



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

MARCH 2011

ABOUT OUR APRIL 2011 PROGRAM & SPEAKER

On Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 6:45pm, join us for a very interesting program. 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. The bombardment of Fort Sumter represents the first hostile shots exchanged between the forces of the Confederate States of America and the United States. But how did it really become hostile action? Did the secession of the seven states of the deep south really pre-ordain a shooting war? This presentation will look at this issue as well as a number of other controversies associated with the bombardment of Sumter in April 1861.

Kyle S. Sinisi is a professor of history at The Citadel. He graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1984 with a BA in history. Following four years of active duty service in the United States Army, he attended Kansas State University where he earned both the M.A. and Ph.D. Professor Sinisi came to The Citadel in 1994.

Professor Sinisi is the author of *Sacred Debts: State Civil War Claims and American Federalism, 1861-1880* (Fordham University Press, 2003) and a co-editor of *Warm Ashes: Issues in Southern History at the Dawn of the Twenty-First Century* (University of South Carolina Press, 2003)

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 19th 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

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.

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

William C. "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 Crisis 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 has agreed to a true Round Table as he will field "any and all" questions related to the Civil War posed by the attendees. Chris Clayton, LCWRT Vice President, will moderate the Q & A period; and there will be portable microphones so that all can hear the questions. You are encouraged to send questions in advance to Chris at chrisdenterprise@adelphia.net.

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?

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As my term as president winds down, I want to state that I could not be prouder of the success of your LCWRT. I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and encouragement that you have graciously given me over these past two years.

I am extremely pleased to report that we can now boast of 315 active members, which includes a record of 102 new members. "Thanks" to all of you who worked so diligently to make this possible.

More importantly, I cannot stress often enough how vital it is to keep the momentum of this Round Table going and to convince the membership (that means both new enlistments and reenlistments) to step up and volunteer to perform some function for this organization. We continue to have important positions open that require only a few hours a month of your time but are critical to our success. Every member should be proud of the LCWRT, and I hope that you will come forth and assist Chris Clayton next year. Our dinners have greatly improved . . . just ask anyone who attends them . . . and our programs have been the best ever. You are members of the best Civil War Round Table bar none. Please call me or any member of this year's Executive Committee to investigate the very important positions that need to be filled.

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. Thank you. *John Monkaitis*

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

Last Name First Name Badge Nickname

Additional Member Last Name First Name Badge Nickname

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ E-Mail _____

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 + Discounted Annual Membership \$15.00 = \$40.00 _____

Household: _____ One Time Initiation Fee \$35.00 + Discounted Annual Membership \$22.50 = \$57.50 _____

Reenlistment - - Current Members Only:

Single: _____ Discounted Annual Membership: \$15.00 _____

Household: _____ Discounted Annual Membership: \$22.50 _____

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

NEW LOCATION FOR APRIL "MORNING AFTER" PROGRAM

The Thursday, April 14, "Morning After" program featuring Professor Kyle Sinisi is to be held in the back room of **Stoges Café in Sheridan Park** off of HWY 278 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

BOOK SALE INFORMATION

"Bookseller Bob" says as soon as we reach \$150 in book sales, we will have another raffle...last month sales amounted to \$97.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

We continue our search for volunteers to perform the duties of the various positions on the Executive Committee, to Chair the four Committees, and to perform various Committee duties. The LCWRT is now accepting nominations for Vice President, Secretary, and Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee and the Committee Chairpersons for Program, Communications, Hospitality, and Membership. We need your help and will only continue to be a first-class organization if you volunteer. If you would like to submit your name or if you know of members who would be interested in and would be good candidates for these positions, please let us know by contacting President John Monkaitis, Vice President Chris Clayton, or Member-at-Large Jack Keller. Most positions involve a minimum commitment of time made even less if there are many volunteers willing to help the organization continue to effectively function. Please give this some serious thought and contact President John Monkaitis by phone at 843-671-2236 or by e-mail at jmonkaitis@aol.com to discuss any volunteer positions.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEWS

DON'T FORGET THAT YOUR RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE THURSDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING – IN THIS CASE *APRIL 7, 2011*. BY MEANS ANY RESERVATIONS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER APRIL 7, 2011 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

BRITISH OPEN PUB'S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011

"A Spring Picnic"

- Baked BBQ Chicken
- Pulled Pork BBQ
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Homemade Coleslaw
- Cold Cucumber Salad
- Homemade Cornbread
- Strawberry Shortcake

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, APRIL 7, 2011**.

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011

THIS RESERVATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 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 -----

LCWRT JUNE 1, 2010 – MAY 31, 2011

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