



# Battle Lines

## Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

A non-profit 501c3, dedicated to Promoting the Serious Study of the American Civil War

### Join Us Via Zoom

*Tuesday, January 11, 7:30 p.m.*

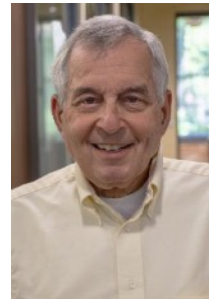
Due to the COVID resurgence we will be meeting via Zoom in January. The link and passcode are provided to your right at the end of the introduction to Georgia Tech Regents Professor Sy Goodman's presentation: *Atlanta During the Civil War, A Geographical and Logistical Perspective*. We are offering this meeting free of charge. All members are invited.

We hope to resume in-person meetings after the situation of COVID in metro Atlanta changes. As of this writing, 18,337 new cases were recorded by the Georgia Department of Health over the past two weeks in Fulton County. The same agency reported a total of 134,495 active cases in Fulton County. We continue to work with the Capital City Club and are evaluating our options for meeting through the 2021-2022 Campaign Year. Expect to hear more about this in the coming weeks. Stay Safe!

## Exploring Atlanta's Civil War

**A**tlanta was a new city, founded on the young technology of railroads, when the American Civil War broke out in 1861. Four railroads powered the economy for about 9,500 residents in 1860.

With war, Atlanta became a hub of activity and experienced overwhelming change. By July 1862, its population grew to 17,000. The influx of wounded combatants, refugees and Union prisoners were to transform the city up to the the time of its capture in September of 1864. In *Atlanta During the Civil War, A Geographical and Logistical Perspective*, Round Table Board Member Sy Goodman, Regents Professor and Professor of International Affairs and Computing at Georgia Tech, will look at the geography, technology and logistics of the war and postwar periods in Atlanta. Sy will inquire: "Why Atlanta and why did it take until the late spring of 1864 for the Federal Army to head down here." He will ask: "What next after Atlanta?" His answers will focus on issues of geography and logistics from the Union perspective.



**Use this Zoom Link on January 11:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84949032359?pwd=a3lNNnE5MUkyWG5yTWpWbW5yOXJ6Zz09#success>  
**Meeting ID: 849 4903 2359; Passcode: 093619**



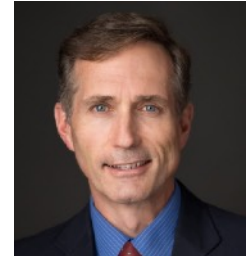
**T**he Lord bless you  
and keep you:  
**The Lord** make  
his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you:  
**The Lord** lift up his  
countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.

**Numbers 6:24-26**

**T**he three verses of the  
Aaronic or Priestly  
Blessing are some of the  
most beautiful in scripture, a  
perfect benediction for our  
New Year of 2022. Jewish  
Americans, familiar with this  
prayer from their religious life,  
supported both the Union and  
the Confederacy through the  
Civil War. Pictured above:  
‘From the rising until the  
setting of the sun the name of  
the Lord be praised!’  
Lithograph by H. Schile (Circa  
1870-1880, Library of  
Congress) Lions, symbols of  
the Lion of Judah, emblem of  
Jerusalem, hold the Shield or  
Star of David at the center.

## Religion, Faith and Civil War Soldiers

**F**aith is a topic that was profoundly important to the vast majority of Americans and soldiers during the War, but its role is often overlooked and ignored by scholars today. Can we understand the people who fought and endured unless we understand them on their own terms?



For our February meeting, Steve Woodworth will give witness to this profound motivator for people on both sides of the conflict. At Texas Christian University since 1997, Steve is now a professor of history there. Over the years he has authored, co-authored, or edited more than thirty books, including *While God Is Marching On: The Religious World of Civil War Soldiers* (2001), *Manifest Destinies: America's Westward Expansion and the Road to Civil War* (2010), *Nothing but Victory: The Army of the Tennessee, 1861-1865* (2006), and *Jefferson Davis and His Generals: The Failure of Confederate Command in the West* (1990).

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