



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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November 2016

637th 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:

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, **November 15, 2016**

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

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

Price: \$36.00 per person

Program: Gary Ecelbarger

**“Blackjack” Logan’s 15th Corps at
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Our guest speaker in November will be Gary Ecelbarger. Gary is the author of several book s on Civil War subjects and in particular the battles around Atlanta. In addition to his work, *The Day Dixie Died: The Battle of Atlanta*, he has recently completed, *Slaughter at the Chapel: The Battle of Ezra Church, 1864*.

With this recent addition Gary covers the second and third of the three bloody clashes between the Union Army of the Tennessee and portions of two Confederate Army of Tennessee corps fought outside the city of Atlanta between July 20 and July 28, 1864. Though the Army of the Tennessee was ultimately triumphant in the July 22 Battle of Atlanta, it suffered heavy casualties restoring the line, and its popular commander, James B. McPherson, was killed. . If all went as planned, the action at Ezra Church, it would sever the last railroad lifeline into the city, forcing the Confederates to either fight at a disadvantage or abandon Atlanta entirely.

Don’t miss this opportunity to learn more about these battles here on our own home turf.

See you there.

Tell Me Something I Don’t Know

Our own Sal Cilella, author and former CEO of the Atlanta History Center will tell you what you don’t know about *The Relic Fakers of Gettysburg*.

Menu for November Meeting

- Boston Romaine Salad
- Roast Turkey, Vegetable
- Sweet Potato Pie

George Rable in October

Our speaker in October, George Rable, presented us with an insight into the feelings and emotions of those on the Southern home front during the war. He came prepared with an impressive array of graphic terms and epithets used by Southerners in describing their Northern adversaries. Though, for all their eloquence, few measure up to just plain, Damn Yankees.

Upcoming Programs

- December 13, 2016**Richard McMurry
Ole Joe in the Vipers Pit: Joseph E. Johnston in the High Command of the Army of Tennessee
- January 10, 2017** Will Greene
Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove: The Civil War in Northwest Arkansas
- February 14, 2017** Steve Davis
Neither Great nor Genius: General John Bell Hood in 1864
- March 14, 2017** Sal Cilella
Emory Upton: The Civil War General Nobody Knows
- April 11, 2017** Todd Groce
What Really Happened at Ebenezer Creek?
- May 9, 2017** Harold Holzer
Lincoln and the New York Editors, 1864: How Atlanta Saved the President and the Press
- June 13, 2017** Gary Gallagher
The Year of Gettysburg and Vicksburg: Was 1863 a Turning Point?

Presidents Night

We had an excellent turnout in October of past Presidents for President's Night. Thanks to all those who attended and thanks for your service.



Trivia Topic

This month's trivia topic will be: "The other Corps at Atlanta".

I think that is the Corps commanded by Major General Other, one of the "Fighting Others", formally of Other's Division and Other's Brigade, but I could be wrong.

May the facts be with you.

Dues Are Due

David Floyd has sent out dues notices. Make checks to Civil War Round Table of Atlanta. They are \$60.00 and go to:

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Upcoming Events

- November 11 - 12, 2016:** *Soldier and Civilian Life During the Civil War and Candlelight Tours*, Friday & Saturday, , 10:00 am to 9:00 pm daily, Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site, . Learn about the life of soldiers and civilians during the Civil War. See living history" demonstrations. Later each night, guided interpretive tour. Relive the tense moments of the battle at Pickett's Mill. 770-443-7850, <http://georgiastateparks.org/PickettsMillBattlefield>
- November 11 - 13, 2016:** *Simply Southern Jubilee and Battle of Nash Farm*, Friday - Sunday, Nash Farm Battlefield, 100 Babbs Mill Road, Hampton GA. Enjoy the arts and crafts, vendors, authentic sutlers. Walk through the camps and back in time as you visit with reenactors as they re-create life during the Civil War. "Battles" on Saturday (9 to 5) & Sunday (9 to 4) at 2:00 pm. Weekend admission: Adults \$8.00, Children (ages 7-17) \$5.00. 404-281-8651, www.henrycountybattlefield.com/calendar-events/simply-southern-jubilee/
- November 17 - 19, 2016:** *Andrews Raiders and the Great Locomotive Chase* - Thursday - Saturday, November 17 - 19, based in Marietta. A 3-day field tour of the historic sites associated with the 1862 "Great Locomotive Chase" (aka "Andrews' Raid"), led by historian Norman Dasinger, Jr. Registration: \$325.00. 800-298-1861, www.cwea.net/programs/1611-andrews-raiders-and-great-locomotive-chase-field-tour-november-17-19-2016
- November 19, 2016:** - *152nd Anniversary Battle of Griswoldville*, Saturday, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Griswoldville Battlefield State Historic Site, FREE admission; donations appreciated to help preserve this historic site. 478-986-5172, <http://gastateparks.org/info/218354>

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