



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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April 2011

582nd Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

April Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$33.00** PER
PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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TO REACH DAVID NO LATER THAN NOON ON
THE FRIDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING

E-mail and telephone reservations will
not be accepted

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Time: Cocktails: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm

Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: **\$33.00 per person**

Program: Eric Wittenberg
J.E.B. Stuart's Gettysburg Ride

Eric Wittenberg in April

Our April speaker, Eric J. Wittenberg, made his first trip to the Gettysburg battlefield as a third-grader. By the end of that trip, he was fully hooked on the Civil War. Eric is an alumnus of Dickinson College the University of Pittsburgh,. Eric is a full-time practicing attorney in private practice.

Eric is an award-winning Civil War historian. His specialty is cavalry operations, with a particular emphasis on the Army of the Potomac's Cavalry Corps. For his time with us, he will focus instead on J.E.B. Stuart's controversial ride at Gettysburg. His first book, *Gettysburg's Forgotten Cavalry Actions*, was named the third winner of the Robert E. Lee Civil War Roundtable of Central New Jersey's Bachelder-Coddington Literary Award in 1998. He is also the author of more than two dozen published articles on Civil War cavalry operations.

Battlefield preservation work is very important to him. He sits on the boards of advisors of the Trevilian Station Battlefield Foundation and the Friends of the Alligator, and has regularly worked with the Civil War Preservation Trust. He is an original member and past president of the Central Ohio Civil War Roundtable. He is the vice president of the Buffington Island Battlefield Preservation Foundation. and serves on the Governor of Ohio's Advisory Commission on the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

He maintains a popular and well-regarded blog, *Rantings of a Civil War Historian*, and is the owner and moderator of the popular Civil War Discussion Group Online.

Eric, his wife Susan, and their two golden retrievers live in Columbus, Ohio.

Gary Gallagher in March

The Capital City Club was a great host and Gary Gallagher was a great speaker. We had one of our largest turnouts ever with nearly 200 attending what was a truly memorable evening. Gary presented an in depth and entertaining argument for why R.E. Lee should be considered a military commander of his own time and not of the past. Thanks to him and all those who worked to make our temporary move a success.

2010 - 2011 Upcoming Programs

- May 10, 2011** Tom Clemens
Ezra Carman and Antietam
- June 14, 2011** Ed Longacre
J.E.B. Stuart's Lieutenants

Successful Andersonville Field Trip

Forty-five Round Table members and their guests completely filled up the tour to Andersonville on a perfect Spring day, Saturday, March 12th. The cannons and guns were booming by the re-enactors at the park and the tour of the stockade, grounds, and national cemetery were expertly led by Kevin Fry. Yoder's Moravian Restaurant was great on the way home, too.

Upcoming Events

- April 9, 2011:** *The Civil War Art of Mort Kunstler* at the Booth Museum in Cartersville. www.boothmuseum.org or 770.387.1300
- April 9, 2011:** Living history, "Soldier's Life", camp and demonstrations at the Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site near Dallas. \$4. Call for details. 770-443-7850.
- April 16 - 17, 2011:** Living history, "Encampments at the Big Shanty Festival", at the Southern Museum in Kennesaw. Exhibits and demonstrations. www.southernmuseum.org or 770-427-2117, extension 3058.
- April 16, 2011:** The Civil War: America's Long Struggle, daylong special program at the National Archives, 5780 Jonesboro Road, Morrow. Lectures, newspaper and artifact exhibits. \$20. www.archives.gov/southeast.
- April 18, 2011:** Monday Night Program with Dr. Gordon Jones, "Georgia on the Eve of War: 150 Years Later." 7:00 pm @ Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Visitor Center.
- April 26, 2011:** Atlanta #18 UDC Confederate Memorial Day service, McElreath Hall, Atlanta History Center, Tuesday April 26, 10:30 am. Bobby Horton will perform and a pot luck lunch will follow. No charge, but donations will benefit the Chapter's historical and educational programs. RSVP to Barbara Long, blong@post.harvard.edu, if you can attend.

2011 Richard B. Harwell Book Award Winner Selected

The Harwell Award Committee has selected, *Failure in the Saddle: Nathan Bedford Forrest, Joe Wheeler, and the Confederate Cavalry in the Chickamauga Campaign*, by David Powell as the 2011 Richard Barksdale Harwell Book Award winner. Mr. Powell will join us in November to present his work and receive the award.

The award was begun in 1989 and named for the Atlanta Round Table's first president, Richard Barksdale Harwell. It was created to recognize the best book on a Civil War subject published in the previous year. See the attached list for a complete listing of the award winners.



150 years ago

- 12 April 1861:** The American Civil War began. Confederate troops fired mortar shells at the Federal garrison at Fort Sumter, Charleston Harbor, South Carolina. The garrison surrendered the following day
- 15 April 1861:** President Abraham Lincoln issues a proclamation calling up 75,000 militia for three months service.
- 17 April 1861:** Missouri Governor Jackson condemns President Lincoln's call for volunteers and refuses to comply.
- 20 April 1861:** United States Arsenal at Liberty, Missouri, seized.

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The Richard Barksdale Harwell Book Award

- 1989 *If It Takes All Summer: The Battle of Spotsylvania* William D. Matter
- 1990 *Tennessee's Forgotten Warriors: Frank Cheatham and His Confederate Division* Christopher Losson
- 1991 *Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain*..... Robert K. Krick
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- 1994 *Echoes of Battle: The Atlanta Campaign*..... Richard Bumgartner/ Larry Strayer
- 1995 *The Campaign for Atlanta* William R. Scaife
- 1996 *Robert E. Lee: A Biography* Emory M. Thomas
- 1997 *Andersonville: The Last Depot: The Last Depot*..... William Marvel
- 1998 *Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend* James I. Robertson, Jr.
- 1999 *Lee's Miserables: Life in the Army of Northern Virginia from the Wilderness to Appomattox* J. Tracy Power
- 2000 *Secret Yankees, The Union Circle in Confederate Atlanta* Thomas G. Dyer
- 2001 *Chessboard of War: Sherman and Hood in the Autumn Campaigns of 1864* Anne J. Bailey
- 2002 *The Union That Shaped the Confederacy: Robert Toombs and Alexander Stephens*..... William C. Davis
- 2003 *Cold Harbor: Grant and Lee, May 26 – June 3, 1864* Gordon G. Rhea
- 2004 *The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock*..... Francis A. O'Reilly
- 2005 *Days of Glory: Army of the Cumberland, 1861 - 1865* Larry Daniel
- 2006 *Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg and Why it Failed*..... Tom Carhart
- 2007 *Stealing the General, The Great Locomotive Chase and the First Medal of Honor* Russell S. Bonds
- 2008 *Reading the Man: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee Through His Private Letters*..... Elizabeth Brown Pryor
- 2009 *Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief: Tried by War* James M. McPherson
- 2010 *In the Trenches at Petersburg - Field Fortifications and Confederate Defeat*..... Earl J. Hess
- 2011 *Failure in the Saddle: Nathan Bedford Forrest, Joe Wheeler, and the Confederate Cavalry in the Chickamauga Campaign* David Powell
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