



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

October 2014

The November Program

“The Battle of Honey Hill”

By

Dr. Stephen Wise

The Battle of Honey Hill (Jasper County, SC) was the third battle of Sherman’s March to the Sea. It was fought on November 30, 1864. It did not involve General Sherman’s main force, but was a failed Union Army expedition under Gen. John P. Hatch that attempted to cut off the Charleston and Savannah Railroad in support of Sherman’s projected arrival in Savannah.

The Savannah to Charleston railroad was the line of supply and communication for the two objectives of Sherman’s campaign. Sherman wanted to break the 102-mile long railroad to interrupt supplies and reinforcements that could reach the enemy on his front and to cut the rail line to prevent the escape of Confederate General William J. Hardee’s 10,000-man force defending Savannah.

The battle involved some 5,000 Union troops and 1,400 Confederate troops, and ended in a Confederate victory.

Dr. Stephen R. Wise is the Director of the Parris Island Museum and the Cultural Resources Manager for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. He has received the Department of the Navy’s Cultural Resources Management Award. He also serves as an adjunct history professor at USCB. He is the author of several books including *“Lifeline of the Confederacy: Blockade Running During the Civil War”*, and *“Gate of Hell; The Campaign for Charleston Harbor 1863”*. Dr. Wise has a bachelor’s degree from Wittenberg University, a master’s degree from Bowling Green State University, and a Ph.D from the University of South Carolina.

THE 2014- 2015 LECTURE SERIES

September 10 @6:45 P.M.

Actress Chris Weatherhead; *“Mary Chesnut: The Fall of Richmond and the Escape from Columbia”*

October 8 @ 6:45 P.M.

Dr. Mark Wilson, UNC Charlotte; *“The Business of Civil War in the North”*

November 12 @ 6:45 P.M.

Dr. Stephen R. Wise, Director of the Parris Island Museum; *“The Battle of Honey Hill”*

January 14 @ 6:45 P.M.

Dr. James “Bud” Robertson; *“The Civil War Centennial and Sesquicentennial: Partners or at Odds?”*

February 11 @ 6:45 P.M.

Jack Davis, Professor, Virginia Tech; *“Grant and Lee: The Men That No One Knows”*

March 11 @ 6:45 P.M.

Ed Bearss, Historian Emeritus, National Park Service; *“General William T. Sherman’s March Through The Carolinas: January – April 1865”*

April 8 @ 6:45 P.M.

John C. Waugh, Journalist and Civil War author; *“Surviving the Confederacy – The Story of How a High Rolling Confederate Couple Survived the War”*

May 13 @ 6:45 P.M.

Ron Roth, Consultant to the Historic Beaufort Foundation; *“Undaunted Valor: The Beaufort Volunteer Artillery and the Civil War in the Lowcountry”*

NOTE: There is a \$10 Guest/Nonmember fee for any individual lecture. Students and teachers with ID are free.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are well on our way to collecting enough money for our plan to offer an annual \$500 scholarship to a senior student at Bluffton High School, starting this academic year. Among our criteria: it will be awarded to a senior who has plans to attend college, and has been accepted at either a 2 or 4 year program; has financial need; and has submitted an essay on Civil War history (any aspect - social, economic, military, a particular battle or local SC effect, etc.) Please consider sending your check directly to our treasurer, Jeff Rugg or bring it to our Nov. 12, 2014 program. All donations are tax deductible.

Our November program on the Battle of Honey Hill (near present day Ridgeland, SC) includes a great lecture by Dr. Stephen Wise on Nov. 12 and a bus trip to this local battlefield on Thursday morning, Nov. 13, 2014. The battle took place in November, 1864 and Dr. Wise will conduct the on-site tour for us. Please contact John Kemp at **201-845-4178** or e-mail him at jak148@hargray.com for more information and/or to buy tickets for this trip.

This is our last program in 2014 as we do not meet in December.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
Joe Roney
President

CARRABBAS DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014
NOVEMBER DINNER AT 5:45 P.M.

- Mixed Green Salad with Creamy Parmesan Dressing**
- Italian Bread**
- Chicken Marsala**
- Broccoli Sautéed with Red Bell Peppers and Onions**
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes**
- Cannoli**
- Unsweetened Ice Tea, Decaf Coffee, Water**

The Cost for dinner is **\$14.00 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 NOVEMBER 5!**

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

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014
Meal service promptly beginning at 5:45 pm in the Bluffton High School Cafeteria

Total Number of Dinners Ordered: _____ @ **\$14.00 each** = _____

Member Phone #: _____

Member # 1 Name _____

Member # 2 Name _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

I would like to sit with other new members _____ I would like to sit with other solos _____

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 – Don Welch
48 Heron's Bill Drive
Bluffton, SC 29909
Telephone: 843-705-7633

MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5!

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LONG TIME MEMBERS WANTED!

We are trying to compile a list of all persons that have been members of the LCWRT for 10 years or longer. If you meet that criteria, or know of someone that does, please contact Vice President Bob Waite. His phone number is 705-0895. He can also be reached by e-mail at waiteinsurance123@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed For Dinner!

In order to keep the cost of dinner down, we need volunteers to help before and after dinner. If you are willing to help in any of these capacities, please e-mail Sandi Schroeder (sanindex@schroederindexing.com) or call 843-705-9779.

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LOWCOUNTRY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE, INC

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 to AUGUST 31, 2015

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 confidential!)

Referred by

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, 2015): \$30.00 = \$55.00 _____

Household: One-Time Initiation Fee \$35.00 + Annual Membership (to Aug 31, 2015): \$45.00 = \$80.00 _____

Reenlistment - - Previous Members Only:

Single: Annual Membership (to Aug 31, 2015): \$30.00 _____

Household: Annual Membership (to Aug 31, 2015): \$45.00 _____

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 Dinner Tickets or Guest Fees, Tally Program Attendance)

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

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**

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