



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

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ABOUT OUR NOVEMBER PROGRAM & SPEAKER

On Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at 6:45pm, join us for a very interesting presentation on “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 his research and the fascinating stories behind many unusual envelopes. Of special interest is an envelope signed and mailed by General Robert E. Lee—one of seventeen that have survived the great conflict.

A native of New Jersey, Jim Monroe is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and the Graduate School of Business at the University of Michigan. In 1989, after a 27-year career in the US Navy, he retired at the rank of Captain and started a second career as a real estate broker and then retired again in 2006. Jim’s interests besides the Civil War about which he has authored many magazine articles, include bridge and tennis. He is past president of the Harrisburg, PA Civil War Round Table and is the current president of the Charleston Round Table. Jim resides in Mt. Pleasant, SC and thoroughly enjoys being a transplanted Yankee.

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.

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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

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?

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With one-quarter of our 2010-11 Program Season completed, we are certainly off to a great start. I do not think that we could have improved on our first two presenters. Dr. David Goldfield gave an incredibly thought-provoking lecture, and I was very impressed by the number of members who approached me on Wednesday night to state that this was one of our best lectures ever. I urge all members to come to our programs so that you do not miss an outstanding one like October's.

Without a doubt your Round Table delivers year in and year out excellent programs. I want to especially recognize the outstanding efforts of Dale Conrad, our Program Chair, who searches colleges and universities all over the United States for the best Civil War lecturers. Thank you for your steadfast work for the LCWRT. Without your efforts, I honestly doubt that our success would have been possible.

We are happy to report that the December 8th field trip to Fort Pulaski, Fort Jackson, and Uncle Bubba's Oyster House is completely booked. Payments for the trip and lunch selections are due to Elaine Monkaitis by October 31st. Directions for the trip will be e-mailed by mid November.

We will all admit that we have definitely upgraded the dinner program. However, we cannot expect Kathy Eberly, our Hospitality Chair, to do all the work. I need a handful of members to donate 15-20 minutes to help the Hospitality Committee on the dinner program night. Would you please pick up the phone or e-mail Kathy Eberly to lend a hand so that we can continue to provide our quality dinners and programs. It is a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone once again that Mike Vezeau must receive your dinner reservations by Thursday, November 4th. Due to constraints of the British Open Pub, we have little or no wiggle room on that date nor can we add anyone to the reservation list on program night. So why not send in your dinner reservation as soon as you read this issue of the Minié Ball.

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 + 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

NOVEMBER "MORNING AFTER" PROGRAM

The Thursday, November 11th, "Morning After" program featuring Dr. David Goldfield 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

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who supported our maiden effort at the Book Sale Table last month. A very special "Thank You" to all of our members who brought books to donate. We raised \$99 toward our goal of funding the erection of a permanent monument commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War in the Lowcountry--not bad for our very first effort!. However, since we didn't reach the \$150 sales minimum for drawing a winning ticket, the drawing was held over to our November meeting. We'll have some wonderful new offerings on the table then, so please stop by, browse the inventory and buy those unique Christmas and Holiday presents you won't find anywhere else! I'm confident that, with your support, we'll be able to draw a winning ticket at the end of the evening. Good luck everyone!

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEWS

We want to thank everyone for making our first two dinner meetings such a success. It is wonderful seeing everyone enjoying the dinners and mixing with all of our new members. We have arranged with the British Open Pub to have a special Thanksgiving meal and you will see the menu below. **DON'T FORGET THAT YOUR RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE THURSDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING – IN THIS CASE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010.** 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, NOVEMBER 10, 2010
THANKSGIVING DINNER

- Carved Roasted Turkey Breast with Dressing**
- Mashed Potatoes with Gravy**
- Green Bean Casserole**
- Cranberry Sauce**
- Mixed Green Salad**
- Dinner Rolls with Butter**
- Carrot 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, NOVEMBER 4, 2010.**

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2010

THIS RESERVATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010

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:

Mike Vezeau
3 Sundome Court
Bluffton, SC 29909-5092
Telephone: 843-705-5847

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

VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE

We are looking for a volunteer to 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.

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

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