



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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April 2009

562nd Meeting

William R. Scaife, Editor

April Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$30.00** PER
PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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

E-mail and telephone reservations will
not be accepted

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Time: Cocktails 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm

Place: **Ansley Golf Club**
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: **\$30.00** per person

Program: A. Wilson Greene
"The Petersburg Campaign"

Program Change for April

Our thanks to Catherine Deichmann, for her presentation in March on, *Rogues and Runners: Bermuda in the American Civil War*.

Due to unexpected and unavoidable events, our scheduled April speaker Peter Carmichael, author of, "Young Virginians in Peace, War, and Reunion" will not be able to visit us. Wilson Greene will pinch hit in his stead. See more in column 2.

Wilson Greene on Petersburg

Our April speaker is A. Wilson Greene. Wilson since 1995 has been the Executive Director, Pamplin Historical Park and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier in Petersburg, Virginia. Mr. Greene, a native of Chicago, received his B.A. in American History from Florida State University and his Masters degree from LSU.

He spent sixteen years as a historian and a manager with National Park Service, including assignments at Fredericksburg National Military Park, Shenandoah National Park and, Petersburg National Battlefield. He has also served as the President and Executive Director of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites (APCWS).

Mr. Greene has authored over more than twenty articles in various history journals including National Geographic's *Guide to Civil War Battlefield Parks*, *Whatever You Resolve to Be: Essays on Stonewall Jackson*, and *Civil War Petersburg: Confederate City in the Crucible of War* for which he received the Laney Award for Outstanding Book on Civil War History. He is currently working with the University of North Carolina Press to write a three-volume history of the Petersburg Campaign.

He has been a Study Leader for more than 30 Smithsonian Institute tours and seminars covering all the major Civil War campaigns and has spoken to more than 140 Civil War Round Tables and special interest history groups.

We are very fortunate to have someone the caliber of Mr. Greene step in and provide our program. He is one of the most, if not the leading, expert on the Petersburg Campaign. Don't miss this opportunity to hear him.

Remaining Programs

May 12, 2009 Frank O'Reilly
"The Death of Stonewall"

June 9, 2009 John Coski
"The Museum of the Confederacy"

Upcoming Events

April 4 - 5, 2009: Living history, "River Blast", at the National Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus. Civil War navy demonstrations and more. 11 am - 4 pm. Free with admission. www.portcolumbus.org or 706-327-9798.

April 5, 2009: Book signing, Atlanta History Center, Larry Gordon, will sign his new book *The Last Confederate General: John C. Vaughn and His East Tennessee Cavalry* free benefit event Sunday, starting 2:30pm in McElreath Hall

April 13, 2009: "The Battle of Shiloh", Wiley Sword, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Monday Lecture Series, Visitors Center, 7:00 p.m.

April 18 - 19, 2009: 34th Georgia & 45th Alabama living history; Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

April 25, 2009: Confederate Memorial Day at the Jefferson Davis Memorial Historic Site near Fitzgerald. Living history tours of the site. 11 am-4 pm. Park fees apply. 229-831-2335.

April 26, 2009: Artillery Demonstrations, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

May 18, 2009: "The Marietta National Cemetery," Brad Quinlin; Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Monday Lecture Series, Visitors Center, 7:00 p.m.

New Book on the Atlanta Campaign

Member and Harwell Award winner, Russell Bonds' new book, *War Like the Thunderbolt: The Battle and Burning of Atlanta*, will be available in August to coincide with the 145th anniversary of the siege and surrender of Atlanta in 1864. It is available for pre-order now at Amazon. http://www.amazon.com/War-Like-Thunderbolt-Burning-Atlanta/dp/1594161003/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1235573489&sr=1-1

Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History Needs Our Help

Due to the recent state of the economy, many schools in the local Metro-Atlanta area have removed field trips from their budgets. In order to provide these schools with a cheaper alternative to a field trip, the education department of the Southern museum is in the process of developing a series of Civil War traveling trunks. These trunks will include, amongst other things, artifacts, photographs, subject related books, DVD's, CD's, and a teacher's guide with suggested activities that meet Georgia curriculum standards useful in supplementing lesson plans. These trunks will be made available for temporary loan to these schools.

Over the years, the Atlanta Civil War Roundtable has played a large role in the education and preservation of Atlanta's Civil War history. Now more than ever, the history of this great struggle needs to be taught to our children, lest they forget their heritage and the sacrifices of those who came before them. The Southern Museum would like to extend an invitation to the Atlanta Civil War Roundtable to help build and sponsor these traveling trunks. Included with this newsletter are outlines of several of these trunks along with list of their various contents. If you have any questions, call 770-427-2117, ext 3180.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Harper Harris
 Lead Interpreter
 Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History

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