

THE MINIE BALL GAZETTE

LOWCOUNTRY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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NEWS FLASH ----

FEBRUARY 13TH MEETING . . .

ED BEARSS ON "FIRST BULL RUN/FIRST MANASSAS"

Held at McCracken Middle School.

DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE

RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 4TH.

Mail enclosed reservation form and check.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ED BEARSS ARRIVES ON WED. FEB. 13TH

I have been with Ed Bearss, (pronounced bears), on numerous battlefield tours and have heard him deliver countless lectures. You may have seen one of his frequent TV appearances on the History Channel or A&E Civil War Journal. He is outstanding! Those who know Ed will not think of missing this opportunity, and those of you who will hear him for the first time will never forget the experience. We are just plain lucky that he had a short break in his busy tour schedule that allows him to attend. Ed is colorful, entertaining and a great story teller. He is unchallenged as the most respected and knowledgeable battlefield historian in our nation.

Bearss is the author of ten books and more than one hundred articles. As Chief Historian for the National Park Service, he received the

Department of Interior's Distinguished Service Award, the highest award given by the department.

Ed will talk about the first major battle of the Civil War, First Bull Run/First Manassas. As an additional feature, he will meet the next day with us for a "Round Table" at the Palmetto Electric Building near Sun City from 10 o'clock until noon. This is a great opportunity to not only explore his lecture subject in more detail, but to ask any question you wish about the war. For this Thursday "Morning After" session, please call Bob Eberly ASAP 785-5393 for a reservation.

Jack Keller

MILITARY ENGAGEMENTS

February 13 - General Meeting - Ed Bearss speaks on "First Bull Run/First Manassas" - Held at McCracken Middle School

February 14 - "The Morning After" with Ed Bearss - Held at Palmetto Electric on Rte 278 near Sun City

March 13 - General Meeting - President Lincoln returns to speak on "Governing in that First Year 1861"

April 10 - Prof. Jack Davis speaks on "Forming the Presidency"

May 8 - Dennis Frye speaks on "John Brown's Raid on Harpers Ferry"

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Most all of you know that I usually write a column for the *Minie Ball Gazette* entitled "Mail Call." This month I'm foregoing the mailbag to talk with you about several things that have been brought to my attention or have been on my mind. As humility is always good for the soul, I'll begin with—

AN APOLOGY: Despite the best efforts of a number of us, the sound system continues to be a source of aggravation and concern. Our programs have been so outstanding that it's a shame some of our members have had trouble hearing them. Let me assure you that we are working diligently to improve the system so that all of you can enjoy the great speakers who will be visiting with us in the coming months. By the way, a big "Thank You" to our Program Committee for their hard work in arranging a spectacular series of programs for us. Next, I'd like to pass on—

A GENTLE REMINDER: As you know, your Executive Committee decided to make the Round Table a "Members Only" organization this year due to our increased membership and space limitations. This means that last year's practice of inviting guests to join you for a monthly dinner meeting is no longer appropriate. There are two exceptions to this general rule: First, any member in good standing of another round table who is visiting in the Lowcountry is welcome to attend our programs. Also, if any of you are hosting out-of-town guests and would like to bring them with you to a meeting, you are most welcome to do so. Just include them on your dinner reservation and note that they are out-of-town guests of yours. Now, for a—

A GENTLE PLEA: I must tell you that it was embarrassing to me and to a number of our members to see so many people racing for the

door at the conclusion of Professor Robertson's presentation while I was attempting to thank him for coming and present a charitable donation for his Virginia Center for the Study of the Civil War. Philanthropy is one of the principal goals of our round table, and our \$500 donation to Prof. Robertson's organization was significant. You should know that he thanked us profusely at the "Morning After" event. You should also know that he said he had never seen so many folks stampeding for the exits before. We will have several more charitable donations to present during the remainder of this program year, and it seems to me that simple courtesy (not to mention "Southern Hospitality") should dictate that we not rush for the doors until the meeting has been adjourned. Finally, I have—

A FERVENT REQUEST: Those of you who were at our last meeting heard me state that we are seeking candidates who are interested in being nominated for the position of Vice President for next year. Also, I asked that anyone interested in serving as Editor of the *Minie Ball Gazette* next year should contact Carol Cutrona or me. As our founder Mac McCoy is fond of saying, "Many hands make the load lighter." I really believe it is not overstating the case to say that the future of our Round Table depends upon interested members stepping forward to take their turn at the helm. Please, if you are interested in serving in either capacity next year, contact the folks whose names are listed in the Want Ads appearing elsewhere in this newsletter.

Yr Mst Obdnt Servt
R. E. Eberly Jr., President

“CAMPAIGNING WITH LEE”

Hosted by James I. “Bud” Robertson and
William C. “Jack” Davis

**Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, New
Cumberland, PA**

June 15-22, 2002

For the past nine years my wife, Joyce, and I have attended the oldest of the summer Civil War programs, “Campaigning with Lee,” a weeklong combination of education and recreation. We have thoroughly enjoyed the diverse programs and the friendships we have made. This year, there will be twenty talks by noted Civil War historians, two all-day tours to southern Pennsylvania sites, and a special tour of the new National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg. We will also be renewing friendships with some one hundred attendees from across the United States. The price for this very special event is \$895 per person based upon double occupancy, or \$1195 for single occupancy. The price includes seven nights’ lodging, meals, bus tours, etc. If you have any interest in joining us for this spectacular summer Civil War event, please give me a call at 671-5260 for further information.

Jack Keller

IT’S NOT TOO LATE!!

SOUTH ATLANTIC WAR SYMPOSIUM

You can still register to attend the event presented by the Blue & Gray Education Society, held at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront Hotel on Hilton Head Island, February 27 - March 2, 2002.

Complete and mail the reservation form that has been printed in past newsletter issues. If

you need another form, please call Tom Oliver, 705-7217.

MARCH NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15TH

WHY SOLDIERS FOUGHT

At the January meeting, we were honored to hear Prof. Robertson speak on the topic, “Why Soldiers Fought.”

Bud Robertson is one of the most highly regarded historians in the country. He is acting as the expert advisor for the forthcoming Warner Brothers movie “Gods and Generals.” Virginia Tech, where he teaches, is a leading center for teaching the history of the Civil War.

Robertson spoke on the various reasons why common laborers and farm boys fought through four bitter years of war. Those reasons included patriotism and general emotionalism, followed by family honor, feminine influence, desire for excitement, simple economics, keeping the nation together, and, in the case of the south defending their homes and way of life. Only about ten percent of Southern soldiers owned more than a small handful of slaves.

A two-hour “Morning After” seminar was held the next day. “Gods and Generals” was a major subject. The twenty-some members who attended this event enjoyed an intimate two-hour conversation with one of America’s leading historians. Bud Robertson expects this to be the major epic of the year for Warner Brothers.

George Cabiness

**XXXXX WORD PUZZLE FOR YOUR
ENTERTAINMENT**

The *Minie Ball* staff is honored to present another first, a Civil War crossword puzzle.

Member Bob Boxer has developed the following puzzle. Work it at your pleasure. Answers will be furnished in a future newsletter.

CAR POOLING

For those interested in sharing rides, please see the enclosed car pool form.

THE CLASSIFIEDS.....

WANTED - A member interested in serving as Vice-President for the term 2002-03. The VP acts for the president in his absence and, under our by-laws, assumes the office of president for the following year. Anyone interested in being nominated for VP should call Andy Kudaruaskas, 705-3435.

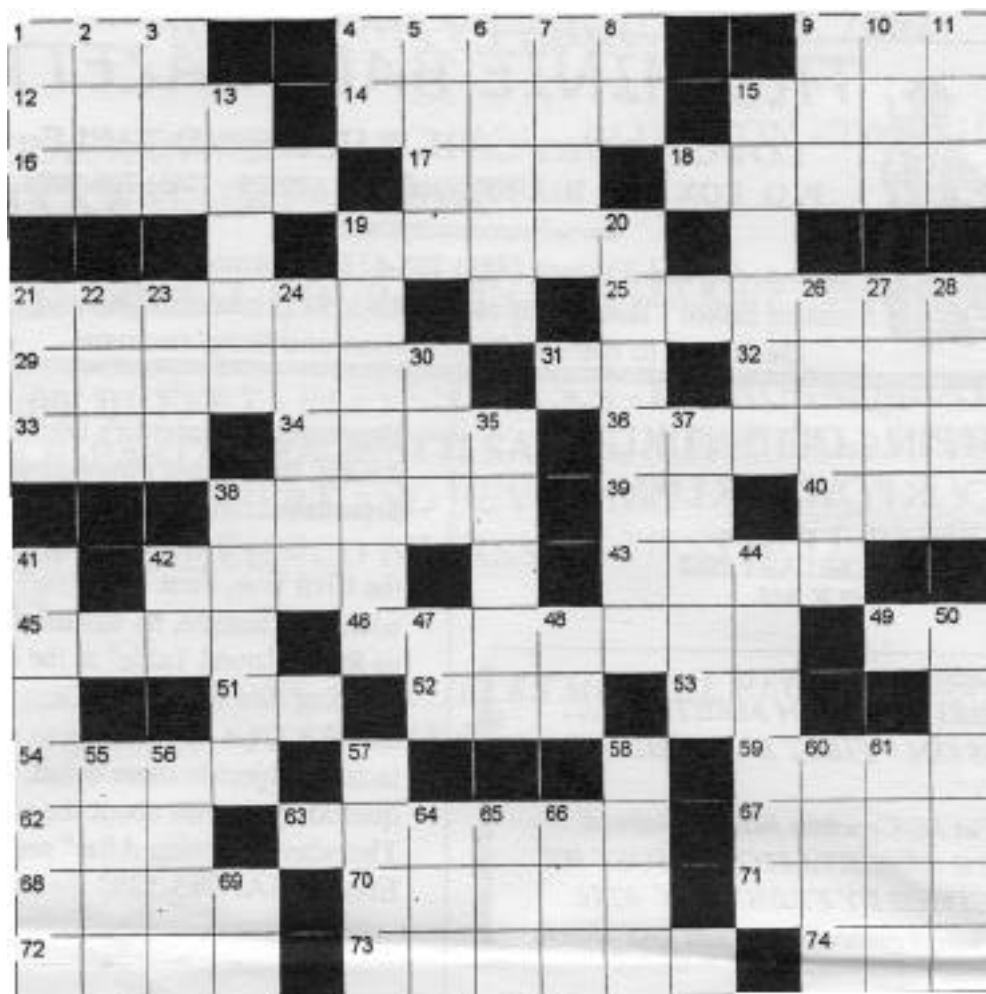
WANTED - A member interested in serving as Chairman of the Communication Committee and Editor of the *Minie Ball Gazette* for the 2002-2003 year. Current newsletter staff will remain as writers for the publication and will stay on board to facilitate each month's publication. If interested, please call Carol Cutrona at 705-6189 or Bob Eberly at 785-5234.

IMPORTANT

DON'T MISS THE FEBRUARY 13TH MEETING, HELD AT MCCRACKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL. FOR "MORNING AFTER" PROGRAM RESERVATION, CALL BOB EBERLY, 785-5393.

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CIVIL WAR I



Across

1. Robert Edward
4. Musical instrument used during the Civil War
9. Union general or chemical company
12. ____ of the Potomac
14. Senator Hatch
15. One of the three B's of classical music
16. Bear
17. General Sickles to his friends
18. Confederate general
19. Monday (Fr)
21. Two terms. First, Union soldiers supplied their own; second, Chou En ____
25. Country
29. Two terms. First, new combining form; second, lairs

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31. Commercial notice, in shortened form
32. River in Northwest France
33. Designate
34. The Confederate flag, to some
36. Naturally occurring radioisotope of thorium
38. American frontiersman
39. Chemical symbol of an inert gas
40. Social Security Organization (abbr)
42. Spirit
43. After (Ger)
45. Bird or brag
46. Paradise
49. Gold or yellow
51. That is (L) (abbr)
52. "Uncle ___'s Cabin"
53. First and last initials of an American statesman (1861-1944).
54. Color associated with Union forces
59. Artist and correspondent. His Civil War sketches appeared in "Harper's Weekly"
62. Ice (Ger)
63. Secretary of State in the cabinet of 19 Down
67. Sandwich cookie
68. Master as used during the Civil War-but not today
70. A conspirator in the assassination of 19 Down
71. ___ Coward, British playwright
72. Color associated with Confederate forces
73. Object used by physicians during the Civil War
74. Fort in California named for a Union general

Down

1. Workroom
2. Goof
3. Australian bird
4. ___ Derek
5. Hindustani
6. His original names were Hiram Ulysees
7. The Swedish nightingale
8. Printer's measure
9. ___es Salaam
10. Hypochlorite ion without the charge
11. How come
13. Produce
15. She arranged to get medical supplies and care to Union troops
19. The 16th President of the United States
20. State that fielded the 19th Brigade, 20th Regiment and 27th Regiment
21. Interest (abbr)
22. National Education Association (abbr)
23. Hill
24. Vowel run

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- 26. This Union brigade flew a green flag along with the national colors
- 27. Burden
- 28. Verne's captain
- 30. Heir
- 35. Today, he is an African-American. During the Civil War he was a ____.
- 37. Ape found in Borneo and Sumatra 38. Knife used during the Civil War
- 41. It sank the Titanic
- 42. Therefore
- 44. Napoleon or parrott
- 47. ____takes two to tango
- 48. 995
- 50. Stated again
- 55. Prevaricator
- 56. Military service sch
- 57. ____ Dietrich, German SS commander
- 58. Noble (Ger)
- 60. Kang ending
- 61. Nostradamus
- 64. When actively employed (abbr)
- 65. Three-toed sloths of South America
- 66. Rent minus an e
- 69. Neighbor of Tenn

CARPOOL RESERVATION

To encourage participation carpools will be organized for those interested. If you live in Bluffton, but outside Sun City, the car pool will meet wherever it is convenient to most. Suggestions welcomed. Please fill out the reservation form.

FEBRUARY 13, 2002 MEET AT 5:00 P.M. AT LAKE SOMERSET

Please check boxes A or B. Complete all info with names (if known)

__ I/we will meet at Lake Somerset to form car pools

A. __ I will drive:

1. My vehicle seats_____

2. Names of riders in my car so far:

ME _____

B. __ I/We need a ride:

1. Do you know someone who would drive? Yes No

2. Driver's name:_____

Mail or put in my paperbox: Barb O'Donnor, 23 Padget Dr., Sun City, 705-5370