



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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613th Meeting

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May Meeting

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

Please mail your reservation check for
\$33.00 per person to:

David Floyd
4696 Kellogg Drive, SW
Lilburn, GA 30047- 4408

To reach David no later than noon on the
Friday preceding the meeting

TO REACH DAVID NO LATER THAN NOON
ON THE FRIDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING

E-mail / telephone reservations not accepted

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 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: *The Atlanta Campaign*
Brad Quinlin

Ed Bonekemper in April

Ed Bonekemper brought the depth of his research and knowledge for his presentation on the Overland Campaign to our April meeting. His analysis of the opposing strategies and the accompanying casualty figures gave those assembled a broader understanding of that series of conflicts fought by Lee and Grant in May and June of 1864. Our thanks to Ed for his excellent presentation.

The Atlanta Campaign

Our guest for the May Meeting will be local Historian Brad Quinlin. Brad has long been a member of the Civil War community. He is an ardent re-enactor and volunteer at the Marietta National Cemetery and at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. He has appeared on "Who Do You Think You Are?", where he researched the Civil War roots of Matthew Broderick. Brad has also helped Vice-President Dick Cheney discover the Civil War life of his great-grandfather Capt. Samuel Cheney of the Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry who fought in the Atlanta Campaign.

His work at Kennesaw Mountain has led to him assembling a list of every Federal soldier who participated in the battle. His research on the participants of the battle has led him to identify, at last count, 35 formerly unknown soldiers buried at the Marietta Cemetery. Five of those unknowns were members of the U.S. Colored Troops - freed slaves who enlisted in the Union Army as the war ended.

To complement his research on the battle's participants he has used his special access to the National Archives to uncover numerous previously unknown letters and mementoes from soldiers who fought and died during the battle. These letters are compiled in his book titled, *Rest Here Brave Comrades, Your Work Is Done*. His most recent work is, *Bleeding Blue and Gray: Marietta's Extensive Civil War Hospitals 1863 and 1864*.

Don't miss our May meeting to learn more of the Atlanta Campaign and, my guess is, a clearer understanding of the personalities and thoughts of the soldiers who fought it.

