



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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March 2017

641st Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

March Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$36.00** PER
PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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TO REACH DAVID NO LATER THAN NOON
ON THE FRIDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING

Reservations and payment may be made
online at: cwrta.org

Date: Tuesday, March 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: Sal Cilella

**Emory Upton: The Civil War General
Nobody Knows**

Emory Upton

Round Table member and author Sal Cilella will be our speaker this month. Sal is the author of *Upton's Regulars: The 121st New York Infantry in the Civil War*, which will be the basis of his presentation to us.

Having previously commanded artillery units, Upton was appointed Colonel of the 121st New York in October 1862. He led the regiment at the Battle of Fredericksburg in December and commanded a Brigade at the Battle of Gettysburg. In the Bristoe Campaign, Upton was cited for gallant service and was given a brevet promotion to major in the regular army. In the Overland Campaign, Upton led a brigade in the Wilderness, but his greatest contribution was at Spotsylvania Court House, where he developed a new tactic to attack the Confederate breastworks in column formation to attack a small portion of the line with depth of force. Upton led twelve regiments in such an assault against the Confederate's "Mule Shoe" salient. The tactics worked, but they had to withdraw in the face of enemy artillery and mounting reinforcements.

Be sure to be at the March meeting to learn more about Emory Upton - The Civil War General Nobody Knows.

Tell Me Something I Don't Know

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

Menu for March Meeting

- Spinach Arugula
- Georgia Trout, Vegetable
- White Chocolate Bread Pudding

Steve Davis in January

Steve Davis gave those assembled in February an excellent presentation on Gen. John Bell Hood. His text was drawn from previously unpublished work to be contained in his upcoming book on the General.

Our thanks to Steve for sharing his insights with us and we look forward to the book.

Upcoming Programs

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

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

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

Harwell Award to be Announced

The 2017 recipient of The Richard B. Harwell Award will be announced at the March Meeting.

Round Table at the Chickamauga Civil War Show in February

In addition to the host of Round Table members who met and traveled to the Dalton Show, several members manned a table to promote our Round Table. We made several good connections that will hopefully turn into new members. We were also able to sell a number of our new hats and several Scaife maps with proceeds going toward the general fund.

Round Table Hats On Sale

Our new Civil War Round Table of Atlanta hats sold like hotcakes at the February meeting. They are baseball-style caps in blue and gray with the Round Table logo embroidered on the front. We will have them available again at the March meeting. Be sure to get yours while they last. Cost will be \$15.00. Cash, check or credit card.

Trivia Topic

The trivia topic this month will be "Boy Generals"

Cyclorama Painting Moved

On Feb. 9 - 10, 2017, The Battle of Atlanta Cyclorama was successfully moved from its old home in Grant Park, where it has been since 1921, to its new building at the Atlanta History Center, where it will be restored to its original 1886 dimensions and configuration. At the April meeting, Round Table members will receive a free copy of the *Civil War News* edition covering the move. Also, this summer we will also have a group tour of the painting when restoration is underway.

Upcoming Events

March 2, 2017: *Georgia Monuments* - Thursday, 7:00 pm, Hilton Atlanta Marietta Hotel and Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta GA. Author and Atlanta Round Table member Gould Hagler will speak to the Civil War Round Table of Cobb County. Admission: \$5.00; is per person first-time guests are free. cobbcivilwart@gmail.com or www.cobbcwrt.org/

March 10, 2017: *Confederate Constitution* - Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Russell Special Collections Building, University of Georgia, 300 South Hull Street, Athens GA. The only surviving copy of the Confederate States Constitution will be on display. Due to this document's fragility it is only exhibited one day each year. FREE admission. 706-542-0672, www.libs.uga.edu/

March 11 & 18, 2017: *Shoupade Park and the Unfinished Silver Comet Trail* - Saturdays, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, 4770 Oakdale Road, Smyrna GA. Explore Cobb County's Civil War Shoupade Park with historian Michael Shaffer and the adjacent unfinished Silver Comet Trail. Learn about the River Line Historic Area's six-mile Master Plan embracing historic and natural resources along the Chattahoochee River uniting Vinings, Smyrna and Mableton. FREE admission. www.riverline.org

March 18, 2017: 14th Annual Civil War Symposium at Kennesaw State University, Center for the Study of the Civil War Era, 9:00AM, "*Longstreet to Redemption: 'Lee's War Horse' in War and Peace.*" Featured speaker: Jeffry Wert. KSU Center, Bldg #33, Room 400, Save this date. More information to come. Off-campus visitors should park in Visitor parking. <http://cwc.hss.kennesaw.edu/>

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