



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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January 2012

589th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

January Meeting

Reservations Are Required

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

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Lilburn, GA 30047- 4408

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

E-mail and telephone reservations will
not be accepted

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2012

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

Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: \$33.00 per person

Program: John Derden

*Camp Lawton: The Largest
Prison in the World*

Camp Lawton the Largest Prison in the World

Our January speaker, Dr. John K. Derden, was a member of the initial faculty cadre when East Georgia College, then Emanuel County Junior College, opened in the fall of 1973. He has served in roles ranging from instructor in history to chair of the Humanities Division at the college.

He holds the A.A. from Reinhardt University and the B.S.Ed., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Georgia.

He has authored or co-authored several works of local history and has presented scholarly papers at the Georgia Association of Historians, the Popular Culture Association, and the Society for French Historical Studies. He has served on the Georgia National Register Review Board, the Georgia Association of Historians and Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails, Inc. He currently leads an annual tour of Sherman's March sites in east central Georgia.

His topic will be Camp Lawton. This short-lived Confederate prison camp, preserved for nearly 150 years, perhaps by its own obscurity, began yielding treasures from the Civil War almost as soon as archeologists began searching for it in southeastern Georgia near Millen. The huge prisoner of war camp occupying 42 acres and designed to hold 40,000 men, was built by a force of 300 prisoners and 500 slaves in September 1864 to relieve congestion at Camp Sumter at Andersonville and to remove the possibility of Gen. W.T. Sherman's army freeing prisoners there.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn of this until now little-known site and the treasures it has yielded thus far.

Stephen Wise in December

Dr. Stephen Wise presented an excellent program on the battle of Port Royal to those assembled at the Capital City Club for our December meeting. His knowledge of this battle and the nearby area has raised this action to a new level of importance in the study of the Civil War. Our thanks to him and to the Capital Club for their wonderful service and hospitality.

2011 - 2012 Program Preview

- February 14, 2012**..... Greg Biggs
How Johnny Got His Gun - The Confederate Supply System
- March 13, 2012**..... Gail Stephens
The Race for Washington, Summer 1864
- April 10, 2012**..... Jeffry Wert
James Longstreet: The Staff in Lee's Right Hand
- May 8, 2012**..... Robert Girardi
Railroad Defense in the Atlanta Campaign
- June 12, 2012**..... Stephen Davis
What the Yankees Did to Us

Upcoming Events

- February 4 - 5, 2012:** Dalton Civil War Show, Northwest Georgia Trade Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road, Dalton. Fee charged. 706.272.7676.
- March 23 - 24, 2012:** Symposium, "1862: The Path to Freedom," sponsored by the Civil War Center at Kennesaw State. Reception at Southern Museum Friday evening, lectures begin at 9 am in Building 22, Auditorium 1021. Free. www.kennesaw.edu/civilwar_era for more information.



Dalton Civil War Show

The Activities Committee will be leading a group to the Chickamauga Civil War & Military Show at the Northwest Georgia Convention Center in Dalton, Georgia. on Saturday, February 4th. There will be over 400 tables of items related to the Civil War. Lectures are also included at the show for the \$8 entrance fee. Round Table members will meet at the Cracker Barrel in Kennesaw for coffee and breakfast and then depart by 8:20 am carpooling to the show. This is a wonderful time to get to know other Round Table members and to experience one of the best Civil War Shows in the country. You can make a reservation by emailing Chuck Carter at saluda26@bellsouth.net or calling 404-906-4336. Start the new year by joining your fellow members for a great trip!

Activities Committee Report

The trip to the Franklin Civil War show in December was a great success. We had our best crowd ever with 25 members and guests attending. Following the show, nationally-known historian, Tom Cartwright, gave the group a personal tour of the Franklin battlefield area, the Carter House, and the newly opened Lotz House. Tom's tour was thoroughly entertaining and full of personal stories from the men who fought there. The importance of the battle was noted by his observation that "10,000 Americans all fell within 400 yards in one battle". The Activities Committee presented Tom a donation for the Lotz House from funds raised by the committee earlier in the year to help them with their continued renovation of the house.

150 years ago

- 1 January 1862:** Stonewall Jackson begins the Romney Campaign from Winchester, Virginia
- 19 January 1862:** General Felix Zollicoffer is shot and killed when he accidentally crosses the Union line and speaks to Col. S. S. Fry [US] at the battle of Mill Springs
- 30 January 1862:** *USS Monitor*, the first ship featuring a turreted center gun, is launched. The design changes naval warfare forever



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