



# Battle Lines

*Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta*

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620th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

## February Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER  
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$36.00** 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, February 10, 2014

**Time:** Cocktails: 5:30 pm  
Dinner: 6:45 pm

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

**Price:** \$36.00 per person

**Program:** Michael K. Shaffer

***Camp McDonald: Turning  
Georgians Into Soldiers***

## Tom Cartwright in January

If you missed last month's meeting, you missed a good one. Tom Cartwright was as good as ever. He delivered a first-rate program on the leadership of General Patrick Cleburne focusing on his style both benefited him and his men, but also eventually cost him his life at Franklin.

## Mike Shaffer Camp McDonald

Our speaker this month is our own Michael Shaffer. Mike is a historian, newspaper columnist, and author. In addition to being a member of our Round Table he currently serves as the president of the Civil War Round Table of Cobb County, as a board member the River Line Historic Area, and as a Civil War consultant for the Friends of Camp McDonald.

Camp McDonald was the largest Civil War military training camp in Georgia. It served as home for several thousand soldiers at various times during the first three years of the conflict. Located in Big Shanty (modern-day Kennesaw), the installation opened on June 11, 1861, when troops stationed at Camp Brown in nearby Smyrna relocated to the new 60-acre installation named for Georgia's twenty-ninth governor, Charles J. McDonald (grandfather of former member Charlie McDonald). It was also near the camp that the Great Locomotive Chase was begun in April of 1862.

The challenge of turning raw volunteer recruits into properly trained soldiers had a major impact on both sides. Come listen as Mike tells the story of how Georgia farm and city boys came together at Camp McDonald to receive the training that would prepare them to meet the Federals in the bloody battles to come.

## Menu for February Meeting

- Southern-style Caesar Salad
- Veal Marengo with tomatoes, onions and olives, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable
- Tiramisu

**Upcoming Programs**

- March 10, 2015** ..... Dr. Wendy H. Venet  
*Commerce, Conflict, and Civilian Loyalty in Atlanta*
- April 14, 2015**..... COL Kevin J. Weddle  
*The Life of Admiral Samuel Francis Dupont*
- May 12, 2015** ..... Garry E. Adelman  
*Five Final Months of the Civil War in Photographs*
- RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD
- June 19, 2015**..... Dr. Allen Guelzo  
*Gettysburg*

**Upcoming Events**

- February 7, 2015:** Walking tour, "Lookout Mountain", ranger-led tour begins at Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center, 400 Garden Road, Chattanooga. 2-4 pm. Free. [nps.gov/chch](http://nps.gov/chch)
- February 7 - 8, 2015:** Field trip, Civil War Show at the Northwest Georgia Trade Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road, Dalton. 9 am-5 pm Saturday, 9 am-3 pm Sunday. \$8/adult. [mkshows.com](http://mkshows.com)
- February 12, 2015:** Lecture, "Abraham Lincoln, the Anti-Slavery Movement and the Congregational Church," at the Atlanta Cyclorama & Civil War Museum. 7 pm. Free. [atlantacyclorama.org](http://atlantacyclorama.org)
- February 14, 2015:** Special "History Day," featuring artifacts from the burning of Columbia, music and more at the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia. 10 am-5 pm. Free with museum admission. [scmuseum.org](http://scmuseum.org)
- February 14 - 15, 2015:** Reenactment, "Battle of Olustee," at the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park in Olustee, FL.. Camps open 8 am-5 pm with battles at 3:30 pm Saturday, 1:30 pm Sunday. \$10/adult. [battleofolustee.org/reenactment.html](http://battleofolustee.org/reenactment.html)

**Free Books**

You may have noticed that in addition to giving out Col. Bogle's books as door prizes, I have started putting a stack on the sign-in table. These books are free for the taking with a limit on one per member up until meeting time and then take as many as you want..

**Chickamauga Civil War Show**

On Saturday, February 7th, our members will be meeting for breakfast at the Kennesaw Cracker Barrel on I-75 at the Chastain Road exit from 7:15 am - 8:20 am and carpooling as a group at 8:30 am to the outstanding annual *Chickamauga Civil War Show & Lectures*, at the Northwest Georgia Convention Center in Dalton. We've arranged a special \$5.00 per person discounted admission charge payable at the door just for our group which includes the show and three outstanding lectures. The show is larger than ever and will have everything related to the Civil War for sale. You must make a reservation for you and any guests with member Robin Puryear at [rgpuryear@yahoo.com](mailto:rgpuryear@yahoo.com) by Thursday, February 5th. Come ride with us to one of the best Civil War shows in the country!

Terry Kingery, Chairman, Activities Committee

**150 Years Ago...**

- 3 February: 1865:** On the *River Queen*, Lincoln and Seward meet with CS Vice-president Alexander Stephens, John Campbell and RMT Hunter to discuss peace terms. The meeting was a failure.
- 17 February: 1865:** Sherman captures Columbia. The city is burned, but responsibility for the blaze is still a "hotly" disputed topic.
- 25 February: 1865:** Joe Johnston assumes command of the Confederate Army in North Carolina

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