



# MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

## **MARCH 2013**

### **ABOUT OUR APRIL 2013 PROGRAM & SPEAKER**

**“The Day Dixie Died – May 10, 1863”**

**By**

**Dr. James “Bud” Robertson**

After Robert E. Lee's near-massacre of the Union army in December, 1862, at Fredericksburg, Confederate morale rose to a new level. Hopes for Southern independence jumped even higher in the hours following another sweeping victory early in May, 1863, at Chancellorsville.

Suddenly the entire South plunged into first shock, and then grief. Among the last fatalities at Chancellorsville was the man considered the beau ideal of Southern efforts--the personification of all that was good and decent in the Confederate fight for freedom.

The loss of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson brought repercussions far beyond his loss to the Army of Northern Virginia. His passing may have changed the course of the Civil War.

Dr. Robertson has been a frequent presenter at the LCWRT over the past 10-12 years. He is retired from Virginia Tech where he was Alumni Distinguished Professor in History. He is the author of many books including award-winners *General A.P. Hill*, *Soldiers Blue and Gray*, and *Civil War! America Becomes One Nation*. His biography *Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend*, won eight national awards including the American Library Association's Best Book for Young Readers Award. He is considered the preeminent scholar on Lieutenant General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. Robertson was the Chief Historical Consultant in the 2003 Warner Brothers film *Gods and Generals*, which prominently features Stonewall Jackson. Robertson is also a former member of the Board of Trustees at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia.

### **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**

Our Roundtable bus trip to view the Confederate submarine *H. L. Hunley* and the Civil War collections of the Charleston museum was a great success. 50 members participated filling the bus for a very rich day of Civil War history. For many of our members, the visit to the conservation center that exhibits and preserves the *Hunley* was fascinating as well as moving. The submarine, submerged as it is underwater (exposing it to air at this stage of its preservation would damage it) has an eerie quality to it. One is amazed at how small it is and how little room the crew had.

The boat was a death trap. Three separate crews were killed during the course of its development and in its final, successful attack on the *USS Housatonic*, sinking the Federal ship in the waters just outside of Charleston Harbor. Soon after the attack, the *Hunley* disappeared, never to be seen again until its rediscovery in 1995.

The remains of the sailors were reinterred at Magnolia Cemetery outside of Charleston, and it is poignant to see in the *Hunley* museum the personal items they carried with them on the doomed voyage. It reminds us that they were not only courageous, but were first and foremost people, with family and friends they would leave behind forever. We salute them.

*Ron Roth*

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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD September 1, 2012 to AUGUST 31, 2013**  
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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 \_\_\_\_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**

**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](mailto:andrenougaret@hargray.com).

**MORNING ROUNDTABLE**

The Morning Roundtable will be held on Thursday, April 11 at 10:00 am at the Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn Plantation. Dr. James “Bud” Robertson will be available to discuss Civil War topics of interest with members and guests.

**BRITISH OPEN PUB’S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013**

**APRIL DINNER AT 5:45 P.M.**

- Cucumber Salad**
- Baked Barbeque Chicken**
- Pulled Pork**
- Macaroni & Cheese**
- Cole Slaw**
- Rolls and Butter**
- Strawberry Shortcake**
- 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 April 3 !*

**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 **April 3, 2013**. Any reservation received **AFTER** this date will not be accepted!*

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

**DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, April 10, 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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**Bluffton, SC 29909**

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