



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

Founded 1949

November 2015

627th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

November Meeting

Reservations Are Required

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

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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, November 10, 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: John Hoptak

***The 48th Pennsylvania and the
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Our program for November will be presented by Antietam Park Ranger, published author, blogger and student of the 48th Pennsylvania, John David Hoptak. In addition, Hoptak serves as an Adjunct Instructor at American Military University, where he teaches courses in American history, Civil War history, and Mexican-American War history.

John has long been researching the 48th Pennsylvania's action along the lines at the Siege of Petersburg. The 48th Pennsylvania Infantry, a regiment recruited almost entirely from his native Schuylkill County in Pennsylvania. They and their famous Colonel Henry Pleasants are, of course, known for tunneling under the Confederate lines at Pegram's Salient. The mine explosion which followed directly preceded the Battle of the Crater. What's lesser known is that the 48th was heavily engaged in attacks against those same lines a week before they began digging. The regiment suffered some of its highest casualties during these assaults.

Don't miss this opportunity to get the rest of the story on the Petersburg mines and the Battler of the Crater

David Moore in October

Our speaker in October, David Moore presented a excellent program on Gen. William S. Rosecrans. He pointed out that Rosecrans was a major figure in the war and never received due to political transgressions earlier in the conflict. If you weren't there, you should have been.

Menu for November Meeting

- Kale Salad, Golden Beets, Goat Cheese, Lemon Vinaigrette.
- Roasted Sliced Turkey Breast, Wild Mushroom Bread Pudding, Sage Gravy, Vegetable.
- Apple Tart, Cinnamon-Vanilla Crème Anglaise.

Upcoming Programs

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

November 7, 2015: Guided tour of Atlanta's Westview Cemetery, Saturday, 10:00 am. See details at article adjacent column.

November 13, 2015: Walking Tour, Friday, 3:00 pm, DeKalb History Center, 101 East Court Square, Decatur GA. This one-hour tour includes an exhibit at the DeKalb History Center and a walk in downtown Decatur. Tickets: Adults \$10.00, Children \$6.00, Ages 5 and under are free. 404-373-1088, ext 20, dekalbhistory.org

November 14, 2015: Lecture, "Civil War in Cobb County," at the Lewis Ray Library, 4500 Oakdale Road, Smyrna. 11 am. Free. cobbcat.org

November 14 - 15, 2015: *Simply Southern Jubilee and Battle of Nash Farm.* Adults \$8.00, Students (ages 7 to 17) \$5.00. 404-281-8651, www.henrycountybattlefield.com

November 20 - 21, 2015: Pickett's Mill Battlefield Candlelight Tours. Confederate and Federal soldiers will recreate the night attack of the Battle of Pickett's Mill. Advance reservations are required and admission is \$10. Go to <https://friendsofgastateparks.org/node/743> for reservations.

Field Trip to Westview Cemetery

Our next field trip will be a guided tour of Atlanta's Westview Cemetery Saturday, November 7. Our guide will be, Paul Hammock, Former Director of Education at Atlanta Preservation Center and currently the Digital Media Coordinator at Atlanta Preservation Center and an English Teacher at Troup High School Paul has been working with Westview Cemetery for a number of years and his knowledge of its development and history is extensive. The tour will discuss the Battle of Ezra Church but, will also discuss the lives of those who fought the war and of those who rebuilt Atlanta after the war.

We will meet at 10:00 AM, Main Gate. Plenty of walking, but there may be an opportunity for folks to ride.

No charge, but you must sign up. Members and guests welcome. Send Vicky Frolich an email at: vickyconn@yahoo.com to secure your reservation.



Dues Are Due

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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