



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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March 2009

561st Meeting

William R. Scaife, Editor

March Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$30.00** 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, March 10, 2009

Time: Cocktails 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm

Place: **Ansley Golf Club**
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: **\$30.00** per person

Program: **Running for the Confederacy:
Bermuda in the War**
Catherine Deichmann “

Rogues and Runners: Bermuda in the American Civil War

Our March speaker is Catherine Deichmann, author of *Rogues and Runners: Bermuda in the American Civil War*. In her program, Ms. Deichmann will give us the benefit of her intensive research into this key piece of mid-Atlantic real estate.

Under British and international law, arms sales were legal and open to belligerents on both sides of the conflict. The United States shipped its purchases directly from Europe, but the Confederacy had to slip its supplies through an ever more stringent northern blockade. Once quiet island anchorages in the Bahamas, Bermuda, and Cuba teemed with ships full of arms and supplies for the South and others loaded with cotton on their way back to Europe as payment. In the process, neutral island ports in the Atlantic and the Caribbean became entangled in the American war. Bermuda's ports filled with adventurers seeking to profit from blockade running while Confederate agents bought and dispatched cargoes of arms and military supplies.

Bermuda has a long history as a maritime crossroads, where shipping routes between Europe and the Americas connected. Proximity to America helped promote steady trade between Bermuda and the other British American colonies and encouraged early interchanges of ideas, trade, and technology. At times, this proximity to shipping routes has landed the island of Bermuda a defining role in world events many times greater than its small size. The American Civil War was one of those events. We look forward to Ms. Deichmann's insights into Bermuda's role in the war.

Tom Cartwright in February

Tom Cartwright once again demonstrated his complete and total grasp of the battles and events surrounding the Battle of Franklin. His emphasis for this visit was on the General John Bell Hood and his command decisions before, during and after the Battle of Spring Hill. As always it was a pleasure to hear Tom give the play-by-play and comment on the cast of characters.

Remaining Programs

- April 14, 2009**Peter Carmichael
"Young Virginians in Peace, War, and Reunion"
- May 12, 2009**Frank O'Reilly
"The Death of Stonewall"
- June 9, 2009**John Coski
"The Museum of the Confederacy"

Upcoming Events

- March 15, 2009:** "Citizens & Soldiers: Life During the Civil War", The Atlanta History Center, 130 West Paces Ferry Road. Sunday, March 15,, Noon - 5:00 pm Enjoy guided tours of *Turning Point: The American Civil War* and discover stories of Confederate and Federal soldiers, along with the heartaches and hopes of loved ones at home, from the beginning of the crisis through the time of rebuilding. At Tullie Smith Farm, living history interpreters delve into African American experiences during the Civil War, speak about the lives of Confederate and Union soldiers, and explore the daily lives of women and children. 404.814.4000 or <http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/cms/History+Live!+Programs/189.html>
- March 27 - 28, 2009:** Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia will present its 13th Annual Civil War Seminar. This year's program is entitled "The Reel Civil War: The Civil War in the Cinema. Featured speakers include renowned authors whose books are familiar to all Civil War enthusiasts. Also exhibits of Civil War artifacts and memorabilia for the public, vendors of Civil War items, and a special exhibit of Civil War movie posters. Reservations by March 25. Admission \$65. Special rates at the Kirkley Hotel of Lynchburg. For pricing call (434) 237-6333. For more information, go to, <http://www.liberty.edu/index.cfm?PID=8516> or call 434-592-4366, or email: klburdeaux@liberty.edu
- April 4 - 5, 2009:** Living history, "River Blast", at the National Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus. Civil War navy demonstrations and more. 11 am - 4 pm. Free with admission. www.portcolumbus.org or 706-327-9798.

Bill Gurry Recognized

Bill Gurry, long-time assistant and right-hand man to Secretary/Treasurer, Dave Floyd, at the check in table was given a Certificate of Appreciation by President Barbara Long in recognition of his faithful service to our organization. All honor to his name.

Dalton Excursion

The Civil War Round Table of Atlanta was well represented at the Dalton Civil War Show in early February. In addition to the 12 - 15 members who met for breakfast and carpoled together, there was a large contingent of familiar Round Table faces at the show. May plans to join us next year for our annual pilgrimage.



Gerald Anderson Passes Away

I am very sad to report that long standing member Gerald Anderson and his wife Ada Jo both passed away late last year.

Gerald was 81 and died on October 27 and Ada Jo followed on December 6 at the age of 79. Gerald had been a member of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta since 1971 and both were regular attendees until Ada Jo suffered a stroke about six years ago. Gerald was a great asset to our group and we will miss them both very much.



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