



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

APRIL 2012

ABOUT OUR MAY 2012 PROGRAM & SPEAKER

Join us on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 6:45pm at the Bluffton High School Auditorium on McCracken Circle off Buckwalter Parkway for a very interesting presentation by Dennis Cannady on the topic *Robert Smalls and the SS Planter*.

Undoubtedly you have driven the “Robert T. Smalls Parkway” (SC Hwy 170) into Beaufort. Through this presentation, you will learn more about the man for whom this highway has been named. Robert Smalls, a child born into slavery, became one of the best wheelman in the Lowcountry. Information from the SS Planter’s logbook and journal provides the framework for understanding how the CSC Planter was commandeered by her enslaved crew, led by Robert Smalls, and delivered into Union hands.

Dennis Cannady, a retired mechanical engineer who resides in Beaufort County, has researched the Robert Smalls story and combined this with his enthusiasm for the Civil War and scale model ship building. His presentation is very timely as the actual “Great Escape,” the capture of the CSC Planter, occurred 150 years ago on May 13, 1862. As a member of the speakers’ bureau for The Robert Smalls Collection, Dennis lectures nationally on “*The Life and Times of Congressman Robert Smalls.*” A traveling exhibit created by this organization is now appearing at the Charleston Museum as a Sesquicentennial event in partnership with the National Park Service Fort Sumter activities from April 3 through June 19, 2012. There is a special *Robert Smalls Commemorative Weekend* on May 12-13, 2012 in Charleston, SC at various sites sponsored by The Robert Smalls Family of Direct Descendants in collaboration with the City of Charleston, the Charleston Museum, National Park Service, Avery Research Center and other Charleston organizations.

Guests/nonmembers attending the meeting must pay \$10 each at the door. **Students are free.**

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, Univ. of Arkansas

May 9, 2012-6:45pm—Robert Smalls and the SS Planter by Dennis Cannady

NOTE: There is a \$10 Guest/Nonmember fee for any individual lecture. STUDENTS ARE FREE.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I wish to apologize for the problem we had at the beginning of the April program. Our speaker, Dr. Daniel Sutherland, was initially unable to get his power-point presentation to function. Fortunately, the new student who is responsible for our audio/visual system was finally able to get it to work. I hope you enjoyed hearing about partisans and bushwhackers.

The next meeting in May will be the last of the season and will start with the business meeting. I am required to provide an annual report and to introduce the candidates for next year’s board. We will vote on the candidates and thus be ready to begin again in September.

As you know we held the “Morning Round Table” session at Honey Horn Plantation. Unfortunately we had a very small attendance. We will be advertising this more in the new season and we expect that the Coastal Discovery Museum will help us attract more attendees to these sessions and hopefully new members. Please advise your friends and neighbors of the location change and encourage their attendance.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

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, 2012 to AUGUST 31, 2013

Please **Print** All Information Below

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Single: _____ One Time Initiation Fee \$25.00 + Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '13): \$30.00 = \$55.00 _____

Household: _____ One Time Initiation Fee \$35.00 + Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '13): \$45.00 = \$80.00 _____

Reenlistment - - Previous Members Only:

Single: _____ Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '13): \$30.00 _____

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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

MAY “MORNING ROUND TABLE” SESSION

The Thursday, May 10, 2012 “Morning Round Table” with Dennis Cannady will be held

in the **Sea Island Room at Coastal Discovery Museum**

in Honey Horn Plantation at 10:00 a.m.

PROPOSED 2012-2013 LCWRT SLATE OF OFFICERS

The below slate of officers will be presented to the membership for acceptance at the **May 9, 2012** program meeting. Prior to the membership vote, nominations will also be taken from the floor. We appreciate the efforts of the Nominating Committee consisting of Paul Bucklin, John Monkaitis, Ron Roth and Dale Conrad in securing this full slate of candidates for the coming year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- President - Ron Roth
- Vice-President - Joe Roney
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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

- Program - Chris Clayton
- Communication - Gary Welsh
- Membership - Charlie Burns
- Hospitality - Gwen Bucklin

FAREWELL TO A LONG TIME MEMBER

Don Williams was the LCWRT coordinator for Dr. Sutherland’s program and introduced him at the meeting. This was Don’s last time to be joining us at the round table before he retires to New Jersey. Don is one of the earliest members of the roundtable and he claims to have attended the third meeting, over eleven years ago!! We want to thank him for his long time support and his help as a volunteer on the program committee. We wish him the very best for a healthy and happy future.

BRITISH OPEN PUB’S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012

- Mixed Green Salad
(Ranch and Vinaigrette dressing available)
- Eight (8) OZ Prime Rib**
- Cod Provencal**
- Broccoli with Cheese**
- Scalloped Potatoes**
- Dinner Rolls**
- Brownies and Cookies**

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, MAY 3, 2012.**

DON’T FORGET THAT YOUR RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE THURSDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING – IN THIS CASE MAY 3, 2012. BY MEANS ANY RESERVATIONS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER MAY 3, 2012 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 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 MAY 3, 2012

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LCWRT JUNE 1, 2011 – MAY 31, 2012

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