



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

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ABOUT OUR JANUARY 2012 PROGRAM & SPEAKER

Join us on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 6:45pm at the Bluffton High School Auditorium on McCracken Circle off Buckwalter Parkway for a very interesting visit from General George G. Meade as portrayed by living history interpreter, Dr. Andrew Waskie from Temple University.

General Meade is most known as the commanding general of the victorious Union army at Gettysburg. This is considered the turning point of the war by many historians and most of the public. In command of the Army of the Potomac for only a few days he bested General Robert E. Lee, who had been an undefeated military demi-God until that battle. Interestingly, Meade and Lee were old comrades and tent mates from Mexican War days. Meade has been charged as being too cautious in following up his Gettysburg victory and capturing Lee's army. Many cite the proven folly of the type of frontal assault against entrenched defenders that would have been required to do so. If Pickett's charge at Gettysburg had not been enough proof of this, Grant's later attack at Cold Harbor was. While Meade stayed in command of the Army of the Potomac until the war's end, General U.S. Grant was placed above him as overall commander of all Union armies.

Dr. Waskie is an expert in languages, as well as history and is currently on the faculty of Temple University as well as an adjunct professor at Rider University and Holy Family College. He is an experienced tour guide, interpreter and author on the Civil War.

Guests attending the meeting at 6:45 p.m. must pay \$10 each at the door.

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. Andrew 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, 2012-6:45pm—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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A Happy Holidays to all the members of the roundtable. I hope you have enjoyed the programs over the last three months. I have just returned from a visit to Okinawa, Japan. My wife and I spent Thanksgiving with our daughter's family and it was very enjoyable. While there I was able to visit battlefield sites from WWII which reminded me of a quote from General Robert E. Lee..... "It is good that war is so horrible, or we might grow to like it". I think that the battle for Okinawa in 1945 must have been one of the most horrific. We visited the tunnels where the Japanese high command committed suicide by pulling the pin on a hand grenade. All the pot-marks are still there!! There was certainly nothing there to like...or the cliffs where 200 school children jumped to their death because the Okinawans were told that the Americans would kill them. It is an interesting place and one that I think most folks know very little about; I certainly didn't.

The January 11, 2012 program will be an impersonation of General George Meade by Dr. Andy Waskie from Temple University. We will be having a publicity blitz to get the word out about this event. Please tell all your friends and neighbors and see if we can beat our previous record of 410 people that attended the Chris Weatherhead impersonation of Mary Chestnut.

As you know the Sesquicentennial events took place at the beginning of the month. I am afraid that attendance did not meet our expectations. I would appreciate hearing your comments, whether you attended or not. You may recall that our original intent was to have a commemoration every other year, and I am interested in hearing what you think we can do to attract more people.

My best wishes to you and your family for a safe and pleasant Holiday Season and Happy New Year...see you in January. 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. Thank you, *Chris D. Clayton*

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

Last Name First Name Badge Nickname

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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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 are volunteering:**

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

____ Assist *Minié 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**

JANUARY "MORNING AFTER" PROGRAM AT COASTAL DISCOVERY MUSEUM

The Thursday, January 12, 2012 "Morning After" program with Dr. Andrew Waskie will be in **the Sea Island Room at the Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn Plantation** on Hilton Head at 10:00 a.m.

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.

SPECIAL THANKS TO HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

We want to express our thanks to Gwen Bucklin for the dinners she's been able to arrange with the British Open Pub. The menus are imaginative and the food is excellent. In addition the British Open Pub servers are extremely personable and helpful as they serve the food and go around and clear the tables.

At each meeting, we get numerous comments about the food and it is great to know that the selections and quality are meeting the desires of our membership. We want to also thank those volunteers who assist Gwen in making the dinners a success...those who help set up the tables, give out the dinner tickets, take the tickets, "count" the people as they go into the school auditorium to attend the program, and any others who make it work.

A special thanks goes to Bob Eberly who fashions the very interesting questions which tend to stump many of us attending the dinners. The quiz prompts conversations at the tables, promotes the social value of attendance at the dinners and guarantees a lively interest in winning the prizes. All of these efforts add to the basic benefits associated with LCWRT membership.

BRITISH OPEN PUB'S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012

JANUARY DINNER

- Caesar Salad
- Meat Lasagna
- Broiled Salmon with Dill Sauce
- Red Bliss Potatoes
- Marinated Grilled Vegetables
- Garlic Bread
- German Chocolate Cake

Beverages: **Unsweetened Iced Tea** and regular and decaf **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 5, 2012.**

DON'T FORGET THAT YOUR RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE THURSDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING – IN THIS CASE JANUARY 5, 2012. BY MEANS ANY RESERVATIONS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 5, 2012 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012

Meal service promptly beginning at 5:45 pm in the Bluffton High School Cafeteria

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.**

Mail to (or leave in lower mailbox at) together with this form: **LCWRT - Barbara Bardon**

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