



# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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February 2017

640th 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

Reservations and payment may be made  
online at: [cwrta.org](http://cwrta.org)

**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 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:** Steve Davis

**Neither Great nor Genius: General  
John Bell Hood in 1864**

## Neither Great nor Genius: General John Bell Hood in 1864

Our own Steve Davis will be our speaker at the February meeting. Steve is a native of Atlanta and has been a Civil War buff since the 4th grade. He attended Emory University, and studied under the renowned Civil War historian Bell Wiley. He received his Master's degree in American history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and then earned his Ph.D. at Emory.

Steve is the author of, *Atlanta Will Fall: Sherman, Joe Johnston and the Heavy Yankee Battalions* and also recently, *What the Yankees Did to Us: Sherman's Bombardment and Wrecking of Atlanta*.

Steve's topic for us will be a review of Gen. John Bell Hood. Dr. Davis will review Hood's command history and will assess the impact on Hood's reputation of recently discovered letters. It should be an interesting evening as Steve discusses this key figure in the Atlanta Campaign.

And don't forget that it is Valentine's Day, so come and bring your sweetheart, because nothing says, I love you, like John Bell Hood.

## Tell Me Something I Don't Know

David Vaughan will present this month's "Tell Me Something I Don't Know". I would tell you what the something is, but I don't know.

## Menu for February Meeting

- Watermelon Salad
- Jack Daniels Chicken, Vegetable
- Flourless Chocolate Cake

## Will Green in January

Will Greene, our January speaker, gave an excellent program providing insight into a little known corner of the Civil War: Northwest Arkansas. His explanations of the actions at Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove and of the key commanders were first-class. If you missed Will this time, make sure not to miss him again. I feel sure that he will be back.

**Upcoming Programs**

- 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?*

**Nash Farm Tour**

Once the final stragglers and shirkers arrived a group of about 35 Round Table members and their guests were treated to a tour of multiple sites near Nash Farm in the Lovejoy area. Round Table member Bill Dodd conducted the bus tour that concluded with lunch at the Nash Farm Museum.

For those that have not visited this venue, it needs to be on your to-do list in the very near future

**Round Table Hats Available**

We will have Civil War Round Table of Atlanta hats for sale at the February meeting. They are baseball-style caps in blue and gray with the Round Table logo embroidered on the front. Cost will be \$15.00. Cash, check or credit card.



**Trivia Topic**

Hood before and after the Atlanta Campaign

**Chickamauga Civil War Show in February**

Join us as we again travel in mass to the Chickamauga Civil War Show, Saturday, February 4, in Dalton. We will meet at the Cracker Barrel at 7:30 and will leave at 8:30 sharp. You can also go on Sunday, but I don't think anyone will be there.

**Upcoming Events**

- February 4 - 5, 2017:** *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)
- February 5, 2017:** *Super Museum Sunday 2017*, Sunday, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm, multiple sites in Savannah and throughout Coastal Georgia. Only once a year, from downtown Savannah to Statesboro and Darien, over 60 cultural institutions, historic sites, house museums, art museums and other points of interest in Coastal Georgia open their doors FREE to the public. Many museums and sites are related to the Civil War period. FREE admission. 912-651-2125, <http://georgiahistory.com/>
- February 11, 2017:** Saturday, Ranger program, "Take What you See Here and Make it Better": *Eli Lilly and Chickamauga*," at the Chickamauga NMP. 2 pm. Free. [nps.gov/chch](http://nps.gov/chch)
- February 18, 2017:** Saturday, Ranger program, "How One Battle Influenced the Presidential Aspirations of Two Generals," at the Chickamauga NMP. 2 pm. Free. [nps.gov/chch](http://nps.gov/chch)
- February 25 - 26, 2017:** *23rd Annual Battle of Aiken Reenactment*, Saturday & Sunday, 1210 Powell Pond Road, Aiken SC. See history come alive with cannon, cavalry and living history experts. In addition 19th-century military encampments, living history presentations, reproductions of medical facilities, an engineer and signal service, musicians, and civilian portrayals. Admission: Adults \$12.00, Children (ages 6 to 12) \$6.00, under age 6 are free. 888-378-7623, [www.battleofaiken.org/](http://www.battleofaiken.org/)

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