



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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November 2014

617th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

November Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$36.00** PER
PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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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 11, 2014

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

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

Price: \$36.00 per person

Program: Dr. Margaret Humphreys
***Medical Treatment During
the Civil War***

Medical Treatment During the American Civil War

Our speaker this month, Dr. Margaret Humphreys, is a specialist in the history of science and medicine, and has focused her research and publications primarily on infectious disease in the U.S. and the American south, as well as the history of medicine during the American Civil War.

For those who fought it, the Civil War "was less about heroism and more about the daily grind of disease, hunger, death and disability." In her recent book, *Marrow of Tragedy: The Health Crisis of the American Civil War*, she describes a humanitarian revolution that came to grips with the Victorian elites' cultural understanding of the virtues of honor and heroism, manliness and military service. Within the past two years, an estimate of the war's death toll rose from 625,000 to more than 750,000 and counting civilians nearly 800,000. Roughly two thirds of military deaths were brought about through disease and approximately 56,000 soldiers died in prison camps during the conflict. It is estimated that 60,000 men lost limbs in the war. Ms. Humphreys sees the Civil War to be the greatest public health disaster in the nation's lifetime.

Civil War medical historians have focused on surgeons, their procedures and their understanding disease. Dr. Humphreys will present the environments of military camps and hospitals and the personnel that staffed them.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the extended impact of this public health tragedy of the 19th century and how it continues to shape our lives and medicine today.

Dave Bastian in October

Our October meeting was highlighted by a presentation by David Bastian on Grant's canal attempt at Vicksburg. David, a civil engineer, was able to put into perspective the difficulties and challenges of this monumental undertaking by the Federal forces. Our thanks to David for sharing his knowledge of this little studied event with us.

Upcoming Programs

December 9, 2014..... David B. Thompson
Confederates Piano Music During the Civil War

January 13, 2015.....Thomas Cartwright
General Patrick Cleburne, A Lesson In Leadership

February 10, 2015..... Michael K. Shaffer
Camp McDonald: Turning Georgians Into Soldiers

March 10, 2015 Dr. Wendy H. Venet
Commerce, Conflict, and Civilian Loyalty in Atlanta

April 14, 2015.....COL Kevin J. Weddle
The Life of Admiral Samuel Francis Dupont

May 12, 2015..... Garry E. Adelman
Five Final Months of the Civil War in Photographs

RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD

June 19, 2015.....Dr. Allen Guelzo
Gettysburg



Upcoming Events

November 5, 2014: *Chattahoochee River Line Lecture*, 2:00 p.m. ,Powder Springs Library, Civil War historian Michael Shaffer will share insights on this Confederate defense system in Cobb County. Free, <http://www.cobbcat.org/BranchPowderSpgs.html> for details.

November 8, 2014: Commemoration of the Burning of Downtown Marietta, The City of Marietta will complete its commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War Battles of Marietta with a real-life experience of General Sherman's devastating Burning of the Historic Square and the City's triumphant rebirth. www.MariettaCivilWar.com

November 22, 2014: Georgia Civil War Commission Symposium, Old Capitol Building, Milledgeville, GA, 10:00 - 4:00, Go to www.georgiacivilwar.org for schedule and more or GCWC@inbox.com.

November 22, 2014: Living history, "*Battle of Griswoldville*," camps and demonstrations on the battlefield 10 miles east of Macon and 2 miles SE of Griswoldville. Organized by the Jarrell Plantation Historic Site. 9:30 am-3:30 pm. 478-986-5172 or gastateparks.org/item/153653

Fall Field Trip Recap

We had over forty members and guests on a perfect day for our bus tour to the battlefields of New Hope Church, Pickett's Mill, and Dallas. Our guides, Ranger Jim Ogden, Dr. Keith Bohannon, and Wayne Willingham did an outstanding job taking us to the battlefields and to several sites on private land. Few have ever seen of the pristine earthworks, gun emplacements, and trench lines at those locales. Our group also had lunch right on the New Hope Church battlefield. Special thanks go out to Stevan Crew for handling the majority of the details and to the rest of the committee for their help. Lastly, thanks to all those members for making our Fall Field Trip another successful event.

Terry Kingery, Chairman, Activities Committee

150 Years Ago

5 November: 1864: Nathan Bedford Forrest's cavalry and two captured Union boats move up the Tennessee River to Johnsonville and attacked the Union supply depot there causing major damage

8 November 1864: Republican Abraham Lincoln defeats Democrat George McClellan for a second term as President.

14 November 1864: Sherman enters Atlanta and divides his 60,000 men into a Left Wing and Right Wing.

22 November 1864: Battle of Griswoldville.

30 November 1864: Battle of Franklin.

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