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# Battle Lines

*Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta*

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November 2008

557th Meeting

William R. Scaife, Editor

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## November Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER  
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$30.00** 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, November 11, 2008

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

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

**Price:** **\$30.00** per person

**Program:** "Robert E. Lee: Virginia  
Soldier, American Citizen"  
Bud Robertson

## Bud Robertson in November

Another of our honorary members returns as the speaker for our November Round Table, James I. "Bud" Robertson Jr. is the recipient of every major award given in the field of Civil War history.

The author of the award-winning books *General A.P. Hill*; *Soldiers Blue and Gray*; *Civil War! America Becomes One Nation*; and the 950-page biography, *Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend*, which won an unprecedented eight national awards, Robertson teaches the largest Civil War history class in American higher education--with approximately 250 students enrolled each semester.

Robertson is an Alumni Distinguished Professor at Virginia Tech, one of eight selected from the university's 2,200 faculty members.

The program Dr. Robertson will deliver will be, "*Robert E. Lee: Virginia Soldier, American Citizen*". This will be a look at the general from a completely different perspective than our book award winner earlier this year. This a program you don't want to miss.

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## Back to Ansley

Don't forget that with the November meeting, we return to the Ansley Golf Club for the remainder of the year. The time remains the same with the cocktail hour beginning at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. The price of the meeting will change to \$30.00 per person.

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## Column 1 continued...

in 2007 as an Honorary Member of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta. We look forward to the next visit from our now "own" inimitable Ed Bearss.

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## Ed Bearss at the September Meeting

Ed Bearss once again amazed the assembled membership of the Round Table with his mastery of names, dates and facts while presenting a comprehensive review of the Battle of Atlanta. His program as always contained an interesting array of insights and little known relationships of the key players in the battle. Ed was also awarded an plaque commemorating his selection

## 2008 - 2009 Programs

- December 9, 2008**.....Bobby Horton  
*"Christmas 1880"*
- January 13, 2009**.....Caroline Janney  
*"Burying the Dead - Ladies Memorial Associations"*
- February 10, 2009**.....Tom Cartwright  
*"Battle of Spring Hill - What Happened to Hood?"*
- March 10, 2009**.....Catherine Deichmann  
*"Running for the Confederacy: Bermuda in the War"*
- April 14, 2009**.....Peter Carmichael  
*"Young Virginians in Peace, War, and Reunion"*
- May 12, 2009**.....Frank O'Reilly  
*"The Death of Stonewall"*
- June 9, 2009**.....John Coski  
*"The Museum of the Confederacy"*

## Upcoming Events

- November 7 - 9, 2008:** *Atlanta Reenactment at Nash Farm Battlefield*, McDonough. Battles Saturday and Sunday, Cavalry battle on Saturday morning, Friday school program. Military Ball Saturday night with the 97th Regimental String band. Artillery bounty. Registration \$15 to October 15, walk-on \$25. *Proceeds to preservation.* For more information contact, Atlanta Campaign Inc., (877) 206-4044; [www.atlantacampaign.com](http://www.atlantacampaign.com).
- November 15, 2008:** Oakland cemetery will host a presentation *"The Battle of Peachtree Creek"*, with guest speaker Charlie Crawford. Food/drinks will be served at 5:00 p.m., Charlie will begin at 5:30 in the Bell Tower. A "Civil War at Oakland" tour will follow the lecture. The lecture is free for members of the Historic Oakland Foundation, \$15.00 for non-members.
- November 22, 2008:** Living history, *"Battle of Griswoldville Commemoration,"* with demonstrations and battlefield walking tours, 10 miles east of Macon off US 80. 478-986-5172.
- December 13, 2008:** *"Christmas on the Homefront"*, living history and demonstrations at the Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site near Dallas. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. \$3.00/adult. [www.gastateparks.org/info/picketts](http://www.gastateparks.org/info/picketts). or 770-443-7850.

## President's Column

Enclosed with the Battle Lines this month you will find a list of proposed changes to the By-Laws and the reasons for them. The Executive Committee has put a great deal of time and effort into these changes. Please review them in preparation of a vote at the December meeting.

As our next meeting falls on Veterans Day, I would like to recognize all those who have served or who are serving in our armed forces. If you fall into either of those categories and plan on attending the November meeting, please send me a note a to [blong@post.harvard.edu](mailto:blong@post.harvard.edu) or to 3527 Woodhaven Road, Atlanta, GA 30305 outlining your service. We would like to recognize you and your service at our meeting.

A note regarding our December program with Bobby Horton, His program of songs from Christmas 1880 may last about an hour and a half. This will put our conclusion at around 9:00 pm. We will expedite our normal program that evening, but be prepared for a slightly later than usual dismissal. Everyone is also encouraged to wear period dress if you have it.

While the Piedmont Driving Club has been an excellent host for the first two meeting of the year, don't forget that we return "home" to Ansley for the rest of the year.

-- Barbara

## Dues are Due

If you have not yet paid your 2008 - 2009 Campaign Year dues, you will be dropped from the roster as of November 1. If you wish to maintain your membership contact Dave Floyd immediately: 770.979.2637 or [dlfreb@msn.com](mailto:dlfreb@msn.com).

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