

Lowcountry Civil War Round Table

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General Stonewall Jackson and the Valley Campaign

Presented by Noted Historian Robert Krick

In order to prevent or delay the arrival of Union forces at Richmond, General Johnston assigned General Jackson to command Confederate forces in the Shenandoah valley. Jackson's attack on a Union division at Kernstown on Mar. 23, 1862, was repulsed but forced the retention of Union troops in the valley. In April, General Robert E. Lee suggested that Jackson fall upon General Nathaniel P. Banks' force in the lower valley. Lee hoped that General McDowell's army would thereby be diverted from joining George McClellan before Richmond. The result was Jackson's renowned Valley cam-

paign.

He first defeated part of John C. Frémont's force at McDowell on May 8, 1862, and then, returning to the Shenandoah, routed Banks at Front Royal and Winchester and drove him across the Potomac. The Federal administration, fearing that Jackson would now advance on Washington, sent Shields from McDowell's army to join Frémont, advancing from the west, in cutting off Jackson. Stonewall, however, retreated rapidly to the head of the valley and on June 8–9 defeated his pursuers at Cross Keys and Port Royal.



General Jackson in the Shenandoah Valley

Against overwhelming odds, Jackson was able to parry and thrust his army with attacks and tactical retreats. He used the rail lines to great advantage, moving his troops in all directions. This series of well designed strategies won him deserved recognition in the annals of military campaigns.

To the Editor, this is somewhat reminiscent of Col Benjamin Grierson's raid as ordered by General Grant in 1863 during the Vicksburg campaign.

Adapted & enlarged from Jackson, Stonewall: The Valley Campaign. The Columbia Electronic Encyclopedia. © 2002 on Infoplease.com.

Robert *Bob* K. Krick

We are completing this year with an outstanding speaker, Robert "Bob" Krick, presenting Lt. General Thomas J. *Stonewall* Jackson's famous

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General Jackson's Valley Campaign of 1862



Now that's a Minié Ball

Ohio's Monument at Vicksburg Battleground

(Krick Continued from page 1)

1862 Valley Campaign. You will really enjoy Bob Krick's colorful and candid talk about Stonewall's brilliant campaign in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley during the spring of 1862.

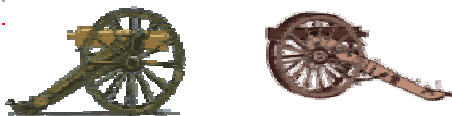
Bob Krick is an outstanding Civil War historian, and he has no peer in his knowledge of the Army of Northern Virginia in which Jackson was Lee's "right arm." For thirty years he was Chief Historian of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

Krick is the author of fourteen books and more than one hundred published articles. Don't miss the *curtain-closer* of our very successful third year! **By Jack Keller**



Talley Kirkland & Ft Pulaski

It was an enlightening session on April 9th as Talley Kirkland through slides illustrated the construction and final bombardment of Ft Pulaski. His insight as to the causes of the Civil War were thought provoking. Talley's wry humor put our audience into a mood not usually felt at our meetings as laughter rippled through the hall. This unassuming Park Ranger was certainly well appreciated by all. It was amazing how many attendees were never to the fort. This will certainly be a stimulus for many to visit the nearby historical site.



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May 14th

Stonewall Jackson and the Valley Campaign. This will be discussed in detail by noted historian Robert Krick.**

** There will be a *Morning after* meeting for this event..

SEE WHAT'S COMING IN 2003-2004

(subject to change)

BATTLE OF *SHILOH*

THE WESTERN CAMPAIGN

MEDICINE DURING THE CIVIL WAR

CIVIL WAR WEAPONRY

2ND MANASSAS/BULL RUN

ANTIETAM

THE SEVEN DAYS BATTLE

May's Trivia Question

During what campaign did Grierson's Raid illustrate Grant's grasp of strategic planning?

A. Siege of Petersburg B. Capture of Vicksburg C. Siege of Atlanta D. Battle of Raymond

Answer on Page 8

! REENLISTMENT CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY !

Our reenlistment campaign for the 2003 - 2004 membership year is in full swing, and the numbers look good so far. While many of you have already signed up for another year, we are currently taking new members as well. So, if any of your friends or neighbors are interested in learning about a fascinating period of American history and having a great time doing it, tell them to contact Bill or Shirley Trapp for membership information or give them a copy of the enlistment form that appears in this issue.

Bud Robertson, Richard McMurry, Ed Bearss—programs like these are the envy of Round Tables across the country. Professor Robertson will be returning next January to discuss Medicine in



the Civil War. In November, Richard McMurry will be here to educate us about the War in the West and Ed Bearss will be back in March with a talk about 2nd Manassas.

Another year of spectacular programming, good fellowship, field trips and more of our terrific *Morning After* events - all this can be yours if you reenlist now. Please complete the form included in this issue and return it, together with a check for your dues, to the address shown. If you have any questions regarding reenlisting, please contact **Bill or Shirley Trapp**, the Co-Chairs of our **Membership Committee**. They can be reached at 705-2455.

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Cost Of The American Civil War

The approximately 10,455 military engagements, some devastating to human life and some nearly bloodless, plus naval clashes, accidents, suicides, sicknesses, murders, and executions resulted in total casualties of 1,094,453 during the Civil War. The Federals lost 110,100 killed in action and mortally wounded, and another 224,580 to disease yielding 12% of its soldiers dead. The Confederates lost approximately 94,000 as a result of battle and another 164,000 to disease yielding 24% of its soldiers dead. Even if one survived a wound, any projectile that hit bone in either an arm or a leg almost invariably necessitated amputation. The best estimate of Federal army personnel wounded is 275,175; naval personnel wounded, 2,226. Surviving Confederate records indicate 194,026 wounded.

In dollars and cents, the U.S. government estimated Jan. 1863 that the war was costing \$2.5 million daily. A final official estimate in 1879 totaled \$6,190,000,000. The Confederacy spent perhaps \$2,099,808,707. By 1906 another \$3.3 billion already had been spent by the U.S. government on Northerners' pensions and other veterans'

benefits for former Federal soldiers. The Southern states and private philanthropy provided some benefits to the Confederate veterans. The amount spent on benefits eventually well exceeded the war's original cost.



Embalming to Order During the War

Inflation affected both Northern and Southern assets but hit those of the Confederacy harder. Northern currency fluctuated in value, and at its lowest point \$2.59 in Federal paper money equaled \$1 in gold. The Confederate currency so declined in purchasing power that eventually \$60-\$70 equaled a gold dollar.

The physical devastation, almost all of it in the South, was enormous. There were burned or plundered homes, pillaged countryside, untold losses in crops and farm animals, ruined buildings and bridges. Also there were devastated college campuses, torn-up railroad track and neglected roads all left the South in ruins.

Detailed studies of Union and Confederate military casualties are found in Numbers and Losses in the Civil War in America 1861-65 by Thomas L. Livermore (1901) and Regimental Losses in the American Civil War, 1867-1865 by William F. Fox (1889). Source: "Historical Times Encyclopedia of the Civil War" Edited by Patricia L. Faust

Notice of Annual Meeting

Please take note that the annual meeting of the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table, Inc. will take place at the May 14, 2003 meeting of the Round Table. It will follow the presentation.

AGENDA FOR MAY 14, 2003 ANNUAL MEETING OF LCWRT, INC

- 1 CALL TO ORDER
- 2 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
- 3 ELECTIONS OF 2003-2004 OFFICERS
 - o NOMINEES:
 - o PRESIDENT – BERNIE COVERT
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 - o NOMINATIONS FROM FLOOR
- 4 QUESTIONS
- 5 ADJOURN

ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

April 2003

As the Round Table nears the end of its third year, I am pleased to report the following accomplishments:

- 1 the membership has grown to over 470, this is an impressive number for an organization that held its initial program in September 2000.
- 2 we have completed the process of filing for federal tax-exempt status.
- 3 we have donated \$2610 to organizations dedicated to preserving history and educating future generations.

Financial Information:

Your Round Table is in stable financial condition.

	<u>As of April 1, 2003:</u>	<u>2002/2003 Budget</u>
Income	\$28,215	\$30,826
Expense	\$21,293	\$31,083
Bank Balance	\$13,212.	
Estimated Yearend Balance	\$7,000	

While it is the policy of your Executive Committee to utilize available funds to make charitable contributions at our fiscal year end to various tax-exempt organizations working in the areas of Civil War education and battlefield preservation, we have elected to defer making any such contributions until September of this year in view of the existing uncertainty regarding the catering and room charges for our next program year.

Goals:

Short-term goals for your Round Table's Executive Committee are to:

- 1 complete the current reenlistment campaign (our goal is to go into next year with at least 430 members). Please note that we are taking new members so be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about the Round Table and invite them to join;
- 2 enter into a new contract with McCracken Middle School for the continued use of their facility;
- 3 enter into a new contract with Duke's for catering;
- 4 form a Preservation committee to work with the SC Battlefield Preservation Trust to catalog the Civil War sites in Beaufort County;
- 5 facilitate an orderly transfer of authority and responsibility to the new officers and committee chairs who will assume their duties as of June 1, 2003.

Long-term goals include:

- 1 expanding and enhancing the educational mission of the Round Table;
- 2 taking a more active role in the preservation and interpretation of local battlefields and Civil War sites;
- 3 continuing to present the very best programming possible for our members.

Finally, this is **your** Round Table. I urge you to volunteer to serve on a committee. Various levels of commitment are available. It is only with your volunteer efforts that we can continue to be successful. As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome. It has been my pleasure to serve as your President.

Thomas F. Oliver

2002/2003

**RESERVATION FOR MAY 14TH MEETING
AT McCracken Middle School
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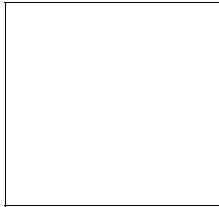
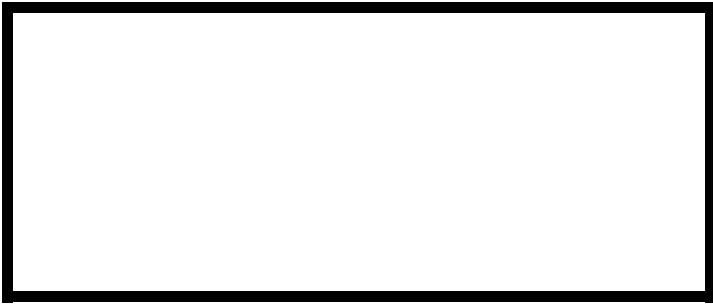
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Total Members	471
New for 2002-2003	149
Apr 8 th Dinners Served	146
Apr 8 th Non Dinner	40
<i>No Morning After</i>	_____
Web Site Hits for March '03	4529



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NEXT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2003

Trivia Answer Don't Peek

Gen Grant's strategy was to eliminate the control that the Confederates had over the Mississippi by forcing Gen John Pemberton to vacate or surrender Vicksburg MS. Grant's plan was to cross the Mississippi south of the city and strike east and then north, advancing on Vicksburg from the east. His forces would be most vulnerable at the time of crossing. He needed to draw away rebel forces from going to the south as much as possible. Therefore he ordered several diversions including what was to be the largest cavalry raid to date in 1863. Col Benjamin Grierson led three regiments with 1700 riders from Tennessee and struck down to Jackson MS. Pemberton thought that was the major thrust and sent a sizeable number of cavalry and troops to thwart Grierson who was able to inflict much rail damage and had a few engagements with very low loss of life. Thus Grant was able to cross at Hard Times, LA almost unopposed. This opened the way to Grant's successful campaign at Vicksburg.

More on the Valley Campaign?

For more than you will ever want to know about the Valley Campaign, go to the following internet sites:

<http://stonewall.hut.ru/>

http://stonewall.hut.ru/campaign/stonewall_valley.htm

For a view of the Shenandoah Valley today, go to

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/local/longterm/tours/civilwar/jackson.htm>

Those are long addresses!

Our Web Site lowcountrycwr.org

Civil War Sites of Interest

To learn more about Grierson, visit

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilcivilw/battles/grier.htm> Another fantastic web site for a plethora of information on the Civil War which has many excerpts from the famous *War of Rebellion* series: