



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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January 2014

609th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

January Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$33.00** 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, January 14, 2014

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

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

Price: \$33.00 per person

Program: **Gen. John Bell Hood**

Stephen M. "Sam" Hood

John Bell Hood

Our January speaker, Stephen M. "Sam" Hood, a distant relative of Confederate General John Bell Hood, has conducted a forensic study of the common perceptions and controversies regarding his famous kinsman. His examination of original sources utilized to create the broadly accepted "facts" about John Bell Hood uncovered startlingly poor scholarship by some of the most well-known and influential historians of the 20th and 21st centuries. These discoveries, along with his access to recently discovered Hood papers, many of which were penned by generals and other officers who served with Hood, seem to confirm Hood's account that originally appeared in his memoir, *Advance and Retreat: Personal Experiences in the United States and Confederate States Armies*.

Outlived by most of his critics, Hood's version of his Confederate military career was published the year following his death and was met with scorn and skepticism. Some described his memoirs as nothing more than an attack on his arch-rival Joseph E. Johnston. Sam contends that many past and contemporary authors misused sources, ignored contrary evidence, and/or suppressed facts sympathetic to Hood.

Sam Hood has now authored an examination of these past "controversies," and, coupled with the recent discovery of Hood's personal papers (which were long considered lost) provides a new portrait of the often maligned Confederate officer in his book, *General John Bell Hood: The Rise, Fall, and Resurrection of a Confederate General*.

Come see if your mind will be changed or your foundation shaken as you get an alternate version of what you thought you knew.

8th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Band in December

Thanks to 1st Lt. John Carruth and the Eighth Georgia Band for a wonderful performance at our last meeting. They are truly a delight to hear perform and their dedication to the music of the late unpleasantness is inspiring and appreciated. We hope to have them back as our guests many more times in the future.

Upcoming Programs

- February 11, 2014**..... Dr. Buck T. Foster
Sherman's Mississippi Campaign
- March 11, 2014**.....Ed Bearss
Gettysburg Myths
- April 8, 2014**..... Edward Bonekemper III
The Overland Campaign
- May 13, 2014**Brad Quinlin
The Atlanta Campaign
- June 10, 2014**..... James Gindlesperger
The End of the CSS Alabama



Upcoming Events

- January 8, 2014:** "James Breathed: The Physician Who Became a Decorated Warrior", The Barn at Barrington Hall. Wednesday, 7:00 pm. Presented by David P. Bridges. \$5.00 admission. RSVP to 770.640.3855.
- January 18, 2014:** "Civil War Music", Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Saturday, 2:00 pm. Performed by Bonnie Blue Briana. For more info.: www.nps.gov/kemo.
- January 18, 2014:** Lee-Jackson Day Ceremonies in Lexington. 10:30 am wreath laying at Jackson grave, 11:15 am downtown parade, noon Memorial Service at Lee Chapel. Luncheon at the Virginia Horse Center follows service. Free, fee charged for luncheon. leejacksonday.webs.com
- January 18, 2014:** Stonewall Jackson Birthday Celebration at the Stonewall Jackson House in Lexington. Free admission 10 am-4 pm. stonewalljackson.org
- February 8 - 9, 2014:** Civil War Show at the Northwest Georgia Trade Center, 2211 Dug Gap Road, Dalton. \$8.00 / adult. \$5.00 for ACWRT members. mkshows.com
- May 8, 2014:** 150th Anniversary Tour of North Georgia Campaign led by Thomas Cartwright & Ranger Lee White (details to follow).

New Membership Directory to be Published

The Round Table invites you to join us as we go, for the 16th consecutive year, to the Chickamauga Civil War and Military Show at the Northwest Georgia Convention Center in Dalton, Saturday, February 8th. This is one of the best Civil War shows in the country with over 400 tables of items for sale. We have a special admission rate of only \$5.00 per person. We will begin gathering at 7:30 am at the Kennesaw Cracker Barrel, exit 271, off I-75, for breakfast and depart by 8:30 am, arriving at the show by 9:30 am. Guests are welcome. For reservations, email Robin Puryear at aviavizsla@mindspring.com.

Also in the works for May 8th is a 150th Anniversary Tour of North Georgia Campaign led by Tom Cartwright and Ranger Lee White (details to follow).

150 Years Ago

- 11 January 1864:** The 13th Amendment (ending slavery) to the Constitution is proposed by Senator John B. Henderson of Missouri.
- 22 January 1864:** William S. Rosecrans is ordered to take command of the Department of Missouri, replacing John Schofield
- 25 January 1864:** Nathan Bedford Forrest [CS] attacks and defeats William Sooy Smith [US] near Meridian.
- 26 January 1864:** Battle of Athens [25 mi. west of Huntsville, Alabama].

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