

Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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December 2013 608th 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 10, 2013

Time: Cocktails:5:30 pm

Dinner:7:00 pm

Place: Capital City Club - Downtown

7 John Portman Blvd.

Price: \$33.00 per person
Program: Civil War Music

The 8th Georgia Volunteer

Infantry Band

Brian Wills in November

Our own Dr. Brian Steel Wills received the prestigious Richard Barksdale Harwell Award at our November meeting. The event was made even more special by Richard Harwell's relatives being in attendance. Brian's book on George Henry Thomas is exceptional and Brian gave us a great presentation on the man.

The 8th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Band to Perform

Don't miss our next meeting as history is brought to life by the present day volunteer musicians who make up The 8th Regiment Band, Georgia Volunteer Infantry. 1st Lt. John Carruth, conductor of the Rome Symphony Orchestra, was instrumental in the formation of "The 8th" in 1986 and remains its leader.

Allegedly, the original "8th" was the largest Georgia band and was the first to go to the Army of Northern Virginia. Historically "The 8th" served from the First Manassas in 1861 to Appomattox in 1865. The 8th Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry was comprised of three companies from Rome (Floyd County), Georgia. The band's first Chief Musician was G.G. Merck who volunteered at Rome. Their music scores are arranged from original period pieces and some of the volunteer members play authentic instruments from the Civil War period, some of which are available only as period pieces.

The modern "8th" (as they are frequently called) are regularly featured at a myriad of Civil War reenactments including being the featured group at the Gettysburg 150th, as well as Shiloh, Murfreesboro, Resaca and Kennesaw Mountain. During the re-enactments the band may represent either the Confederate or Federal bands. In addition, they perform at other types of military re-enactments, balls, concerts, memorial services, etc. They have also produced several music CDs and have been featured in several movies and the multimedia show Chickamauga Battlefield Park.

The band will play during dinner and then follow with a concert. It's going to be a great show.

Upcoming Programs

January 14, 2014 Gen. John Bell Hood	Stephen M. "Sam" Hood
February 11, 2014 Sherman's Mississippi Ca	
March 11, 2014 Gettysburg Myths	Ed Bearss
April 8, 2014 The Overland Campaign	Edward Bonekemper III
May 13, 2014 The Atlanta Campaign	Brad Quinlin
June 10, 2014 The End of the CSS Alaba	

Upcoming Events

- **December 6, 2013:** "An Evening with Ed Bearss," at Travellers Rest Plantation and Museum in Nashville. 6-9 pm. <u>travellers restplantation.org</u>
- **December 6 7, 2013:** Candlelight tour of historic houses in Franklin. Includes Carter House, Carnton Plantation and others associated with the Battle of Franklin. 6-9:30 pm. \$25-\$30. More info, purchase tickets: battleoffranklintrust.org
- **December 7, 2013:** Living history, Civil War camp and demonstrations at the Magnolia Springs State Park in Millen. Archaeology display. \$5/parking fee. 478-982-1660.
- **December 7, 2013:** Bus tour, "Battle of Nashville," with Ed Bearss. Begins at Travellers Rest Plantation and Museum in Nashville. 10 am-3 pm. \$70. Reservations: 615-832-8197.
- **December 7 8, 2013:** Open house at the Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus. Free admission plus music and living history. portcolumbus.org
- December 14, 2013: Reenactment, anniversary living history and reenactment of the battle of Fort McAllister at the state Historic Park near Richmond Hill. Camps and living history 9 am-4 pm. Battle at 5 pm. \$6.50/adult. 912-727-2339.

New Membership Directory to be Published

Shortly you will receive an email or letter with your current contact information attached. Please review the information and respond as to whether the information is correct or with any corrections.

Dress Code

Please remember that if you invite guests to a meeting, be sure to remind them that it is our policy and that of the Capital City Club that gentlemen wear coats and ties.



150 Years Ago

- 1 December 1863: In a letter to Jefferson Davis, Bragg admits that he (and Davis) erred in leaving him in command after Chickamauga.
- 2 December 1863: Meade withdraws to north of the Rapidan, ending the brief Mine Run Campaign
- **9 December 1863:** Ambrose Burnside is relieved of command (Department of the Ohio).
- **22 December 1863:** Leonidas Polk ordered to take command of the Army of Mississippi.
- 27 December 1863: Joe Johnston takes command of the Army of Tennessee in Dalton

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