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# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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April 2010

573rd Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

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## May Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER  
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$32.00** 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

E-mail and telephone reservations will  
not be accepted

**Date:** Tuesday, May 11, 2010  
**Time:** Cocktails 6:00 pm  
Dinner 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Ansley Golf Club  
196 Montgomery Ferry Road  
**Price:** \$32.00 per person  
**Program:** Robert E.L. Krick  
*The Peninsula Campaign*

## Jeffry Wert in April

Noted author, Jeffry Wert, was the speaker at the Round Table in April and presented a great program on "The Stonewall Brigade vs. the Iron Brigade".

His knowledge of the these two famous units as well as his presentation of them was truly outstanding. His research of the personal letters

## The Peninsula Campaign

The Peninsula Campaign of 1862 was a major Union operation launched in southeastern Virginia from March through July 1862, the first large-scale offensive in the Eastern Theater. The operation, commanded by Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan, was an amphibious turning movement intended to capture the Confederate capital of Richmond by circumventing the Confederate States Army in Northern Virginia. McClellan was initially successful against the equally cautious General Joseph E. Johnston, but the emergence of the aggressive General Robert E. Lee turned the subsequent Seven Days Battles into a humiliating Union defeat.

Few people understand the events leading up to, during and following the Peninsula Campaign as well as our May speaker. Robert E. L. Krick is an historian on the staff at Richmond National Battlefield Park. In the 1980's he worked at Custer Battlefield (now Little Bighorn Battlefield) in Montana, and at Manassas National Battlefield. He is the author of several books, including: 40th Virginia Infantry (The Virginia Regimental Histories Series); and Reminiscences of a Rebel (Army of Northern Virginia). His latest book is Staff Officers in Gray: A Biographical Register of the Staff Officers in the Army of Northern Virginia.

Don't miss Robert E.L. Krick in May.

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## April Meeting continued...

of the members of these unit has given him an insight into their daily lives that he was kind enough to share with us.

We look forward to having Jeffry as a guest again in the near future.

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**2009 - 2010 Program Preview**

**June 8, 2010**..... Glenn LaFantasie  
*Twilight at Little Round Top*

**Upcoming Events**

**May 8, 2010:** ACWRT tour of the Chickamauga battlefield with NPS Historian Jim Ogden.

**May 10, 2010:** Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association, *“The Way It Really Was”*, Dave Williams, Silver Star decorated WWII veteran talks about his experiences, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Visitor Center @ 7pm.

**May 14 - 16, 2010:** Reenactment, *“Battle of Resaca*, near Resaca. Camps, living history demonstrations, battles both days at 2 pm. Camps open 9 am each day. [www.georgiadiavision.org](http://www.georgiadiavision.org).

**May 14, 2010:** Lecture, "The Battles for Buckhead: Nancy Creek, Moore's Mill, Buckhead Bridge, and Peach Tree Creek", Robert Jenkins, 6:15 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m., Bobby Jones Golf Club, Tickets limited. To purchase call 404-467-9447.

**May 29, 2010:** ACWRT tour of the Pickett's Mill battlefield. Details to follow.

**Harwell Award**

The Civil War Round Table of Atlanta Georgia has awarded its 22nd annual Richard B. Harwell Book Award to Dr. Earl J. Hess for his book, In the Trenches at Petersburg: Field Fortifications and Confederate Defeat. The Atlanta Round Table has presented the Harwell Award annually since 1988 for the best book on a Civil War topic published in the preceding year.

Dr. Hess is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of History at Lincoln Memorial University. He has authored a number of books on the Civil War, including: Lee's Tar Heels; Pickett's Charge: The Last Attack at Gettysburg; and The Rifled Musket in Civil War Combat.

Dr. Hess will speak at the November 2010 meeting of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table. At that time he will be presented the Harwell Award.

**UDC Recognition Program**

If you, or anyone you know, has served in the military, is descended from a Confederate soldier or sailor and is interested in receiving a medal recognizing their service from the UDC, please contact Barbara Long. 404.812.0346 or [blong@post.harvard.edu](mailto:blong@post.harvard.edu)

**Pickett's Mill Tour**

A Pickett's Mill Battlefield Field Trip is being organized by the Activities Committee and will be held on Sat. May 29th. Details are being finalized. Look for complete information soon in an upcoming email. Reservations will be taken at the next upcoming May Round Table Meeting at the Activities Committee Table.

The Chickamauga Field Trip scheduled for Sat. May 8th is sold out. If you want to be added to the wait list, contact Terry Kingery at [tkingery2@bellsouth.net](mailto:tkingery2@bellsouth.net) or 770-565-5815.

**Nominating Committee Report**

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