



LOWCOUNTRY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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CALL TO ARMS

Reenlist Now!

At our September campgrounds you will have a 2 for 1 evening. 1 You will dine to music of the Civil War live on stage. 2 Hear Allen Downs relate the fascinating life of General Johnson. Must not be missed! Our other enlightening presentations include...

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Enrollment Notice

Its time to reenlist for the 2004-2005 campaign featuring another series of informative programs. We appreciate your signing on early so we can budget funds for the year and also have your new name badges ready for the September meeting. Summers have a habit of slipping by ever so fast so please reenlist NOW.

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LCWRT MARCHES ON COLUMBIA

Our summer tour (June 22) to Columbia presented an array of opportunities to learn more about South Carolina. Along the way, we heard about a number of sites associated with the Civil War. As we approached Columbia, we imagined Sherman's arrival there in February 1865. Our first stop was the Governor's Mansion complex. The mansion served as officer's quarters for a military academy, which was in Columbia at the time of the Civil War. Although the mansion escaped destruction then, we were disappointed that the recent discovery of mold resulted in its closure on the day of our visit.

Two other houses in the complex (Lace House and Boylston House) and the grounds were available for us to visit. One contained a collection of portraits of South Carolina first ladies. Next we toured the State House. Six brass stars on the exterior mark where Union cannon balls hit the walls. Because the building was under construction at the time, four cannon balls that fell inside the building did no damage. The old wooden state house then still in use was burned.

An added attraction to visiting the legislative chambers and main lobby of the State House was the opportunity to visit the Governor's office. He was reported to be out of town. Among items in evidence were a number of toys and airplane models brought by his children, ages 5-11. The airplane models reflect his service in the South Carolina Air National Guard. A walk around the State House grounds provided a look at the many monuments and statues there as well as beautiful flowers and trees.

After lunch we had a brief opportunity to explore the Trinity Church cemetery where Wade Hampton and five other former governors are buried. Then it was off to the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and State Museum. A tour of the Relic Room contains many Civil War displays as well as displays pertaining to other wars. In the State Museum we viewed a film about our history entitled "Destiny's People: Stories of South Carolina" and saw exhibits about the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. An added plus was a special exhibit about "Operation Overlord, D-Day."

The tour was arranged by the Program Committee. Bob Williams planned the itinerary and provided background material. Bob Zabawa coordinated the logistics, and Don Walters served as impromptu excellent tour guide.

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Phyllis Turner, dellwen@hargray.com; 705-1048 and Anne Hamilton samesanne@hotmail.com; 705-7575 have agreed to co-chair the **Dinner Committee** for the 2004-05 LCWRT year. If you have any suggestions, thoughts or assistance you can offer, please contact either person.

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Coming Attractions

SEPTEMBER 8 TWO FOR ONE Our season kick-off program will have **Music** (5:30 to 6:45) **plus** a stimulating and articulate **Speaker**. Your feet will start tapping, your fingers will be snapping as our local troubadour performs many of the Civil War era songs for your enjoyment. Then the noted and entertaining Historian Alan Downs will look at the controversial West Point graduate General Joseph Johnson who won the first Confederate victory at Bull Run but went on to become at serious odds with the Confederate President Jefferson Davis. He was removed from command only to be restored duty to lead the fight against General Wm. T. Sherman....a fascinating look behind the scenes and politics of the Civil War.

OCTOBER 13 THE NAVY BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS Following the passage of Fort Jackson and Fort St. Philip, near the mouth of the Mississippi River, on April 24, 1862, the Union occupation of New Orleans was inevitable. Union Flag-Officer David G. Farragut, with his squadron, continued up the Mississippi and demanded the surrender of New Orleans the next day. The city surrendered on April 28. On May 1, Maj. Gen. Benjamin Franklin Butler's army began landing and occupying the city. New Orleans, considered an international city and the largest city in the Confederacy, had fallen. The Union occupation was an event that had major international significance as told by Art Bergeron, who is an author and research historian for the U.S. Military Institute at Carlisle Barracks, PA. He has previously served as the historian for Pamplin Historical Park and the state of Louisiana.

NOVEMBER 10 BATTLE OF FREDERICKSBURG On December 13, 1862, Union General Burnside built his bridges, crossed the Rappahannock, and assailed General Lee's army in its prepared position. The attack had no chance to succeed. Solidly established on high ground with clear fields of fire, the Confederates beat off a succession of doomed assaults. One will also learn about the Angel of Marye's Heights via Mac Wyckoff a long time member and leader of the Rappahannock Valley CW Roundtable and sought after Civil War presenter.

JANUARY 12 "FAITH IN THE FIGHT: CHAPLAINS IN THE CIVIL WAR" The chaplains on both sides fought for the spiritual and physical well-being of the combatants. Governors, regimental or post officers, and Federal authorities appointed an estimated 3000 chaplains to the Union forces and the Confederacy appointed somewhere between 600 to 1000. Chaplains duties were worship services conducted in tents, outdoors or around campfires and performing pastoral functions by counseling, providing guidance and comforting the sick and wounded and Bud Robertson will share much more about "faith in the fight". Dr. Robertson is one of our most informative speakers and he is the Director of the Virginia Tech Civil War Center.

FEBRUARY 9 THE JEWISH CONFEDERATES Learn about Jewish aspects of the Civil War. Contrary to popular belief, the Old South was very hospitable to Jewish Southerners. Southern Jews, in short, were part and parcel of both Southern and Confederate society and played their small part in the war for Southern independence by Robert N. Rosen a native of Charleston and founder of The Rosen Law Firm.

MARCH 9 THE VICKSBURG CAMPAIGN In May and June of 1863, Maj. Gen. Grant's armies converged on Vicksburg, investing the city and entrapping a Confederate army under Lt. Gen. Pemberton. On July 4, Vicksburg surrendered after prolonged siege operations. This was the culmination of one of the most brilliant military campaigns of the war. With the loss of Pemberton's army and this vital stronghold on the Mississippi, the Confederacy was effectively split in half as related by our RT favorite Edwin C. Bearss, a well known military expert and renowned Civil War lecturer.

APRIL 13 GEORGIA HEROINES The dedication and hardships that women suffered during the "War Between the States" will be highlighted. Our presenter will describe the lives of some of the Georgia women she has discovered during her years of research by Tommie Phillips LaCavera from Athens, GA. Mrs. LaCavera is a noted author and very knowledgeable about the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the U.S. Daughters of 1812.

MAY 11 THE FIRE-EATERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA A closer look about those Southerners who were staunch and unyielding advocates of secession. The lives of these men show that secessionism was not a monolithic ideology but rather a movement that emerged from many sources, spoke in many voices, and responded to many regional problems, needs, and aspirations as presented by Dr. Larry Rowland of Beaufort, SC. Dr. Rowland, now retired, was a long time Professor of History at the University of South Carolina - Beaufort.



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