



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table

Founded 1949

December 2018

658th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

December Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER RESERVATION
CHECK OF **\$39.00** PER PERSON TO THE
FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Vicky Frolich
PO Box 922877
Peachtree Corners, GA 30010

TO REACH VICKY NO LATER THAN THE
FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING

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

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018

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

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

Price: **\$39.00** per person

Program: Richard McMurry

**Venomous Toads and Buzzard
Pukes: Confederate
Journalism, 1861-1865**

Richard McMurry on Confederate Journalism

Longtime friend of the Atlanta Round Table, Dr. Richard McMurry, will be our speaker in December. Richard is a respected historian, humorist, author and lecturer in Civil War circles. Richard is a native of Atlanta, a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, and received a Ph.D. in history from Emory University under Bell Wiley. He is the author of numerous books and articles on the Civil War, including *Two Great Rebel Armies: An Essay in Confederate Military History*; *John Bell Hood and the War for Southern Independence*; *The Fourth Battle of Winchester: Toward a New Civil War Paradigm*; and *Atlanta 1864: Last Chance for the Confederacy*. Dr. McMurry has spoken several times to our Round Table.

Richard's topic in December will be *Venomous Toads and Buzzard Pukes: Confederate Journalism, 1861-1865*. Hard to tell what his opinion may be with a title so non-committal, but I am sure he will elaborate. Be there in December to find out what Richard really thinks.

Brian Wills in November

We, in November, had the unusual circumstance of a sitting Round Table president receiving the Harwell Book Award. His presentation of his work, *Inglorious Passages: Noncombat Deaths in the American Civil War*, was excellent and brought to light the many ways one may exit this world during a war besides combat. In the end, past president, Grant Moseley, had to step in for the presentation to avoid having Brian give himself the award.



Menu for December Meeting

- Spinach and Berry Salad, Seasonal Berries, Candied Pecans, Creamy Orange Dressing
- Herb Roasted Breast of Chicken, Balsamic Sautéed Mushrooms, Scalloped Potatoes
- Pineapple-Carrot Cake, Cream Cheese Frosting

Upcoming Programs

- January 8, 2019 John Scales
Did Forrest Make a Difference?
- February 12, 2019 Rick Eiserman
*Will the Real PVT Joe Joskins (Co. A, 5th TX),
 Please Step Forward!!*
- March 12, 2019Jeffry Wert
The Civil War and the Cost of Valor
- April 9, 2019 Jack Davis
*General Wharton's War: From Donelson to
 Surrender in Forgotten Letters of Gen. Wharton*
- May 14, 2019 Peter Carmichael
The Fate of a Confederate Deserter after Gettysburg
- June 11, 2019 Jennifer Murray
*On a Great Battlefield: The Making, Management,
 and Memory of Gettysburg National Military Park*
- Silent Auction Night Relic Night

Upcoming Events

- December 2 & 9, 2018:** *Civil War Music Program -*
 Sundays, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, Kennesaw
 Mountain National Battlefield Park. Join musician
 and living historian K.D. Sellers as she
 demonstrates this using the fife. Kennesaw
 FREE admission. 770-427-4686, [www.nps.gov/
 kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)
- December 8, 2018:** *Christmas at the Cabin -*
 Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Pickett's Mill
 Battlefield State Historic Site, Experience the
 sights and smells of a pioneer pre-Civil War
 Christmas. Help civilian reenactors decorate the
 Christmas tree. There will be a fire in the
 fireplace, period toys and games for children.
 There will be musket firings, cabin tours and
 interpretive displays for adults. [http://
 gastateparks.org/PickettsMillBattlefield](http://gastateparks.org/PickettsMillBattlefield)
- December 8, 2018:** *An 1862 Southern Christmas -*
 Saturday, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Stately Oaks
 Plantation, Jonesboro GA. Step back to 1862
 and get a glimpse into history as Stately Oaks
 Plantation prepares for Christmas. It's an
 unforgettable experience for the entire family.
 While waiting for your tour group to begin you
 will be entertained with music and other
 entertainment in the Bethel School House.
 Juddy's Country Store will be open for Christmas
 shopping. Admission: Adults \$12.00, Seniors
 (ages 55+) & Active Military \$9.00, Children
 (ages 5 to 11) \$6.00. 770-473-0197,
www.historicaljonesboro.org

Dues are Due

Dues for the 2018 - 2019 Campaign Year are now due. You should have received an email or U.S. mail dues notice recently.

You can pay online at atlantacwrt.org [\$62.00) or mail a check [\$60.00] to Vicky at the address on the front page.

Mary-Elizabeth Redux

If you missed Mary-Elizabeth Ellard's presentation in October, you get a do over. She will present her discussion, *A Sorrowful War: Veterinary Medicine During the War of the Secession*, at Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 1722 Oak Grove Road, Decatur 30033 on Monday January 14. Reservations for 6:15pm dinner may be made online <http://ogumc.org/> or you may arrive after 7pm for her discussion.

More Events

- December 15, 2018:** *Candlelight Hike to the Mill -*
 Saturday, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Sweetwater Creek
 State Park, Lithia Springs. Mile-long guided night
 hike to ruins of New Manchester alongside
 Sweetwater Creek. Lanterns are provided. No
 children under 6 years or dogs permitted. No
 reservations. Admission: \$5.00 per person plus
 \$5.00 parking; cash only. 770-732-5871, [http://
 gastateparks.org/SweetwaterCreek](http://gastateparks.org/SweetwaterCreek)
- December 15, 2018:** *Wreathes Across America -*
 Saturday. Program to remember and honor our
 military veterans. Sponsored wreaths are laid on
 grave sites in cemeteries across the country. For
 more about the program, or if you are interested
 in sponsoring a Frasier Fir wreath with a red
 velveteen bow. www.wreathesacrossamerica.org.

Officers for the 2018 - 2019 Campaign:

- President** Brian Wills
First Vice President John Dietrichs
Second Vice President..... Carlton Mullis
Secretary Tim Whalen
Treasurer Vicky Frolich
Executive Committee 2019:Mary-Elizabeth Ellard
 2019:Amir Nowroozzadeh
 2020:Loran Crabtree
 2020:Robert Woodruff
Past President.....Grant Moseley
Battle Lines Editor Leon McElveen