



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

Founded 1949

June 2013

604th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

June Meeting

Reservations Are Required

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

David Floyd
4696 Kellogg Drive, SW
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, June 11, 2013

Time: Cocktails: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm

Place: Capital City Club - Downtown
7 John Portman Blvd.

Price: \$33.00 per person

Program: Dennis Frye

*September Suspense: Lincoln's
Union in Peril*

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Dennis E. Frye is the Chief Historian at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Writer, lecturer, guide, and preservationist, Dennis is a prominent Civil War historian. Dennis also is one of the nation's leading Civil War battlefield preservationists. He is co-founder and a former president of today's Civil War Trust, from whom he received the Trust's highest honor - the Shelby Foote Award.

Dennis also is a well-known author, with 88 articles and eight books. *Harpers Ferry Under Fire* (released in March 2012) received the national book of the year award from the Association of Partners for Public Lands; and *September Suspense: Lincoln's Union in Peril*, was awarded the 2012 Laney Book Prize for distinguished scholarship and writing on the military and political history of the war. In 1862, the United States had been ripped apart by a civil war entering its 18th month. Until now, few have understood how close this breach was to becoming a permanent fixture on the map of history. It was the nation's, and Mr. Lincoln's, most trying month, as Gen. Robert E. Lee invaded Union soil, panicking entire cities, destroying fragile political alliances and causing all of the North to rethink the fight and question whether it was best to redouble its war efforts or give up and let the South pursue its own course. For three weeks in September, the air was electric, nerves were at the breaking point and the whole of the North held its breath. In this fascinating work, Dennis Frye draws from a voluminous cache of period newspapers to expertly demonstrate just how fragile the national bond had become by the autumn of 1862.

Jeffry Wert in May

Our May speaker, Jeffry Wert, received our Harwell Award for his work *A Glorious Army: Robert E. Lee's Triumph, 1862-1863*. He gave an excellent overview on R.E. Lee's exploits from the Seven Days through Gettysburg when Lee and his army were at their peak. Our thanks to Mr. Wert for an excellent program.

Upcoming Events

June 1, 2013: Anniversary living history, lecture and book signing lunch at Pickett's Mill State Historic Site near Dallas. 10 am-4 pm. Lunch lecture by Mike Shaffer, "The Atlanta Campaign: Tunnel Hill to Pickett's Mill" (noon-1 pm). Details: 770-443-7850.

June 9, 2013: Living history, artillery demonstration at the Kennesaw National Battlefield Park near Kennesaw. 11 am, noon, 2 pm and 3 pm. Free. nps.gov/kemo

June 8, 2013: Walking tour, "Hallowed Ground: A Lantern Tour of Stones River National Cemetery," in Murfreesboro. Tours leave at 7:30 and 7:45 pm. Reservations necessary. Call 615-893-9501 starting on the Monday before the tour. Free. nps.gov/stri

June 29 - 30, 2013: Battle anniversary activities at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park near Kennesaw. Living history, ranger tours and more. 9 am-4:30 pm. Free. nps.gov/kemo



Third Annual Brue/Gray BBQ Date Announced

The Activities Committee is very pleased to announce that Saturday, August 10th will be the date for our upcoming Blue/Gray BBQ to kick off the 2013-2014 campaign year for our new Board and members. This year the fabulous 1842 antebellum Barrington Hall Plantation Home and Gardens on the Roswell Square and home to Roswell founders Barrington and Roswell King, will be the site for our BBQ! Barrington Hall is one of the few antebellum plantation homes to survive the Civil War in the Atlanta metro area and has been featured in many national books and magazines. Stop by our Activities Committee Table at our June meeting for more details as we will start taking reservations then. Make sure to mark the date on your calendar to attend this great kick-off to the new campaign year.

-- Terry H. Kingery

150 Years Ago

3 June 1863: Robert E. Lee begins moving the Army of Northern Virginia, encamped near Fredericksburg, west towards the Shenandoah Valley

9 June 1863: Battle of Brandy Station Largest cavalry battle on American soil pitted Alfred Pleasonton [US] against Jeb Stuart [CS].

17 June 1863: Henry Halleck issues an order making George Meade commander of the Army of the Potomac, replacing Joe Hooker.

27 June 1863: The *CSS Atlanta*, an ironclad in Warsaw Inlet, engages the *USS Weehawken* and *USS Nahant* before surrendering

2013 - 2014 Nominations

The following nominations were offered by the Nominating Committee at the April meeting. We will vote at the June meeting.

- President..... Art Carey
 - First Vice President..... David Beale
 - Second Vice President.....Vicky Conn
 - Secretary / TreasurerDavid Floyd
 - Asst. Secretary / TreasurerBill Gurry
 - Executive Committee 2013*: Gordon Jones
 - 2013*: Grant Moseley
 - 2014:.....Gene Hatfield
 - 2014:..... Charlie Mitchell
- * second year of two-year term

Officers for the 2011 -2012 Campaign:

- President** Jack Melton
- First Vice President** Art Carey
- Second Vice President**David Beale
- Secretary / Treasurer**..... David Floyd
- Executive Committee** 2013:..... Vicky Conn
- 2013:.....Stevan Crew
- 2014:.....Gordon Jones
- 2014.....Grant Moseley
- Past President**..... Gould Hagler
- Battle Lines Editor** Leon McElveen



Speakers for 2013 - 2014 Campaign Year

Art Carey - President

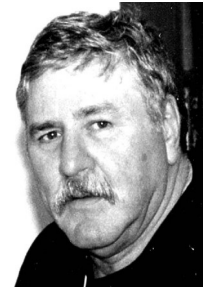


Dr. Timothy B. Smith

September 10, 2013 - Dr. Timothy B. Smith

PRESIDENTS' NIGHT

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Dr. Lance Herdegen

October 8, 2013 - Dr. Lance Herdegen

The Iron Brigade

November 12, 2013 - Dr. Brian Steel Wills

RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD

George Henry Thomas, As True as Steel



Dr. Brian Wills

December 10, 2013 - 8th Georgia Infantry Band

Civil War Music



8th Georgia Infantry Band

January 14, 2014 - Dr. James McPherson

War on the Waters



Dr. James McPherson

February 11, 2014 - Dr. Buck T. Foster

Sherman's Mississippi Campaign



Dr. Buck T. Foster

March 11, 2014 - Ed Bearss

Gettysburg Myths



Ed Bearss

April 8, 2014 - Edward Bonekemper III

The Overland Campaign



Edward Bonekemper, III

May 13, 2014 - Brad Quinlin

The Atlanta Campaign



Brad Quinlin

June 10, 2014 - James Gindlesperger

The End of the CSS Alabama



James Gindlesperger

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