



# Battle Lines

*Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta*

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October 2015

626th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

## October 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, October 13, 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:** David Moore

***William S. Rosecrans and the  
Union Victory***

## Rosecrans and the Union Victory

Our speaker for October will be David G. Moore, a history guide for more than 35 years, and a resident Washington DC. His topic will be Ge. William Rosecrans.

Rosecrans was given command of the Army of the Cumberland, he fought against Confederates at Stones River, and later outmaneuvered Bragg in the brilliant Tullahoma Campaign, driving the Confederates from Middle Tennessee. His strategic movements then caused Bragg to abandon the critical city of Chattanooga, but Rosecrans pursuit of Bragg at Chickamauga, where his unfortunately worded order mistakenly opened a gap in the Union line and Rosecrans and a third of his army were swept from the field. Besieged in Chattanooga, Rosecrans was relieved of command by Grant.

David's premise will be, "Why has General Rosecrans been so over looked by history?" He will help us understand how politics and jealousy played a huge part within the generalship of the Union army. The Union army that served under Rosecrans loved him and was confused by how harshly he has been treated by historians. To be fair, Rosecrans was not perfect but much of his successes on the battlefield have been overshadowed by those who have been all too often quoted and sourced by current historians.

## Bud Robertson in September

Bud Robertson was at his best when he addressed our group last month. He remains one of the foremost Civil War historians in the country. His address on "*What Ever Happened to..?*" was extremely well received by the full house on hand for the September meeting.

## Menu for October Meeting

- Lettuce Wedge w/ Blue Cheese Crumbles, Tomatoes, Onion, Blue Cheese Dressing.
- BBQ Glazed Boneless Quail Breast, Rice Pilaf, vegetable.
- Carrot Cake.

**Upcoming Programs**

- 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*
- February 9, 2016** ..... Eric Wisnia  
*An Impartial Jewish Look at the War of Yankee Aggression*
- March 8, 2016** ..... Harold Holzer  
*Lincoln and the Press: How Abraham Lincoln Won the Un-Civil War for Public Opinion*
- April 12, 2016** ..... Earl Hess  
*A New Look at the Battle of Ezra Church*
- 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**

- October 3 - 4, 2015:** Battle of Allatoona Pass Remembered - Saturday & Sunday, 10-4 daily, Allatoona Pass Battlefield, near Cartersville GA. Walk the trails, visit the star fort earthworks, and follow the old Tennessee Road just as the soldiers did in 1864. See rifle and cannon firing demonstrations. FREE admission. Directions: I-75 Exit 283. Go east, cross railroad and continue 1.5 miles to battle site. Additional parking & shuttle available at Allatoona Landing Marina, just beyond the event site. 770-975-0055, [www.visitcartersvillega.org/eventcal/695](http://www.visitcartersvillega.org/eventcal/695)
- October 4 & 18, 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. [nps.gov/kemo](http://nps.gov/kemo)
- October 10 - 11, 2015:** "The Key to Chattanooga," special ranger programs highlight the deadly crossfire between Moccasin Bend and Lookout Mountain. Programs at both sites. [www.nps.gov/chch](http://www.nps.gov/chch)

**Meeting Changes**

If you attended the last meeting you probably noticed some of the changes in our meeting format. The most noticeable is that the cocktail hour now takes place on the third floor in the low ceiling area adjacent to where we have always met. No more changing floors. Also, there is no head table. It allows for more seating and I think everyone enjoys sitting at the round tables more. Door prizes will follow the speaker continuing last year's effort to get everyone out by 9:00. If you have any comments or ideas please be sure to mention them to Vicky or one of the other board members.



**Dues Notices**

David Floyd has sent out dues notices. If you haven't yet paid, now would be the time. They are \$60.00 and go to:

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**New Activities Chair**

David Mitchell has volunteered to take on the role of Chairman of the Activities Committee. He has ideas for an upcoming fall trip. Details to be announced soon.

If you would like to help out with the committee or have suggestions for David, please let him know. [dym19401997@gmail.com](mailto:dym19401997@gmail.com)

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