



# Battle Lines

*Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta*

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April 2015

622st Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

## April 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, April 14, 2015  
**Time:** Cocktails: 5:30 pm  
Dinner: 6:45 pm  
**Place:** Capital City Club - Downtown  
7 John Portman Blvd.  
**Price:** \$36.00 per person  
**Program:** COL Kevin J. Weddle

***The Life of Admiral Samuel  
Francis Dupont***

## Lincoln's Tragic Admiral

Our speaker this month, COL Kevin Weddle is Professor of Military Theory and Strategy at the US Army War College. He will present a program on Admiral Samuel DuPont.

After being a key player in drafting the war's naval strategy, Du Pont was appointed flag officer and commander of the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron, the largest fleet ever commanded by an American officer at that time. On November 7, he led a successful attack on the fortifications at Port Royal. Du Pont received commendations from U.S. Congress for his brilliant tactical success, and was appointed rear admiral on July 16, 1862.

In 1862, Du Pont became the first U.S. officer to command "ironclad" ships. Though he commanded them ably with other ships, they performed poorly in an attack on Fort McAllister. Du Pont was then given orders to attack Charleston. Though he believed that Charleston could not be taken without significant land troop support, he attacked with nine ironclads on April 7, 1863. His ships were caught in a blistering crossfire. Six of his nine ironclads were disabled or sunk in the failed attack, Due to the anguish of the failure he asked to be relieved in July 1863. However, subsequent events arguably vindicated Du Pont's judgment and capabilities.

## Wendy Venet in March

Our March speaker, GSU professor, Wendy Venet, provided those assembled with an excellent overview of the life and times in Civil War Atlanta. Her insight into the divided loyalties and difficulties faced by Atlantans of the day made for a great program.

## Menu for March Meeting

- Peachtree Salad – Greens, Walnuts, Blue Cheese, Balsamic Vinaigrette
- Pecan Mustard Crusted Chicken Breast, Smashed Potatoes.
- Banana Pudding Cheesecake

**Upcoming Programs**

**May 12, 2015**..... Garry E. Adelman  
*Five Final Months of the Civil War in Photographs*

RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL BOOK AWARD

**June 9, 2015** .....Dr. Allen Guelzo  
*Gettysburg*

**Upcoming Events**

**April 15 2015:** The Lovett School, Final Lecture in “*The Civil War and the Forging of Character*” lecture series. Historians Ed Ayers, David Blight, Gary Gallagher, and Joan Waugh will speak about the war’s most significant individuals and the war’s lessons that still resonate today. Gordon Jones, will moderate. Registration required (404) 262-3032, x1717.

**April 18 - 19, 2015:** Living history, “*RiverBlast*,” annual big event at the National Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus. Free with admission. [portcolumbus.org](http://portcolumbus.org)

**April 23 - 26, 2015:** Reenactment, “*Battle of Selma*,” at 5 Marina Drive, Selma. Writers forum Thursday evening. Friday night artillery plus reenactor dance. Saturday camps and demonstrations open 9 am-6 pm with 2 pm battle. Sunday camps open 9 am with battle at 2 pm. \$7/adult weekend days. Complete details: [battleofselma.com](http://battleofselma.com)

**May 30 - June 1, 2015** Conference, “Reconstruction Tennessee,” Knoxville. Includes speakers, music book signings. More info, registration: [cw.tnvacation.com/civil-war](http://cw.tnvacation.com/civil-war)

**Nominations**

The Nominating Committee chaired by Art Carey has submitted the following slate of officers for the 2015-2016 Campaign Year.

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- 2016 :..Deborah Lindsay
- 2016:..... Larry Stone

**150 Years Ago...**

- 1 April 1865:** Battle of Five Forks.
- 6 April 1865:** Battle of Saylor's Creek
- 9 April 1865:** After attempting to break-out, R. E. Lee surrenders the Army of Northern Virginia to U. S. Grant at the home of Wilmer McLean in Appomattox Court House.
- 14 April 1865:** Abraham Lincoln is assassinated on Good Friday by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre.
- 26 April 1865:** P. G. T. Beauregard [CS] surrenders, Durham Station, North Carolina.
- 26 April 1865:** Joe Johnston surrenders to William Tecumseh Sherman
- 26 April 1865:** John Wilkes Booth is shot while fleeing a burning tobacco shed in Virginia.
- 27 April 1865:** Carrying former prisoners-of-war the *Sultana* explodes on the Mississippi River near Memphis killing 1,800.

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