



# Battle Lines

*Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta*

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576th 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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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 12, 2010**

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

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

**Price: \$33.00 per person**

**Program:** John Hennessy  
*Second Manassas*

## John Hennessy to Speak on Second Manassas

Our speaker for October will be John J. Hennessy speaking on the Battle of Second Manassas. John is veteran Historian with the National Park Service and is an expert on the Battle of Second Manassas. He is the author of *Return to Bull Run: The Campaign and Battle of Second Manassas*, considered the definitive work on the Battle.

On August 28, 1862, in order to draw Pope's army into battle, Jackson ordered an attack on a Federal column in his front on the Warrenton Turnpike. The fighting at Brawner Farm resulted in a stalemate. Pope was convinced that he had trapped Jackson and concentrated his army against him. On August 29, Pope launched a series of assaults against Jackson's position along an unfinished railroad. The attacks were repulsed with heavy casualties on both sides. At noon, Longstreet arrived from Thoroughfare Gap and took position on Jackson's right flank. On August 30, Pope renewed his attacks, seemingly unaware of Longstreet. When Confederate artillery devastated a Union assault by Fitz John Porter's, Longstreet's wing of 28,000 men counterattacked in the largest, simultaneous mass assault of the war. The Union left flank was crushed. Only an effective Union rearguard action prevented a replay of the First Manassas disaster. The next day, Lee ordered his army in pursuit. The Confederate victory was the decisive battle of the Northern Virginia Campaign.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from a true authority about this major battle of the Eastern Theatre.

Be there.



## Emory Thomas in September

Our guest and old friend of the Round Table, Emory Thomas, gave those assembled a great presentation on the "Dogs of War". His discussion of those who fanned the flames of war was both enlightening and entertaining.

Dr. Thomas has visited with us several times in the past and his programs are always of the highest caliber. We can look forward to a return engagement sometime in the near future.

**2010 - 2011 Program Preview**

- October 12, 2010** .....John Hennessy  
*Second Manassas*
- November 9, 2010** ..... Earl Hess  
*In the Trenches of Petersburg*  
RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL AWARD
- December 14, 2010** .....8th GA Infantry Band  
*Regimental Concert*
- January 11, 2011** .....Russell Bonds  
*War Like the Thunderbolt - The Battles for Atlanta*
- February 8, 2011** ..... COL Ty Seidule  
*West Point's Memory of the Confederate Generals*
- March 8, 2011** ..... Gary Gallagher  
*R.E. Lee: A Modern 19th Century Commander*
- April 12, 2011**..... Eric Wittenberg  
*J.E.B. Stuart's Gettysburg Ride*
- May 10, 2011** ..... Tom Clemens  
*Ezra Carman and Antietam*
- June 14, 2011** ..... Ed Longacre  
*J.E.B. Stuart's Lieutenants*

**Upcoming Events**

- October 3, 17, 31, 2010:** Artillery Demonstration | Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Visitor Center: 11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm each day.
- October 18, 2010:** Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association, Monday Night Lecture Series, Mr. Steven J. Rauch, *Labor Pains: The Birth of the U. S. Army Signal Corps*, Free, 7pm @ Visitor Center. Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo) or 770-427-4686 extension 0.
- October 18, 2010:** Seminar, "From Manassas to Appomattox: James Longstreet, Civil War General," Gainesville, GA. Includes lectures, tour of Longstreet-related sites, meals and more. \$155. Details: [www.longstreet.org](http://www.longstreet.org) or 914-381-2147.
- November 6, 2010:** ACWRT Activities Committee, *Battle of Pickett's Mill Lecture, Lantern Tour and Reenactment*, Pickett's Mill State Park, Cost is \$15.00. Contact Greg Reeves at [littlesorrel@bellsouth.net](mailto:littleSorrel@bellsouth.net) or call at 678-702-3309

**President's Night in September**

The Civil War Round Table of Atlanta honored it's past Presidents at out September meeting. Seventeen of our twenty-two active past Presidents were in attendance. Jack Hutchinson, President 1977-1978 was our most senior and immediate Past President, Bruce Stewart, our most recent.

**Activities Committee Report**

Activities Committee reports that the tour of the two exhibits at the Atlanta History Center was a great success. A full complement of 32 members donated a total \$870.00 to the preserving the George Wray Civil War Collection. Senior Curator and ACWRT member Gordon Jones did a wonderful job in hosting our group. Also thanks to Greg Reeves for handling the details for the tour.

The October 2 trip to Lookout Mountain is sold out. Coming up is the November 6 Lantern tour at Pickett's Mill (if you have not seen a Napoleon fired at night, you should). In the planning stage is Part Three of our Chickamauga / Chattanooga series with a visit to Missionary Ridge in the Spring. Also up for consideration is a Staff Ride at Kennesaw Mountain. Watch for details.

**Dues Are Due**

Dues for the Campaign Year are due. The dues remain \$45.00 per year. Those who do not pay by November 1 will be dropped. If you have any questions, contact David Floyd.



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