



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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October 2017

646th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

October 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: cwrt.org

Date: Tuesday, October 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: Earl Hess

RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD

**Braxton Bragg: The Most Hated
Man in the Confederacy**

Braxton Bragg

For our October program we will bestow our Richard B. Harwell Book Award on Earl Hess a second time for his work *Braxton Bragg: The Most Hated man in the Confederacy*. Earl first received our award in 2010 for his book on Petersburg.

As a leading Confederate general, Braxton Bragg earned a reputation for incompetence, for wantonly shooting his own soldiers, and for losing battles. This public image established him not only as a scapegoat for the South's military failures but also as the chief whipping boy of the Confederacy. The strongly negative opinions of Bragg's contemporaries have continued to color assessments of the general's military career and character by generations of historians. Rather than take these assessments at face value, Earl J. Hess's biography offers a much more balanced account of Bragg, the man and the officer.

While Hess analyzes Bragg's many campaigns and battles, he also emphasizes how his contemporaries viewed his successes and failures and how these reactions affected Bragg both personally and professionally. The testimony and opinions of other members of the Confederate army--including Bragg's superiors, his fellow generals, and his subordinates--reveal how the general became a symbol for the larger military failures that undid the Confederacy. By connecting the general's personal life to his military career, Hess positions Bragg as a figure saddled with unwarranted infamy and humanizes him as a flawed yet misunderstood figure in Civil War history.

Be there in October to perhaps gain a new perspective on the "most hated man in the Confederacy."

Brian Wills in September

While his planned debate counterpart was held up by hurricane Irma, Brian completed the program with an excellent comparison of the two Confederate cavalry commanders. Our thanks to Brian for stepping up and making it great night for the sizable crowds that braved the elements to hear his presentation. We will try for a rematch at a later date.

Upcoming Programs

- November 14, 2017**Sue Boardman
PRESIDENTS NIGHT
The Gettysburg Cyclorama
- December 12, 2017** Ed Ayers
From War to Reconstruction
 Holiday Music during reception by Frank Clark
- January 9, 2018**.....Susannah Ural
Hood's Texas Brigade
- February 13, 2018** Dennis Belcher
Cavalry of the Army of the Cumberland
- March 13, 2018**.....Brooks Simpson
*U.S. Grant and the Politics of War and Recon-
 struction*
- April 10, 2018**Don Frazier
Blood on the Bayou: War in the Trans-Mississippi
- May 8, 2018**David Powell
*The Chickamauga Campaign:
 Retreat into Chattanooga*
- June 12, 2018**Bo Dubose
*How We Built Our Civil War Collection:
 And Why It Matters*



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]

Silent Auction for Map and Painting Print

At the October meeting we will have something new. We will have a silent auction for two items: First, Atlas Battle Map – Atlanta & March Through North Georgia, modern print mounted on matt. Original from c.1891 Atlas of Civil War Battles by West Point , and Second, “*Battery Longstreet*” (Antietam) – Limited Edition signed print by Don Troiani, framed and matted, #690/1000. Be there and get your bid in.

Upcoming Events

- October 2, 2017:** Bus tour, “McLemore’s Cove,” Chickamauga Campaign site tour leaves from 3391 Town Point Drive, Kennesaw, at 8 am. \$49. cwc.hss.kennesaw.edu/about/news-events/e-cwc-2017-10-07-mclemore2017
- October 7 - 8, 2017:** *Battle of Allatoona Pass Remembered*, Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 11-4, Allatoona Pass Battlefield. Reenactors and historians will commemorate the 153rd anniversary of the battle. Tour the hillside and the railroad cut through the pass. Visit the star fort earthworks, and follow the old Tennessee Road just as the soldiers did in 1864. Explore daily life in the tent city. See rifle and cannon firing demonstrations. Guided tour each day. FREE admission. Directions: I-75 Exit 283. Go east, cross railroad and continue 1-1/2 mile to the battle site. 770-975-0055, <http://gastateparks.org/RedTopMountain>
- October 22, 2017:** *Infantry Demonstrations at Kennesaw Mountain* - Sunday, October 22, 11:00 am, 12:00 noon, 2:00 & 3:00 pm, Visitor Center, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Enjoy an interactive infantry demonstration consisting of a step-by-step description and demonstration of basic infantry tactics, culminating in a musket firing. FREE admission. 770-427-4686, www.nps.gov/kemo/
- October 21, 2017:** *Artillery Program at Chickamauga Battlefield* - Saturday, Chickamauga Battlefield, Learn about the Civil War through programs that feature living historians firing reproduction Civil War cannon. Programs take place at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 pm. FREE admission. 423-752-5213, www.nps.gov/chch/

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

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: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee Through His Private Letters</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
2017	<i>Braxton Bragg: The Most Hated Man of the Confederacy</i>	Earl J. Hess