



# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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June 2017

644th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

## June 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

Reservations and payment may be made  
online at: [cwrta.org](http://cwrta.org)

**Date:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017

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

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

**Price:** \$36.00 per person

**Program:** .....Chris Mackowski

## The Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse

### Jim Ogden in May

Longtime Round Table friend and honorary member, Jim Ogden, presented our May program. His presentation on the opening stages of the battle left no doubt why he is the reigning expert on all things Chickamauga. His insight and understanding of the battle gave those attending a much deeper insight into and understanding of the battle.

### Chris Mackowski

Our speaker for June will be Chris Mackowski, Ph.D., the editor-in-chief and co-founder of Emerging Civil War. He is the series editor of the award-winning Emerging Civil War Series, and the forthcoming "Engaging the Civil War" Series. Chris is a professor of journalism and mass communication at St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, NY, and historian-in-residence at Stevenson Ridge, a historic property on the Spotsylvania battlefield. He has also worked as a historian for the National Park Service at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, where he gives tours at several Civil War battlefields. Chris has authored or co-authored a dozen books on the Civil War, and his articles have appeared in all the major Civil War magazines.

Chris' topic will be the Battle of Spotsylvania. This battle in mid-May 1864, with over 31,000 casualties in places like the "Bloody Angle" and the "Mule Shoe", proved to be one of the longer and bloodier stops in Grant's Overland Campaign. Be sure not to miss Chris as he describes the battle as only he can in a style that is uniquely his own.

### Tell Me Something I Don't Know II

The "Rosetta Stone" for the Locomotive *Texas*

Grant Moseley talks about finding an historic photograph that turned out to be the vital clue in restoring the *Texas*.

### Menu for May Meeting

- BLT Salad
- Parmesan Chicken, Vegetable
- Coconut Cake

**A Note from Gordon**

Fellow Civil Warriors! It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as president of this organization over the past year. We have a wonderful thing going with this group – where else can you go to have a cold beer, a good meal, and a great time with your friends talking Civil War? If you ever worry that we are “losing” our history, or that Civil War Roundtables are fading away, just look us: still going strong after 67 years, still learning new things, still having fun, and still attracting good speakers and new members. My hat (the one with our logo on it) is off to all of you for what you do for the Round Table and in the service of history, with special thanks to all the officers and board members who make it happen. Nobody can do this job alone. Thanks for everything guys.

**Save the Date: Blue & Gray BBQ**

Sunday, August 9th has been confirmed as the date for our annual Blue & Gray BBQ at the Atlanta History Center. Come see the newly returned *Texas* and view the progress on the painting. If you are even thinking of missing it, let me just add: Pork rinds and pimento cheese.

**John Mattingly Passes Away**

The Atlanta Civil War Round Table as well as several other historical organizations lost a stalwart member and friend on May 15 when John Mattingly passed away unexpectedly. He will be very much missed

**Election of Officers in June**

We will vote on the proposed slate of officers for the 2017 - 2018 Campaign Year at the June meeting. Those placed in nomination are:

- President**.....Grant Moseley
- First Vice President** ..... Brian Wills
- Second Vice President** ..... John Dietrichs
- Secretary / Treasurer** ..... David Floyd
- Asst. Secretary / Treasurer** ..... Bill Gurry
- Executive Committee** 2017: Mary-Elizabeth Ellard  
2017: .Amir Nowroozzadeh  
2018: ..... Loran Crabtree  
2018..... Carlton Mullis
- Past President** ..... Gordon Jones
- Battle Lines Editor** ..... Leon McElveen

**Upcoming Events**

**June 2 - 3, 2017:** *153rd Battle of Pickett’s Mill Commemoration*, Friday & Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Pickett’s Mill Battlefield State Historic Site, 4432 Mount Tabor Church Road, Dallas GA. Witness artillery and musket firing demonstrations. Finish Guided interpretive hike on the actual battlefield. Pickett’s Mill was one of the few battles won by Confederates during the Atlanta Campaign. Admission: \$3.00 - \$5.50. 770-443-7850, <http://georgiastateparks.org/PickettsMillBattlefield>

**June 2 - 3, 2017:** *3rd Annual Camp McDonald Day*, Saturday, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, Camp McDonald Park, 2726 Watts Drive, Kennesaw GA. Visit Camp McDonald, site of Georgia’s largest military training camp during the Civil War. Witness living historians, artillery crews, tours of the site, lectures by historian Michael K. Shaffer and more! FREE admission. [www.SouthernMuseum.org](http://www.SouthernMuseum.org)

**June 17, 2017:** *2nd Annual Vince Dooley Leadership Seminar*, Saturday, 9:30 am to 12:00 noon, KSU Center, Room 400, 3333 Busbee Parkway, Kennesaw GA. Join Presentations by legendary Georgia Bulldogs football coach Vince Dooley, distinguished historian Craig Symonds, and Center Director Brian Wills. For more info: <http://bit.ly/kennesawcorps>

**June 24 - 25, 2017:** *Infantry & Artillery Demonstrations* at Kennesaw Mountain, Saturday & Sunday, 11:00 am, 12:00 , 2:00 & 3:00 pm each day, Visitor Center, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, See step-by-step description and demonstration of basic infantry tactics and artillery firing. FREE admission. 770-427-4686, [www.nps.gov/kemo/](http://www.nps.gov/kemo/)

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