



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

December 2014

The January Program

“The Civil War Centennial and Sesquicentennial: Partners or at Odds?”

By

Dr. James “Bud” Robertson

The Civil War Centennial, 1961-1965, appeared to be healthy and hearty, but beneath the surface of the 100 year anniversary there were strong feelings on many sides. The United States Civil War Centennial Commission was created by Congress in 1957 to head up the 100 year anniversary of the Civil War. The shadow of the ongoing conflict over civil rights affected the implementation of many commemorative activities. Some of the same geographical divisions that had played a role in sparking the Civil War itself also affected the work of the separate state commissions which had been set up to commemorate the war. The Sesquicentennial Anniversary has come at a vastly different time in our nation's history. To many observers, it has been a national disappointment. For the past three and half years, your LCWRT has presented a series of programs following the theme “Commemoration of the American Civil War Sesquicentennial: 2011-2015”. In keeping with this theme, the LCWRT has invited a person who was in the center of both these anniversary programs to give his first person account of them.

Dr. Bud Robertson is retired from Virginia Tech where he was Alumni Distinguished Professor in History. He served as the Executive Director of the US Civil War Centennial Commission during the 1960's. Dr. Robertson has also been an instrumental member of the Virginia Sesquicentennial Commission on the American Civil War. Virginia has been recognized as a national model for sesquicentennial programs that include multiple perspectives and has invited widespread participation among all groups. This program promises to be a once in a lifetime opportunity for members of the LCWRT.

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

THURSDAY MORNING ROUNDTABLES CANCELLED

The Executive Committee had several discussions on this topic, focused on why we average less than 10 members to attend these true roundtables. We recently learned that Palmetto Electric Community Room would not be available to us for many of our 2015 programs. Our choices were to find a new place for all those dates, switch back and forth, or end these programs for this season, January through May, 2015. The vote was to end them.

You will recall that we used the Coastal Discovery Museum location for a whole season, but that did not significantly increase our attendance. Our best attendance was consistently for speakers Bud Robertson, Jack Davis and the indomitable Ed Bearss. We will have all 3 of them back this season, starting with Bud Robertson on Wednesday Jan. 14, 2015. I hope each and every member comes to that program. We will have a good question & answer session following his presentation.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR BLUFFTON HIGH STUDENT

We are still collecting 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, before the end of the year to get your tax deduction.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
Joe Roney
President

**CARRABBAS DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014
JANUARY DINNER AT 5:30 P.M.**

- Caesar Salad**
- Chicken Marsala**
- Broccoli sautéed with Onions, Garlic and Red Peppers**
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes**
- Bread, Butter, Herbs and Olive Oil**
- Mini Cannoli**
- Unsweetened Ice Tea, Decaf Coffee, Water**

The Cost for dinner is **\$12.00 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 JANUARY 7!**

*Don't forget that your reservation must be received by the **WEDNESDAY** preceding the meeting – in this case **January 7, 2015**.
Any reservation received **AFTER** this date will not be accepted!*

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014

Meal service promptly beginning at 5:30 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: _____

GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

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 – Sandi Schroeder

23 Camilla Pink Ct.

Bluffton, SC 29909

Telephone: 843-705-9779

MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7!

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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.

OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS

The Charleston Museum commemorates the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War with an excellent exhibit, "City under Siege: Charleston in the Civil War". This is a must see for members of the LCWRT planning to visit Charleston during the holidays or in early 2015. It is excellent and well worth your time.

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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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