



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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ABOUT OUR OCTOBER 2012 PROGRAM & SPEAKER

No-Man's Land between Crowley's Ridge and the Mississippi River: The Civil War in Northeast Arkansas

By

Dr. Jeannie Whayne

The Civil War in Arkansas was largely a guerrilla war, the worst kind of war for soldiers and civilians alike. Nowhere was it more treacherous than in Northeastern Arkansas, a place where terrain and proximity to the Union army conspired to create conditions akin to chaos. Situated between Crowley's Ridge and the Mississippi River, two areas "occupied" by union forces, the swamps of the region provided cover and staging grounds for Confederate guerrilla bands poised to strike. There the rebels, most of whom were native to the area, could use their knowledge of the geography to out maneuver and outwit the pursuing union troops. Civil government collapsed under these circumstances, civilians struggled in vain to maintain some semblance of normalcy, and the farmers of the region found it nearly impossible to plant and gather crops. Chaos and confusion reigned as a fierce internal struggle ensued.

The situation became so notorious that an unusual "alliance" was formed between Union officials, Confederate officials, and local citizens – many of the latter technically loyal to the Confederacy. When the Shawnee Legal Association organized in late 1863 in Mississippi County, Arkansas, the intent was to subdue and detail guerrillas, no matter their affiliation. Dr. Frank McGavock, member of a prominent pro-Confederate family, was the leader of the group and was appointed by both General Stephen Hurlbut of the Union army and Confederate General Sterling Price to serve as county judge. This unusual alliance highlights the extent to which guerrillas had become the enemy not only of the Union forces but also of citizens loyal to the Confederacy.

Dr. Jeannie Whayne is professor of history at the University of Arkansas and adjunct curator of American History at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. She teaches and writes on southern and Arkansas history and has authored, co-authored, and edited ten books and more than a dozen articles.

THE 2012 – 13 LECTURE SERIES

September 12, 2012-6:45pm—President Abraham Lincoln and Emancipation Proclamation
by Jim Getty (Nationally known President Lincoln impersonator)

October 10, 2012-6:45pm—"No-Man's Land between Crowley's Ridge and the Mississippi River: The Civil War in Northeast Arkansas"
by **Dr. Jeannie Whayne, Professor of History, University of Arkansas**

November 14, 2012-6:45pm—Battle of Antietam
by Reverend Jeff Miller, St. Helena Episcopal Church, Beaufort, SC

January 9, 2013-6:45pm—Clara Barton Visits In Person
by Carol Neumann-Waskie, R. N. (Living History Interpreter)

February 13, 2013-6:45pm— Women Combatants in the Civil War
by William C. "Jack" Davis, Professor of History, Virginia Tech

March 13, 2013-6:45pm—Siege of Vicksburg
by Edwin Cole Bearss, former Chief Historian of the National Park Service

April 10, 2013-6:45pm— The Day Dixie Died – May 10, 1863
by Dr. James "Bud" Robertson, former Professor of History, Virginia Tech

May 8, 2013-6:45pm—Battle of Chancellorsville
by Scott Walker, Fredericksburg, VA

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Burning of Bluffton Historic Marker: A Legacy to our Community

Earlier this year, the LCWRT Executive Committee approved a motion to raise funds to install a state historic marker in Bluffton commemorating the 1863 burning of Bluffton, the single most important Civil War event related to the history of Bluffton. This project is part of the Round Table's ongoing activities commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War in the Lowcountry-- one that will have lasting educational impact for our community.

Dr. Tracy Power, the coordinator of the South Carolina Historical Marker program for the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, expressed keen interest in the project and he approved our proposal. In addition, we have forged a unique partnership with the Town of Bluffton whereby the Town will install the marker in a prominent place in Dubois Park. Over the past year, various fundraising initiatives of the LCWRT plus an interest by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry in funding a portion of the marker have enabled us to move ahead. If all goes to plan, the marker will be dedicated in time for the 150th anniversary of the burning of Bluffton on June 4, 2013. I will keep you apprised of our progress.

Don't forget our new member benefit: a half price year's subscription to the *Civil War Times Magazine*. Take advantage of this special opportunity by calling 800-435-0715 and giving the *Civil War Times* representative the offer code 52LCCR.

Thank you,

Ron Roth

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD September 1, 2012 to AUGUST 31, 2013

Please **Print** All Information Below

Last Name First Name Badge Nickname

Additional Household Member Last Name First Name Badge Nickname

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ E-Mail _____ (We will keep this confidential!)

Referred by _____

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 (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 _____

Household: _____ Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '13): \$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 questions, please call **David McColloch** at **705-3060**

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The LCWRT program committee has been restructured in order to streamline the process of selecting the programs and engage the best speakers. The committee needs to fill two positions. The committee would welcome any members who have an interest continuing our track record of attracting outstanding speakers for our meetings. The committee meets at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday of every month at Stooges Café in Bluffton. If you think you might be interested but would like to learn more, please feel free to attend one of these meetings. For more information you can contact Dale Conrad (dwconrad@hargray.com) or Joe Roney (jvrjersey@gmail.com).

MORNING ROUND TABLE

The Thursday, October 11 Morning Round Table with Dr. Wayne will be held in the Sea Island Room at Coastal Discovery Museum in Honey Horn Plantation at 10:00 a.m.

**BRITISH OPEN PUB’S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 2012
OCTOBER DINNER AT 5:45 P.M.**

- Caesar Salad**
- Fried Chicken**
- Cod Provencal**
- Red Bliss Potatoes**
- Green Beans Almondine**
- Cornbread**
- Blueberry Cobbler**
- Unsweetened Iced Tea and Coffee**

The Cost for dinner is **\$16.50 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 **on or before OCTOBER 3rd!**

*Don't forget that your reservation must be received by the **WEDNESDAY** preceding the meeting – in this case **OCTOBER 3, 2012**. Any reservation received **AFTER** this date will not be accepted!*

----- Clip & Submit with your check -----
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DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012
Meal service promptly beginning at 5:45 pm in the Bluffton High School Cafeteria

Total Number of Dinners Ordered: _____ @ **\$16.50 each** = _____
Member Phone #: _____
Member # 1 Name _____
Member # 2 Name _____
Guest: _____
Guest: _____

List Guests on additional paper if necessary.
[Please pay guest charges to attend the lecture at the door]

Make check for **dinner only** payable to: **LCWRT, Inc.**
Mail check and this form (or leave in lower mailbox) to:

LCWRT - Barbara Bardon
92 Heron's Bill Drive
Bluffton, SC 29909
Telephone: 843-705-4930

MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3!

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