



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

Founded 1949

September 2017

645th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

September 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

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 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: Brian Wills & Jeffrey Wert

**Forrest vs. Stuart: Who Was the
Greatest Confederate Cavalry
General?**

Dues are Due

David Floyd has sent out dues notices. If you haven't yet paid, now would be the time. They are \$60.00 and go to:

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Or online at: [Pay CWRTA dues](#) [ctrl + click]

Forrest or Stuart?

Our September program will be a departure from our normal format. It will be a debate on who was the better cavalry commander: Nathan Bedford Forrest or James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart. Representing the Forrest camp will be our own Brian Wills, a noted authority on Forrest. With the opposing view will be longtime Round Table friend, Jeffrey Wert, speaking for the Stuart supporters.

Our panel will compare Stuart the son of an influential Virginian family, graduate of West Point whose forebears had fought the British in the Revolutionary War with Forrest who was the eldest of ten children and whose father died shortly after the family moved to Marshall County, Mississippi.

As for their wartime performance, Stuart's fame was initially influenced by his association with Jackson and later, and more importantly, with Lee. In contrast to these associations, Forrest had to deal with Generals Floyd, Pillow and Buckner at Fort Donelson, then later, Bragg and Hood. Our panel will argue judge the relative effectiveness of each of these cavalry commanders in regards to the quality of the Union leadership in the Eastern Theatre vs. the Western Theatre

The goal of our debate will be to examine the performances of both these Confederate cavalry commanders and to reach a conclusion to the question of who was the best leader of cavalry in the Civil War.

This is a meeting and program you don't want to miss. The format will be a "Three-fall, TV limit, no holds barred, Texas Steel Cage Match". OK, maybe not that format, but it promises to be a great program. Be sure and be there.

Upcoming Programs

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June 12, 2018 Bo Dubose
How We Built Our Civil War Collection: And Why It Matters

Big Crowd at Blue & Gray BBQ

The latest installation of the annual Blue & Gray BBQ was a huge success. Over 160 of our members and their guests attended the event at the Atlanta History Center on Sunday, August 6. The Low Country barbecue as always was great. Again, if you missed the pork rinds with pimento cheese you will have to wait until next year to experience the true meaning of life.

Incoming President, Grant Moseley, reviewed the upcoming programs for the year and described a few new items such as the planned "Relic Nights" and "Silent Auctions" (see attached schedule). Following outgoing President, Gordon Jones, conducted tours of the newly installed Cyclorama painting for everyone. It is already very impressive. Be there next year to see the finished product.

Upcoming Events

September 2, 2017: *The Cost of Defeat: The Fall of Atlanta, 1864*, Saturday, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site, 4432 Mount Tabor Church Road, Dallas GA. To commemorate the 153rd anniversary of the fall of Atlanta, Site historian will lead a brief talk about the history of the last battles of the Atlanta Campaign and its influence in ending the Civil War. A guided tour of Pickett's Mill Battlefield is included in this program. Admission: \$3.00 to \$5.50. 770-443-7850, www.gastateparks.org/pickettsmillbattlefield

September 9, 2017: *153rd Anniversary of the Battle of Jonesboro*, Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Stately Oaks Plantation. 100 Carriage Lane, Jonesboro GA. Join us for reenactments as civilians evacuate Jonesboro and learn what happened "when the Yankees came" to the house. Watch as soldiers march in formation and fire their weapons. Soldiers will portray camp life and civilian life will be demonstrated through arts, crafts and games. Period food will be prepared in the outdoor kitchen. Admission: Adults \$12.00, Seniors (ages 55+) & Military w/ ID \$9.00, Children (ages 5 to 11) \$6.00. 770-473-0197, www.historicaljonesboro.org

September 17, 2017: *Cheatham Hill Guided History Walks*, Sunday, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm, Cheatham Hill Battlefield Area, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Historian Phillip Whiteman or Stuart Berkowitz will lead guided history walks of the action at Cheatham Hill. Each walk lasts approximately one hour. FREE admission. For more info. 770-427-4686, www.nps.gov/kemo/

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Speakers for 2017 - 2018 Campaign Year

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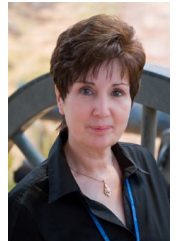
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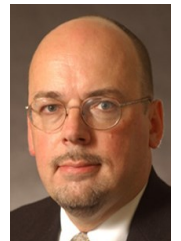
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