



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table

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January 2018

659th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

January 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, January 8, 2019

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

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

Price: **\$39.00** per person

Program: John Scales

Did Forrest Make a Difference?

Richard McMurry in December

We were, once again, fortunate to have a long time friend of the Round Table, Richard McMurry, with us as a speaker in December. Richard presented an outstanding program on the Confederate press during the war. While his passion for the subject caused him, in his words, "to get a little overheated", near the end of his presentation, he was checked out, pronounced fit and is now fully recovered. We look forward to having Richard visit with us again in the future.

Did Forrest make a Difference?

Our speaker in January, John Scales, is a retired infantry and special forces Brigadier General and holds a PhD in Systems Engineering from the University of Alabama - Huntsville. He is also the author of, *The Battles and Campaigns of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest, 1861-1865* (2017).

Scales believes as Gen. Sherman did that Forrest, "was the most remarkable man our Civil War produced on either side." John can use his military background to recognize Forrest's uncanny situational awareness as well as his ability to be decisive and bold without being unduly rash, and to excel at intelligence gathering, employing deception, and altering original plans on the fly. Forrest also had his detractors. He let his temper get out of control at times, he favored personal reconnaissance and leading from the front which led to frequent wounds and absences to recuperate. His leadership also failed him at times as evidenced by Fort Pillow.

With these plusses and minuses, Forrest's actions proved to be strategic. His Murfreesboro raid delayed the capture of Chattanooga and his raids in west Tennessee prolonged the Confederate occupation of Vicksburg. In the end, did the sum total make a difference or was he just the colorful "Wizard of the Saddle? Be with us in January to hear more questions and answers from someone who has made and in depth study of the General.

Menu for January Meeting

- A lovely entre with tasty things spread on and around it.
- Sophisticated vegetables prepared in very interesting ways.
- Delicious dessert, probably with sugar.

Upcoming Programs

February 12, 2019 ♦ Rick Eiserman
*Will the Real PVT Joe Joskins (Co. A, 5th TX),
 Please Step Forward!!*

March 12, 2019 Jeffry 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

January 5, 2019: Saturday, 9:00 to 11:00 am,
 Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site, 4432
 Mount Tabor Church Road, Dallas GA. Join
 rangers for a special two-mile hike of the
 battlefield and trench systems and rifle pits dug
 and used by Confederate and Federal soldiers in
 May 1864. You will also see a natural waterfall
 and the site of Pickett's Mill. The hike will finish
 with a Civil War weapons demonstration
 including cannon firing. Admission: Adults \$5.50,
 Seniors (ages 62+) \$3.50, Youth (ages 6 to 17)
 \$3.00. 770-443-7850, [http://gastateparks.org/
 PickettsMillBattlefield](http://gastateparks.org/PickettsMillBattlefield)

January 12, 2019: Candlelight Hike to the Mill -
 Saturday, January 12, 6:00 to 8:00 pm,
 Sweetwater Creek State Park, This one-mile-
 guided night hike is moderately difficult and goes
 to the Civil War era textile mill ruins of New
 Manchester alongside the beautiful rapids of
 Sweetwater Creek. Candle 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>

February 2 & 3, 2019: *Dalton Civil War Show,*
 Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Saturday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday, Annual
 Civil War relics show featuring the best in
 weapons, swords, dug items, uniforms, books
 and more. Free appraisals. Admission: Adults
 \$10.00, under age 12 are free with adult. 770-
 630-7296, www.mkshows.com

New Directory Being Published

We will soon issue 2018 - 2019 Membership
 Directory. Make sure you pay your dues and are
 included.

Fee for No Reservation

Going forward if you attend a meeting without a prior
 reservation the added fee for the meeting and dinner
 will be \$17.00 making the total \$56.00. The cutoff
 for reservations is noon on Friday before the
 meeting.

Special for Prospective Members

We are bringing back a practice from the past. For
 at least the next few of meetings, if you have a first
 time guest who is a student of the Civil War and a
 prospective member, the fee for the meeting will be
 \$20.00. To get the special rate, you will need to
 provide the person's name and contact information.



Yearbook to Be Published

We intend to publish a new edition of the Yearbook
 soon. The yearbook contains a brief history of our
 group, significant members, and a listing of all
 meetings and officers. This will be the sixth edition.
 The last publication was 1995.

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