



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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February 2014

610th 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 11, 2014

Time: Cocktails: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm

Place: Capital City Club - Downtown
7 John Portman Blvd.

Price: \$33.00 per person

**Program: *Sherman's Mississippi
Campaign***

Dr. Buck T. Foster

Sherman's Mississippi Campaign

Our speaker this month will be, Dr. Buck T. Foster. Dr. Foster is currently a visiting assistant professor at the University of Central Arkansas. His teaching specialties are in addition to the Civil War include: the Old South, American Military History, Arkansas History, and Historical Methods. His topic for our program will be Sherman's Mississippi Campaign, which was the title of his book released in 2006, which won the Franklin D. Riley Prize for best dissertation on a Mississippi topic.

It was just prior to Sherman's Mississippi Campaign that he and General Grant came to the realization that a new style of warfare was needed to end the War as soon as possible. The Union had until then followed the old method of respecting the property of civilians. Grant and Sherman realized that they needed to break the Southern civilians' support of the Confederate war effort. Once they did that, the Confederacy could be defeated sooner and more lives saved. As the War was being conducted by the Union up to this point, the War would otherwise have gone on for years and many more lives would have been lost. They decided to wage all-out war on the Confederacy, confiscating or destroying public and private property, but civilians were not to be personally harmed unless they were a threat to the Union.

Come hear Dr. Foster' as he discusses how this new way of fighting the War helped to change the direction the War was heading, and how it would end sooner with the Union the victor. It also influenced the way future wars would be fought around the world.

See you there.

Sam Hood in January

Just when you thought you had it all figured out and knew the Civil War's cast of characters, along comes somebody like our January speaker, Sam Hood, and changes all that. Sam presented a lengthy alternate history to the commonly held opinion of the General. His new view backed up by previously unknown letters and correspondence will make you wonder.

Upcoming Programs

- March 11, 2014**.....Ed Bearss
Gettysburg Myths
- April 8, 2014**..... Edward Bonekemper III
The Overland Campaign
- May 13, 2014**Brad Quinlin
The Atlanta Campaign
- June 10, 2014**..... James Gindlesperger
The End of the CSS Alabama



Upcoming Events

- February 8 - 9, 2014:** Civil War Show at the Northwest Georgia Trade Center, 2211 Dug Gap Road, Dalton. \$8.00 / adult. \$5.00 for ACWRT members. mkshows.com
- February 21 - 23, 2014:** Struggle for Savannah: Weekend Warrior lectures and tours of Savannah and Port Pulaski led by Gloria Swift. Friday evening lectures, Saturday & Sunday full-day tours. Fee. Blue & Gray Education Society. For info, 434-250-9921; www.blueandgrayeducation.org
- February 21 - 23, 2014:** Reenactment, "Battle of Olustee" at the state park, US 90 near Lake City. Camps and activities open 8 am-5 pm. Battles at 3:30 pm Saturday and 1:30 pm Sunday. \$10/adult. battleofolustee.org
- February 22 - 23, 2014:** Reenactment, "Battle of Aiken," 1210 Powell Pond Road, near Aiken. Gates open 8:30 am each day for camps and demonstrations. Battles at 2:30 pm each day. \$10/adult. battleofaiken.org
- March 27 - 30, 2014:** Clarksville TN Civil War Round Table information - 150th Anniversary Tour of the Atlanta Campaign. For more info. email J.T. Thompson of the Lotz House at tt@lotzhouse.com, or you can also email Greg Biggs at Biggsq@charter.net or call him at - (931)217-4265.
- May 8, 2014:** *Sam Watkins 150th Anniversary Tour of The North Georgia Campaign.* led by Tom Cartwright and Ranger Lee White. Watch for upcoming reservations info.

Annual Trip to the Dalton Show

The Round Table invites you to join us as we go, to the Chickamauga Civil War and Military Show in Dalton, Saturday, February 8th. This is one of the best Civil War shows in the country with over 400 tables of items for sale. We have a special \$5.00 per person admission. We will gather at 7:30 am at the Kennesaw Cracker Barrel, exit 271, off I-75, for breakfast and depart by 8:30 am. Guests are welcome. For reservations, email Robin Puryear at aviavizsla@mindspring.com.

Bob King Passes Away

Longtime Round Table member Bob King passed away January 18 at age 78 after a brief illness. Bob had been a member since 1990.

150 Years Ago

- 3 February 1864:** William Tecumseh Sherman, having moved to Vicksburg by boat, begins the Meridian Campaign
- 17 February 1864:** The CSS *Hunley* destroys the USS *Housatonic* with a torpedo in Charleston Harbor. The *Housatonic* sinks without a loss of life. The *Hunley* also sinks, killing nine men.
- 24 February 1864:** Braxton Bragg becomes Jefferson Davis' chief of staff
- 27 February 1864:** Federal prisoners begin arriving at Camp Sumter in Andersonville
- 29 February 1864:** U.S. Congressional legislation revives the rank of Lt. General

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