



# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table

Founded 1949

May 2018

663rd Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

## May Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATION  
IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$39.00** PER PERSON  
ONLINE AT [atlantacwrt.org](http://atlantacwrt.org) OR MAIL TO THE  
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**THURSDAY** PRIOR TO THE MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, May 14, 2019

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

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

**Price:** \$39.00 per person

**Program:** Peter Carmichael

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Our speaker for May will be Dr. Peter Carmichael. Dr. Carmichael, one of the nation's foremost authorities on the American Civil War, is the Robert C. Fluhrer Professor of Civil War Studies and the director of the Civil War Institute, Gettysburg College. He is the author of numerous several books, including *Lee's Young Artillerist: William R. J. Pegram*; *The Last Generation: Young Virginians in Peace, War, and Reunion*; and *The War for the Common Soldier: How Men Thought, Fought, and Survived in Civil War Armies*.

On August 20, 1863, thirteen veteran soldiers from the 3rd North Carolina decided that they'd had enough of war. That evening, in the blackness of night, they picked up their rifles, slung on their cartridge belts, and escaped into the woods.

From that point on there was no turning back. Be there in May to learn why these soldiers deserted and what happened to them during their journey. John Futch, one of the thirteen deserters, had seen enough war; it was eating him up inside. He no longer sought to defend the CSA. He watched his brother die as well as left his two best friends in the hands of the enemy. Futch was illiterate but, left a remarkable set of letters that he dictated to his comrades. His powerful story puts us in the shoes of a deserter, enabling us to see his world after the devastating defeat in Gettysburg.

Sounds like one not to miss..

## Jack Davis in April

Jack Davis again gave those assembled a terrific program. He is a great speaker and storyteller. His presentation of the story of the wartime letters between Gen. Gabriel Wharton and his wife Anne "Nannie" Radford was a truly a unique civil war event.

Our thanks to Jack for coming to spend time with us. Hopefully, he can come back and be with us again soon.

## Menu for May Meeting

- Local Greens, Goat Cheese Crumbles, Pecans, Fresh Strawberries, Raspberry Vinaigrette
- Braised Short Rib, Cheddar Mashed Potatoes
- Georgia Pecan Pie, Crème Anglaise, Caramel Drizzle

**Upcoming Programs**

**June 11, 2019**..... Jennifer Murray  
*On a Great Battlefield: The Making, Management,  
 and Memory of Gettysburg National Military Park*

**Save the Date**

Our annual summer event, the Blue & Gray BBQ will be Sunday, August 4th at the Atlanta History Center.

As always, this will be a great event to visit and socialize with other members, see the completed Cyclorama and it is also when we roll out the program line up for the upcoming campaign year. And did I mention pork skins and pimento cheese.



**Bring a Prospective Member to an Upcoming Meeting**

We are bringing back a practice from the past. For at least the next few of meetings, if you have a first time guest who would be a good addition to our Civil War Round Table, the fee for the meeting will be \$20.00. To get the special rate, you will need to make them a reservation and provide the person's name and contact information.

**Upcoming Events**

**May 17 - 19, 2019:** *155th Anniversary Battle of Resaca Reenactment* - Friday through Sunday, Chitwood Farm, Chitwood Road, Resaca GA. One of the largest reenactments in Georgia, held on a portion of the actual battlefield. Battles both Saturday and Sunday 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)

**May 30 - June 1, 2019:** *155th Anniversary of the Battle of Pickett's Mill Reenactment* Thursday - Saturday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site, 4432 Mount Tabor Church Road. Experience reenactors and living history. Adults \$5.50, Seniors (ages 62+) \$3.50, Youth (ages 6 to 17) \$3.00. 770-443-7850, <http://georgiastateparks.org/PickettsMillBattlefield>

**2019-2020 Nominations**

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 2020: ..... Robert Woodruff  
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 2021: ..... Tom Prior

Nominations may be made from the floor at the May Meeting.

**2019 Harwell Award**

Gary Barnes, Chairman of the Atlanta Richard Barksdale Harwell Award Committee, has announced that A. Wilson Greene has been selected for the 2019 award for the best book on a Civil War subject published in 2018. *A Campaign of Giants: The Battle for Petersburg Volume One - From the Crossing of the James to the Crater*. The award will be presented at the December meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

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