



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

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ABOUT OUR NOVEMBER PROGRAM & SPEAKER – JIM GETTY

When Jim Getty, the nation's foremost Lincoln impersonator, returns to the Lowcountry in November, he will focus on the critical decade of the 1850s. After his return to Illinois following service in the United States Congress, Lincoln resumed his law practice. His views on the vexing question of slavery matured as the Kansas Nebraska Act became law and the new Republican Party was formed to oppose the expansion of slavery into the territories. Getty will discuss Lincoln's Senate race against Stephen Douglas, touching on their famous debates, and will focus on the 1860 Republican Convention in Chicago where, on the third ballot Lincoln became the party's nominee for President. Getty will conclude his presentation with the election of 1860 and South Carolina's fateful secession from the Union.

Jim Getty lives in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where he portrays the 16th President during the tourist season, and his program has been awarded the Pennsylvania Travel Excellence Award. He is a member of the National Speakers Association, giving presentations as Lincoln at many schools, colleges, conventions and business meetings. Having spent many years researching Lincoln and his contemporaries, Getty has developed several presentations as the President; participation in national and state government programs is also part of his annual schedule. Getty holds a Master of Arts degree in music from Illinois Wesleyan, taught high school music in Illinois and Ohio, and was director of choral activities at the University of Maine.

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 current program year:

September 9, 2009-6:45pm--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, 2009-6:45pm--Prewar Formative Years of the Important Generals in the Civil War

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

November 11, 2009-6:45pm--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, 2010-6:45pm--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, 2010-6:45pm--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, 2010-6:45pm--Dahlgren's Raid on Richmond

Ed Bearss will present a lecture on Dahlgren'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 Dahlgren's father. So, get ready all you conspiracy theorists for this out-of-sequence lecture.

April 14, 2010-6:45pm--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, 2010-6:45pm--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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Allow me to begin with a very sincere “thank you” to everyone who donated his/her time and effort to enable your organization to get this season off to a rousing success. Without your unselfish work, our first two months of activity would not have been possible. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

There are a few more openings left for the field trip to historic Civil War Savannah on December 7 and 9. During this week, Elaine Monkaitis will be contacting everyone who submitted a reservation for this walking tour and optional lunch to go over the final plans and payment. Your response has encouraged the Executive Committee to continue their work on planning future club-sponsored adventures.

I am very excited about our November Program. We will welcome back for the third time President Abraham Lincoln, aka Jim Getty, who will present the topic of his political life before the 1860 Election. It will be fantastically interesting to explore the trials and successes of our first Republican. **The Morning-After will be held at the beautifully restored Discovery House at Honey Horn for this program, NOT at Palmetto Electric.** What an excellent opportunity! I cannot imagine any member passing on this opportunity to discuss for two hours any topic that you wish with our 16th President at such a beautiful venue as Honey Horn. Your Executive Committee has volunteered to donate all proceeds from our nonmembers who attend Wednesday evening’s program in addition to any donations collected from nonmembers at the “Morning-After” to the Bluffton Historical Preservation Society to help with their very important historical preservation activities. I hope that all of our members will attend and bring new friends to the November Program in order to raise much needed funds for this very important “**local**” organization.

Our new Web-site is now up and running, and you can view it on our new E-mail address www.lcwrtsquarespace.com.

Let me close by saying that I am extremely interested in any member’s ideas or thoughts on how the Round Table can improve. Call me at 843-671-2236 or e-mail me to express your opinions at jmonkaitis@aol.com. Thank you. *John Monkaitis*

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 _____

Reenlistment – 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) ____ Check in New Members & Guests ____ 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

REMINDERS

Remember our new Golden Coral dinner procedures. When you arrive for the dinner at 5:45 pm, be sure to check in at the front table to get your dinner tickets.

Also remember you will only be able to enter Bluffton High School through the Main Entrance doors. The Auditorium entrance doors will be locked. If you are coming only for the lecture, you will need to go through the Main Entrance doors, check in at the front table in the Cafeteria and then move through the Cafeteria to the ramp leading down to the Auditorium.

GOLDEN CORRAL'S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009
NOVEMBER DINNER

Turkey with Poultry Gravy, Sliced Ham with Pineapples, Cornbread Stuffing

Sweet Potato Casserole, Cranberry Sauce, Cut Corn

House Salad with Choice of Three Dressings

Dinner Rolls with Honey Butter

Pumpkin Pie, Pecan Pie

Unsweetened Tea, Lemonade, Decaffeinated 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, November 9, 2009

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, November 11, 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 -----

NOVEMBER "MORNING AFTER" PROGRAM

A reminder that the November "Morning After" program is to be held at the Discovery House at Honey Horn and **NOT** at Palmetto Electric Cooperative.

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

LCWRT JUNE 1, 2009 – MAY 31, 2010

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NOTE: The website for the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table (LCWRT) has a new website address. The new address is: www.lcwrt.squarespace.com and it can be used to get current and historical LCWRT information. When you now access the website at the new address, you will see essentially the same information we maintained at the previous website address, so you should immediately be familiar with the content and be comfortable with it.

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