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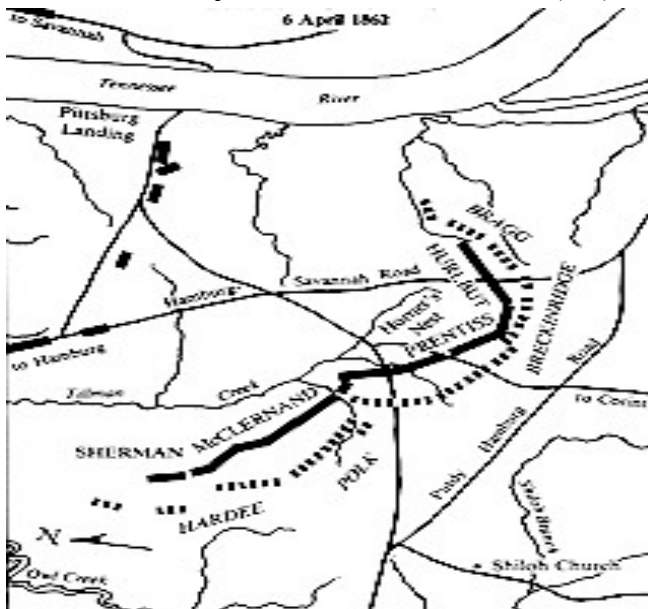
BATTLE OF SHILOH: BLOODY SUNDAY PRESENTED BY WILEY SWORD



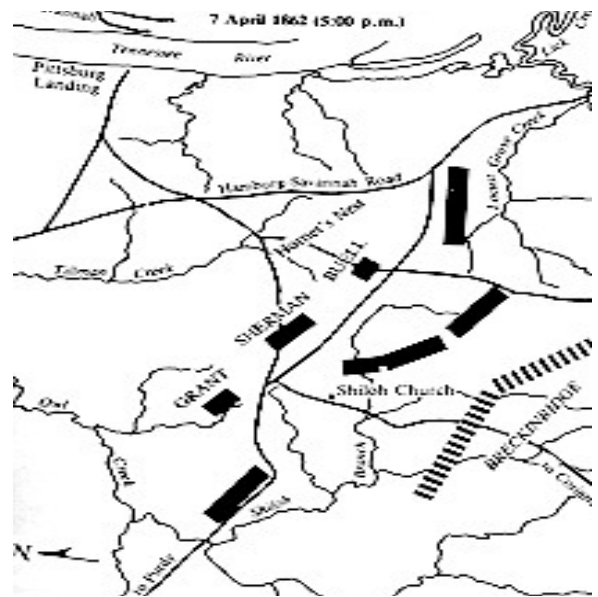
Grant

The Battle of Shiloh, or Pittsburg Landing, April 6-7, 1862, was one of the bloodiest of the Civil War. Of the 65,085 troops of the Army of Tennessee and the Army of the Ohio 23,746 commanded by Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell (US) and

could join in. William Tecumseh Sherman, division commander, was quoted saying to reporters, "Take your regiment to Ohio. No enemy is nearer than



April 5th



April 6th

the 44,968 troops commanded by Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston and Gen. P.E. T. Beauregard (CS), 13,047 men of the Union and 10,699 men of the Confederacy were counted as casualties.

As a result of the fall of Forts Henry and Donelson, Confederate Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston, was forced to fall back, giving up Kentucky and much of West and Middle Tennessee. He chose Corinth, Mississippi, a major transportation center, as the staging area for an offensive against Grant before Buell



Buell



Sherman

Corinth." Little did he know that the night of April 5, the huge and powerful Army of the Mississippi was poised to strike just out of sight of the Union camp.

The Confederate retrenchment was a surprise to Grant, but gave him an opportunity to move his army to confront Johnston along the Tennessee River. Grant did not choose to fortify his position; rather he set about drilling his men many of which were raw recruits. Attacking the Union troops on the morning of the 6th, the Confederates surprised them, routing many.



Beauregard

During the battle Johnston had been mortally wounded and his second in command, Gen. P.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is an exciting time of year to be back into our dinner meetings! I want to welcome each one of you and trust that you will have an exciting year as a member of the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table!

Our club now shares the Minie Ball Gazette each month with the speakers for that year and we are receiving very positive feedback. The speakers often share the paper with their friends and colleagues. The Lowcountry Civil War Round Table is gaining a positive reputation for its programming and for its gifts to preservation purposes and historic sites.

When you arrived at McCracken Middle for our meeting this month, you may have needed to use the front entrance and parking area instead of the side area because more school buses have to park in the side area. A bonus of the front parking and entrance is that there is a covered sidewalk!

The Blue and Gray Education Society has decided to discontinue their symposium on Hilton Head. They do not feel there is enough participation from this area to finance the program.

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to re-enlist or to become part of the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table. The Membership Committee, chaired by Bill and Shirley Trapp, would be happy to receive the dues. A former speaker said the 2003 – 2004 program schedule is the most impressive of any civil war speaking lineup in the nation! Don't miss these great speakers! Our program people really work hard in their effort to provide the most prolific speakers in the country.

See you all in October! *Bernie Covert*



Take a Trip and Learn about the Civil War!

Your Round Table has (for your listening enjoyment) an **audio** course on the Civil War. We have *The American Civil War* by Professor Gary W. Gallagher of the University of Virginia available for your use. The course consists of 24 cassette tapes, each an hour long. The **video** version is also available for home use. For further information, call Tom Oliver at 705-7217.

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2003-2004 PRESENTATIONS

THE CIVIL WAR YEAR OF 1862

October 8	Battle of Shiloh , Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee. <i>Presented by Wiley Sword, author of Shiloh: Bloody April, which is the definitive book on this battle</i>
November 12	The Western Campaign . The battles of Forts Henry & Donaldson in Tennessee and the City of New Orleans. <i>Presented by Richard McMurry, one of the most provocative commentators on the Southern war effort. Author of many books including John Bell Hood and the War for Southern Independence and Two Great Rebel Armies</i>
January 14	Civil War Medicine A fascinating look into the horrors of battlefield caring for the wounded and dying. <i>Presented by "Bud" Robertson, a most entertaining and informative Civil War speaker and Director of the Virginia Tech Civil War Center</i>
February 11 No Morning After	Weapons of War . A first-hand introduction, with actual implements, into the fighting instruments of the war. <i>Presented by Dana MacBean and other members of the Charleston Museum</i>
March 17	2nd Manassas/Bull Run . A revisit, with new insights, to this battle which resulted in another victory for the Confederacy. <i>As told by the energetic, indomitable Edwin C. Bearss, one of the best known Civil War lecturers and an ardent battlefield preservationist</i>
April 14	Battle of Sharpsburg/Antietam . Considered the bloodiest single day of the entire war! <i>Presented by Dr Tom Clements, an Antietam Park Guide, a noted historian, lecturer, college professor and an expert on this important battle</i>
May 12	Seven Days Battle in Virginia . From June 25 to July 1, the hills & towns of Virginia were alive with fire. <i>Presented by R. E. L. Krick, a most informative young rising star as a Civil War historian and speaker</i>

There is a **Morning After** for all meetings **EXCEPT** as noted.
Call Jim Hamilton about 3 days before the monthly meeting at 705-7575 if you plan to attend so as to allow for morning coffee and cake.

A WESTERN EVENT IN THE CIVIL WAR (ANSWER ON PAGE 8)

In August 1862 a massacre on the Nueces River in Texas showed the deep division in parts of the South.
The massacre was of what group of people?

A Cherokee Indians B French Creoles C German workers D Irish policemen

NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH

The LCWRT Board and members welcome the following new Civil War aficionados to our growing round table. We know they will enjoy the learned speakers for the coming season as well as the sumptuous buffet provided by Duke's of Ridgeland.

First Name	Last Name	City
Bill and Jane	Bollinger	Bluffton
Frank	Byrd	Bluffton
Tom and Judy	Grant	Hilton Head Island
Bill	John	Hilton Head Island
Dale	Lifritz	Bluffton
Joe and Doris	Limbaugh	Bluffton
Murph	Murphy	Bluffton
Albert	Pitras	Bluffton
Dale	Shatzer	Bluffton
Jerry and Eileen	Sheridan	Bluffton
Jason	Stevens	Hilton Head Island
John and Frances	Wigington	Hilton Head Island

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E.T. Beauregard, took over. Beauregard chose not to press his advantage until the next morning. By that time Buell had joined Grant with a combined force of 40,000 against Beauregard's 30,000. Beauregard was unaware of the arrival of Buell's army and launched a counterattack which stopped the Union advance, but did not break its battle line.

At this point, Beauregard realized that he could not win and, having suffered too many casualties, he retired from the field and headed back to Corinth. Grant's mastery of the Confederate forces continued; he had beaten them once again. The Confederates continued to fall back until launching their mid-August offensive.

CORPORATE SPONSORS

The Lowcountry Civil War Round Table is very fortunate to have three great corporate sponsors this year: Liberty Savings Bank, Key Infiniti and Butler Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep.

These businesses have donated monies which help make it possible to bring the finest speakers in the country to our meetings and to make donations for historic preservation.

Liberty Savings Bank has offered five - \$100. maturity value savings bonds as part of our 50/50 drawing at the monthly meetings.

Key Infiniti, located at the Auto Mall near Sun City, will donate \$300. to our club each time a member completes their purchase or lease deal and presents a Key Infiniti business card that I will provide to you.

Butler Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep is located in Beaufort and is a short drive for an opportunity to work with a great bunch of people!

Please support our corporate sponsors and tell them you are a member of the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table. This will help them know the impact of their advertising dollars. See Bernie Covert for details.

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Beaufort's Gen. Richard H. Anderson Chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be hosting their 5th annual Military Ball Saturday, November 1st, 2003 in Beaufort at the Historic Arsenal. Members of the 11th South Carolina Volunteer Infantry and the Gen. Stephen Elliott Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will also be assisting in the preparation and participating in this year's festivities. The period band Un Reconstructed will provide lively musical entertainment at this year's gala event including calling such popular dances as the Virginia Reel and Broom Dance. An open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be included in this year's price.

The cost of the event will be \$25 for currently "Active" members of the local SCV and UDC Chapters and 11th South Carolina Volunteer Infantry. All others will be \$40 per person through October 1st and \$45 until October 31st. There will be no ticket sales after Oct 31st or at the gates that night.

The Ball will start at 7 PM and end at midnight. Location is 731 Craven Street, two blocks off of down town Bay Street in Beaufort. The band will start at 7:30 PM and play until 11:30PM. Attire will be Confederate uniform, period civilian dress and or black tie.

WILEY SWORD

Wiley Sword is an award winning author of non-fiction books who has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and other distinguished awards. He has appeared on numerous historical television program featuring the Civil War, and has written many magazine articles for a variety of publications, including Civil War Times Illustrated and The American Rifleman.

He actively supports Historical Preservation and is a member of the National Advisory Board Preservation Trust. He has served on the Board of Trustees, Historical Society of Michigan, and writes reviews for various newspapers and magazines.

Join Wiley Sword and many of your fellow LCWRT members at the *Morning After*, 10am on September 11 for coffee & donuts.
See box on page 3 for details.



Dock at Ft Mitchell about 1862

Did the Zoning Board give approval to this construction over the wetlands? Federal ships unloaded coal and other supplies in what became a large town during the Civil War

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THE LOST CAUSE BY HENRY MOSLER

Bob Ham, a member of the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table, has donated a beautiful photographic copy of Henry Mosler's "The Lost Cause". The copy is framed and matted and is an outstanding piece of artwork.

The original painting is still in the private possession of the Smith-Berry family in Alpharetta, GA. I have been told the original painting was appraised at over \$300,000.

The painting was commissioned by a private individual and remains in the family; therefore, there are not a great many copies in circulation.

The photocopy of this famous painting will be on display during our dinner meetings through January. You will have the opportunity each month to submit silent bids. There will be a bid sheet in front of the picture for your use. Please bid a minimum of \$2.50 higher than the previous bid.

We will have a live auction during the January 14, 2004, meeting to sell the picture. Bidding will begin with the highest silent bid and will be sold that evening. This is a rare and special opportunity to own a piece of history!

By Bernie Covert



BRIAN STEEL WILLS AT OUR MEETING ON SEPT 10 2003



At our meeting on September 10, Brian Steel Wills demonstrated that history can be fun. He related many unfamiliar facts of Nathan Bedford Forrest's life. In addition Wills' penchant for humor kept our Round Table in stitches for most of the evening.

The resounding applause given to him demonstrated our appreciation of his talk. He had two of his books available for sale and most were gone at the end of the evening.

Duke's catering was off to a good start. We look forward to our many other speakers and we will only hope that Brian Wills will accept another invitation for a future talk.

**RESERVATION FOR OCTOBER 8TH MEETING
 AT McCracken Middle School
 DINNER @ 5:45PM—PROGRAM @ 7:00PM**

MENU FOR THIS MEETING

**ROAST BEEF • FRIED CHICKEN
 POTATO CASSEROLE • BUTTER BEANS
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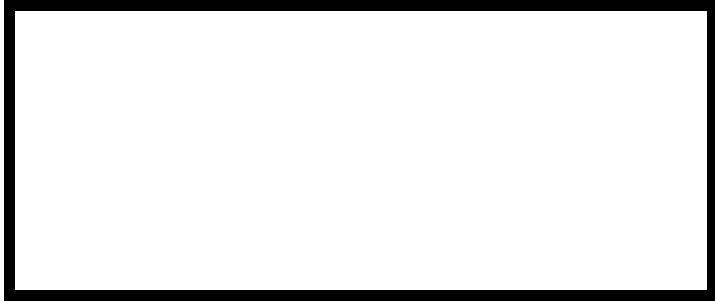
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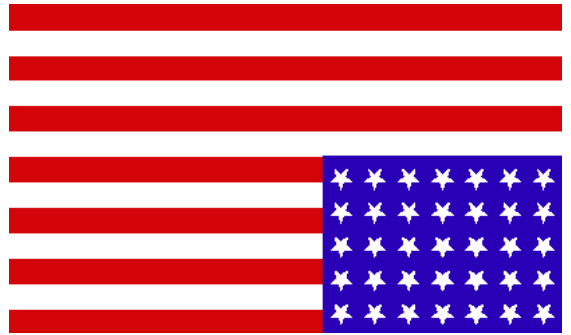
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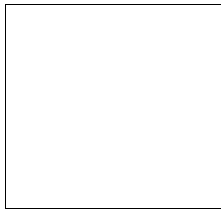


The Federal Flag of 1862



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**ANSWER TO TEST ON PAGE 3
DON'T PEEK**

Sixty-one pro-Union Germans from the Fredericksburg area organized into a company and marched toward Mexico in order to avoid Confederate conscription and oppression. Betrayed, they were surprised on the morning of August 10th 1862 by ninety-four Texas partisan rangers, near Fort Clark. Incited by the bloodthirsty Captain James Duff, the rangers annihilated the Germans; thirty-two were killed and wounded in the fight, seven more were killed trying to cross the Rio Grande, and nine survivors were later executed. Only two attackers were killed and eighteen wounded. This massacre inflamed the already strong anti-Confederate feeling in many Texas German settlements.

NEXT MEETING

NOVEMBER 12TH, 2003

THE WESTERN CAMPAIGN

BY RICHARD MCMURRY

Not to be Missed