Atlanta. In November 1949, Richard Harwell hosted a dinner at his home attended by Franklin Garrett, Beverly DuBose, Jr., Carl Forrester and Wilbur Kurtz to discuss the formation of a Civil War Round Table. As a result of that gathering, the first meeting of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table was held at the Piedmont Driving Club on December 10, 1949. Richard Harwell was issued membership certificate No. 1 and elected its first President. Prior to completion of his term, he relocated to Chicago to become the Secretary of the College Library Association. The award named in his honor was created in 1989, following his death on March 9, 1988, and has been awarded on an annual basis since.

The Richard B. Harwell Book Award Committee consists of Jim Bogle, Tom Watson Brown and Ron Hudgins. A list of previous winners follows on the next page.

## October Meeting

Our October speaker, **Dr. R. Fred Ruhlman**, presented the round Table with an in depth analysis of the trial and prosecution of Captain Henry Wirtz as a war criminal for his tenure as commandant at Camp Sumter or Andersonville as it was more commonly known.

Dr. Ruhlman's comments left those present to assess whether Capt. Wirtz was fairly tried or railroaded in the post-war fervor.

## Upcoming Events

**November 3-5, 2006:** "Atlanta Campaign Civil War Re-enactment", Georgia International Horse Park, Conyers, GA, Civil War History comes alive as re-enactors recreate battles from the Atlanta Campaign. For more information [www.atlanta\\_campaign.com](http://www.atlanta_campaign.com).

**December 2-3, 2006:** "20th Middle Tennessee Civil War Show & Sale"; Tennessee State Fairgrounds; Vaughan, Exhibitors & Creative Arts Buildings. Nashville, Tennessee. <http://www.mikekentshows.net/>

**February 4-5, 2006:** "The 11th Annual Great Chickamauga Southern National Civil War Show and Sale". Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center. I-75 Exit 333 Walton Avenue; Dalton, Georgia. <http://www.mikekentshows.net/>

## Upcoming Meetings for the 2006-2007 Campaign Year

**December 12, 2006:** "The 8<sup>th</sup> Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regimental Band". Bring a friend for this lively and festive holiday program.

**January 9, 2007:** "The Best Photos of the Civil War", Bob Zeller will present a visual program of period stereoscopic photographs. We will view with 3-D glasses.

**February 13, 2007:** "Matthew Brady and 19th Century American Photographic Portraiture", Grant Romer, Museum Director for the Kodak Eastman House. Period photos to be taken by Bob Szabo

**March 13, 2007:** "Forensic Pathology Study of the Final Hunley Crew", Jamie Downs, MD.

**April 10, 2007:** "The Story the Soldiers Would Not Tell- Sex in the Civil War", Dr. Thomas Lowry.

**May 8, 2007:** Ed Bearss - Program TBA.

**June 12, 2007:** TBA

## Dues

If you haven't paid your 2006-2007 dues, you have until the November meeting to get them in.

## Recipients of the Harwell Book Award

- 1988 If It Takes All Summer  
William D. Matter
- 1989 Tennessee's Forgotten Warrior  
Christopher Lossen
- 1990 Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain  
Robert K. Krick
- 1991 Struggle for the Shenandoah  
Gary Gallagher
- 1992 Decision in the West  
Albert Castel
- 1993 Echoes of Battle  
Richard Bumgartner & Larry Strayer
- 1994 The Campaign for Atlanta  
William R. Scaife
- 1995 Robert E. Lee  
Emory M. Thomas
- 1996 Andersonville: The Last Depot  
William Marvel
- 1997 Stonewall Jackson  
James I. Robertson, Jr.
- 1998 Lee's Miserables  
J. Tracy Power
- 1999 Secret Yankees  
Thomas G. Dyer
- 2000 Chessboard of War  
Anne Bailey
- 2001 The Union That Shaped the Confederacy  
William C. Davis
- 2002 Cold Harbor: Grant and Lee  
Gordon G. Rhea
- 2003 The Fredericksburg Campaign  
Francis A. O'Reilly
- 2004 Days of Glory: Army of the Cumberland  
Larry Daniel

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