



# Battle Lines

*Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta*

Founded 1949

September 2015

625th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

## September 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, September 8, 2015

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

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

**Price:** \$36.00 per person

**Program:** James I. "Bud" Robertson

***Whatever Happened to ...?***

## Bud Robertson

Our speaker to kickoff the new campaign year will be our long time friend and honorary member, Dr. James I. "Bud" Robertson. Bud is one of the pre-eminent Civil War scholars of our time and a familiar figure in numerous documentaries and television programs relating to the war. His accolades include being selected by JFK to be executive director of the National Centennial Commission in 1961. He is the author of over 20 books and has edited at least as many. He is the leading authority on Stonewall Jackson as evidenced by his work, *Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend*, for which he received our Richard B. Harwell Award in 1998. He was also an advisor to the film, *Gods and Generals*. All of the above accomplished while teaching thousands of Virginia Tech students about the Civil War. If that isn't enough, he also served as an Atlantic Coast Conference referee for 16 years.

Bud's topic for our September meeting will be, "*What Ever Happened To...*". His focus will be on the post-war lives of several notable figures from the war. This will be a special evening with one of the great Civil War historians. It is definitely be an opportunity to take advantage of. Make sure you don't miss out.

Be there.

## Dr. Allen Guelzo in June

Dr. Allen Guelzo was on hand for our June Meeting to receive the Richard B. Harwell Award for his book, *Gettysburg: The Last Invasion*. His presentation was excellent, and shed new light on this often studied battle. Our congratulations and thanks to Dr. Guelzo for visiting with us.

## Menu for September Meeting

- Bibb Lettuce, Bartlett Pears, Gorgonzola Cheese, Sherry Vinaigrette.
- Braised Beef Short Rib, Mashed potatoes, Vegetable.
- Georgia Pecan Pie, Whipped Cream.

**Upcoming Programs**

- September 8, 2015** ..... James I. "Bud" Robertson  
*Whatever Happened to ...*
- October 13, 2015**.....David Moore  
*William S. Rosecrans and the Union Victory*
- November 10, 2015** .....John Hoptak  
*The 48<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania and the Petersburg Mines*
- December 8, 2015** ..... Bobby Horton  
*Civil War Music Program*
- January 12, 2016**..... Bob Bonner  
*Master of Lost Causes: Alexander Stephens in the Aftermath of the Confederate Defeat*
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*An Impartial Jewish Look at the War of Yankee Aggression*
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*Lincoln and the Press: How Abraham Lincoln Won the Un-Civil War for Public Opinion*
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- May 10, 2016**.....Gould Hagler  
*The Message and the Medium: Confederate Monuments in Georgia and Alabama*
- RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD
- June 14, 2016** ..... Tim Smith  
*Difficult and Broken Ground: The Terrain at Shiloh*

**Upcoming Events**

- September 6 - 7, 2015:** Living history, "Artillery Demonstrations," at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. Camp with demos at 11 am, noon and 3 pm. Free. [Free. nps.gov/kemo](http://nps.gov/kemo)
- September 12, 2015:** Canoe tour, "West Chickamauga Creek," ranger-guided history tour of the famous creek. 9:30 am-noon. Free. Call for reservations: 423-643-6888.
- September 19, 2015:** 'Funeral for Thirteen Thousand,' ceremony for the POWs that they never had, at the Andersonville National Historic Site. [nps.gov/ande](http://nps.gov/ande)
- September 19, 2015:** Battle Anniversary and living history and ranger programs on the Chickamauga/ Chattanooga battlefield. See [nps.gov/chch](http://nps.gov/chch) for details.

**5th Annual Blue & Gray BBQ**

Mmmm... tender pork, juicy brisket, and tasty chicken all surrounded by buttery mac & cheese, and creamy slaw. Sweet tea to wash it all down and banana pudding for dessert. Was I dreaming? Suddenly I was roused from my food stupor by Gordon Jones' baritone southern drawl, as he outlined plans for the Cyclorama and its incomparable painting. This was no dream, this was the 5th Annual Blue & Gray BBQ, at the Atlanta History Center with 125 fellow members.

Our new president, Vicky Conn Frolich, kicked off the evening by revealing her campaign year programs. For his excellent service, Terry Kingery received the first "Spirit of '61" Award, from a very relaxed David Beale. Additionally, we honored a parade of prior presidents who have served the Round Table with dedication, and were recognized for their efforts.

It was a grand time, acknowledging the excellent efforts of the past, and enthusiastically looking toward the future!  
--Doug Brady

**Local Boys Make Good**

Our own illustrious Gordon Jones' book, *Confederate Odyssey: The George W. Wray Civil War Collection at the Atlanta History Center*, won in the Specialty Book Category given by Georgia Writers Association on June 27.

Also newsworthy is that Gould Hagler was nominated in the same category for his *Georgia's Confederate Monuments: In Honor of a Fallen Nation*, published by Mercer University Press.

**Officers for the 2014 - 2015 Campaign:**

- President** .....David Beale
- First Vice President** .....Vicky Frolich
- Second Vice President**..... Gordon Jones
- Secretary / Treasurer**..... David Floyd
- Asst. Secretary/Treasurer** ..... Bill Gurry
- Executive Committee** 2014: ..... Grant Moseley  
2014: .....Larry Stone  
2015: ..... Sal Cilella  
2015: ..... John Dietrichs
- Past President**..... Art Carey
- Battle Lines Editor** ..... Leon McElveen



# Speakers for 2015 - 2016 Campaign Year

Vicky Frolich - President

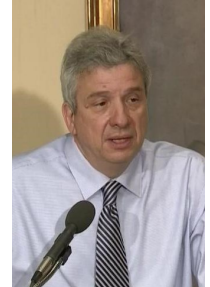
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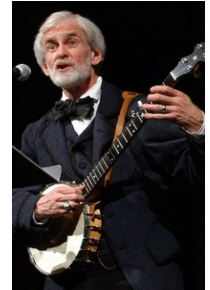
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