



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

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ABOUT OUR APRIL 2014 PROGRAM & SPEAKER

The Burning of Bluffton

By

Jeff Fulgham

Join Jeff Fulgham as he discusses his recently published book, *The Bluffton Expedition: The Burning of Bluffton, South Carolina During the Civil War*. Jeff will discuss such topics as: his motivation to write the book; antebellum Bluffton; The Battle of Port Royal and the subsequent establishment of Bluffton as a Rebel picket outpost; Robert E. Lee's coastal defense network; Union reconnaissance missions; the guerilla tactics of Confederate Captain John Mickler; and the burning of Bluffton and its historical significance.

Jeff Fulgham has served in operations Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. His military awards include the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Jeff is a graduate of American Public University and author of The Bluffton Expedition: The Burning of Bluffton, South Carolina During the Civil War. In 2013 Jeff worked as editor and historical advisor for Golden Isles Publishing to publish Hilton Head: One of the Golden Isles of South Carolina. He continues to serve as a Staff Sergeant in the South Carolina Army National Guard.

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
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE WAR EFFORT!

Similar to the notices of the 1860's, our LCWRT needs volunteers to serve on Committees such as Program, Hospitality and if experienced in organizations, you can be commissioned as an Officer. The more volunteers we have the easier it is to produce fine programs and social events. Please volunteer to serve your fellow members by contacting Andre Nougaret, Member at Large, or myself. Our contact information is on the last page.

Three rousing cheers for the work of this season's Program Committee co-chaired by Charlie Burns and Bob Drabik. Also, hats off to Gwen Bucklin, Hospitality chairperson, who dealt with the evolving problems of caterers for our dinner service.

Our April 9th program is on a very local topic. The speaker and author of the book on the Burning of Bluffton grew up in Bluffton, served in Iraq and Afghanistan and did the research.

For our new members, I point out that our roundtable was responsible for the SC Historic Marker on this topic. It is at the entrance walk of DuBois Park in Old Town, Bluffton. Our goal is to document history and educate the many adults and children who frequent that park. If you have not seen it yet, take a drive there.

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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Check YES & Help us save money! I want my monthly newsletter E-MAILED to me YES _____ NO _____

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 _____
Household: Annual Membership (to Aug 31, 2014): ~~\$45.00~~ \$22.50 _____

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 *Minié Ball* ____ Assist *Minié 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: **Don Welch, 48 Herons Bill Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909**
Make Check Payable to: **LCWRT Inc.** Any questions, please call **Don Welch** at **705-7633**

MISCELLANEOUS

A recently announced initiative by the Civil War Trust focuses on honoring all American veterans, an effort to generate awareness of Civil War and other battlefields on U.S. soil – many of which have already been lost to development or are now at risk. The “Honor Our Soldiers” campaign seeks to rally support for the remaining hallowed grounds. Ed Bearss joined with CWT personnel in announcing the program. Please take time to visit the website *HonorOurSoldiers.org* to show your support.

MORNING ROUNDTABLE

The Morning Round Table on Thursday, April 10, 13 will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room at the Palmetto Electric office on Highway 278 across from the USC-Beaufort Campus. Jeff Fulgham will be there to discuss his book and any questions you may have regarding his presentation on Wednesday.

JERSEY MIKE’S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014

APRIL DINNER AT 5:45 P.M.

A BOXED DINNER INCLUDING:

6 INCH SUB (TURKEY, ROAST BEEF or CLUB)

POTATO CHIPS

CONDIMENTS

LARGE COOKIE

SODA

TEA and WATER

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR RESERVATION FORM WHICH SUB YOU PREFER!!

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 April 2!***

*Don't forget that your reservation must be received by the **WEDNESDAY** preceding the meeting – in this case **April 2, 2014**. Any reservation received **AFTER** this date will not be accepted!*

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, April 9, 2014

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

Total Number of Dinners Ordered: _____ @ **\$11.00** each = _____ **SUB TYPE(S)**_____

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, April 2!

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