

# MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

# September 2013

ABOUT OUR OCTOBER 2013 PROGRAM & SPEAKER

## South Carolina Civilians in Sherman's Path: Stories in Courage By Karen Stokes

During the fateful winter of 1865, General William T. Sherman led an army of over 60,000 troops on a destructive march through South Carolina, where thousands of civilians, young and old, black and white, experienced what the general called "the hard hand of war." Many of these South Carolinians left a compelling record of their harrowing experiences in letters, diaries, memoirs, and newspaper accounts, much of which is corroborated by the testimony of Sherman's own officers and soldiers. Ms. Stokes will present some of these stories based on her book of this title.

Karen Stokes is the Processing Archivist of the South Carolina Historical Society. The SC Historical Society is the state's oldest historical society and its largest private manuscript repository; they serve as an invaluable and unique asset to historians and genealogists who seek information concerning the history of our state, and the role of their families in that history. Ms. Stokes is also the author of A Confederate Englishman: The Civil War Letters of Henry Wemyss Feilden and The Immortal 600: Surviving Civil War Charleston and Savannah, and is co-editor of Faith, Valor, and Devotion: The Civil War Correspondence of William Porcher DuBose. She has a Bachelor's degree from the College of Charleston and a Master's degree from the University of South Carolina.

#### THE 2013 – 14 LECTURE SERIES

September 11, 2013 @ 6:45 pm – Becoming Harriet Tubman

Natialie Daise, Actress, Founder and Star of TV Program "Gullah Gullah Island"

October 9, 2013 @ 6:45 pm —South Carolina Civilians in Sherman's Path: Stories in Courage Karen Stokes, South Carolina Historical Society, Charleston, SC

November 13, 2013 @ 6:45 pm – Desperate Hours Gettysburg

Ron Roth, Past President LCWRT and a former Gettysburg Battlefield Guide

January 8, 2014 @ 6:45 pm – General Ulysses S. Grant in Person

Larry Clowers, Nationally Known Portrayer of U.S. Grant, Winner of Valley Forge Honor Medal

February 12, 2014 @ 6:45 pm – Adventures in Civil War Publishing

William C. "Jack" Davis, Professor of History, Virginia Tech

March 12, 2014 @ 6:45 pm – The Siege of Vicksburg

Ed Bearss, Former Chief Historian for the National Park Service

April 9, 2014 @ 6:45 pm – The Burning of Bluffton

Jeff Fulgham, Author

May 14, 2014 @ 6:45 pm – The Civil War from behind the Camera

Robert Lisle, MD

NOTE: There is a \$10 Guest/Nonmember fee for any individual lecture. STUDENTS

ARE FREE.

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

All of the comments about our September program expressed wonder at the talents of Natalie Daise as an actress whose lyrical singing voice gave us a feeling of being in a living history. I am sorry some of you missed it.

Our October 9<sup>th</sup> program is on a topic we have been looking for since I became a member. There are so many books and articles on Sherman's March to the sea, but few about his subsequent destructive March through South Carolina. This program is based on actual letters and accounts of those who lived it.

Remember that our 10 AM, Thursday morning Roundtable discussions will be at the renovated Palmetto Electric conference room. It is an informal, open forum. I expect more of you to join us there.

I urge you to see the Mitchelville Exhibit, "Dawn of Freedom" at the Hilton Head High School, now through Oct. 30, 2013. It is open Tues. & Wed. 10AM - 2 PM, and Sunday Noon - 3 PM. It has photos, artifacts and a video and is very educational. There is also new signage at the Freedom Park on Beach City Road.

Respectfully, your obedient servant, Joe Roney
President

#### NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2013 to AUGUST 31, 2014
Please Print All Information Below

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| Reenlistment Previous Members Only: Single: Annual Membership (to Aug 31, 201 Household: Annual Membership (to Aug 31, |                                |  |
| We always need volunteers to continue making the LCWRT   | successful. Please check t     | he area(s) for which you are volunteering: |
| Program Committee: select topics & speakersE   | ditor of the <i>Minie Ball</i> | Assist <i>Minie Ball</i> Editor            |
| Assist on Program Night (Greeter, Collect D inner Ticket   | ts or Guest Fees, Tally Progr  | ram Attendance)                            |
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### **LEARNING ABOUT THE CIVIL WAR**

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute has several interesting presentations about the Civil War during the fall semester. Classes are taught at USC Bluffton, Beaufort and HHI campuses. Topics include "The Landscape Aflame: The Art of the American Civil War", "Gettysburg: Side Stories to the Main Event", and "Jews in the Civil War: Forgotten Courage". Learn more at their website: <a href="http://www.uscb.edu/community-outreach/olli/">http://www.uscb.edu/community-outreach/olli/</a>.

More information about the trip to Gettysburg and Chancellorsville will be coming out very soon. Watch for an e-mail with details.

#### MORNING ROUNDTABLE

The Morning Roundtable will be held on Thursday, October 10 at 10:00 am at the Palmetto Electric Cooperative building on Highway 278 across from the USCB - Bluffton campus. Our speaker, Karen Stokes will be there discuss her presentation from the night before in greater detail.

# JAMESON CHARHOUSE DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2013 OCTOBER DINNER AT 5:45 P.M.

Smothered Pork Chops
Baked Cod Provencal
Green Peas
Red Bliss Potatoes
Mixed Green Salad
Dinner Rolls with Butter
Chocolate Cookies
Unsweetened Iced Tea and Coffee

The Cost for dinner is **\$17.00 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 <u>must</u> be received *on or before OCTOBER 2!* 

Don't forget that your reservation must be received by the **WEDNESDAY** preceding the meeting – in this case **OCTOBER 2, 2013**. Any reservation received **AFTER** this date will not be accepted!

**DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2013** Meal service promptly beginning at 5:45 pm in the Bluffton High School Cafeteria Total Number of Dinners Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_ Member Phone #:\_\_\_\_\_ Member # 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member # 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ List Guests on additional paper if necessary. [Please pay guest charges to attend the lecture at the door] Make check for *dinner only* payable to: **LCWRT, Inc.** Mail check and this form (or leave in lower mailbox) to: LCWRT – Don Hubsch **62 Hampton Circle MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2!** Bluffton, SC 29909 **Telephone: 843-705-7786** 

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<u>NOTE</u>: The website address for the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table (LCWRT) is: **www.lcwrt.squarespace.com** and it can be used to get current and historical LCWRT information.

Lowcountry Civil War Round Table, Inc Joe Roney, President