



# MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

The Official Newsletter of the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table, Inc.

## **DECEMBER 2010**

### **ABOUT OUR JANUARY 2011 PROGRAM & SPEAKER**

On Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at 6:45pm, join us for a very interesting presentation on “John Brown...The First Terrorist.” Bud Robertson will present a timely lecture on the incredibly controversial figure of John Brown. You will be able to follow this most famous Abolitionist from his Connecticut childhood to the bloody activities in Kansas to his final confrontation with Col. Robert E. Lee in Harpers Ferry, Virginia.

Dr. Bud Robertson has appeared regularly at the LCWRT for the past ten years. In addition to being an Alumni Distinguished Professor at Virginia Tech, he was chief historical consultant for "Gods and Generals", the Turner Picture/Warner Brothers movie released in 2003. This retired ACC football official most recently served as executive producer for a three-hour documentary on the Civil War released in August 2009. This documentary by Blue Ridge PBS was produced with a \$350,000 grant awarded by the Virginia Sesquicentennial of American Civil War Commission.

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### **THE 2010 – 2011 LECTURE SERIES**

The Program Committee is pleased to be able to offer the following presentations during the current program year:

*September 8, 2010-6:45pm--Mary Chesnut on the Eve of Secession*

*Renowned Charleston actress Chris Weatherhead returns to reprise her one woman show based on the Civil War diary of Mary Chesnut. Her subject on this visit to the Lowcountry will be "Mary Chesnut on the Eve of the Civil War."*

*October 13, 2010-6:45pm--The Evangelical Origins of the Civil War*

*Dr. David Goldfield will present a program on "The Evangelical Origins of the Civil War". This presentation will discuss the very important impact that 19<sup>th</sup> century religion had on this country and its impact on the causes of the war.*

*November 10, 2010-6:45pm--Confederate Envelopes and the Stories Behind Them*

*James L.D. Monroe has an extensive collection of Confederate envelopes and has put together an award winning exhibit which has been displayed throughout the United States. He will share with you his research and the interesting stories behind many fascinating envelopes.*

***January 12, 2011-6:45pm--John Brown...The First Terrorist***

**You will be able to follow this most famous Abolitionist from his Connecticut childhood to the bloody activities in Kansas to his final confrontation with Col. Robert E. Lee in Harpers Ferry, Virginia.**

*February 9, 2011-6:45pm--The Nullification Crisis and the Bluffton Movement*

*Dr. Jack Davis will cover the antebellum period from the end of the War of 1812 to the election of Lincoln. He will discuss the Nullification Crises of 1832-34 and the growth of the secession movement in South Carolina.*

*March 9, 2011-6:45pm--The North Prepares for War...the First Battle of Manassas*

*Ed Bearss will discuss the "The First Battle of Manassas, Virginia, July, 1861. Lincoln had called up 75,000 men to put down the rebellion. The North expected the war to be over in a few months. Manassas showed how unrealistic that expectation would be. The second part of tonight's program will be a true Round Table with Ed answering questions from the floor.*

*April 13, 2011-6:45pm--The Firing on Fort Sumter*

*Professor Kyle Sinisi from the Citadel will speak on the events leading up to and including the firing on Ft. Sumter. The Cadets at the Citadel were involved in this very interesting and history making event.*

*May 11, 2011-6:45pm--The Lowcountry Prepares for War*

*Professor Mary A. DeCredico from the US Naval Academy will discuss the various opinions on how and why the South lost the Civil War. Was it the strength of Northern industry and the ability of the economy to mobilize rapidly?*

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I am happy to report that the annual field trip on December 8th was a huge success. Fifty fearless members of the Round Table endured a sun-filled but quite chilly day touring Fort Pulaski and Fort Jackson to learn of their significance in local Civil War history. The musket and cannon firings were not only impressive but gave us a background on how they worked. Lunch at Uncle Bubba’s Oyster House was excellent and very enjoyable, providing a nice break from the cold. Special thanks go to your Secretary, Elaine Monkaitis, who arranged and orchestrated every detail of this fine day.

We are now ready to dive into the heart of our program year as we anxiously await the return of our dear friends, Bud Robertson and Jack Davis, to present our January and February programs. The Executive Committee has agreed to offer a half-price renewal on membership dues to all previous members and to new enlistments so that they can enjoy the last four programs of our season. This reenlistment campaign will commence on February 1st. Also, do not delay in mailing in your dinner reservations for the January meeting. In fact, why not send in your reservation now!

I have invited all previous officers of the Executive Committee to attend our January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at 10 a.m. at Palmetto Electric. The topic for discussion will be “Our First Decade of Remarkable Success and What Goals We Should Have for Our Second Decade.” All previous officers are requested to attend this important symposium.

I want to extend my sincere wish for a joyous holiday season to all LCWRT members. I look forward to seeing you on January 12th for a great dinner and inspiring program by Bud Robertson.

As always, if you have any questions or want to express your opinions, call me at 843-671-2236 or e-mail me at [jmonkaitis@aol.com](mailto:jmonkaitis@aol.com). Thank you. *John Monkaitis*

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**NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011**  
Please **Print** All Information Below

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Last Name First Name Badge Nickname

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Additional Member Last Name First Name Badge Nickname

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Your E-Mail is very important to us and we will keep it confidential.

Check **YES** & Help us save money! I want my monthly Newsletter **E-MAILED** to me rather than Delivered/Mailed **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

New Enlistment:

Single: \_\_\_\_\_ One Time Initiation Fee \$25.00 + Annual Membership \$30.00 = \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Household: \_\_\_\_\_ One Time Initiation Fee \$35.00 + Annual Membership \$45.00 = \$80.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Reenlistment - - Current Members Only:

Single: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Membership: \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Household: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Membership: \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

We always need/solicit volunteers to continue making the LCWRT successful. **Please check the area(s) for which you’d like to volunteer:**

\_\_\_\_ Program Committee: select topics & speakers \_\_\_\_ Maintain Membership (requires a computer) \_\_\_\_ Editor of the Minié Ball (requires a computer)

\_\_\_\_ Assist Minié Ball Editor \_\_\_\_ Prepare Membership Pamphlet \_\_\_\_ Help distribute the Minié Ball \_\_\_\_ Historian \_\_\_\_ Work at Club Fair

\_\_\_\_ Treasurer \_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_ President \_\_\_\_ Collect dinner reservations \_\_\_\_ Hand out dinner tickets \_\_\_\_ Collect Dinner Tickets

\_\_\_\_ Hospitality Greeter \_\_\_\_ Check in New Members & Guests \_\_\_\_ Tally Program Attendance \_\_\_\_ Set up Dinner menu

Mail to or Leave in “lower” box:

**Jim and Nancy Alt**

Any question, please call

Make Check Payable to: **LCWRT Inc.**

**21 Trescot Lane, Bluffton, SC 29909**

Jim or Nancy Alt at 705-3974

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**JANUARY 2011 "MORNING AFTER" PROGRAM**

The Thursday, January 13th, "Morning After" program featuring Bud Robertson is to be held at the Palmetto Electric Cooperative facility at the New River Center on Hwy 278 near the Hardeeville Walmart at 10:00 a.m.

**FROM "BOOKSELLER BOB" EBERLY**

Just a reminder that the book sale table will be open once again in January so come prepared to shop.

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEWS**

Please see our outstanding selections in the below January menu. **DON'T FORGET THAT YOUR RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE THURSDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING – IN THIS CASE THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011.** Also note that there is a change in address for your reservation to be mailed or dropped-off.

**BRITISH OPEN PUB'S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011**

- Meat Lasagna
- Broiled Salmon with Dill Sauce
- Red Bliss Potatoes with Garlic and Parsley
- Marinated Grilled Vegetables  
(Zucchini, Squash, Mushrooms and Bell Peppers)
- Caesar Salad
- Garlic Bread
- German Chocolate Sheet Cake
- Unsweetened Iced Tea and Coffee

The Cost for dinner is **\$16 per person**, which includes taxes and gratuities.  
An Additional guest charge of \$10 per person to attend the lecture is due and payable at the door.  
Reservations are required **ONLY** for dinner  
and must be received by **THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011.**

----- Clip & Submit with your check -----

**DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011**

***THIS RESERVATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011***

Meal service promptly beginning at 5:45 pm

Total Number of Dinners Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ @ **\$16 each** = \_\_\_\_\_ Member Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Member # 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member # 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ [Please pay guest charges to attend

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ the lecture at the door]

List Guests on additional paper if necessary.

Make check for *dinner only* payable to **LCWRT Inc.** and mail together with this form to: **LCWRT-Mike Vezeau  
3 Sundome Court  
Bluffton, SC 29909-5092  
Telephone: 843-705-5847**

----- Clip & Submit with your check -----

**VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE**

We continue our search for a volunteer to come forward and take over the responsibilities of the LCWRT Historian. It involves a minimum of time and will allow the good things we do to be memorialized for the future. Please contact the President, John Monkaitis, by phone at 843-671-2236 or by e-mail at [jmonkaitis@aol.com](mailto:jmonkaitis@aol.com).

**We thank Palmetto Electric Cooperative and Honey Horn Plantation  
for the use of their facilities for our "Morning After" sessions.**

**LCWRT JUNE 1, 2010 – MAY 31, 2011**

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