



# MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

## OCTOBER 2012

### ABOUT OUR NOVEMBER 2012 PROGRAM & SPEAKER

#### ANTIETAM

By Rev. Jeff Miller

The Battle of Antietam, also known as the Battle of Sharpsburg, was fought on September 17, 1862, near Sharpsburg, Maryland. It was the first major battle in the War Between the States to take place on Union soil.....and it was the bloodiest single-day battle in American history, with about 23,000 casualties on both sides.

By September General George B. McClellan, commander of the Union Army had dogged The Army of Northern Virginia commanded by General Robert E. Lee into Maryland. McClellan took up a defensive position behind Antietam Creek located about 4 miles outside of the town of Sharpsburg.

At dawn on September 17, Gen. Joseph Hooker's corps mounted a powerful assault on Lee's left flank. Attacks and counterattacks swept across Miller's cornfield and fighting swirled around the Dunker Church. Yankee assaults against the Sunken Road eventually pierced the Confederate center. In the afternoon, Gen. Ambrose Burnside's corps entered the action, capturing a stone bridge over Antietam Creek and advancing against the Confederate right. At a crucial moment, Gen. A.P. Hill's division arrived from Harpers Ferry and launched a surprise counterattack, driving back Burnside and ending the battle.

McClellan failed to destroy Lee's army. However, Lee's invasion of Maryland ended, and he was able to withdraw his army back to Virginia without interference from the cautious McClellan. Although the battle was basically a draw it was enough to give Lincoln the confidence to announce his Emancipation Proclamation, which discouraged the British and French governments from potential plans for recognition of the Confederacy.

*The Reverend Jeffrey Miller is the Rector of the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort, SC. A native of Pennsylvania, Reverend Miller holds a BA (cum laude) degree in History from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and MDiv (Master in Divinity) degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. Prior to entering the ministry, Reverend Miller was employed by the National Park Service and his last duty station was at Antietam National Battlefield. He is a life-long student of the American Civil War.*

### 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**

**ANNOUNCING AN EXCLUSIVE LCWRT TOUR OF THE H.L. HUNLEY SUBMARINE**

The saga of the Confederate submarine, the *H. L. Hunley*, is one of the most fascinating in the Civil War. Though it played a minor role in the War, it looms large in the history of naval warfare. It was the first combat submarine to sink an enemy warship, the Union sloop *USS Housatonic*, which was on blockade duty in Charleston harbor. It's raising and recovery in August of 2000 is one of the great success stories of marine archaeology.

I am delighted to announce to our members the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table is organizing a guided tour of the *Hunley* and a tour of the Charleston Museum's exhibit, *City Under Siege: Charleston in the Civil War*, on March 6, 2013. This tour is being organized exclusively for Roundtable members, and the \$115 dollar fee will include:

- Transportation aboard a luxury motor coach, all entrance fees, lunch and driver's tip included.
- Guided tour of the H. L. Hunley submerged in a 900,000 gallon conservation tank, Hunley exhibit and conservation lab, Charleston, South Carolina
- Guided tour of the exhibition at the Charleston Museum, *City Under Siege: Charleston in the Civil War*-- an overview of the events in and around Charleston from secession to 1865, including the Federal naval blockade, Union bombardments and five major Union attempts to capture the city.
- Lunch at the Charleston Restaurant 39 Rue de Jean.

Space is limited so mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this. More details will be available at a later date.

Thank you,  
**Ron Roth**

**NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD September 1, 2012 to AUGUST 31, 2013**  
Please **Print** All Information Below

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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

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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](mailto:dwconrad@hargray.com)) or Joe Roney ([jvrjersey@gmail.com](mailto:jvrjersey@gmail.com)).

**MORNING ROUND TABLE**

The Thursday, November 15 Morning Round Table with Rev. Miller 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, NOVEMBER 14, 2012  
NOVEMBER DINNER AT 5:45 P.M.**

- Waldorf Salad**
- Carved Roast Turkey Breast & Gravy**
- Ham & Pineapple**
- Sweet Potato Casserole**
- Green Bean Casserole**
- Cornbread Stuffing/Cranberry Sauce**
- Carrot Cake**
- 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 NOVEMBER 7!**

*Don't forget that your reservation must be received by the **WEDNESDAY** preceding the meeting – in this case **NOVEMBER 7, 2012**. Any reservation received **AFTER** this date will not be accepted!*

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**DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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 #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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**  
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**MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7!**

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