



# MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

## **NOVEMBER 2011**

**A reminder, there is no meeting in December. The officers and Committee Chairpersons hope you have an enjoyable holiday season and a very Happy 2012.**

**We encourage you to take advantage of the Sesquicentennial Civil War Commemoration activities/events which will be held in early December in the Hilton Head area. More information about the events is contained in this Minie Ball Gazette.**

**Don't forget our special program at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 which features a very special visit by General George Meade. Be on the lookout for additional information about the program presented by living history interpreter, Dr. Andrew Waskie of Temple University.**

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### **THE 2011 – 2012 LECTURE SERIES**

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

- September 14, 2011-6:45pm—Republic in Peril: The Threat of Foreign Intervention in the Civil War* by Dr. Howard Jones, University of Alabama
- October 12, 2011-6:45pm—Medical Treatment for the Confederate Army and Navy* by Guy Hasegawa, Doctor of Pharmacy and Senior Editor of *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*
- November 9, 2011-6:45pm—Robert E. Lee's Defense of the Lowcountry* by Dr. James K. Hogue, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- January 11, 2012-6:45pm—A very special visit from General George Meade* by Dr. Andy Waskie, Temple University, living history interpreter
- February 8, 2012-6:45pm—John C. Breckinridge: From Vice President of the USA to Confederate General* by William C. "Jack" Davis, Virginia Tech
- March 14, 2012-6:45pm—The Seven Days Battle* by Edwin Cole Bearss, former Chief Historian of the National Park Service.
- April 11, 2011-6:45pm—Guerrillas, Bushwhackers, and Partisans: Rethinking the American Civil War* by Dr. Daniel Sutherland, University of Arkansas
- May 9, 2012-6:45pm—Robert Smalls and the SS Planter* by Dennis Cannady

**NOTE: Guests/Nonmembers will be charged a \$10 fee to attend any individual lecture.**

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

We have completed the first three programs of the 2011-2012 lecture series and hope you have enjoyed them. It should be noted that all three presenters were previously unknown to our Round Table. We will continue to bring you new, interesting and relevant subjects. I am sure you will agree that our November speaker, Dr. James K. Hogue, was excellent. When we called him to request he discuss General Lee’s efforts in the Lowcountry, he indicated he was working on a book about the end of the war. In spite of this current focus, Dr. Hogue constructed his presentation especially for us. I think this speaks to the respect that the academic community has of the LCWRT.

I will pass on to you that some time ago, I read Dr. Hogue’s book on the reconstruction period. I regard it as the most definitive information about the subject.

The Executive Committee met last Friday and I can report that that the organization, at this point in time, is in very good shape. Membership is about at the same level as usual for this time of year - we tend to increase membership in January and end the program year at almost 330 members. The number of attendees at the last meeting was almost two hundred which is above average. The food continues to get excellent reviews. In fact Dr. Hogue’s wife asked, “Do you always have this high quality of food? I think I will come back for this!!” Our financial position continues to be in good shape.

I am looking forward to your attendance at the Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration events beginning on December 1st. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help make these events a success.

I am writing this on my way to Japan to see my grandkids and will spend Thanksgiving with them. As always, if you have any questions or want to express your opinions, call me at 843-681-1956 or

e-mail me at [chrisdenterprise@adelphia.net](mailto:chrisdenterprise@adelphia.net). Thank you, *Chris D. Clayton*

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**NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012  
Please Print All Information Below

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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 are volunteering:**

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

\_\_\_\_ Assist *Minie Ball* Editor \_\_\_\_ Prepare Membership Tri-fold and Forms \_\_\_\_ Tally Program Attendance \_\_\_\_ Historian \_\_\_\_ Work at Club Fair

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

\_\_\_\_ Hospitality Greeter \_\_\_\_ Check in New Members & Guests \_\_\_\_ Tally Program Attendance \_\_\_\_ Set up/Break down Dinner tables

Mail to or leave in “lower” box: **David McColloch, 42 Concession Oak Drive, Bluffton, SC 29909**

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

Any question, please call **David McColloch** at **705-3060**

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## **REQUEST FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE**

Please consider volunteering to help the organization bring you the programs which make us the best Round Table in the country. If you want to volunteer for any of the tasks you see on the Membership Form, call the President or Vice President.

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## **SESQUICENTENNIAL SPECIAL PRICING FOR DECEMBER 1-4, 2011 EVENTS**

Since the LCWRT is a co-sponsor of the Sesquicentennial Commemoration events which will be held December 1-4, 2011, our membership is entitled to a significant price reduction for the events. Those members receiving the Minie Ball Gazette by e-mail have already received an e-mail (Subject: Sesquicentennial Commemoration Events Pricing, dated November 12, 2011) providing the reduced pricing information. Those receiving the Minie Ball Gazette by "snail" mail will have an insert with this Minie Ball Gazette containing the information about the reduced prices and how you, as a LCWRT member, can take advantage of them when making reservations/purchasing tickets for you and your friends. As indicated in the information, your reservations/purchases must be made through Elaine & John Monkaitis at 843-671-2236. Please carefully read the information before calling for your reservations. When you contact Elaine & John, you will be asked the specific event(s) in which you have an interest as well as your credit card number (VISA, MasterCard, or Discovery), your credit card verification code, and your telephone number. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Elaine or John again at 843-671-2236.

We anticipate that the interest of the general public and these reduced prices will cause there to be aggressive advanced ticket purchases. We, therefore, encourage you to take advantage of the reduced prices as soon as possible to guarantee you will be able to attend the events.

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## **NEW EXHIBIT EXPLORES RELIGION DURING THE CIVIL WAR**

A new exhibit opened Oct. 7 at the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum, located in the Columbia Mills Building at 301 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC examining the experiences of chaplains, soldiers, and citizens while challenging guests to assess the similarities in the role that religion played for both Northerners and Southerners during the Civil War.

"Through Fiery Trials: Religion in the Civil War" will highlight Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths and feature rare religious objects owned by some of the most storied figures from that war. The exhibit contains items on loan from the Diocese of Charleston Archives, including a special commission from Jefferson Davis to Bishop Patrick N. Lynch to serve as a special envoy to the Vatican, and vestments given to him while exiled in Europe during the war. Other items on display include Bibles that belonged to Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, a crucifix carried into battle by General George Pickett of the famous Pickett's charge, a Jewish sweet meat bowl, and a soldier's Bible that was struck by a bullet and has the resulting hole through it.

Kristina Johnson, the exhibit curator, anticipates that museum visitors will walk away from this event with a different perspective on the role that religion played in the Civil War, something she said is often overlooked." But just as religion is a central part of our lives today, faith was key in sustaining men on the field, comforting women on the homefront, and healing a broken country struggling to rebuild itself," she said.

"Through Fiery Trials: Religion in the Civil War" will be on display through May 2012. Admission is included in general museum entry fees. For more information contact Kaela Harmon at 803-737-8094 or [kharmon@crr.sc.gov](mailto:kharmon@crr.sc.gov). Information is also available on [www.crr.sc.gov](http://www.crr.sc.gov)

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## **REMOVING NAMES FROM OUR MAILING LIST**

After December, the Minie Ball Gazette will only be distributed to those members who have renewed for the 2011-2012 program year. So to be sure you will continue to receive the Minie Ball Gazette and all of the other LCWRT information, you are encourage to immediately renew your membership if you have not already done so. A membership renewal form can be found on page two.

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**LCWRT JUNE 1, 2011 – MAY 31, 2012**

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