



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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December 2016

638th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

December 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, December 13, 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: Richard McMurry

**Ole Joe in the Vipers Pit: Joseph E.
Johnston in the High Command of
the Army of Tennessee**

Richard McMurry on Ole Joe

Longtime friend and frequent visitor to the Round Table, Richard McMurry, will be our December speaker. Richard is a familiar figure in the civil war world. He is a graduate of the Virginia Military Academy, earned a PhD in history from Emory University, and taught at Valdosta State University and North Carolina State University. He is also the author of several books on the war including: *John Bell Hood and the War for Southern Independence*, *Two Great Rebel Armies: An Essay in Confederate Military History*, and *The Road Past Kennesaw: The Atlanta Campaign of 1864*.

Richard's focus for his presentation to us will be Gen. Johnston's role in command of the Army of Tennessee and in particular his relationship with his superiors in Richmond and the members of his own staff. As has been well documented, his style did not sit well with Jefferson Davis. This same manner also created difficulties in his own staff.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the top authors on the Atlanta Campaign discuss his view of one of the key Confederate commanders of the war.

Tell Me Something I Don't Know

"A Lost Trophy Gun – Re-discovered!" Michael Hitt will tell us the incredible history of a 3-inch ordnance rifle that was hiding in plain sight at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield.

Menu for December Meeting

- Lettuce wedge Salad
- Beef Bordelaise, Vegetable
- Italian crumb

Gary Ecelbarger in October

Gary Ecelbarger, our speaker in November, gave a great talk on the 15th Corps at the Battle of Atlanta at Ezra Church. His knowledge of the battles around Atlanta is very impressive. His presentation was accompanied by series of very helpful maps, but then I like anybody that has maps. If you missed it, you missed a good one.

Upcoming Programs

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?



Cyclorama Tour

As of press time, there remains a few open slots for the 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm special “last look” tour of the painting at the Atlanta Cyclorama in Grant Park on Sunday December 4, 2016.

If you want to attend, please contact Gordon Jones gjones@atlantahistorycenter.com ASAP and specify which time you prefer. He will send you a confirmation e-mail. We are limited to 25 people in each time slot.

Trivia Topic

Test what you know about Gen. Johnston.
This month’s trivia topic will be: “Connections: How Joe Johnston connects pre and post war to some other well-known people”.

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

December 3 - 4, 2016: *Nashville (Franklin) Civil War Show & Sale* located at the Williamson County Ag Expo Park, Franklin, TN. Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 9-3. This is the original Nashville Civil War Show with 1,000 tables of antique firearms, Bowie knives, relics, buttons, belt buckles, uniforms, accoutrements and much more! Don't miss it! Admission is only \$10.00 for adults and 12 and under Free. Visit us at <http://www.mkshows.com> for show listings.

December 8, 2016: Civil War Walking Tour - Thursday, 3:00 pm, Historic DeKalb Courthouse, 101 East Court Square, Decatur GA. The DeKalb History Center invites you to a Civil War Walking Tour of downtown Decatur. Experience the war through the eyes of people who lived through the battle, siege of Atlanta, surrender and occupation. This tour includes an exhibit at the DeKalb History Center and a walk in downtown Decatur. All tours begin and end in the lobby at the Historic DeKalb Courthouse. Tickets: Adults \$10.00, Children (ages 6 to 18) \$6.00. 404-373-1088, www.dekalbhistory.org

December 10, 2016: *A Candlelight Christmas at Liberty Hall*, Saturday, December 10, 6:00 to 9:00 pm, Liberty Hall, A. H. Stephens State Park, 456 Alexander Street NW, Crawfordville GA. Confederate Vice President Alexander Stephens’ home, Liberty Hall, will be decorated with styles of the Victorian Christmas past. Come enjoy crafts and a candlelight tour, accompanied by the sounds of the Victorian Era. Refreshments will be served. Admission: \$4.00 to \$6.00. 706-456-2602, <http://gastateparks.org/AHStephens>



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