



# Battle Lines

*Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta*

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December 2012

598th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

## December Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER  
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$33.00** 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, December 11, 2012**

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

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

**Price: \$33.00 per person**

**Program:** Bobby Horton

*Concert: Songs and Stories of  
the Civil War*

## Bobby Horton in Concert: Songs and Stories of the Civil War

Our guest this month, Bobby Horton, his performance will be "*Songs and Stories of the Civil War*". This presentation gathers music, historical accounts, and humorous anecdotes and presents them as a single narrative, allowing to look into the heart and mind of a civil war soldier.

Most of the men in his younger years were World War II veterans, as he listened to their war stories he soon made the connection between these stories and the content of his history books. When he was nine years old the United States celebrated the Centennial of the Civil War. This brought the Civil War to the forefront and his love of history became deeply rooted.

While researching music from the mid 19th century, he began recording what has now become fourteen volumes of authentic Civil War tunes in his home studio – playing all of the period era instruments and singing all the parts himself. Bobby Horton is widely recognized as one of the country's leading authorities of music from the Civil War period.

A seasoned performer, Bobby is a multi-instrumentalist, composer, producer, and music historian. He has also produced and performed music scores for thirteen PBS films by Ken Burns - including "The Civil War", and "Baseball," two films for The A&E network, and sixteen films for The National Park Service. His series of recordings of authentic period music has been acclaimed by historical organization and publications through America and Europe.

Be there.

## Wiley Sword in November

Our speaker in November, Wiley Sword, gave us a fine presentation on the inside story at the Battle of Shiloh.

Wiley is certainly an expert on the battle and it was apparent in his delivery. Our thanks to Wiley for an excellent program.

**2012 - 2013 Program Schedule**

- January 8, 2013** ..... Talley Kirkland  
*Fort Pulaski and Fort McAllister - Brick vs. Sand*
- February 12, 2013**.....Robert Jenkins  
*The Battle of Peachtree Creek: Hood's First Sortie*
- March 12, 2013** ..... William "Jack" Davis  
*This Monstrous Regiment of Women*
- April 9, 2013**.....Terry Winschel  
*Gen. John C. Pemberton and the Battle of Champion Hill*
- May 14, 2013**.....Jeffrey Wert  
RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL AWARD  
*An Army Reborn: Lee and His Army From Seven Days to Gettysburg*
- June 11, 2013**.....Dennis Frye  
*September Suspense: Lincoln's Union in Peril*

**Upcoming Events**

- December 1, 2012:** Living history, "Civil War Christmas," at the Southern Museum in Kennesaw. 1 pm. [www.southernmuseum.org](http://www.southernmuseum.org)
- December 5, 2012:** Candlelight tour of Liberty Hall, home of Confederate Vice President A.H. Stephens near Crawfordville. 6-8 pm. Free with park fee. 706-456-2602.
- December 8, 2012:** Reenactment, "Winter Muster & Battle of Fort McAllister" Camps, demonstrations, tours and a late afternoon battle at Fort McAllister Historic Park near Richmond Hill. Evening hours. Park admission applies. 912-727-2339.
- December 8 - 9, 2012:** Living history, camps and demonstrations. Talks on Sherman's March and the Camp Lawton prison camp at Magnolia Springs State Park near Millen. 10 am-5 pm. Parking fee applies. 478-982-1660.
- December 26, 2012 - January 1, 2013:** Various events to commemorate the 150th Anniversary tours at the Stones River National Battlefield in Murfreesboro. . Free. [www.nps.gov/stri](http://www.nps.gov/stri).
- December 14 - 15, 2012:** Recreation of Fort Pulaski's Christmas 1861 nog party. Guided fort tours, music, caroling, weapons firing refreshments. Registrations required at (912) 786-5787, \$5 adult, 15 & under free. For information, [www.nps.gov/fopu](http://www.nps.gov/fopu)

**Next Activities Committee Event**

Our next event will be our annual trip to the Chickamauga Civil War & Military Show on Saturday, February 2 at the NW Georgia Convention Center in Dalton. This will be our 15th consecutive year of attending the show carpooling as a group and is one of the very best Civil War Shows in the entire country with everything related to the Civil War for sale. In the past years, outstanding lectures have also been offered at the show complimentary for attendees. We meet at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant for breakfast or just coffee around 7:30 am and then depart for the show by 8:30 am. An email will be sent out soon with further details about signing up or you can sign up at our upcoming meeting. Only charge is the small admission charge to get into the show. Come join your fellow members!

Terry Kingery, Chairman, Activities Committee

**150 Years Ago**

- 7 December 1862:** Battle of Prairie Grove and Battle of Fayetteville
- 13 December 1862:** Battle of Fredericksburg. General Ambrose Burnside and the Army of the Potomac is defeated by Lee's Army of North Virginia.
- 31 December 1862:** Battle of Stone's River [US] Battle of Murfreesboro [CS]. Braxton Bragg forces William Rosecrans to retreat, but Rosecrans returns to defeat Bragg on January 2, 1863.
- 31 December 1862:** Battle of Parker's Cross Roads.

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