



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What an incredibly busy summer it has been for your Executive Committee! We are all anxiously anticipating the 2009-2010 season which will “kick off” with a dynamic program on slavery in South Carolina by our very own Jim Jordan. At this meeting, I will present to our membership the trophy for “Civil War Roundtable of the Year 2009” awarded to us in June by the Civil War Preservation Trust in Gettysburg. We will also discuss the new and very important enlistment/reenlistment drive. A December field trip to historic Savannah is scheduled, and we are also considering another field trip in late winter. This year we hope to initiate a LCWRT give-back/outreach program to the local communities. A wonderful start will be to offer a LCWRT scholarship to a deserving local student at USCB. We are also exploring the possibility of joining with the town of Bluffton on a historic preservation project. More details will follow on these topics.

On a personal note, it is very humbling to be the president of this nation’s Number 1 Round Table. Please join me in striving to insure that our organization does not slip from this lofty pedestal. If we battle complacency, we will be successful. The Executive Committee and I appreciate any help and/or suggestions that you can give us. You can always reach me by e-mail at

jmonkaitis@aol.com or by phone at 843-671-2236. *John Monkaitis*

THE 2009 – 2010 LECTURE SERIES PRELUDE TO THE CIVIL WAR

The Program Committee is pleased to be able to offer the following presentations during the next year:

September 9, 2009--An Intense Look at the Institution of Slavery in South Carolina

Jim Jordan, our fellow LCWRT member from Callawassie Island, has agreed to present a lecture on slavery—its importance and impact on the Beaufort County Society. Mr. Jordan is well known for his work on tours and lectures for the Savannah Grays.

October 14, 2009--Prewar Formative Years of the Important Generals of the North and South

Jack Waugh will travel from Texas to present a lecture on the most important generals in their formative years prior to the outbreak of war in 1861. Mr. Waugh is a nationally known historian who authored the fantastic Class of 1846.

November 11, 2009--The Rise of Abraham Lincoln 1848-1860

Jim Getty will revisit our Round Table on this 200th anniversary of Lincoln’s birth. We should enthusiastically welcome President Lincoln, who will be accompanied by our local militia, back to the Lowcountry. The topic of the discussion will be Lincoln 1848-1860.

January 13, 2010--John Brown—The First Terrorist

Bud Robertson will present a timely lecture on the incredibly controversial figure of John Brown. You will be able to follow this most famous Abolitionist from his Connecticut childhood to the bloody activities in Kansas to his final confrontation with Col. Robert E. Lee in Harpers Ferry, Virginia.

February 10, 2010--The Fireeaters and Their Contribution to Secession Fever

As a complement to our January program, Jack Davis will present a program on the Fireeaters and their contributions to the fermentation of the secessionist fever that infected the South.

March 10, 2010--Dahlgreen’s Raid on Richmond

Ed Bearss will present a lecture on Dahlgreen’s raid on Richmond. This cavalry raid was to terrorize Richmond, but was it its intent to follow Lincoln’s wish and assassinate Jefferson Davis? Mr. Bearss will also explore the relationship that Lincoln had with Dahlgreen’s father. So, get ready all you conspiracy theorists for this out-of-sequence lecture.

April 14, 2010--Antebellum History of Beaufort County

Our local historian and writer, John McCardill, will present a local flavor lecture on the antebellum history of Beaufort County. Mr. McCardill, along with Larry Rowland and Steve Wise, has been giving this lecture to sold-out audiences and has fantastic reviews all around the Lowcountry.

May 12, 2010--The Real “Cold Mountain”—Desertion, Destruction, Deprivation, and Desperation

Dr. Peter Carmichael will return to help us end our program year with an out-of-sequence lecture on the dire state of the South after the Civil War but before reconstruction. It will be a historically correct “Cold Mountain” with the reality of desertion, destruction, deprivation, and desperation. For the morning-after-the program discussion group, Dr. Carmichael will present his very enjoyable program on the Confederate/Union Generals set into an NFL All-Star format.

LCWRT JUNE 1, 2009 – MAY 31, 2010

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ABOUT OUR SEPTEMBER SPEAKER – JIM JORDAN

Jim Jordan received a BBA and MBA from Pace University in New York and is a Certified Public Accountant. He spent his professional career in New York and England, working as a financial systems consultant. In 1995 he and his wife, Kathleen, moved to Callawassie Island, South Carolina.

Soon after moving to the South, Jim began a second career as an historian, speaker, and tour guide in Savannah, GA. His first book, *Savannah Grey*, a historical novel about life in Georgia during the thirty years leading up to the Civil War, was nominated for the 2007 Michael Shaara Award for Excellence in Civil War Fiction. His article entitled “Charles Augustus Lafayette Lamar and the Movement to Re-open the African Slave Trade” will be published in the Fall 2009 issue of the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*.

Jim has lectured at several chapters of the Civil War Round Table and many other historical societies on the antebellum history and architecture of South Carolina and Georgia. Jim’s topic in September, “Slavery in South Carolina on the Eve of the Civil War,” will examine the social and cultural status of persons of color in Charleston, SC, as well as their attitudes on the approaching conflict between the North and South.

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010

Please **Print** All Information Below

Last Name _____	First Name _____	Badge Nickname _____
Additional Member Last Name _____	First Name _____	Badge Nickname _____
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
Phone () _____	E-Mail _____	

Your E-Mail is very important to us and we will keep it confidential.

Check YES & Help us save money! I want my monthly Newsletter **E-MAILED** to me rather than Delivered/Mailed YES _____ NO _____

New Enlistment:

Single: _____ One Time Initiation Fee \$25.00 + Annual Membership \$30.00 = \$55.00 _____

Household: _____ One Time Initiation Fee \$35.00 + Annual Membership \$45.00 = \$80.00 _____

Re-enlistment – Current Members Only

Single: _____ Annual Membership: \$30.00 _____

Household: _____ Annual Membership: \$45.00 _____

We are set to start a new program year and need volunteers to make it another success. **Please check the area(s) for which you’d like to volunteer:**

- Program Committee: select topics & speakers
 Maintain Membership (requires a computer)
 Editor of the bulletin (requires a computer)
 Treasurer
 Secretary
 President
 Collect dinner reservations
 Perform the ‘check in’ during dinner
 Hospitality & Greeter (distribute name cards)
 Refreshments for the ‘Morning After’
 Historian
 Help distribute the Minié Ball

Mail to or Leave in “lower” box:
 Make Check Payable to: **LCWRT Inc**

Jim and Nancy Alt
21 Trescot Lane
Bluffton, SC 29909

Any question, please call
 Jim or Nancy Alt at 705-3974

NEW PROCEDURES FOR DINNER

In order to enhance your enjoyment of the dinner programs, we ask every member to check in at the front table when entering the cafeteria at Bluffton High School. Each reenlisting member should wear his/her hangtag from the previous season and will receive the updated tag at the September dinner program. If perchance you forgot it, stick-on tags will be available for your use. New members will also pick up their hangtags at the front table. All nonmembers and guests must check in at the head table, obtain a stick-on tag, and pay the \$10 guest fee for attending the lecture.

There will also be the new dinner check-in staff at the front table. All members and guests who have prepaid reservations for dinner must check in to receive a dinner ticket. When your table is randomly called, surrender this ticket to the staff located at the beginning of the buffet line. Your cooperation will help to make the evening run smoothly.

Membership & Hospitality Committees

GOLDEN CORRAL'S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

Rotisserie Chicken, Salmon, Pulled Pork
Rice Pilaf, Green Beans
Coconut Macaroons, Sugar-Free Chocolate Pudding
Garden Salad & 3 Dressings, Unsweetened Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

The cost for dinner is \$14 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 BY MONDAY, September 7, 2009

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2009
Meal service promptly beginning at 5:45 PM

Total Number of Dinners Ordered: _____ @ \$14 each = _____ Member Phone #: _____

Member # 1 Name _____

Member # 2 Name _____

Guest: _____ [Please pay guest charge at the door]

Guest: _____ [Please pay guest charge at the door]

List Guests on additional paper if necessary.

Make check for *dinner only* payable to **LCWRT Inc.** and mail together with this form to:

Jim Hamilton
15 Walden Lane
Bluffton, SC 29909
Telephone: 843-705-7575

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

SEPTEMBER "MORNING AFTER" PROGRAM

Be sure to mark your calendar for the "Morning After" session on September 10, 2009 at 10:00 am at the Palmetto Electric Cooperative facility at the New River Center on HWY 278. Jim Jordan will provide additional Civil War information and entertain your questions. This is a perfect way to obtain additional insight into the Civil War in a very informal setting.

**We thank Palmetto Electric Cooperative and Honey Horn Plantation
for the use of their facilities for our "Morning After" sessions.**

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