



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

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ABOUT OUR MARCH 2013 PROGRAM & SPEAKER

Savannah: Immortal City

By

Barry Sheehy

Author Barry Sheehy will discuss the first volume of his four volume work “*Civil War Savannah*”, which has become the most intensely researched, seminal work ever committed to America’s most emblematic, yet enigmatic, city of the South. Mr. Sheehy will concentrate on Volume I, *Savannah: Immortal City*, which offers a pictorial and textual history of all the important antebellum and Civil War sites in the city of Savannah, Georgia, and surrounding Chatham County. The very fact that Savannah survived Union General W.T. Sherman’s relentless ‘March to the Sea’ is, in itself, a near-miraculous event of the American Civil War. Perhaps it was through some divine intervention that Savannah became the “Immortal City”—a touchstone to remind all future generations of how the noblest experiment in democratic government had missed its mark, setting the stage for America’s bloodiest war.

Originally from Montreal, Canada, Barry Sheehy holds degrees from Loyola and McGill Universities. Mr. Sheehy’s lifelong passion for history has continued since his early years as an officer in the Canadian Armed Forces. He holds the Canadian Armed Forces Decoration. After leaving the military, he entered the entrepreneurial world of business consulting where he acquired clients from New York to London and as far away as Dubai and Hong Kong. Barry is the author or contributing author of several books and over fifty published papers and articles. Barry’s ongoing interest in history eventually focused on America’s most complete, surviving, antebellum southern city – Savannah.

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— *Civil War Savannah / “Savannah: Immortal City”*

by Barry Sheehy

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

Many years ago I had the privilege of working at the Gettysburg National Military Park as a historian, and then later, as a Licensed Battlefield Guide. The Gettysburg battlefield attracts several million visitors a year who take advantage of the many opportunities to experience that sacred ground and learn about the epochal events of the three day battle. But living there I was struck by the fact that there were so many Gettysburg residents that seldom if ever visited the battlefield. This is not a criticism. The constant incursion of tourists was a fact of everyday life that, over the course of time, could easily result in a kind of jaded attitude toward the battle.

That said I am mindful of the fact that here in the Lowcountry we live in a region very rich in Civil War related history, and it behooves us not to take this for granted. A short list of places and events within a short drive of Bluffton includes Charleston and Fort Sumter, the two battles of Pocatigo, the burning of Bluffton, the Beaufort Volunteer Artillery's exploits, the battle of Bentonville, Savannah and historic Mitchellville to name just a few. Some of these places are not well marked, and we have to pull out the map and do some research to find their locations. Background information that may not be readily available, but I think most would agree the process is rewarding. We encourage our members to take advantage of these opportunities and tell other people about them. It helps promote the study and interest in history, and expands our own knowledge and understanding of our region's unique Civil War heritage.

Ron Roth

SPECIAL 1/2 PRICE MEMBERSHIP!
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!)

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New Enlistment:

Single: _____ One-Time Initiation Fee \$25.00 + Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '13): ~~\$30.00~~ \$15.00 = \$40.00 _____

Household: _____ One-Time Initiation Fee \$35.00 + Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '13): ~~\$45.00~~ \$22.50 = \$57.50 _____

Reenlistment - - Previous Members Only:

Single: _____ Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '13): ~~\$30.00~~ \$15.00 _____

Household: _____ Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '13): ~~\$45.00~~ \$22.50 _____

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
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- ____ Vice-President
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- ____ 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**

Lowcountry Civil War Round Table Leadership Positions Available

The LCWRT Nominating Committee is presently seeking individuals interested in serving in a leadership position. Specifically, we are looking for an individual with a business/financial background willing to be considered to serve in the role of Treasurer for the upcoming 2013-14 lecture season. The Treasurer maintains accurate records of all business transactions and issues timely reports. This individual reconciles all revenues and expenditures, oversees bank account, and writes checks as required. A specific Position Description is available upon request. Those individuals interested in serving as Treasurer or any other future leadership position (Officer and/or Committee Chairperson) are encouraged to contact Andre Nougaret, Executive Committee Member, at andrenougaret@hargray.com. **Leaders step forward!**

MORNING ROUND TABLE

The Thursday, February 14 Morning Round Table will be held in the Sea Island Room at Coastal Discovery Museum in Honey Horn Plantation at 10:00 a.m. Author John Ball will discuss his book, "Escape from Dixie". The book chronicles the adventures of 1st Lt. John Lafler who was captured with the entire Union garrison of four regiments at Plymouth, NC, on April 20, 1864. 1st Lt. Lafler refused to accept his fate. It was a period when few prisoner exchanges were taking place so he persistently escaped FOUR times from Confederate prisons until he finally succeeded in reaching friendly lines. This is his story, from enrollment in 1861 to his return to his home three and a half years later. The account of the escapes is told in his own words, written shortly after his return in March, 1865. Surrounding this personal account is the background story of the wartime experiences of Lt. Lafler and the men of the 85th NY Volunteer Regiment.

**BRITISH OPEN PUB'S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013
MARCH DINNER AT 5:45 P.M.**

- Mixed Green Salad**
- Smothered Pork Chops**
- Baked Cod Provencal**
- Red Bliss Potatoes**
- Green Peas**
- Rolls and Butter**
- Peach 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 March 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 **MARCH 6, 2013**. Any reservation received **AFTER** this date will not be accepted!*

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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:

LCWRT – GWEN BUCKLIN

13 Becket Pl

Bluffton, SC 29909

Telephone: 843-705-5168

MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6!

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