



# MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

## **FEBRUARY 2012**

### **ABOUT OUR MARCH 2012 PROGRAM & SPEAKER**

Join us on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 6:45pm at the Bluffton High School Auditorium on McCracken Circle off Buckwalter Parkway for a very interesting presentation by Edwin Cole Bearss on the topic *The Seven Days Battle*.

In the summer of 1862, General Robert E. Lee went on the attack against Major General George B. McClellan at the battle of Mechanicsville or Beaver Dam Creek (June 26), Gaines's Mill (June 27), Savage's Station (June 29), White Oak Swamp, Frazer's Farm, or Glendale (June 30), and Malvern Hill (July 1). Learn how the battles progressed, the strategies shifted and how they were won.

Edwin Cole Bearss grew up on his grandfather's farm near Hardin, Montana, naming the cattle after Civil War generals and battles. After high school, he joined the Marines, seeing action in World War II at Guadalcanal. After the war, he received a B.S. degree from Georgetown University and a M.A. in history from Indiana University. He is a renowned authority on the American Civil War, its battles and personalities. He has written many books on Civil War subjects and is a sought-after speaker. Ed was hired by the National Park Service (NPS) and was assigned to the post of Park Historian at Vicksburg, MS. In 1981, he became Chief Historian for the NPS and retired in 1995. He continues to participate in round table discussions and lead groups on battlefield tours.

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

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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. Anthony "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, 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.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The philosopher, George Santayana, is quoted as saying, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." As a student of history I have always been fascinated by how history does repeat itself; and thus there is so much to learn from the past. Jack Davis illustrated this point on Wednesday evening when he discussed John C. Breckinridge. Professor Davis is a social historian, and he was able to provide a highly interesting insight into what could have been a relatively "dry" biography. He did so by explaining how the political parties evolved from the Revolution to the War Between the States. How the old Whig party became...the Republican Party...which is more like the Democratic Party of today. This is the context of how vice presidents are chosen and how the relationship between the vice president and the president can and does shape events. Does that sound familiar? My point is that I am very proud that our Round Table can attract people as skilled as Jack Davis and provide a fascinating glimpse into history. PS...Santayana also said, "Only the dead have seen the end of war."

I want to inform you that the Executive Committee has made Jack Davis an Honorary Lifetime Member of our Round Table. We thought this was the best way to demonstrate our appreciation for his annual support to us.

Look forward to seeing you next month when the famous Ed Bearss will be entertaining us!

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*

**NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM (HALF-PRICE MEMBERSHIP FEE)**  
**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD September 1, 2011 to AUGUST 31, 2012**

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Single: \_\_\_\_\_ One Time Initiation Fee \$25.00 + **Discounted** Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '12): \$15.00 = \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Household: \_\_\_\_\_ One Time Initiation Fee \$35.00 + **Discounted** Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '12): \$22.50 = \$57.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Reenlistment - - Previous Members Only:

Single: \_\_\_\_\_ **Discounted** Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '12): \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

**FEBRUARY "MORNING AFTER" PROGRAM**

The Thursday, March 15, 2012 "Morning After" program with Ed Bearss will 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.

**REQUEST FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE**

Please consider volunteering to help our 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. We are currently looking to fill the Secretary and Member-At-Large positions on next year's Executive Committee and encourage you to consider volunteering for one of them.

**FUTURE "MORNING AFTER" MEETINGS**

Palmetto Electric has informed us that they will be renovating their building so we will be unable to use it for the "Morning After" sessions and the Executive Committee Meetings in the future. **Our last "Morning After" session at Palmetto Electric will be in March.** After that, we have been able to get permission from the Coastal Discovery Museum to use the Sea Island room at Honey Horn Plantation. For your information, future Executive Committee Meetings will be held at *Stooges Cafe* in Bluffton.

**SPECIAL NOTICE AND THANKS**

We were pleased to see that 44 people purchased tickets for the full dress rehearsal of **I LOVE YOU - YOU'RE PERFECT - NOW CHANGE** at the May River Theater in Bluffton on Thursday, February 16, 2012. As we had announced, all of the proceeds for this play came to the LCWRT and that amounted to \$880. Besides enriching our treasury, those people got to see a wonderful play and all seemed to enjoy it. Thanks again for your support and to Anna Marie and Frank Stefanick for their help in selling tickets and being the "ticket takers."

**BRITISH OPEN PUB'S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012**

- Mixed Green Salad
- Smothered Pork Chop
- Baked Cod Provencal (tomato, onion, garlic)
- Red Bliss Potatoes
- Peas and Carrots
- Dinner Rolls
- Peach Cobbler

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, MARCH 8, 2012.**

**DON'T FORGET THAT YOUR RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE THURSDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING – IN THIS CASE MARCH 8, 2012. BY MEANS ANY RESERVATIONS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER MARCH 8, 2012 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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

**DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 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]

Make check for *dinner only* payable to: **LCWRT, Inc.**

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

**MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 8, 2012**

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