



# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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May 2018

653rd Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

## May 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: [cwrt.org](http://cwrt.org)

**Date:** Tuesday, May 8, 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:** David Powell

## The Chickamauga Campaign: Retreat into Chattanooga

## Retreat into Chattanooga

Our May speaker, David A. Powell is a longtime friend and frequent visitor of the Atlanta Round Table. He is a graduate of VMI with a BA in history. For the past decade, his focus has been on the Battle of Chickamauga. He also holds the distinction of being the first author to receive the Harwell Award twice, having first won in 2011 for *Failure in the Saddle* and again 2015 for *The Chickamauga Campaign: Glory or the Grave*.

In May he will base his presentation on the final book in his Chickamauga trilogy: *Barren Victory: The Retreat into Chattanooga, the Confederate Pursuit, and the Aftermath of the Battle, September 21 to October 20, 1863*. It covers the battle beginning at dawn on, September 21, 1863, with Union commander William S. Rosecrans in Chattanooga and most of the rest of his Federal army in Rossville, Georgia. Confederate commander Braxton Bragg has won the signal victory of his career, but has yet to fully grasp that fact or the fruits of his success. Unfortunately for the South, the three grueling days of combat broke down the Army of Tennessee and a vigorous pursuit and follow up to his earlier success proved nearly impossible.

Be there in May to hear David wrap up of the Battle of Chickamauga, review the decisions made by each army commander, the consequences, and to get his perspective on the dreadful costs of the fighting in terms of the human suffering involved.

Don't miss this one. See you there.

## Don Frazier in April

Our April speaker, Don Frazier, presented an outstanding program based on his book, *Blood on the Bayou: Vicksburg, Port Hudson, and the Trans-Mississippi*. His knowledge of this often overlooked area of the war was very impressive.

In addition to his grasp of the subject, Don was a top tier speaker. If you missed Don, you missed a good one.

## Menu for May:

- Watermelon and Feta Salad, Arugula, Feta Cheese, Cucumber, Sherry Vinaigrette
- Chicken Florentine over Spinach, Creamy Mushroom-Parmesan Sauce, Herb Roasted Potatoes
- Banana Pudding Trifle

**Upcoming Programs**

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



**Upcoming Events**

**May 5, 2018:** *Longstreet Society Bivouac 2018* - Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Historic Piedmont Hotel and Museum, 827 Maple Street, Gainesville GA. A community-wide event centered at the hotel once owned by former Confederate Lieutenant General James Longstreet. Activities include a Civil War reenactment, tours of the historic hotel, lunch and music, and a self-guided driving tour of historic Gainesville. FREE admission. 770-539-9005, [www.longstreet.org](http://www.longstreet.org)

**May 5, 2018:** *Atlanta Master Chorale: Music in the Civil War*, Concert and commentary in collaboration with the Atlanta History Center, with guest artist Tom Key. at the Schwartz Center for Performing Arts, 1700 Decatur Road, Atlanta. 8 pm. \$30 402-915-4541, 404.727.5050, <http://music.emory.edu/home/events.html#/?i=1>

**May 5 - 6, 2018:** *37th Annual Old Clinton War Days* - Saturday & Sunday, Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday until 4:00 pm, Old Clinton Historic District, near Gray GA. Come to Old Clinton and take a step back in time, when the Battles of Sunshine Church and Griswoldville during Sherman's March to the Sea are re-created. "Battles" at 2:00 pm each day. The McCarthy-Pope House, circa 1809, will be open for tours. [MarchToTheSeaBrochure.pdf](#). Admission: Adults \$5.00, Students (ages 6 to 18) \$3.00. The memorial service is free for everyone. 478-986-6383, [www.oldclinton.org/war-days-3/](http://www.oldclinton.org/war-days-3/)

**May 18 - 20, 2018:** *154th Anniversary Battle of Resaca Reenactment* - Friday thru Sunday, Chitwood Farm, Resaca GA. One of the largest reenactments in Georgia, held on a portion of the actual battlefield. Memorial service at the Resaca Confederate Cemetery on Saturday; Battles both days at 2:00 pm. Shop sutler row for period wares; food and beverages available. Open to the general public on Saturday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission: Adults \$5.00, Children (ages 6 to 12) \$2.00. 800-887-3811, [www.georgiadivision.org/bor\\_reenactment.html](http://www.georgiadivision.org/bor_reenactment.html)

**Silent Auction of Two Paintings at the May Meeting**

At our May meeting we will have two excellent Civil War prints available via silent auction. These were donated by Bill Dodd from Nash Farm. Both these are top quality and very collectable. The prints up for auction are:

*"Iron Brigade" (Gettysburg)* – Limited Edition signed print by Don Troiani, unframed & with certificate, #690/1000.

*"The Battle of Kenesaw Mountain"* – 1887 Chromolithograph by Prang, painting by Thulstrup. (This was originally how Kenesaw was spelled in 1864.)

Be there to get your bid in.



**Nominations**

Following are the nominations for officers for the 2018 - 2019 Campaign Year as presented by Gordon Jones, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, at the April meeting. The floor will be open to nominations from the floor in May and we will vote in June.

- President ..... Brian Wills
- First Vice President..... John Dietrichs
- Second Vice President..... Carlton Mullis
- Secretary ..... Tim Whalen
- Treasurer ..... Vicky Frolich
- Executive Committee 2016:.. Mary-Elizabeth Ellard
- 2016:.... Amir Nowroozzadeh
- 2017:..... Loran Crabtree
- 2017:..... Robert Woodruff

**Officers for the 2017 - 2018 Campaign:**

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- Past President**..... Gordon Jones
- Battle Lines Editor** ..... Leon McElveen