



# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table

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657th Meeting

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## November Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$39.00** PER PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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TO REACH VICKY NO LATER THAN THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Reservations and payment may be made online at: [atlantacwrt.org](http://atlantacwrt.org)

**Date:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018

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

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

**Price:** **\$39.00** per person

**Program:** Brian Wills

## Inglorious Passages: Noncombat Deaths in the American Civil War

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Be with us in November as our speaker will be our own Brian Wills. Brian will be receiving our Richard Barksdale Harwell Award for his book, *Inglorious Passages: Noncombat Deaths in the American Civil War*.

Of the hundreds of thousands of soldiers who died in the Civil War, two-thirds, by some estimates, were felled by disease and not enemy bullets, represented what historian and Round Table member, Bell I. Wiley, called the Civil War's "deadliest foe." ; untold others were lost to accidents, murder, suicide, sunstroke, drowning and even one shark attack. Meanwhile thousands of civilians in both the north and south perished—in factories, while caught up in battles near their homes, and in other circumstances associated with wartime production and supply. These "inglorious passages," no less than the deaths of soldiers in combat, devastated the armies in the field and families and communities at home.

Be there to hear Brian bring together the various kinds of mortal danger facing soldiers and civilians, driving home the universality of sacrifice and loss for Americans during the Civil War. Understanding the sheer variety of ways that men and women died during the war, broadens one's grasp of the dangers faced by both enlisted men and civilians. His research has underscored the sheer ubiquity of death that descended upon the nation between 1861 and 1865.

## Mary-Elizabeth Ellard in October

Due to hurricane Michael, our slated speaker in October, Steven Woodworth, had his flight cancelled and was unable to be with us. In his stead our own Mary-Elizabeth Ellard filled in with an outstanding program on the veterinarian care of horses during war. Her knowledge of the subject gave a great insight into what was a truly gargantuan task of caring for the animals that were such a key part of both armies.

## Menu for November Meeting

- Greek Salad, Iceberg, Diced Cucumber, Tomato, Green Pepper, Feta, Greek Vinaigrette
- Roasted Pork Loin, Apple-Rosemary Relish, Roasted Potatoes
- Apple Tartlet, Caramel Sauce



**The Richard Barksdale Harwell Book Award  
The Civil War Round Table of Atlanta**

1989	<i>If It Takes All Summer: The Battle of Spotsylvania</i> .....	William D. Matter
1990	<i>Tennessee's Forgotten Warriors: Frank Cheatham and His Confederate Division</i> .....	Christopher Losson
1991	<i>Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain</i> .....	Robert K. Krick
1992	<i>Struggle for the Shenandoah</i> .....	Gary W. Gallagher
1993	<i>Decision in the West: The Atlanta Campaign of 1864</i> .....	Albert Castel
1994	<i>Echoes of Battle: The Atlanta Campaign</i> .....	Richard Bumgartner / Larry Strayer
1995	<i>The Campaign for Atlanta</i> .....	William R. Scaife
1996	<i>Robert E. Lee: A Biography</i> .....	Emory M. Thomas
1997	<i>Andersonville: The Last Depot</i> .....	William Marvel
1998	<i>Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend</i> .....	James I. Robertson, Jr.
1999	<i>Lee's Miserables: Life in the Army of Northern Virginia from the Wilderness to Appomattox</i> .....	J. Tracy Power
2000	<i>Secret Yankees, The Union Circle in Confederate Atlanta</i> .....	Thomas G. Dyer
2001	<i>Chessboard of War: Sherman and Hood in the Autumn Campaigns of 1864</i> .....	Anne J. Bailey
2002	<i>The Union That Shaped the Confederacy: Robert Toombs and Alexander Stephens</i> .....	William C. Davis
2003	<i>Cold Harbor: Grant and Lee, May 26 – June 3, 1864</i> .....	Gordon G. Rhea
2004	<i>The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock</i> .....	Francis A. O'Reilly
2005	<i>Days of Glory: Army of the Cumberland, 1861 - 1865</i> .....	Larry Daniel
2006	<i>Lost Triumph: Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg and Why it Failed</i> .....	Tom Carhart
2007	<i>Stealing the General, The Great Locomotive Chase and the First Medal of Honor</i> .....	Russell S. Bonds
2008	<i>Robert E. Lee - Reading the Man: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee Through His Private Letters</i> .....	Elizabeth Brown Pryor
2009	<i>Tried by War: Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief</i> .....	James M. McPherson
2010	<i>In the Trenches at Petersburg - Field Fortifications and Confederate Defeat.</i> .....	Earl J. Hess
2011	<i>Failure In The Saddle: Nathan Bedford Forrest, Joe Wheeler, and the Confederate Cavalry In the Chickamauga Campaign</i> .....	David A. Powell
2012	<i>A Glorious Army: Robert E. Lee's Triumph, 1862-1863</i> .....	Jeffry D. Wert
2013	<i>George Henry Thomas: As True As Steel</i> .....	Brian Steel Wills
2014	<i>Gettysburg: The Last Invasion</i> .....	Allen C. Guelzo
2015	<i>Difficult and Broken Ground: The Terrain Factor at Shiloh</i> .....	Timothy B. Smith
2016	<i>The Chickamauga Campaign - Glory or the Grave: The Breakthrough, the Union Collapse, and the Defense of Horseshoe Ridge</i> .....	David A. Powell
2017	<i>Braxton Bragg: The Most Hated Man of the Confederacy</i> .....	Earl J. Hess
2018	<i>Inglorious Passages: Noncombat Deaths in the American Civil War</i> .....	Brian Steel Wills