



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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The May Program

“Undaunted Valor: The Beaufort Volunteer Artillery and the Civil War in the Lowcountry”

By

Ron Roth

The Beaufort Volunteer Artillery has one of the longest running histories of service in the United States, spanning the Revolutionary War through World War II. But it is as a Confederate artillery unit that it achieved legendary status in the annals of the Civil War in the Lowcountry. Participating in many of the key military engagements in the region like the Battles of Port Royal and Honey Hill, it was distinctive for its unique style of guerilla warfare unusual for an artillery battery, and for the makeup of its roster including men of the elite plantation families of Beaufort society.

Ron Roth designed and curated the permanent exhibit on the Beaufort Volunteer Artillery for the Historic Beaufort Foundation housed in the Verdier House in Beaufort. Ron is a former historian for the National Park Service at the Gettysburg National Military Park and the Custis-Lee mansion at Arlington Cemetery, and a former Licensed Battlefield Guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our program on May 13, 2015 will conclude our Fiscal year 2014-15. At that meeting we will have election of officers and appointment of committee chairs for next season. I will also present an Annual Report as required by our Bylaws. I am proud of all the volunteers who served to make this a very successful year. We have had outstanding programs including a field trip to a local battlefield. We established a scholarship fund for the first time this year, and increased membership in LCWRT to 319 which includes 53 new members.

I hope each of you will attend our May 13 program by our Past President, Ron Roth. He is a wonderful teacher and this is a local topic about the Beaufort Volunteer Artillery. I am sure most of you are eager to learn more about this unit and their heroic leader.

As I end my 2 years as your President, please accept my gratitude for making this an enjoyable, educational time with friends. As we end the 150th Anniversary of the War that created this exceptional country, the United States of America, I am convinced that we have the best Round Table in the country, with more programs than any other, and enjoy learning together.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

Joe Roney

President

NEW OFFICER CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee will present the following slate of officer candidates for the 2015-2016 Program Year at the May meeting:

President: Bob Waite

Vice President: Gary Welsh

Treasurer: Jeff Rugg

Secretary: Mike Sweeney

Member - At – Large: Tom McNamara

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

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.

JULY MEETING

In a new addition to our annual September to May line-up of programs, this year we will have a special July program at Magnolia Hall in Sun City. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 8 at 6:45 pm. Jack Rabbit, a well-known OLLI presenter, will talk about *"Gettysburg: 5 Factors that Determined the Outcome"*. More information will be forthcoming in the summer edition of the Minie Ball Gazette.

Honoring Our Founding Members

At the May meeting the LCWRT will recognize and honor our Founding Members: Kenny Bruyere, Bruce Claxton, Carol Cutrona, Bob & Kathy Eberly, Jack & Joyce Keller, Mac (Don) & Muriel McCoy, Jack O'Donnell, Kay Oliver, Sam Sawyer, Lee Shrouds, and Betty Smith.

Member Benefit

The *Civil War Times* magazine is now providing LCWRT members with a 50% discount for a one year subscription. An annual subscription will be available to our members for \$18.95 rather than the regular rate of \$39.95. This discounted rate is also good for subscriptions to other magazines including *America's Civil War*, *American History*, *Armchair General*, *Military History*, and *World War II*. **To take advantage of this benefit simply call 1-800-435-0715 and give the operator the offer code of 52LCCR.**

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