



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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February 2018

650th 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

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

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018

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

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

Price: \$36.00 per person

Program: Dennis Belcher

**Cavalry of the Army of
the Cumberland**

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Dennis Belcher has a Ph. D. from Mississippi State University and currently lives in Jefferson City, MO. He is the author/editor of six books on the Civil War, has published in the *North & South Magazine*, and made many presentations on aspects of the Civil War.

Dennis' focus on Tuesday night will be the cavalry of the Army of the Cumberland. During its two-year history, the cavalry of the Army of the Cumberland fought the Confederates in some of the most important actions of the Civil War, including Stones River, Chickamauga, the Tullahoma Campaign, the pursuit of Joseph Wheeler in October 1863 and the East Tennessee Campaign. They battled with legendary Confederate cavalry units commanded by Nathan Bedford Forrest, John Hunt Morgan, Wheeler and others. By October 1864, the cavalry grew from eight regiments to four divisions--composed of units from Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky and Tennessee--before participating in Sherman's Atlanta Campaign, where the Union cavalry suffered 30 percent casualties. Be there to hear Dennis analyze their success and failures of the Army of the Cumberland's cavalry and re-evaluate their alleged poor service during the Atlanta Campaign.

Susannah Ural in January

Susannah Ural presented a great program on Hood's Texas Brigade at our January meeting. Her passion for the unit, its members and the families that supported them was on full display. She has done comprehensive documentation of the unit with a focus on the families, something not often addressed. Our hope is that she can join us again in the near future.

Menu for February:

- BLT Salad, Iceberg, Crumbled Bacon, Cherry Tomato, Croutons, Avocado Ranch Dressing
- Braised Short Rib, Cheddar Mashed
- Sweet Potato-Pecan Pie, Nutmeg Whipped Cream

Upcoming Programs

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, 2018David Powell
The Chickamauga Campaign: Retreat into Chattanooga

June 12, 2018.....Bo Dubose
How We Built Our Civil War Collection: And Why It Matters

Upcoming Events

February 4 & 25, 2018: *Civil War Music Program* - Sundays, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm each day, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Music during the Civil War served many functions. Not only did it help to organize and rally, but also went a long way to boost morale among the soldiers. Join musician and living historian K.D. Sellers as she demonstrates this using the fife. FREE admission. 770-427-4686, www.nps.gov/kemo

February 10, 2018: *The Orphan Brigade at Chickamauga* - Saturday, 2:00 to 3:30 pm, Chickamauga Battlefield, 3370 LaFayette Road, Fort Oglethorpe GA. The history of the Confederate "Orphan Brigade" from Kentucky is one of the most storied of any unit of the Civil War and the epitomizes the notion of the war as "Brother Against Brother." This walking tour will look at their role during the morning of September 20, 1863. FREE admission. 706-866-9241, www.nps.gov/chch

February 23 - 25, 2018: *24th Annual Battle of Aiken Reenactment* - Friday through Sunday, Powell Pond Road, Aiken SC. For three days, reenactors eat, sleep, live and fight in a painfully recreated version of the world in 1865. This event has grown from a few hundred men with muskets to a full-blown Civil War festival. In addition to battle reenactments, there are authentic 19th-century military encampments, living history presentations, medical facilities, an engineer and signal service, and musicians.. Saturday & Sunday: open to the general public 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission: Adults \$12.00, Children (6 to 12) \$6.00, under age 6 free. 888-378-7623, www.battleofaiken.org/

Chickamauga Civil War Show in February

Mark your calendars now to attend the Chickamauga Civil War Show, Saturday and Sunday, February 3 - 4, in Dalton.

Dues Are Due

We still have a number of members who have not paid their dues. If you are one of them, now would be the time. They are \$60.00 and go to:

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Or online at cwrta.org (\$62 online).



Contact Information

If your address, phone number or especially your e-mail changes, please let me know at mcelveen@msn.com or call 770.856.1544.

Round Table Hats On Sale

Our new Civil War Round Table of Atlanta hats are selling fast. They are baseball-style caps in blue and gray with the Round Table logo embroidered on the front. Cost will be \$15.00. Cash, check or credit card.



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