



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

MARCH 2010

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

For the April meeting, there will be no \$10 guest fee charged to any guests attending the 6:45pm meeting with a member. We are beginning our “new membership” drive and believe that this is a good way to expose your friends to the many benefits and educational advantages for those who are members of the LCWRT. So we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and invite a friend. As always, if your guest is participating in the Golden Corral Dinner before the attending meeting with you, the guest dinner fee still will be charged.

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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 - **RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 12, 2011***

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 Fire-eaters and Their Contribution to Secession Fever--**TO BE RESCHEDULED***

As a complement to our January program, Jack Davis will present a program on the Fire-eaters 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—“A Rich Man's Fight and A Poor Man's War”

Dr. Aaron Sheehan-Dean from the University of North Florida will draw on Civil War soldiers' letters and journals to explain their motivations for fighting in the war. He will explore how the non-slaveholding soldier understood the war, why he enlisted and generally stayed in the Confederate Army under worse than awful conditions on the battlefield and at home.

May 12, 2010-6:45pm-- A Confederate Soldier's Perspective on the Civil War

Prof. Peter Carmichael will present a lecture on Confederate William Wagner's experience during the Gettysburg Campaign based upon letters that he wrote to his wife. He will discuss why ordinary Confederate soldiers remained loyal to the cause despite doubt, how they expressed their dissatisfaction with the army, and how they tried to balance family and community obligations with duty to their nation. For the morning-after-the program discussion group, Prof. 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 hard to believe, but there are only two programs remaining in the season. Everyone who has been involved in the planning and execution of our nine events should feel very proud for a job extremely well done. From the entire membership, “thank you”.

In less than two months at our May meeting, you will be voting on the Slate of Officers for next year. The candidates are listed on this page. Remember, it is not too late to volunteer your assistance for the many jobs that must be filled in order to produce your monthly dinner programs and newsletters.

As a way of introducing prospective members to our great organization, we are offering free admission to the April Program to any guest who is accompanied by a member. Any guest who joins the LCWRT for the next program season before the May meeting will be invited to attend May’s Program free of charge. However, if a member’s guest would like to attend the April dinner, the member must make a reservation for the guest and the normal \$14 dinner fee will be collected. Take advantage of this excellent opportunity!

Finally, your Executive Committee is now planning for the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Civil War in the greater Hilton Head Island/Bluffton area. If you would like to be involved or have any ideas on activities, please call Bob Eberly or myself.

If you have any questions or want to express your opinions, call me at 843-671-2236 or e-mail me at jmonkaitis@aol.com.

Thank you. *John Monkaitis*

ABOUT OUR APRIL PROGRAM & SPEAKER – DR. AARON SHEEHAN-DEAN

“A Rich Man’s Fight and A Poor Man’s War” is the way many Americans today sum up the Civil War. The argument is that the war was fought in defense of slavery which benefited only the wealthy men who refused to fight. “Who” fought the Civil War and “why” did they fight? Come and learn the answer to these and other questions as Dr. Aaron Sheehan-Dean leads us in “A Rich Man’s War and Poor Man’s Fight: Rethinking the Civil War.” He will draw on soldiers’ letters and journals to explain that their motivations were neither rarified nor narrow and self-serving. If we are to truly comprehend the Civil War in 1861-1865 thinking, we need to explore how the non-slaveholding soldier understood the war, why he enlisted and generally stayed in the Confederate Army under worse than awful conditions on the battlefield and at home.

April’s speaker for the LCWRT, Dr. Aaron Sheehan-Dean, is a newcomer to our local round table. Aaron earned his B.A. at Northwestern and his Ph.D. at the University of Virginia. After serving as a visiting lecturer at Virginia Military Institute during the Spring of 2003, he joined the History Department at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. Since going to UNF, he has authored a number of books including *Why Confederates Fought: Family and Nation In Civil War Virginia*. This distinguished lecturer has a chapter entitled “Politics in Civil War Virginia: A Democracy on Trial” in the recent book *Virginia at War, 1864* edited by Drs. William C. “Jack” Davis and James I. “Bud” Robertson (2009). Come and help us give a warm welcome to Dr. Aaron Sheehan-Dean.

2010-2011 LCWRT SLATE OF OFFICERS

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GREAT CIVIL WAR IMAGE WEBSITE

We encourage all members who want to view some very interesting Civil War era images to visit the following website: <http://www.mikelynaugh.com/VirtualCivilWar/New/Originals2/index.html>. These are pretty amazing considering they were taken up to 150 years ago. Run the cursor over the photograph, and the picture caption will pop up. The caption is also found underneath each picture and a return (Back) to the picture file after it has been enlarged. Click the photo to enlarge.

SPECIAL REQUEST AND REMINDERS

Great opportunity to assist the LCWRT. We're looking for a volunteer with knowledge of/experience with Microsoft Excell spreadsheets to maintain the LCWRT membership list. The basis spreadsheet is used to do Name Tags, the Mailing labels, and as a source for maintaining the ISLC LCWRT on-line e-mail address list. Our current volunteer, Jim Alt, also uses a second Microsoft Excell spreadsheet to maintain a shorter list of the membership for use when people pick up their badges and sign that they have received them. We would provide a flash/thumb drive with the current spreadsheets and Jim would provide enough information and assistance to assure that the NEW volunteer would be successful. We encourage anyone who is interested in volunteering to call Jim Alt, 705-3974, for more info.

We solicit your continued support for the Golden Corral Dinner preceding each meeting. 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 for 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, APRIL 14, 2010

APRIL DINNER

Pulled Pork with Barbeque Sauce

Rotisserie Chicken and Salmon

Sweet Potato Casserole

Okra and Tomatoes

Spinach

House Salad with Choice of Four Dressings

Fresh Cut-up Fruit

Yeast Rolls with Honey Butter

Brownies 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, April 12, 2010

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, April 14, 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-----

APRIL "MORNING AFTER" PROGRAM

The Thursday, April 15, "Morning After" program featuring Dr. Aaron Sheehan-Dean 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.**

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