



Battle Lines

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558th Meeting

William R. Scaife, Editor

December 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, December 9, 2008

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

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

Price: **\$30.00** per person

Program: "Christmas 1880"
Bobby Horton

Bobby Horton to Present Musical Program - Christmas 1880

Our December program will feature internationally-known musician, Bobby Horton. His songs and stories will transport the audience back in time to Christmas 1880.

Dressed as a 19th century performer, using period musical instruments, Bobby explores the history of the Christmas holiday, the celebration of which was prohibited in much of colonial New England. In fact, the state of Connecticut passed a law banning "the celebration of Christmas and the baking of mince meat pies." A few settlers, however, celebrated with small religious ceremonies. From these humble beginnings, Christmas grew so popular with the American people that in 1870 Congress declared it a Federal holiday. By the 1880's, holiday parties consisted of socializing, dining, party games, and the vital component of music. Dressed in period clothing and playing instruments of the time, Bobby Horton presents *CHRISTMAS 1880*, including minstrel tunes, Civil War songs, folk hymns, Stephen Foster's music and of course old-fashioned Christmas carols. Your audiences will be caught up in the joyful spirit of the season as they participate in an old fashioned Christmas carol sing-a-long.

A seasoned performer, Bobby Horton is a multi-instrumentalist, composer, producer and music historian. For more than 30 years he has performed with the musical-comedy group *Three on A String*. He has also produced and performed music scores for eight Ken Burns PBS films, including "The Civil War" and "Baseball". His series of recordings of authentic period music has been acclaimed by historical organizations and publications throughout America and Europe.

Bud Robertson in November

Bud Robertson once again came through with his usual outstanding program. While he is the pre-eminent expert on Stonewall Jackson, he presented us with a program on Gen. Robert E. Lee that was not lacking in any respect.

If you missed our October program, you missed a treat given by one of the truly top-tier Civil War historians in our country today.

Remaining Programs

- 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

- December 6 - 7, 2008:** Victorian Christmas at the National Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus. Includes Civil War Santa. www.portcolumbus.com or 706-327-9798.
- December 13, 2008:** "Christmas on the Home-front", 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. or 770-443-7850.
- December 13, 2008:** Reenactment of the battle for Fort McAllister near Richmond Hill caps a day-long series of activities. Candlelight tour of the fort follows. 10 am-6 pm. \$4/adult. 912-727-2339.
- December 13 - 14, 2008:** Living History Candle - lantern Weekend at Fort Pulaski, Savannah. Re-creation of the "Confederate Nog Party of 1861". Refreshments, special tours, period music. Reservations required. For more information, contact the park at: 912-786-5787; www.nps.gov/fopu.
- January 10 - 11, 2008:** Civil War show, books, relics and memorabilia show and sale at the Gaillard Municipal Auditorium, 77 Calhoun St in Charleston. 9 am-5 pm Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm Sunday. Fee charged. www.mikekentshows.com.

President's Column

A few notes about this month's meeting. In order to accommodate our musical program by Bobby Horton, we will make a few adjustments from our normal routine. First we will streamline the "business" portion of the program. Second, to give Bobby the time he needs for our program, we will end our evening at approximately 9:00 pm. His normal program is two hours, but he will modify it to run an hour and a half. We will also delay the vote on the proposed By-Law changes until the January meeting.

I also want to encourage everyone to come earlier and browse the collections of Bobby's CD's. You are also invited to join in the spirit of the evening by wearing period dress if you have it. I'll be wearing my 19th century finest and hope you will, too. There will also be a surprise you won't want to miss.

Thanks to all who have offered me help and encouragement this year. I wish a very merry holiday season to one and all.

-- Barbara

Happy
Holidays
2008



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