



# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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January 2017

639th 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 10, 2017

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

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

**Price:** \$36.00 per person

**Program:** Will Greene

**Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove: The  
Civil War in Northwest Arkansas**

## Will Greene on Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove

Our speaker for January will be A. Wilson Greene. Will is Executive Director of Pamplin Historical Park and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier, He is also the former president and CEO of one of the Civil War Trust's predecessor organizations, the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites and served sixteen years with the National Park Service. His latest venture is a three-volume history of the Petersburg Campaign.

His topic for our meeting will be, *Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove: The Civil War in Northwest Arkansas*. Early in 1862, Union forces drive Confederate forces led by Brig. Gen. Sterling Price out of Missouri and into Arkansas. Then Confederates, under Gen. Earl Van Dorn, counter-attack and strike Curtis's isolated Union army at Pea Ridge in March 1862. Despite being outnumbered and almost surrounded, the Union army wins a stunning victory. Nine months later, a new Confederate army under Maj. Gen. Thomas C. Hindman tries again. At Prairie Grove in early December, a furious and bitter battle results in another Confederate defeat.

## Tell Me Something I Don't Know

Round Table member, Kerry Elliott Will present: "A Collecting Coincidence? Surgeon John Taggart's Revolver."

## Menu for January Meeting

- Peachtree Salad
- Seared Salmon, Vegetable
- Marble Cheesecake

## Richard McMurry in December

Richard McMurry, our speaker in December, presented a program on one of his favorite subjects: Gen. Joseph E. Johnston. He focused not only on the problems he had in dealing with his superiors in Richmond, but also the issues he had with his own subordinate field commanders.

As always, it was a pleasure to have Richard as a guest. We look forward to next time.

**Upcoming Programs**

**February 14, 2017** ..... Steve Davis  
*Neither Great nor Genius: General John Bell Hood in 1864*

**March 14, 2017** ..... Sal Cilella  
*Emory Upton: The Civil War General Nobody Knows*

**April 11, 2017** ..... Todd Groce  
*What Really Happened at Ebenezer Creek?*

**May 9, 2017** ..... Harold Holzer  
*Lincoln and the New York Editors, 1864: How Atlanta Saved the President and the Press*

**June 13, 2017** ..... Gary Gallagher  
*The Year of Gettysburg and Vicksburg: Was 1863 a Turning Point?*



**Trivia Topic**

Connections: Arkansas and Atlanta.

Hint: They both start with "A" won't get you very far into the final jeopardy round.

**Chickamauga Civil War Show in February**

Mark your calendars now to attend the Chickamauga Civil War Show, Saturday and Sunday, February 4 - 5, in Dalton.

As is our custom, we will organize to travel up and back as a group on Saturday morning.

This is one of the best shows in the country with hundreds tables of exhibitors, sutlers and collectors. As always there will be tons of guns, uniforms, accoutrements, and the like. Don't miss a chance to spend a few hours with you kindred souls in the Round Table and to enjoy a great show.

**Upcoming Events**

**January 1, 2016:** *First Day Hike* at Magnolia Springs State Park. 1053 Magnolia Springs Drive, Millen. Sunday. Includes the Camp Lawton prison camp site. 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. \$5 parking fee. You can complete 1.5 miles or hike the entire 3 mile route for a rewarding . This is a dog friendly hike as long as they are on a leash! 478-982-1660. [www.friendsofmagnoliaspringsstatepark.com](http://www.friendsofmagnoliaspringsstatepark.com)

**January 7 - 8, 2016:** Civil War Show and Sale at the Omar Shrine Temple, 176 Patriot's Point Road, Mt. Pleasant, near Charleston. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Sunday. \$10/adult. [Americandiggerevents.com](http://Americandiggerevents.com)

**January 14, 2016:** *Civil War Games*, at the Fort McAllister State Park near Richmond Hill. Noon-4 pm. \$9. 912-727-2339.

**January 21, 2016:** *Tour of Nash Farm*, Saturday, 10:00 pm - 1:00 pm, \$20.00 includes box lunch, details and sign up sheet at the January meeting, 35 person maximum. Tour by Bill Dodd of the farm and vicinity. See battles in one tour. Lovejoy area. See [www.henrycountybattlefield.com/](http://www.henrycountybattlefield.com/) for info.

**January 21, 2016:** Walking tour - *Winter Vistas: Horseshoe Ridge — The Confederate Perspective*. Meets at the Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP visitor center. 2:00 pm. Free. [nps.gov/chch](http://nps.gov/chch)

**February 4 - 5, 2016:** *Dalton Civil War Show* - Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday, Dalton Convention Center, Adults \$10.00, under age 10 are free with adult. 770-630-7296, [www.mkshows.com](http://www.mkshows.com)

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