



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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June 2009

564th Meeting

William R. Scaife, Editor

June 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, June 9, 2009

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

Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: \$30.00 per person

Program: *"The Museum of the Confederacy"*
John Coski

The Museum of the Confederacy: John Coski

Our speaker for May will be Dr. John M. Coski. Dr. Coski is currently Director of Library and Research for the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia. John received his Doctorate from the College of William and Mary.

He has authored several books on the Civil War including: *The Confederate Battle Flag: America's Most Embattled Emblem*, *Capital Navy: The Men, Ships, and Operations of the James River Squadron*, *A century of collecting: The history of the Museum of the Confederacy*, *The Museum of the Confederacy*, *The Army of the Potomac at Berkeley Plantation: The Harrison's Landing*, *The Confederate Navy*, and *White House of the Confederacy*.

His topic for his visit with us will be the Museum of the Confederacy. The Museum traces its roots to one of the Confederate ladies memorial associations formed immediately after the war. The Ladies Hollywood Memorial Association (LHMA) was founded in 1866 to care for Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery. The current facility was dedicated in October 1976. This was followed by a ten-year renovation of the Confederate White House. Today over 70,000 people annually visit The Museum of the Confederacy's rich collection of civilian and military Civil War artifacts relating to the Confederate States of America, as well as the post-war "Lost Cause" era, is a valuable resource for the study of the role of the Confederacy in the War and in our society today.

Don't miss a chance to learn more about this collection and its history.

Frank O'Reilly in April

Frank O'Reilly came through with an excellent presentation on the final days and hours of Stonewall Jackson's life. His in-depth knowledge of the events surrounding the general's death made for a very interesting evening. He also put forth a few new theories as to how and when the general actually became ill with what would eventually become pneumonia leading to his death. Our thanks for a top notch presentation.

Upcoming Events

June 6, 2009: *Jefferson Davis Birthday Celebration* at the Jefferson Davis Memorial Historic Site near Fitzgerald. Living history and demonstrations. 9 am-4 pm. Park fees apply. 229-831-2335.

June 27 - 28, 2009: Anniversary activities at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Free. 770-427-4686 extension 0 or www.nps.gov/kemo.

July 12, 2009: Civil War Sunday at the Atlanta History Center. 1:00 pm. Fellow member Salvatore G. Cilella, Jr. will lecture on his book: *Upton's Regulars: The 121st New York Infantry In the Civil War*. In the first comprehensive history of the regiment in nearly ninety years, Cilella chronicles the epic story of this heroic "band of brothers."

Also at 3:00 pm., Hamand Venet discusses her book *Sam Richards's Civil War Diary: A Chronicle of the Atlanta Home Front*. This unpublished diary by bookseller Samuel Pearce Richards is the best firsthand account of life in Civil War Atlanta. Richards' observations include the Union bombardment of Atlanta, the evacuation of Confederates forces, and the entry of the Union Army into the city. Members \$5, Non-members \$10. Reservations required. Call 404.814.4150.

The Round Table Supports The Wray Collection

By action of the Executive Committee the Round Table has made a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Atlanta History Center in support aquireing the George Wray Collection.

Presidential Swan Song

Outgoing Round Table President Barbara Long will give her swan song address at the June meeting It is entitled, *"Farewell Address:- A Musical Journey through the 2008 - 2009 Campaign Year."* The address will be set to music as was her introduction for Bobby Horton earlier this year. Make your plans now to be there. The seats up front are going to go fast. So Long, Dr. Long.

Elections at June Meeting

A vote of the membership present at the June meeting will take place on the following slate of officers offered by the Nominating Committee.

- President: Bruce Stewart
- First Vice-President: J.D. Humphries
- Second Vice-President: Gould Hagler
- Secretary/Treasurer:..... David Floyd
- Executive Committee:
- One-year term 2009-2010:..... Jack Melton
Steve Morrison, Jr.
- Two-year term 2009-2011:..... Art Carey
Charlie Crawford

Activities Committee

Past President Terry Kingery has agreed to chair a newly formed Activities Committee. Terry has promoted, coordinated and led the Round Tables yearly excursion to the Dalton Civil War Show for several years. The committee will be indentifying opportunities for those interested to visit other civil war sites and events as a group. If you have ideas or want to part of the committee contact Terry at Tkingery2@bellsouth.net.

The Harwell Award Increases

The Executive Committee of the Round Table has voted to increase the cash award that accompanies the Richard B. Harwell Book Award to \$2,500.

Officers for the 2008 -2009 Campaign:

- President** Barbara Long
- First Vice President**Bruce Stewart
- Second Vice President**..... J.D. Humphries
- Secretary / Treasurer**..... David Floyd
- Executive Committee** 2008: Gould Hagler
2008: Rick Eiserman
2009: Jack Melton
2009: . Steve Morrison, Jr.
- Past President**..... Lee Weinstein
- Battle Lines Editor**..... Bill Scaife