



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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629th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

January 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, January 12, 2016

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

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

Price: \$36.00 per person

Program: Bob Bonner

***Master of Lost Causes: Alexander
Stephens in the Aftermath of the
Confederate Defeat***

Robert E. Bonner on Alexander Stephens

A native of Tennessee, Professor Bonner holds an undergraduate degree from Princeton and a doctorate from Yale. At Dartmouth, he offers courses on the American Civil War, on nineteenth-century politics, and on the transatlantic "age of emancipation." His research on political and cultural history includes: *Colors and Blood: Flag Passions of the Confederate South* (Princeton University Press), *The Soldiers Pen: Firsthand Impressions of the American Civil War* (Hill and Wang); and *Mastering America: Southern Slaveholders and the Crisis of American Nationhood* (Cambridge University Press). He is currently researching the geopolitics of American slavery and writing a biography of Alexander H. Stephens, the Georgia politician who identified slavery as the "cornerstone" of the Confederate States of America.

It is that "cornerstone" that will be the topic of Dr. Bonner's presentation to us. "Little Alex" served as the Confederate Vice-President. Prior to the war he was a U.S. Representative and an ally of Abraham Lincoln in the Whig party, with whom he tried to negotiate an end to the war in February of 1865. At the time of his death, 1883, he was serving as Georgia's 50th Governor.

Be there in January.

Bobby Horton in December

Bobby Horton once again provided an outstanding musical program of Civil War tunes along with their origins and history. Bobby is a remarkable talent and we were very pleased to have him as our guest.

Menu for January Meeting

- Spinach and Arugula, Bacon, Wild Mushrooms, Mustard Vinaigrette
- Roast Pork Loin, Green Peppercorn Sauce, Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable
- Coconut Cake

Upcoming Programs

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

January 5, 2016: Union Occupation of Marietta Walking Tour - Saturday, 2:00 pm, Marietta Museum of History, Marietta GA. Join Historian Brad Quinlin on an walking tour around the Marietta Square. Tickets: \$15.00. 770.794.5710, www.MariettaHistory.org

January 16, 2016: *Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration* - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, Old Governor's Mansion & Old Capitol Building, Milledgeville GA. Annual celebration to honor Confederate General Robert E. Lee. A parade begins at the old Governor's Mansion on Clarke Street at 10:30 a.m., proceeding to the Old Capitol Building. A program will be given there by Pastor John Weaver at approximately 11:30 am, followed by an honor guard salute. FREE admission. 770-265-7910

January 16 - 17, 2016: 2016 Low Country Civil War Show & Sale - Saturday & Sunday, January 16 & 17, Omar Shrine Temple, 176 Patriots Point Road, Mount Pleasant SC. Show and sale featuring Civil War relics, muskets & swords, historical art & prints, old coins & currency, , books, collectibles and much more! Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday until 3:00 pm. Admission: Adults \$10.00, Children under age 10 are free with an adult. 770-362-8671, www.americandiggerevents.com

Ride Share Program

The Membership Committee is always seeking not only to gain new members but to also retain our current members. In keeping with this, all members who do not attend meetings due to driving issues please contact Gary L. Watkins by telephone (770-951-2129) or email g Watkins@banyancapital.com. We will attempt to set up a carpool system in an effort to retain our members who no longer drive due to one reason or another. We are in hopes of linking those who cannot drive with someone close by to carpool to and from the meetings.



Moving the Texas, What the Newspapers Didn't Tell You

As an added bonus to the January meeting, Gordon Jones will give a short presentation on the plans to relocate the locomotive, *Texas*, from its longtime home at the Cyclorama at Grant Park to its and the Cyclorama's new home at the Atlanta History Center.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn some of the "behind the scenes" aspects of the move that didn't make it into the newspapers.

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