



# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table

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660th Meeting

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## February 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](http://atlantacwrt.org)

**Date:** Tuesday, February 12, 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:** Rick Eiserman

**Will the Real PVT Joe Joskins (Co.  
A, 5th TX), Please Step Forward!!**

## The Real PVT Joe Joskins

The February speaker will be our own, Rick Eiserman. Rick is a life member of the Atlanta Round Table, a long-time Civil War buff and collector with a special interest in the history of Hood's Texas Brigade. During a 20-year U.S. Army career, Lieutenant Colonel Eiserman served as a military historian/instructor at both the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College

Have you ever been quietly reading one of your Civil War books or magazines when suddenly a person's name, a place or an event caught your eye? Questions come to mind and for some reason, you want to know more. Whether that search for more information takes a few minutes or many months, the excitement, as well as the frustrations, can take you down many roads. And once you start, you never know how long that road is, or how many twists and turns are along the way.

PVT Joe Joskins, Co. A, 5<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry, was a member of John Bell Hood's famous Texas Brigade in the Army of Northern Virginia. Wounded six times in the battles between Gaines' Mill and Darbytown Road, Joskins' rich and insightful account of his Civil War experiences is frequently quoted in a number of well-known civil war books.

But who was Joe Joskins? Be there in February to learn how a desire to learn more about a soldier behind a search, for more of his story.

## John Scales in January

Our January speaker, John Scales, gave an excellent presentation asking the question if Nathan Bedford Forrest's exploits had any effect on the timeline and course of the "late unpleasantness".

We all knew the epic stories of Forrest and his command, but did it matter? After hearing John walk us through his analysis, that of a trained military officer, I think those at the January meeting would agree that Forrest was most definitely an influence and a factor in how the war was fought.

## Menu for January Meeting

- Peachtree Salad Greens, Walnuts, Golden Raisins, Blue Cheese, Balsamic Vinaigrette
- Braised Beef Bordelaise, Mashed Sweet Potatoes
- Dark Chocolate-Raspberry Cake, Chocolate Ganache

