



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

JANUARY 2012

ABOUT OUR FEBRUARY 2012 PROGRAM & SPEAKER

Join us on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 6:45pm at the Bluffton High School Auditorium on McCracken Circle off Buckwalter Parkway for a very interesting discussion by William C. “Jack” Davis, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, on the topic *John C. Breckinridge: From Vice President of the United States to General in the Confederate States of America*.

Ever wonder how the second highest-ranking official in the Union in March 1861 became a high-ranking Confederate at war with that same Union six months later? John C. Breckinridge, like many border state men, was caught in the middle between conflicting loyalties that forced him to make a terrible choice that he always regretted. It is a story of events beyond his control and questionable judgments of his own. His decision definitely demonstrates the conflict between ambition and conscience.

William C. “Jack” Davis is author of “Rhett: The Turbulent Life and Times of a Fire-Eater” and the editor of “A Fire-Eater Remembered: The Confederate Memoir of Robert Barnwell Rhett.” In addition to his duties as Professor of History at Virginia Tech, Jack is program director for the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies. You may have seen him as the on-camera consultant for the 52 episodes of the Arts & Entertainment Network/History Channel series “Civil War Journal.”

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

I just returned from the morning-after at Honey Horn after listening to General George G. Meade (AKA Dr. Andrew Waskie of Temple University.) I think we have kicked off the second part of the season with a bang! This had to be one of the best programs we have had...certainly in the time I have been associated with the Round Table. I can only remember a very few standing ovations and professor Waskie certainly deserved that distinction.

For your information, Dr. Waskie's wife, Carol, does living history interpretations of Clara Barton, a pioneer teacher, nurse, and humanitarian who is best remembered for organizing the American Red Cross. Mrs. Waskie was unable to join Gen Meade on this trip but Joe Roney, Program Chairperson, and I discussed the possibility that Carol could be in next year's program. Just for the record...Clara Barton established the main agency to obtain and distribute supplies to wounded soldiers during the Civil War. She travelled to the front lines which was very unusual for a woman in 1861 and also visited some of the grimmest battlefields of the war. She also spent some time here in Beaufort County. In 1864 she was appointed as the "lady in charge" of the hospitals at the front of the Army of the James...this also might be a great topic for next year.

On the topic of next year, Bud Robertson announced during his Sesquicentennial lecture that he is finally retiring from the lecture circuit and therefore will not be returning as a speaker at our roundtable. We all wish Bud a long and healthy retirement.

I also know that we will not have problems obtaining new speakers. Bud and Ed Bearss have discussed our roundtable with professors and authors and described our Round Table as "...not only the largest Round Table in the country but also the friendliest and most knowledgeable Round Table." This is a testimony to all of you who support our great organization.....thank you.

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 (HALF-PRICE MEMBERSHIP FEE)
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Reenlistment - - Current Members Only:

Single: _____ **Discounted** Annual Membership: \$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, February 9, 2012 "Morning After" program with William C. "Jack" Davis 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 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. We are currently looking for someone to be the Secretary for next years' Executive Committee.

THUNDER IN THE EAST: THE CIVIL WAR IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

The New Bern Historical Society in partnership with Tryon Palace is going to present *Thunder in the East: the Civil War in Eastern North Carolina, A Sesquicentennial Symposium* on March 10, 2012 in New Bern, NC. Six renowned Civil War Historians, headed by Ed Bears, will provide a full day program. Included in the \$85.00 ticket price for the symposium is the reception the evening before to "meet and greet" the speakers, the six presentations and lunch on Saturday. Complete information was included in an ISLC e-mail we sent on January 12, 2012 or is included as an insert in this Minie Ball Gazette if you do not get the ISLC e-mails.

SPECIAL THANKS

Last month when we were expressing our thanks to the people responsible for making our dining experiences so pleasant, we neglected to include a very important person. That would be the individual who collects the dinner reservations and puts together the list of dinner attendees...Barbara Bardon. Without her efforts, we would not be able to have the dinner reservation and ticketing process go smoothly. We thank Barbara for her efforts each month.

BRITISH OPEN PUB'S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012

FEBRUARY DINNER

- Mixed Green Salad
- London Broil
- Fried Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- Lowcountry Green Beans
- Garlic Bread
- Apple 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, FEBRUARY 2, 2012.**

DON'T FORGET THAT YOUR RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE THURSDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING – IN THIS CASE FEBRUARY 2, 2012. BY MEANS ANY RESERVATIONS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 2, 2012 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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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