



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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June 2016

634th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

June 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, June 14, 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: Tim Smith

**Difficult and Broken Ground:
The Terrain at Shiloh**

Difficult and Broken Ground: The Terrain at Shiloh

Timothy B. Smith will be our guest at the June meeting to receive the 2015 Richard B. Harwell Award for his book, *Difficult and Broken Ground: The Terrain Factor at Shiloh*. His discussion will look at the many factors that combined to produce the major Union victory there. Timing, numbers, and leadership were critical, but according to Tim perhaps the most dominant factor was the terrain. Dr. Smith will walk us through a detailed examination of the terrain factor at Shiloh, explaining how the ground, often described as a trap for the Union forces, was actually shaped perfectly for Union victory and Confederate defeat. Little-known features will be examined in order to understand more fully how the battle was funneled in certain directions, leading to a major advantage for the Federal forces. Albert Sidney Johnston famously proclaimed that he must conquer or perish that day, and he, and perhaps his Confederacy, perished at Shiloh largely because of the terrain and its effect on the fighting.

An Instructor in History at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Dr. Smith is the author of a dozen books and dozens of chapters, articles, and entries. Be there for a new look at Shiloh.

Gould Hagler in May

Gould Hagler delivered an excellent presentation on the Confederate monuments in Georgia and Alabama as featured in his recent book on the subject. Those there now have a clearer understanding of how and why these monuments came to exist. Our thanks to Gould.

Menu for June Meeting

- BLT Salad, Iceberg, Crumbled Bacon, Tomato, Avocado Ranch Dressing.
- Fried Chicken Breast and Wing, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Vegetable.
- Banana Pudding Cheesecake

Jim Ogden to be Honorary Member

Chickamauga Ranger and longtime friend of the Round Table will be on hand at the June meeting to accept his honorary membership in our Round Table. Honorary membership is a rare honor and Jim will join Ed Bearss, Bud Robertson and Rick Eiserman as honorary members.

Upcoming Events

June 4, 2016: *152nd Battle of Pickett's Mill Commemoration*, Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site, 4432 Mount Tabor Church Road, Dallas GA. Pickett's Mill was one of the few battles won by Confederates during the Atlanta Campaign. Witness artillery and musket firing demonstrations. Finish the afternoon with a guided interpretive hike on the actual battlefield. Admission: \$3.00 to \$5.50, <http://georgiastateparks.org/PickettsMillBattlefield>

June 10, 2016: *Lunch & Learn: The Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History* - Friday, , 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, Georgia Archives, 5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow GA. Dustin Klein, Archivist at the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Kennesaw GA, will speak about the museum's Civil War era and related exhibits and programs. Bring your own "brown bag" lunch. FREE admission. 678-364-3710, www.georgiaarchives.org/

June 14, 2016: *Georgia's Confederate Heroes After the War* - Tuesday, , 7:00 pm, Kennesaw Depot, 2828 Cherokee Street NW, Kennesaw GA. Please join us for a presentation by historian Martin O'Toole. FREE admission. www.kennesawhistoricalsociety.org/

June 18, 2016: *Vince Dooley Leadership Seminar* - Saturday, , 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, KSU Center, 3333 Busbee Drive, Room 400, Kennesaw GA. Participants will consider aspects of leadership and leadership strategies, often through the prism of the American Civil War. Speakers: Vince Dooley, James "Bud" Robertson and Jim Ogden. Registration \$75.00 (which includes lunch), required in advance at: https://epay.kennesaw.edu/C20923_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=1726

2016 Richard B. Harwell Award

The Civil War Round Table of Atlanta has awarded its 28th annual Richard Barksdale Harwell Book Award to David A. Powell for his book, *The Chickamauga Campaign - Glory or the Grave: The Breakthrough, the Union Collapse, and the Defense of Horseshoe Ridge, September 20, 1863*. David will be our guest for the September meeting.

See page three for a complete list of winners.

Trivia Topic

The Regular Army. Questions about the regular army that continued from before the war, through the war, and after the war, as opposed to the volunteer army in which most soldiers served.

2016-2017 Campaign Nominations

The slate of nominations below for officers and executive committee for the 2016-2017 Campaign Year will be voted on at the June meeting.

- President**..... Gordon Jones
- First Vice President**Grant Moseley
- Second Vice President** Brian Wills
- Secretary / Treasurer**..... David Floyd
- Executive Committee** 2015:..... Deborah Lindsay
2015:.....Larry Stone
2016: .Mary Elizabeth Ellard
2016: ...Amir Nowroozzadeh
- Past President**.....Vicky Frolich
- Battle Lines Editor** Leon McElveen

Officers for the 2015 - 2016 Campaign:

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

The Richard Barksdale Harwell Book Award
The Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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| 1989 | <i>If It Takes All Summer: The Battle of Spotsylvania</i> | William D. Matter |
| 1990 | <i>Tennessee's Forgotten Warriors: Frank Cheatham and His Confederate Division</i> | Christopher Losson |
| 1991 | <i>Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain</i> | Robert K. Krick |
| 1992 | <i>Struggle for the Shenandoah</i> | Gary W. Gallagher |
| 1993 | <i>Decision in the West: The Atlanta Campaign of 1864</i> | Albert Castel |
| 1994 | <i>Echoes of Battle: The Atlanta Campaign</i> | Richard Bumgartner / Larry Strayer |
| 1995 | <i>The Campaign for Atlanta</i> | William R. Scaife |
| 1996 | <i>Robert E. Lee: A Biography</i> | Emory M. Thomas |
| 1997 | <i>Andersonville: The Last Depot</i> | William Marvel |
| 1998 | <i>Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend</i> | James I. Robertson, Jr. |
| 1999 | <i>Lee's Miserables: Life in the Army of Northern Virginia from the Wilderness to Appomattox</i> | J. Tracy Power |
| 2000 | <i>Secret Yankees, The Union Circle in Confederate Atlanta</i> | Thomas G. Dyer |
| 2001 | <i>Chessboard of War: Sherman and Hood in the Autumn Campaigns of 1864</i> | Anne J. Bailey |
| 2002 | <i>The Union That Shaped the Confederacy: Robert Toombs and Alexander Stephens</i> | William C. Davis |
| 2003 | <i>Cold Harbor: Grant and Lee, May 26 – June 3, 1864</i> | Gordon G. Rhea |
| 2004 | <i>The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock</i> | Francis A. O'Reilly |
| 2005 | <i>Days of Glory: Army of the Cumberland, 1861 - 1865</i> | Larry Daniel |
| 2006 | <i>Lost Triumph: Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg and Why it Failed</i> | Tom Carhart |
| 2007 | <i>Stealing the General, The Great Locomotive Chase and the First Medal of Honor</i> | Russell S. Bonds |
| 2008 | <i>Robert E. Lee - Reading the Man</i> | Elizabeth Brown Pryor |
| 2009 | <i>Tried by War: Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief</i> | James M. McPherson |
| 2010 | <i>In the Trenches at Petersburg - Field Fortifications and Confederate Defeat.</i> | Earl J. Hess |
| 2011 | <i>Failure In The Saddle: Nathan Bedford Forrest, Joe Wheeler, and the Confederate Cavalry In the Chickamauga Campaign</i> | David A. Powell |
| 2012 | <i>A Glorious Army: Robert E. Lee's Triumph, 1862-1863</i> | Jeffry D. Wert |
| 2013 | <i>George Henry Thomas: As True As Steel</i> | Brian Steel Wills |
| 2014 | <i>Gettysburg: The Last Invasion</i> | Allen C. Guelzo |
| 2015 | <i>Difficult and Broken Ground: The Terrain Factor at Shiloh</i> | Timothy B. Smith |
| 2016 | <i>The Chickamauga Campaign - Glory or the Grave: The Breakthrough, the Union Collapse, and the Defense of Horseshoe Ridge</i> | David A. Powell |