



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

DECEMBER 2009

ABOUT OUR JANUARY PROGRAM & SPEAKER – DR. BUD ROBERTSON

Remember how you felt on September 11, 2001? If you had ancestors living in America 150 years ago following John Brown's raid on the United States Armory and Arsenal at Harpers Ferry, (West) Virginia, they probably had feelings similar to yours on September 11, 2001. Horror? Terror? Panic? War? The people living in the South, both slaveholding and nonslaveholding residents, had long feared an armed slave revolt. This fear dated back to very early colonial times. John Brown had intended to use the 100,000 rifles stored at Harpers Ferry to arm the slaves in Virginia and to lead them in a revolt for their freedom. Virginia was the largest slaveholding state in the country and the heart of the South. Northern folks who read their newspapers in the days and weeks following John Brown's raid had a different set of fears. Most did not want a war to free the slaves...they did want to continue to enjoy economic prosperity. Please join the LCWRT as Dr. Bud Robertson follows John Brown's life from his boyhood home in Connecticut, to his involvement in "Bleeding Kansas", and his capture by Robert E. Lee at Harpers Ferry.

Dr. Bud Robertson has appeared regularly at the LCWRT for the past ten years. In addition to being an Alumni Distinguished Professor at Virginia Tech, he was chief historical consultant for "Gods and Generals", the Turner Picture/Warner Brothers movie released in 2003. This retired ACC football official most recently served as executive producer for a three-hour documentary on the Civil War released in August 2009. This documentary by Blue Ridge PBS was produced with a \$350,000 grant awarded by the Virginia Sesquicentennial of American Civil War Commission.

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

It is incredible how fast this year has gone by, so fast that we are already approaching the halfway mark for this 2009-2010 Program Year. Congratulations and sincere thanks to all those volunteers whose efforts produced our three fall programs and our two "sold-out" tours in December of historic Savannah.

On December 21, the Executive Committee of our Round Table will present a \$1,000 check to the Bluffton Historical Preservation Society. This money was raised from all the nonmembers who attended the November program and the Morning After with President Lincoln. I am extremely proud that we had over 300 people at this program.

Because we rely tremendously on the volunteers to run our monthly dinner programs, these energetic and dedicated members are presently carrying much too heavy of a load for the LCWRT. We are looking for new volunteers who are willing to donate just a few hours a month to assist our committees in continuing to give the Lowcountry community the programs and events that you have enjoyed for the last ten years. At the beginning of the January program, members of the Executive Committee will discuss with you job positions that are available where you can volunteer your time. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the current program season, please contact Elaine Monkaitis at jmonkaitis@aol.com or at 843-671-2236. In addition, Anne Hamilton, Member-At-Large, has agreed to begin the search for members who are willing to serve on next year's Executive Board. Please give serious consideration to donating just a few hours a month to our unique and incredible organization. If you can assist us, please contact Anne Hamilton at snamesanne@hotmail.com or at 843-705-7575.

I hope you have a joyous Holiday Season with family and friends and very best wishes for a great New Year!!! If you have any questions or to express your opinions, call me at 843-671-2236 or e-mail me 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 (**DISCOUNTED ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO NEW ENLISTMENTS**):
Single: _____ One Time Initiation Fee \$25.00 + DISCOUNTED Annual Membership \$20.00 = \$45.00 _____
Household: _____ One Time Initiation Fee \$35.00 + DISCOUNTED Annual Membership \$30.00 = \$65.00 _____

Reenlistment:
Single: _____ Annual Membership: \$30.00 _____
Household: _____ Annual Membership: \$45.00 _____

We always need/solicit volunteers to continue making the LCWRT successful. **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

SPECIAL REQUEST AND REMINDERS

We solicit your support for the Golden Corral Dinner preceding each meeting as it takes a considerable amount of effort to arrange these functions. We must guarantee and pay for a minimum of 70 dinners each month and when, as in October, we do not have the minimum number, the LCWRT treasury and thus all of us members pay the difference. We are working with Golden Corral to expand the menu items as you will see from the below January menu while still attempting to maintain the \$14.00 per person cost. We continue to believe that this social function is beneficial to the LCWRT members and encourage your participation.

Remember our new Golden Corral 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 program, 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, JANUARY 13, 2010
SPECIAL JANUARY DINNER

Shrimp Scampi Over Linguini in a Lemon Herb Sauce
with Parmesan Cheese, Spinach, and Tomatoes;

Tender Rotisserie Chicken

Sweet Potato Casserole with Crushed Pecan Topping
Cut Yellow Corn

Tossed Green Salad with Choice of Three Salad Dressings
Yeast Rolls with Honey Butter

Chocolate Pie and Assorted Cookies

Unsweetened Tea, Lemonade, and 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, January 11, 2010

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, January 13, 2010

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]

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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-----

JANUARY "MORNING AFTER" PROGRAM

The Thursday, January 14, "Morning After" program featuring Dr. Bud Robertson is to be held at the Palmetto Electric Cooperative facility at the New River Center on Hwy 278 near the Hardeeville Walmart at 10:00 a.m.

**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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