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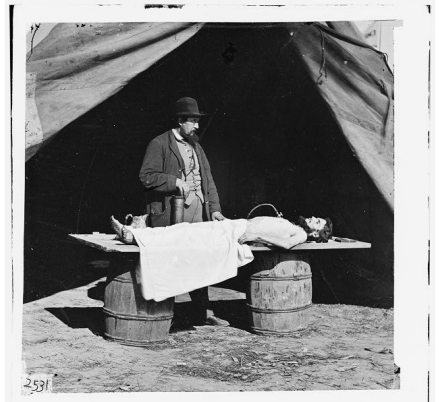
## CIVIL WAR MEDICINE

Presented by "**Bud**" Robertson, Director of the Virginia Tech Civil War Center

For the 4th year we are honored to have the popular Dr. James I. "Bud" Robertson back with us. His talks have always been very entertaining and thought provoking. In January he will discuss "Medicine in the Civil War." The subject has long been one that holds a special attraction for Bud, so this will be an evening not to be missed.

Professor Robertson for years has been nationally recognized as an outstanding Civil War scholar, author and speaker. He is considered a social historian with an extraordinary knowledge of the dynamic impact that the War had on individuals, both in the military and on the home front.

Bud received his B.A. from Randolph-Macon College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Emory University. He is the Alumni Distinguished Professor and Executive Director of the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. He has written or edited over twenty books, and has received every major honor bestowed in the field of Civil War history. His book "Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend" will long be considered the definitive work on one of the nation's most talented and colorful military personalities.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2003 – 2004 Lowcountry Civil War Round Table Executive Committee wishes everyone a great holiday season and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2004!

Our January 2004, meeting will open with a dynamic speaker, "Bud Robertson". Bud and his wife have been with us here in the Low Country three years previously. His topic will be "Civil War Medicine" – a fascinating look into the horrors of the battlefields and caring for the wounded and dying. The Lowcountry Civil War Roundtable meetings have gotten off to a great start! In November, Richard McMurry spoke on "The Western Campaign" and the feedback we received from our attendees was very positive.

Please think about becoming a volunteer for the 2004 – 2005 program year. See a member of the Executive Board and let them know you want to be active in any area. All committees are very important in order for our Wednesday evening and Thursday morning programs to be presented in a positive manner. As one of our former leaders said, "if we have many horses pulling the wagon, the load is not a burden for anyone".

The BGES is presenting the 2004 South Atlantic Civil War Symposium on March 11, 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront on Hilton Head. Richard McMurry will, again, be the moderator and he will have an excellent host of speakers. A special tour of Honey Hill with Stephen Wise and Michael Taylor will take place on March 10, 2004. For more information, please call toll free: 1-888-741-2437.

Please visit our corporate sponsors: Key Infiniti, Liberty Savings Bank and Butler Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep. Let them know we appreciate their sponsorship. I look forward to saying *hi* at the January meeting. *Bernie Covert*

## THE LOST CAUSE BY HENRY MOSLER

The interest in Henry Mosler's "The Lost Cause" has been exciting and has added a great deal of enthusiasm to our monthly programs. The high silent bid is \$350.00. "The Lost Cause" is an excellent photocopy of the original. We will sell the picture during the January meeting by live auction at approximately 6:45 p.m.



Charles (Charlie) Smith authorized the museums to reproduce the painting for their catalogs only when it was on display. Sue Smith Ham authorized a photographic reproduction as a gift to the son of Lucy Smith Marshall. She authorized a photographic reproduction as a gift to the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table. No other prints or reproductions are authorized or known to be in circulation. This will be a rare opportunity to own a piece of history!

Thanks to Bob Ham and family for donating the historical photocopy to the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table!

## MEDICINE

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Bud will be joining us at our "Morning After" event which is held at the Palmetto Electric building on Route 278 in Bluffton at 10:00 AM. These meetings have proven to be not only educational, but also highly entertaining. Our speakers, as well as members, thoroughly enjoy this opportunity to discuss the Civil War in an informal atmosphere more typical of a traditional round table. Don't miss it!

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**2003-2004 PRESENTATIONS**  
**THE CIVIL WAR YEAR OF 1862**

January 14	<b>Civil War Medicine</b> 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	<b>General Longstreet</b> His influence on events during the early days of the Civil War when he was severely wounded by friendly (Confederate) fire. <i>Presented by Bob Ham</i>
March 17	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Manassas/Bull Run.</b> 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	<b>Battle of Sharpsburg/Antietam.</b> 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	<b>Seven Days Battle in Virginia.</b> 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 <i>Morning After</i> for all meetings ( <b>except</b> as noted) at Palmetto Electric at River Walk. Call Jim	

**OUR DONATIONS FOR 2003-2004**

We are so pleased to have three corporate sponsors: Key Infiniti, Liberty Savings Bank and Butler Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep. It is from their donations and our membership monies that we are able to make donations to non-profit organizations. These are the donations thus far this membership year:

September - \$500.00 - The Bluffton Library in the name of Brian Steel Wills (speaker for September).

October - \$500.00 - The Civil War Preservation Trust in the name of Wiley Sword (speaker for October).

November - \$500.00 - Friends of the Hunley in the name of Richard McMurry (speaker for November).

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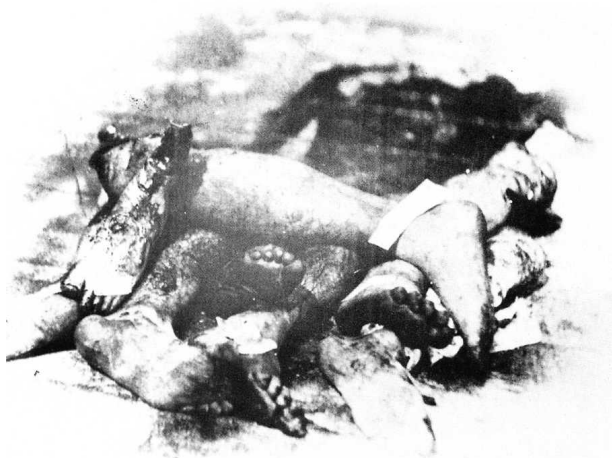
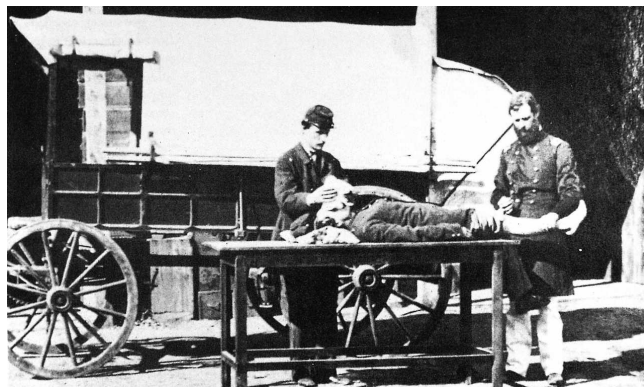


Louisa May Alcott, a nurse in 1862, wrote wartime newspaper letters, *Hospital Sketches*, and later won renown as author of *Little Women*.



Women, too, served officially in the medical service, though in very small numbers. Dr. Mary Edwards Walker was commissioned assistant surgeon, the first woman to hold a commission in the United States Army. She was later awarded the Medal of Honor for her work. (LLOYD OSTENDORF COLLECTION)

Right: Alas, for many a wounded soldier organization and supply were not enough. Arrayed against the twin enemies of enormous, destructive enemy bullets and woeful ignorance of antiseptics, the soldier who was hit in arm or leg stood little chance of keeping the limb. Amputation became a dreadfully commonplace "treatment." Here is a posed scene on an amputating table. This fortunate soldier is only shamming, as the assistant pretends to administer anesthetic and the surgeon holds knife in hand. (LO)



Left: Of this image there can be no doubt. This is no pretended photograph. Eight or nine legs lie where they were stacked after being removed from their owners. The amount of flesh and bone cut away from men in this war can literally be measured in tons. (STANLEY B. BURNS, M.D. AND THE BURNS ARCHIVE)

**RESERVATION FOR JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING  
AT McCracken Middle School  
DINNER @ 5:45PM—PROGRAM @ 7:00PM**

**MENU FOR THIS MEETING**

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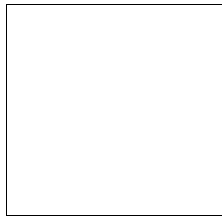
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**NEXT MEETING**  
**JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**  
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Women as well revolutionized medical care, and none more so than Dorothea Dix. Prominent before the war in reform movements for the indigent, she became superintendent of nurses for the Union, organizing the small army of ladies who went to the hospitals and the front to care for the men.  
(USAMHI)