



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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March 2018

651st Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

March Meeting

Reservations Are Required

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

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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

Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

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

Price: \$36.00 per person

Program: Brooks Simpson

U.S. Grant and the Politics of War and Reconstruction

U.S. Grant and Reconstruction

Our speaker for March is Brooks D. Simpson. Brooks is professor of history and humanities at Arizona State University. He is author of *Ulysses S. Grant: Triumph Over Adversity, Let Us Have Peace: Ulysses S. Grant and the Politics of War and Reconstruction* and coeditor of *Sherman's Civil War*.

Historians have traditionally drawn distinctions between Ulysses S. Grant's military and political careers. Brooks Simpson questions such distinctions and offers a new understanding of this often enigmatic leader. He argues that during the 1860s Grant was both soldier and politician, for military and civil policy were inevitably intertwined during the Civil War and Reconstruction era. According to Simpson, Grant instinctively understood that war was 'politics by other means.' Moreover, he realized that civil wars presented special challenges: reconciliation, not conquest, was the Union's ultimate goal. And in peace, Grant sought to secure what had been won in war, stepping in to assume a more active role in policymaking when the intransigence of white Southerners and the obstructionist behavior of President Andrew Johnson threatened to spoil the fruits of Northern victory.

Be sure and be there in March to hear about Grant as a general and Grant as the President during Reconstruction.

Dennis Belcher in February

Dennis Belcher gave those assembled in February a review of the Cavalry in the Army of the Cumberland. His program covered the various leaders and major subordinates. Our thanks to Dennis for coming to visit with us and sharing his knowledge.

Menu for March:

- Greek Salad, Iceberg, Diced Cucumber, Tomato, Green Pepper, Feta, Vinaigrette
 - Herb Roasted Breast of Chicken, Balsamic Sautéed Mushrooms, Scalloped Potatoes
 - Key Lime Pie Trifle
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Upcoming Programs

April 10, 2018Don Frazier
Blood on the Bayou: War in the Trans-Mississippi

May 8, 2018David Powell
*The Chickamauga Campaign:
Retreat into Chattanooga*

June 12, 2018Bo Dubose
*How We Built Our Civil War Collection:
And Why It Matters*



The Round Table Moves to Secure Our Future, Honor Our History

Securing the long-term sustainability is the first duty of any organization's directors. Therefore, so that we can continue to offer the best presentations to our members and the highest recognition to worthy Civil War scholars, your executive committee is hard at work paving the way for the Atlanta Civil War Round Table to become a 501©3. This status will allow us to thank donors properly and will encourage members to support us financially in efforts, such as the Harwell Award.

The board is excited to update you on our progress. Who knew it could take so many steps! Here's is what we have done, so far:

- Conferred with legal counsel to guide us through the process;
- Created a new corporation that Georgia recognizes as not-for-profit;
- Created new governing documents to comply with IRS expectations for a 501©3.
- Created a new bank account for the new entity.

Here is what remains:

- Finalize the new governing documents;
- Submit them to the IRS for a 501©3 ruling;
- Finalize the roll over of all funds and officers into the new entity;
- Enjoy a bright future for the ACWRT, Inc.

--Mary Elizabeth Ellard

Round Table Goes to the Dalton Civil War Show in February

A number of Round Table members banded together to attend the Chickamauga Civil War Show, Saturday , February 3, in Dalton. Beginning with breakfast at Cracker Barrell, the group when in mass to the show. We have done this trip for a about 12 years and it's always a great event. See you next year.

Upcoming Events

March 2 - 3, 2018: *Candle Light Tour at Pickett's Mill Battlefield* - Friday & Saturday, Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site, . Take a guided candlelit walk through this Civil War battlefield, and then watch cannon and musket firings. Walk the ravine where Confederate General Patrick Cleburne planned a daring night assault to . Friday: 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Saturday: 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Admission: \$10.00. 770-443-7850, <http://georgiastateparks.org/PickettsMillBattlefield>

March 17, 2018: *The Homefront at Chickamauga*, Saturday, 2:00 to 3:00 pm, Chickamauga Battlefield, The Battle of Chickamauga resulted in 34,000 casualties tand was felt throughout the country. This talk will look at the effect of the battle on the lives of those at home. FREE admission 706-866-9241, www.nps.gov/chch

March 29, 2018: *Civil War Music*, Thursday, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Bartow History Museum, , Cartersville GA. Musician Laney House, will perform songs from the Civil War, Museum admission 770-382-3818, <http://bartowhistorymuseum.org/>

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