



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

JANUARY 2013

ABOUT OUR FEBRUARY 2013 PROGRAM & SPEAKER

Women Combatants in the Civil War

By

Willam C. "Jack" Davis

Join us on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at 6:45 p.m. for a very fascinating and different program as we welcome back our friend, Jack Davis. He will present a topic that has remained in the dark shadows of Civil War history. In January, we enjoyed a visit from Clara Barton. Now, in continuation with this feminine theme, we will explore the hidden stories of the existence of female soldiers as Jack Davis presents "Women Combatants in the Civil War!"

Neither the Union nor the Confederacy would ever condone or permit women combatants in this Victorian period. However, they did exist; but who were they? Were they zealous patriotic citizens, perhaps lovesick souls desperate to be with their men in uniform, maybe fugitives of the law, or aghast, women of the night??? Come to this very interesting and informative program to hear their captivating stories.

*William C. "Jack" Davis has been our most loyal and famous presenter since the Round Table was founded. In addition to his duties as Professor of History at Virginia Tech, Jack Davis is Director for the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies. He was the on-camera consultant for the 52 episodes of the Arts and Entertainment Network/History Channel series "Civil War Journal". Jack Davis is also the 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**.*

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, 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 Civil War Sesquicentennial in 2013 includes some of the most consequential events of the War: the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and the fall of Vicksburg to name a few. There is one event; however, that stands above all others in its impact not only on the war, but on the future of the country: President Abraham Lincoln’s issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Emancipation Proclamation is arguably the United States’ most important legal document outside of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. On January 1, 1863, as a result of a carefully crafted political strategy and growing public support for abolition, Lincoln issued the Proclamation declaring that all slaves in areas still in rebellion were, in the eyes of the federal government, free. The result was electrifying for the nearly 4 million enslaved African Americans in the southern states who for the first time had reason to believe they would gain their freedom. Equally important, for the American public and many Union soldiers, the proclamation transformed the conflict into a moral cause, a matter of principle.

Later in the year Lincoln would continue to articulate the moral dimension of the war in his masterful Gettysburg address including these words that continue to speak to us today: “That from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom. . .”

Ron Roth

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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 questions, please call **David McColloch** at **705-3060**

MISCELLANEOUS

Those of you that subscribe to the “Civil War Times” magazine (and if you don’t, you may want to – it is a very interesting and informative publication) may have seen the ad for Civil War Tours 2013 in the back of the December 2012 issue. All of the tours include lectures with notable Civil War historians such as Dr. Gary Gallagher, Jeff Wert, Robert K. Krick, and a person we are all familiar with, Ed Bearss. Of particular interest may be the Blue & Gray Tour in June that will cover 1st Manassas, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Antietam and Gettysburg. This is not an endorsement, but you might want to check them out at www.civilwartours.org.

MORNING ROUND TABLE

The Thursday, February 14 Morning Round Table with Jack Davis 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, FEBRUARY 13, 2013
FEBRUARY DINNER AT 5:45 P.M.**

- Mixed Green Salad**
- London Broil**
- Fried Chicken**
- Mashed Potatoes and Gravy**
- Lowcountry Green Beans**
- Rolls and Butter**
- Apple 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 FEBRUARY 6 !*

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DROP OFF/MAIL ADDRESS FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS!

*Don’t forget that your reservation must be received by the **WEDNESDAY** preceding the meeting – in this case **FEBRUARY 6, 2013**. Any reservation received **AFTER** this date will not be accepted!*

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013

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:

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13 Becket Pl

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