



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

Founded 1949

February 2016

630th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

February 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, February 9, 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: Eric Wisnia

***An Impartial Jewish Look at the
War of Yankee Aggression***

Eric Wisnia: An Impartial Jewish Look at the War of Northern Aggression

Our speaker in February will be Rabbi Eric Wisnia of Congregation Beth Chaim in Princeton Junction. Rabbi Wisnia is an unstoppable storyteller, unable to resist the lure of any story that beckons to him.

Eric became interested in the Civil War at an early age. "There I was, little Eric Wisnia, living in Levittown, Pennsylvania when in the late 1950s, a craze hit America. It was the Civil War Centennial – a nationwide commemoration that began in 1957 and ended in 1965. Everybody was talking about it. Everybody. I started hearing about it as a good Northern boy, how those nasty Southerners were racists, and the good Northerners were the boys who saved the black man. It was pretty clear to me that we Yankees had fought the war to free the slaves, and that those Southerners were bad."

Rabbi Wisnia's defense of the South is not a defense of slavery, or of bigotry, or of racial discrimination. It is an attack against hypocrisy and denial. "I think racism is terrible," he said. "I think skin color is less important than blood type. My campaign is about the fact that we have to understand our history.

Robert E. Bonner in January

Robert Bonner presented a top notch presentation on Confederate Vice President Alexander Stephens at our January meeting.

Our thanks to Robert and we hope to see him again.

Menu for February Meeting

- Boston & Romaine Lettuces, Cherry Tomatoes, Croutons, Dijon Vinaigrette
- Seared Salmon w/ Roasted Corn and Red Pepper Relish, Parsley New Potatoes, Veg,
- Dark Chocolate Cheesecake

Upcoming Programs

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

June 14, 2016Tim Smith

RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD
Difficult and Broken Ground: The Terrain at Shiloh



Upcoming Events

February 6, 2016: *Chickamauga Civil War Show* - Saturday & Sunday, February 6 & 7, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday, Northwest Georgia Trade Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road, Dalton GA. Annual Civil War relics show featuring the best in weapons, swords, dug items, uniforms, books and more. Free appraisals. Admission: Adults \$8.00. 770-630-7296, www.mkshows.com

February 6, 2016: *Candlelight Hike to the Mill* - Saturday, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Sweetwater Creek State Park, 1750 Mount Vernon Road, Lithia Springs GA. This mile-long guided night hike is easy to moderately difficult and goes down to the Civil War era textile mill ruins of New Manchester alongside the beautiful rapids of Sweetwater Creek. Candle lanterns will be provided. No children under 6 years or dogs permitted. Meet and register at the Interpretive Center. Admission: \$5.00/person plus \$5.00 parking. 770 -732-5871, [http://gastateparks.org/Sweetwater Creek](http://gastateparks.org/SweetwaterCreek)

February 6, 2016: Saturday, 11:00 AM, 204th Birthday of Vice President Alexander Hamilton Stephens, Sponsored by the Georgia Society Military Order of the Stars & Bars, Group Pavilion Inside A. H. Stephens Park, Crawfordville, GA. BBQ Lunch \$10.00, Parking fee \$5.00 or pass. After the pavilion event and lunch everyone is invited to the service held in front of the statue which is hosted by the Old Guard of the Gate City Guard. The home and museum will be open for tours.

Round Table Goes to the Dalton Civil War Show 18 Years in a Row

On Saturday, February 6th, our members will be meeting for breakfast at the Kennesaw Cracker Barrel on I-75 at the Chastain Road exit from 7:15 am - 8:20 am and carpooling as a group at 8:30 am to the outstanding annual *Chickamauga Civil War Show & Lectures*, at the Northwest Georgia Convention Center in Dalton. We've arranged a special \$5.00 per person discounted admission charge payable at the door just for our group which includes the show and three outstanding lectures. The show is larger than ever and will have everything related to the Civil War for sale. You must make a reservation for you and any guests with member Vicky Frolich at vickyconn@yahoo.com by Thursday, February 1st. Come ride with us to one of the best Civil War shows in the country.

Richard B. Harwell Award

The winner of the Richard B. Harwell Book Award will be announced at the February meeting. The Book Award Committee has read dozens of books and spent hours discussing them. Come see their selection for one of the most prestigious Civil War book awards.



Local Authors Book Signing

There will be several local authors at the February meeting selling and signing their books.

Officers for the 2015 - 2016 Campaign:

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