



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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October 2013

606th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

October 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, October 8, 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: Lance Herdegen
The Iron Brigade

Timothy Smith in September

Tim Smith presented an outstanding program on Corinth at our last meeting. His presentation gave all an appreciation of a little understood conflict.

Speaker Change

Due to a conflict Dr. James McPherson has had to cancel his November visit with us. He will be replaced by Stephen M. Hood, a relative of Gen. John Bell Hood.

The Iron Brigade

Dr. Lance J. Herdegen our October speaker will present a program based on his latest work: *The Iron Brigade in Civil War and Memory: The Black Hats from Bull Run to Appomattox and Thereafter*. Dr. Herdegen is currently the Chair of the Wisconsin Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. He is former Director of the Institute for Civil War Studies at Carroll University and presently works as historical consultant for the Civil War Museum of the Upper Middle West.

The Iron Brigade initially consisted of the 2nd, 6th, and 7th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiments, the 19th Indiana, Battery B of the 4th U.S. Light Artillery, and was later joined by the 24th Michigan. This composition of men from three Western states led it to be sometimes referred to as the *Iron Brigade of the West*. They were known throughout the war as the *Black Hats* because of the black 1858 model Hardee hats issued to Army regulars, rather than the blue kepis worn in most other units.

The Iron Brigade, also known as the Iron Brigade of the West or the Black Hat Brigade, was an infantry brigade in the Union Army of the Potomac during the American Civil War. Although it fought entirely in the Eastern Theater, it was composed of regiments from Western states (states that are today considered Midwestern). Noted for its strong discipline, its unique uniform appearance, and its tenacious fighting ability, the Iron Brigade suffered the highest percentage of casualties of any brigade in the war.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about one of the most notable units of the Civil War from some one who is truly an expert.

150 Years Ago

- November 12, 2013** Dr. Brian Steel Wills
RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD
George Henry Thomas, As True as Steel
- December 10, 2013**..... 8th Georgia Infantry Band
Civil War Music
- January 14, 2014** Stephen M. "Sam" Hood
Gen. John Bell Hood
- February 11, 2014**..... Dr. Buck T. Foster
Sherman's Mississippi Campaign
- March 11, 2014** Ed Bearss
Gettysburg Myths
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The Overland Campaign
- May 13, 2014**..... Brad Quinlin
The Atlanta Campaign
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The End of the CSS Alabama

Upcoming Events

- October 12, 2013:** KSU Civil War Center Symposium, '1863: The Struggles Continue', Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - noon, KSU Center, 3333 Busbee Dr., Kennesaw, 30144, (behind Cracker Barrel at exit #271 off I-75)
- October 12 - 13, 2013:** Seminar, "The Impetuous Charge: Longstreet at Chickamauga," based in Chattanooga. Battlefield tours, talks and more. Details, registration: longstreetsociety.org
- October 19, 2013:** Lecture on Camp McDonald's History @ 10:00 a.m. Given by Michael Shaffer, Assistant Director of Kennesaw State University's Civil War Center, Friends of Camp McDonald Park will guide tours of the future park site, 8:00, 9:45, 11:15 am until noon.
- October 26, 2013:** Bus tour, "Andersonville," leaves 8 am from Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw. \$65. kennesaw.edu/civilwarera
- October 27, 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

Harwell Book Award

The Richard B. Harwell Book Award Committee is currently reviewing the following books:

- Gettysburg* - Allen C. Guelzo
Searching for George Meade - Tom Huntington
Kennesaw Mountain - Earl J. Hess
Grant at Vicksburg - Michael B. Ballard

Chickamauga 150th

Over 35 members and guests attended the Battle of Chickamauga re-enactment on Sunday, September 22. The weather was perfect and we had a tailgate tent overlooking Longstreet's breakthrough, Thomas's defense of Snodgrass Hill, & Forrest's battle including 25 cannons firing over two hours. Prior to the battles, we visited the sutler's village, Confederate, Union, and civilian camps. Thanks to all that attended, to those that drove, and to all the committee members that worked to make this such a fun event!

Terry Kingery

150 Years Ago

- 3 October 1863:** President Lincoln calls for a national day of Thanksgiving at the end of November.
- 8 October 1863:** President Jefferson Davis speaks in Atlanta.
- 19 October 1863:** William Rosecrans is relieved of duty. General Grant replaces him as commander of the Army of the Cumberland with George Thomas

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Speakers for 2013 - 2014 Campaign Year

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Dr. Timothy B. Smith

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PRESIDENTS' NIGHT

Corinth 1862

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