



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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Summer Edition

Leon McElveen, Editor

Blue & Gray BBQ

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR BBQ RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$29.00** PER PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Reservations must be received by
Friday, August 13

David Floyd
4696 Kellogg Drive, SW
Lilburn, GA 30047- 4408

E-mail and telephone reservations will not
be accepted

Date: Sunday, August 17, 2014

Time: 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Place: Atlanta History Center
130 West Paces Ferry Road,
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Price: \$29.00 per person

**Program: 2014 - 2015 Campaign Kickoff
and Program Review**

Presidents Column

Our entire Executive Committee and I cordially welcome you to our 65th campaign year. We presently are celebrating our fourth and final year of the Sesquicentennial (150th Year) of the American Civil War. You may have heard that this time of extreme danger in our nation's history has been called the Second American Revolution. Some historians have referred to it as the continuation of the American Revolution, in the sense that Americans continuously are seeking "a more perfect Union" by considering and acting upon the steady improvement of equality and equal treatment of all persons before the law.

I distributed a flyer at the June, 2014 meeting with the speakers and subjects to be spoken about, with the exception of January, 2015. I have filled that spot and invite you to view the full flyer with all the speakers attached to this edition of the Battle Lines.

I think we have an exciting year of speakers and subjects. In order to understand the battles and the leaders involved in the Civil War, it is essential to understand what decisions were made by the leaders based on information provided to them, but also based on what they did not know or were not told. The same is true of battles. If those factors are not explored, then a full understanding of what happened is impossible. Our subject matters will explore many of these issues in order to seek a better understanding of why and how and what. Please join us for such inquiry and exploration. I look forward to an exceptional campaign year.

David Beale
President, Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

James Gindlesperger in June

Our guest speaker in June, James Gindlesperger, delivered an excellent presentation on the most notable Confederate naval raider of the war, the *CSS Alabama*. James was very knowledgeable of all aspects: her creation, her exploits during the war and her eventual demise inaction with the *USS Kearsarge* off the coast of France.

Upcoming Events

August 9, 2014: Panel Discussion, "*William Tecumseh Sherman: Sinner or Saint?*" at the 1908 Kennesaw Depot on the tracks in downtown Kennesaw. 2 pm. Free. southernmuseum.org

August 9 - 10, 2014: *The 36th Annual Southeastern Civil War Show and Sale*, Cobb County Civil Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway. Strictly Civil War artifacts, books, photos, guns and swords. For more information email terryraymac@hotmail.com or visit www.ngrha.com.

August 10, 2014: Living history, artillery demonstrations at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. 11 am, noon, 2 and 3 pm. Free. nps.gov/kemo

August 17, 2014: "Fourth Annual Blue & Gray BBQ". Sunday, 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Atlanta History Center, 130 West Paces Ferry Road. Reservations required.

August 21, 2014: Lectures, "*What Shall We Remember? The Civil War Today*," at the Atlanta Cyclorama. 7 pm. Free. atlantacyclorama.org

August 22 - 24, 2014: Reenactment, "*Kilpatrick's Charge*," at Nash Farm Battlefield & Museum, 4361 Jonesboro Road, near Hampton. Camps and demonstrations open 9 am each day. Charge reenactment 1 pm Sunday. See henrycountybattlefield.com for directions.

150 Years Ago

- 5 August 1864:** Battle of Mobile Bay. A Union fleet under Admiral David Farragut steamed into Mobile Bay capturing the important southern port.
- 5 - 7 August 1864 :** Battle of Utoy Creek. Fighting in Atlanta's West End.
- 10 Aug - 9 Sep 1864:** Wheelers cavalry raid into north Georgia and east Tennessee..
- 18 - 22 August 1864:** Kilpatrick's Raid at Lovejoy Station.
- 31 Aug - 1 Sep 1864:** Battle of Jonesboro. The final southern counterattack against Union troops outside the city of Atlanta fails.

Fourth Annual Blue & Gray BBQ

On behalf of the new officers and board of the Round Table, you are cordially invited to attend our Fourth Annual Blue & Gray BBQ Sunday, August 17 to kick off the 2014 - 2015 campaign year. Our event will also be held in observance of the 150th Anniversary of the Atlanta Campaign. We will be hosted by the wonderful Atlanta History Center at 130 West Paces Ferry Road. Fellow member, Dr. Gordon Jones, Curator of the museum, will give his remarks on the Atlanta Campaign 150 years ago plus update us on the recent announcement of the moving of the Cyclorama to the History Center.

Our event starts with a reception from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in the brand new, "*Confederate Odyssey: The George W. Wray Jr. Civil War Collection*" exhibition and our BBQ will be held beginning at 6:40pm in the Grand Overlook Ballroom. The reception and BBQ will be held inside and dress is casual.

We expect our largest crowd ever. Your payment of \$29 per person includes the reception, dinner, tour of the museum's brand new Civil War exhibition, plus entrance to "*Turning Point: The American Civil War*" permanent exhibit. Family members and guests are welcome. All reservations must be received by Treasurer, David Floyd by Wednesday, August 13th. No walk ins will be accepted since the museum will be closed just for our group. Join your fellow members for the kick-off to the new campaign year.

Terry Kingery

Officers for the 2014 - 2015 Campaign:

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	2015:
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Speakers for 2014 - 2015 Campaign Year

David Beale - President



Dr. Gary W. Gallagher

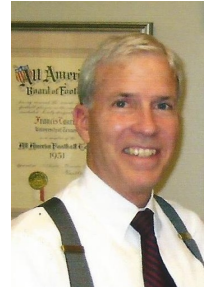
September 9, 2014 - Dr. Gary W. Gallagher

PRESIDENTS' NIGHT

*The Shenandoah Valley's Most Important Campaign:
Early Versus Sheridan in 1864*

October 14, 2014 - David F. Bastian

Grant's Canal: The Union's Attempt to Bypass Vicksburg



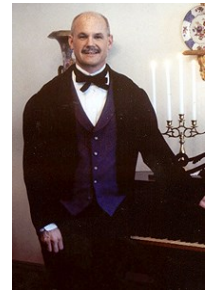
David F. Bastian

November 11, 2014 - Dr. Margaret Humphreys
*Medical Treatment of Wounded Soldiers on Both Sides
During the Civil War*



Dr. Margaret Humphreys

December 9, 2014 - David B. Thompson
*Confederates at the Keyboard: Southern Piano Music
During the Civil War Era*



David B. Thompson

January 13, 2015 - Thomas Cartwright
General Patrick Cleburne, A Lesson In Leadership



Thomas Cartwright

February 10, 2015 - Michael K. Shaffer
*The Eyes of the World Were Upon Us: Camp McDonald –
Turning Georgians Into Soldiers*



Michael K. Shaffer

March 10, 2015 - Dr. Wendy H. Venet
Commerce, Conflict, And Civilian Loyalty in Confederate Atlanta



Dr. Wendy H. Venet

April 14, 2015 - COL Kevin J. Weddle
Lincoln's Tragic Admiral: The Life of Samuel Francis Dupont



COL Kevin J. Weddle

May 12, 2015 - Garry E. Adelman
*January 1865 to May 1865: A Photograph Extravaganza in the
Five Culminating Months of the Civil War*



Garry E. Adelman

June 9, 2015 - Dr. Allen Guelzo

RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD

Gettysburg

All Meetings :

Capital City Club - Downtown
7 John Portman Blvd.

5:30 - 7:00 pm - Cocktail Hour
7:00 pm - Dinner

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Dr. Allen Guelzo