



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table

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662nd Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

April Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATION
IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$39.00** PER PERSON
ONLINE AT atlantacwrt.org OR MAIL TO THE
FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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ONLINE PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE OR
CHECKS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THE
THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 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: William C. "Jack" Davis

**General Wharton's War: From
Donelson to Surrender in Forgotten
Letters of Gen. Wharton**

General Wharton's War

Presenting our program in April will be longtime Round Table friend William C. "Jack" Davis. Jack has visited us on numerous occasions and his delivery always proves interesting. Jack is a former history professor at Virginia Tech and has twice been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.

His topic for us in April is based on the discovery of 2 trunks containing 15 boxes of letters in the late 1980s. Inside of this trove was 524 individual letters between Gen. Gabriel Wharton and his wife Anne "Nannie" Radford. Wharton began the war as a major in the 45th Virginia Infantry, later commanded the 51 Virginia as a Colonel and eventually commanding several brigades in the Western Theatre. These letters are a remarkable find for a number of reasons. First, that this collection survived from the mid-19th century until the late 20th. Second, that they further survived for 20 additional years in a hot Florida garage. And finally, there were letters from her to him. This is most unusual as the things that soldiers carried were usually lost under the stress of combat.

In addition to their survival, one of the most remarkable features of the letters is the high degree of education of both parties. The letters represent a wonderful window on the war in Virginia, both on the battlefield and at home. Also of particular interest, are the sometimes differing views each had of various Confederate leaders: Davis, Lee, Longstreet, and others.

Jeffry Wert in March

Jeffry Wert did his usual great job as he presented our program in March. His insights into two of the war's most notable units and the cost in terms of blood to those units was very revealing. The "cost of valor" to those units was truly above and beyond the call.

Our thanks again to Jeffry for a great evening and topic. Hopefully events will see him to be back with us again soon.

Menu for April Meeting

- BLT Salad, Iceberg, Crumbled Bacon, Cherry Tomato, Croutons, Avocado Ranch Dressing
- Crispy-Fried Orange Roughy, Bacon-Scalloped Potatoes
- Chocolate-Orange Cake, Chocolate Whipped Cream

Upcoming Programs

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

Upcoming Events

April 6, 2019: *Washington-Wilkes Spring Festival & Tour of Homes* - Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Register at First Baptist Church, 105 West Robert Toombs Avenue, Washington (Wilkes County) GA. Visit antebellum homes, churches and historic sites, Tiffany windows at Mary Willis Library, the Robert Toombs House, Washington-Wilkes Museum and Washington's timeless square filled with music and artisans. Tour tickets: \$30.00/person, includes shuttle service to homes, museums and churches. 706-678-2013, www.wwtourofhomes.com

April 6, 2019: *18th Annual National Confederate Memorial Service*, Saturday, 1:00 pm, in front of the Carving Reflection Pool, Stone Mountain Park, 1000 Robert E. Lee Boulevard, Stone Mountain GA. Annual service to memorialize all those who served the Confederacy. Program includes a speaker and firing salute. 404-372-3420, denardodian@bellsouth.net

April 12 - 13, 2019: *History by Candlelight*, Friday & Saturday, 6:00 to 10:00 pm each evening, Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site, 4432 Mount Tabor Church Road, Dallas GA. Take a guided candlelit walk through this Civil War battlefield, and then watch cannon and musket firings. Walk the ravine where Confederate General Patrick Cleburne planned a daring night assault to capture the Federal positions. Admission: \$10.00. 770-443-7850, <http://georgiastateparks.org/PickettsMillBattlefield>

April 13 - 14, 2019: *Simply Southern Jubilee & Battle of Nash Farm*, Saturday & Sunday, Nash Farm Battlefield Park, 100 Babbs Mill Road, Hampton GA. Enjoy the arts, crafts, vendors, authentic sutlers, demonstrations and competitions. Walk through the camps and back in time as you visit with our reenactors as they recreate life during the war. School day on Friday. Open to the public: Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission: Adults \$8.00, Students (ages 7 to 17) \$5.00. 404-281-8651

Reservations Policy

In keeping with our new reservation policy, be sure to get your reservation in ASAP whether that is online or via the P.O. Box. All reservations must be received by close of business, Thursday, April 4. Those using the USPS should mail checks this week to be safe.

Also, be aware that a PayPal account is not required to make your reservation online, just chose the option to use a credit card..



KSU Railroad Symposium

Atlanta Round Table members Brian Wills and Gordon Jones along with Tom Parsons from Corinth, Mississippi participated in KSU's 16th Annual Symposium, *The Railroad War: Transportation's Critical Role in the Civil War*, on Saturday, March 23.

Dr. Wills focused on casualties tied to the railroads during the war, Dr. Jones gave an overview of the life and restoration of the locomotive *Texas*, and Mr. Parsons gave a summary of the overall use and lack of coordination of railroads by Confederates during the war. The event was attended by a number of Round Table members. Make sure to be there next year.

2018-2019 Directory

Handy sized printed copies of the of the 2018-2019 Campaign Year directory were available for pickup at the March meeting. They will again be on hand at the check-in desk in April. Be there to get your copy.

Officers for the 2018 - 2019 Campaign:

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