



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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December 2017

648th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

December Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$36.00** PER
PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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TO REACH DAVID NO LATER THAN NOON
ON THE FRIDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING

Reservations and payment may be made
online at: cwrt.org

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Time: Cocktails: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm

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

Price: \$36.00 per person

Program: Ed Ayers

From War to Reconstruction

Reconstruction

Our speaker this month will be Edward Lynn "Ed" Ayers. Ed is an American historian, professor, administrator, and ninth president of the University of Richmond, serving. In July 2013, he was awarded the National Humanities Medal by President Obama.

Ayers is the author of four and editor of seven books on the history of nineteenth-century America. His book, *In the Presence of Mine Enemies, Civil War in the Heart of America*, won the Bancroft Prize for distinguished writing in American history and the Beveridge Prize. *The Promise of the New South: Life After Reconstruction* was a finalist for both the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

The focus for his visit with us will be Reconstruction. This complex era unfolded in the twelve years following the Civil War. There were massive changes in American culture, economy, and politics. These were the years of the "Old West," of cowboys, Indians, and buffalo hunts, of cattle drives, railroads, and ranches. It was also the beginning of the "Gilded Age" in the North, and the largest economic depression in United States history beginning in 1873. The events in the West and North all interwove with those in the South, where the central struggles of Reconstruction took place.

Be there to hear Ed's insights on the era.

Sue Boardman in November

Sue Boardman gave an excellent presentation on the history of the Gettysburg Cycloramas and in particular the one that survives. Her breath of knowledge on the Gettysburg painting and the battle itself is impressive. She even offered an actual piece of the original painting as a door prize.

Our thanks to Sue for visiting with us and sharing her expertise.

Menu for December Meeting

- Spinach and Berry Salad, Seasonal Berries, Candied Pecans, Creamy Orange Dressing
- Roast Pork Loin, Sautéed Apples, Herb Roasted Fingerling Potatoes
- White Chocolate-Raspberry Bread Pudding

Upcoming Programs

- January 9, 2018**.....Susannah Ural
Hood's Texas Brigade
- February 13, 2018** Dennis Belcher
Cavalry of the Army of the Cumberland
- March 13, 2018**.....Brooks Simpson
U.S. Grant and the Politics of War and Reconstruction
- April 10, 2018**Don Frazier
Blood on the Bayou: War in the Trans-Mississippi
- May 8, 2018**David Powell
*The Chickamauga Campaign:
Retreat into Chattanooga*
- June 12, 2018**.....Bo Dubose
*How We Built Our Civil War Collection:
And Why It Matters*



President's Night

We were fortunate to have a number of former Round Table presidents on hand for our traditional "President's Night". Thanks to all those for attending and for their service to the Round Table.

Dues

If you haven't paid your dues, you're running out of time. Please remit to David Floyd ASAP.

Musical Program at the December Meeting

In addition to the regular program, Frank Clark will be on hand to provide Civil War music during the cocktail hour. Get there early to hear Frank's performance.

Silent Auction

The silent auction at the November meeting was a big success. Both the print and the map attached numerous bids and generated funds to support the Round Table Programs. If you missed this one, make sure to be there in for the February meeting when se will have more items up for auction.

Upcoming Events

November 30 - December 2, 2017: *Madison's Holiday Tour of Homes*, 10:00 am to 9:00 pm daily, 118 North Main Street, Madison GA. It's no wonder General Sherman refused to burn the city of Madison some 150 years ago. A magical southern town of more than 100 antebellum homes and buildings, Madison was described before the Civil War as "The most cultured and aristocratic town on the stagecoach route from Charleston to New Orleans". Come see the spectacular tour when the historic antebellum homes are dressed up for the holiday season. The tours will feature five different historic homes not normally open to the public, along with museums and churches. Tickets: \$30.00 to \$50.00. 706-438-3120, <http://visitmadisonga.com/holiday-tour-homes/>

December 1 - 22, 2017: *Christmas Tours of the Old Governor's Mansion*, 120 South Clarke Street, Milledgeville GA. Make plans to visit historic antebellum Milledgeville during the most wonderful time of the year! Georgia's Old Governor's Mansion will be transformed into a Christmas wonderland. Tour hours are Tuesdays - Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Special candlelight tours occur on December 9, 16 & 19 at 6:00 and 7:00 pm, with choirs singing in the rotunda. The Old Governor's Mansion is located on the "Left Wing" historic driving route of the *March to the Sea Heritage Trail* www.civilwarheritagetrails.org/ga-civil-war-trails-map/ga-march-to-the-sea.html. Admission: Adults \$10.00, Seniors (ages 60+) \$7.00, Students \$2.00. 800-342-0471, www.qcsu.edu/mansion/upcoming-events

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