



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

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ABOUT OUR FEBRUARY 2014 PROGRAM & SPEAKER

Adventures in Civil War Publishing

By

William C. "Jack" Davis

Since 1969 our speaker has been at the center of magazine and book publishing on the Civil War, not only as author, but as editor, and publisher, as well as in marketing. He has seen an awful lot happen over the intervening 45 years, and has been at the center of much of it. It has been a fascinating adventure, and one replete with interesting byways. For instance, he was at the center of the controversy over a vast invented conspiracy theory about Lincoln's assassination, involving clandestine anonymous phone calls, and even an implied threat to his safety. He has also seen dramatic changes, from the time in 1969 when many thought a Civil War magazine with a circulation of 30,000 had outlived its lifespan, to now when we have half a dozen such magazines, some with readership of over 100,000. He has seen—and sometimes been involved with—the appearance and rise of some of our most distinguished historians, like Gary Gallagher, John Marszalek, Peter Cozzens, David Blight, and more. He was also in on the discovery of hundreds of unknown primary documents that he brought into print, diaries of generals, photos never before seen, and as a by-product of his publishing work helped create one of the largest archival collections of Civil War primary documents at the US Army Military History Institute.

*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 2013 – 14 LECTURE SERIES

September 11, 2013 @ 6:45 pm – Becoming Harriet Tubman

Natalie Daise, Actress, Founder and Star of TV Program "Gullah Gullah Island"

October 9, 2013 @ 6:45 pm – South Carolina Civilians in Sherman's Path: Stories in Courage

Karen Stokes, South Carolina Historical Society, Charleston, SC

November 13, 2013 @ 6:45 pm – Desperate Hours Gettysburg

Ron Roth, Past President LCWRT and a former Gettysburg Battlefield Guide

January 8, 2014 @ 6:45 pm – General Ulysses S. Grant in Person

Larry Clowers, Nationally Known Portrayer of U.S. Grant, Winner of Valley Forge Honor Medal

February 12, 2014 @ 6:45 pm – Adventures in Civil War Publishing

William C. "Jack" Davis, Professor of History, Virginia Tech

March 12, 2014 @ 6:45 pm – The Siege of Vicksburg

Ed Bearss, Former Chief Historian for the National Park Service

April 9, 2014 @ 6:45 pm – The Burning of Bluffton

Jeff Fulgham, Author

May 14, 2014 @ 6:45 pm – The Civil War from behind the Camera

Robert Lisle, MD

NOTE: There is a \$10 Guest/Nonmember fee for any individual lecture. *Students And Teachers With ID Are Free.*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Reports from the field gave very high praise for General Grant’s visit last month and I learned a few new trivia items about him as well. Our Program Committee deserves kudos for a great job.

Our February 12, 2014 program will feature one of our stellar speakers, Jack Davis. Do not be put off by the title. Davis has been in the center of Civil War publishing for over 4 decades, has brought into print hundreds of previously unknown documents, hoaxes and controversies. He developed friendships with distinguished historians like Gary Gallagher and authors such as Bruce Catton and most of the people keeping the interest alive.

This month, Saturday January 25 and Sunday the 26th we have a rare opportunity to witness the reenactment of the Battle of Pocotaligo which will be on the actual grounds of the Oct. 1862 fight. This ground still has trenches and earthworks ordered by Robert E. Lee where about 450 Confederates held off an over 4,000 Union troop’s assault in an attempt to destroy the railroad between Savannah and Charleston. There will be encampments with Sutler Row and artillery demonstrations. Go to the Frampton Plantation House, now a Visitors Center, at exit 33, I-95. Gates open at 10:00 AM with battle reenactments at 2 PM. Daily tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and free for ages 8 and under.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
Joe Roney
 President

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

NOTE: HALF PRICE MEMBERSHIP FOR REMAINDER OF PROGRAM YEAR!
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2013 to AUGUST 31, 2014

Please **Print** All Information Below

 Last Name First Name Badge Nickname

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 Address

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(We will keep this confidential!)

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New Enlistment:

Single: One-Time Initiation Fee \$25.00 + Annual Membership (to Aug 31, 2014): ~~\$30.00~~ \$15.00 = \$40.00 _____

Household: One-Time Initiation Fee \$35.00 + Annual Membership (to Aug 31, 2014): ~~\$45.00~~ \$22.50 = \$57.50 _____

Reenlistment - - Previous Members Only:

Single: Annual Membership (to Aug 31, 2014): ~~\$30.00~~ \$15.00 _____

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We always need volunteers to continue making the LCWRT successful. **Please check the area(s) for which you are volunteering:**

____ Program Committee: select topics & speakers ____ Editor of the *Minie Ball* ____ Assist *Minie Ball* Editor

____ Assist on Program Night (Greeter, Collect D inner Tickets or Guest Fees, Tally Program Attendance)

____ Historian ____ Maintain Membership Roster ____ Work at Sun City Club Fair ____ LCWRT Web Site Maintenance

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**

The Civil War in Georgia

Georgia is home to more than 400 Civil War sites from Chickamauga, the largest national military park and the second-bloodiest battle of the War, to Andersonville, the most notorious prison camp of the war to Madison’s beautiful antebellum homes that were left untouched by Sherman. You can follow the route of Sherman’s Atlanta Campaign and hear stories of 33 featured sites from Dalton to Atlanta with the free Atlanta Campaign Audio Driving Tour available on GACivilWar.org.

PRESIDENTS from OHIO and CIVIL WAR VETERANS

- 18th Ulysses S. Grant (1869-1877) General in Chief
- 19th Rutherford B. Hayes (1877-1881) General
- 20th James A. Garfield (1881- assassinated) General
- 23rd Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893) General
- 25th William McKinley (1897-1901- assassinated) Major

MORNING ROUNDTABLE

The Morning Round Table on Thursday, February, 13 will be held at Stooges Café, 25 Sherrington Drive, Bluffton in Sheridan Park. Phone number is 706-6178. Our Wednesday speaker, Jack Davis, will be there to answer any questions you may have regarding his presentation.

**GOLDEN CORRAL DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014
FEBRUARY DINNER AT 5:45 P.M.**

- Mixed Salad
- Rotisserie Chicken
- Meatloaf
- Corn
- Red Bliss Potatoes
- Rolls and Butter
- Peach Cobbler

Unsweetened Iced Tea and Coffee

The Cost for dinner is **\$11.00 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 5!*

*Don't forget that your reservation must be received by the **WEDNESDAY** preceding the meeting – in this case **FEBRUARY 5, 2014**. Any reservation received AFTER this date will not be accepted!*

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Meal service promptly beginning at 5:45 pm in the Bluffton High School Cafeteria

Total Number of Dinners Ordered: _____ @ **\$11.00 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 Place
Bluffton, SC 29909
Telephone: 843-705-5168

MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5!

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