



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
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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 re-enactments 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 at Chickamauga Battlefield Park.

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

