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**Jim Getty**

## The Emancipation Proclamation

Jim Getty is a native of central Illinois, Mr. Getty now resides in historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where he portrays the 16<sup>th</sup> President in a one-man show during the tourist season. The program has received the Pennsylvania Travel Excellence Award.

Getty holds a Master of Music degree from Illinois Wesleyan University. He taught high school choral music in St. Charles and

Naperville, Illinois, Sandusky, Ohio and was director of Choral Activities at The University of Maine.

A Member of National Speakers Association, Jim finds himself speaking in many schools and colleges, as well as for conventions and business meetings.

Having spent years in research of Lincoln and his contemporaries, Getty has developed several "first person" presentations as the President. Participation in National and State Government festivities are a part of Jim's schedule each year.

Getty has worked with The Close-Up Foundation, the Library of Congress, The Smithsonian Seminars, the Corcoran Gallery and National Geographic Tours. Tigrett Corporation, The Loyola College Executive MBA Program, The Federal Executive Institute, and Johns Hopkins University utilize his commanding speaking talents in their leadership seminars.

Getty's Voice is that of the President in two A&E programs:

1. Abraham Lincoln; A Biography , and
2. The Assassination of President Lincoln.

Jim is President Lincoln in the Turner television film, "The Ironclads." The Delta Queen Steamboat Company employs Getty to portray President Lincoln on each of their several, annual Civil War Cruises.

### ATTENTION!

- Program starts at 7:00 PM, Wed., Jan 11, 2006 in the Bluffton High School Auditorium , LCWRT meeting starts at 6:45 PM
- Your cooperation is requested in observing the no drinking, no eating prohibition in the auditorium
- Buffet starts at 5:45 PM, space is limited. Please sign-up early
- There will be a Morning After at Palmetto Electric, near Wal-Mart on US 278 at 10 AM, Feb 9th.

### *The Emancipation Proclamation: Bill of Lading or Ticket to Freedom?*

by Allen Guelzo, Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era and Professor of History, Gettysburg College

To read an historical analysis of Lincoln's famous speech, go to the following web site:

[http://www.historynow.org/12\\_2005/historian.html](http://www.historynow.org/12_2005/historian.html)

Submitted by Johanna Verwer.

*An excerpt from the article follows:*

Of all the speeches, letters, and state papers he had written, Abraham Lincoln believed that the greatest of them was his Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863. With one document of only 713 words, Lincoln declared over three million slaves in the rebel states of the Confederacy to be "thenceforward and forever free" and took the country a long step to the final abolition of slavery. Lincoln was confident "that the name which is connected with this act

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# Low Country Civil War Round Table

## President's Message

Volunteerism is alive and well in the LCWRT. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mitch Sackson for stepping up to the plate on very short notice. Our editor, Walt Hartung, is out of state recovering from unanticipated surgery. I called Mitch and asked if he could put together an abbreviated edition of the *Minie Ball*. As you can see, Mitch went beyond what was expected. Thanks again, Mitch. Of course, we wish Walt Hartung a speedy recovery.

As we mentioned last month, the LCWT is offering a reduced membership fee for the balance of this program year. Take this opportunity to introduce your friends and neighbors to our organization. The February program is a must see event. James Getty is Abraham Lincoln. He does a phenomenal job portraying the character. You won't be disappointed.

Be sure to stop by Walt Lineberger's display table during the dinner hour to see his collection of pre Civil War South Carolina militia swords. Walt is very knowledgeable and is always pleased to answer questions. We are privileged to have his various collections made available to us and are grateful for the time he spends bringing them to us. In addition, do stop by the head table for a chat with Abraham Lincoln.

*Johanna Verwer*

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will never be forgotten," and that the Proclamation would prove to be "the central act of my administration, and the great event of the nineteenth century."

Despite that confidence, the Emancipation Proclamation remains a document shrouded in misunderstanding, and it is not too much to say that today it is probably Lincoln's least-admired presidential paper. That misunderstanding clusters around three nagging questions:

*[Ed. Only question 2 will be printed]*

2. **Why is it so incomplete?** The Proclamation limited emancipation to the "states or parts of states" still in rebellion, and did not include the border states of Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, and Missouri, where slavery was legal but where the state governments had stayed loyal to the Union. Nor did it include large portions of the Confederacy in Virginia and Louisiana, then securely occupied by federal troops. On the surface, this looks ridiculous. In the border states, where Lincoln actually had Union soldiers on the ground who could compel the emancipation of slaves, he did nothing, but in the Confederate states, where he no longer had such power, he proclaimed an emancipation that no one could enforce. As the London Times smirked, "Where he has no power Mr. Lincoln will set the negroes free; where he retains power he will consider them as slaves."

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LCWRT thanks Palmetto Electric for allowing us use of their meeting room for our *Mornings After* and EXCOM meetings.

## A Piece of Civil War History

### ARIZONA ORDINANCE OF SECESSION 1861

(Extracted from the following web sites)

<http://members.tripod.com/~azrebel/page9.html>  
<http://members.tripod.com/~azrebel/page5.html>

**Did you know Arizona seceded from the Union in 1861?** Arizona's Civil War story is a colorful one. Colonel John R. Baylor of the Confederate States of America (CSA) defeated Union troops in Arizona and New Mexico in March 1861. Arizona became a Confederate Territory when it was annexed by the Confederate President Jefferson Davis who was also the ex Secretary of War under President Abraham Lincoln. Baylor was later named governor in January 1862. He set up a territorial government for the Confederacy with its own constitution. It was not until General Carelton and the California Volunteers recaptured Tucson in June 1862 and drove out Confederate forces that Arizona was under Union control. Ironically, Arizonans had begged for territorialship numerous times and been turned down. The Confederacy, on the other hand, immediately recognized it. Having been a territory during Civil War allowed Arizona to get its wish.

*[Ed. Go to the above sites for very interesting history and music]*

Buffet Reservations for Wed., Feb 8th, 5:45 PM. Reservations due by noon Fri Feb. 3rd

Total Number of Dinners: \_\_ @ \$12 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

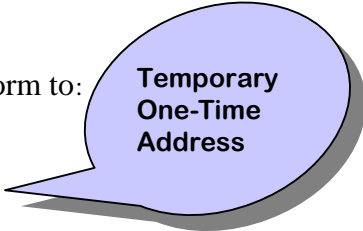
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Minie Ball at Vicksburg

*February 8th's Buffet Menu*

Bluffton High School Cafeteria, catered by **Dukes Bar-BQ** of Ridgeland

*Ribs Chicken Baked Beans Corn on the Cob Slaw*

*Apple Salad Banana Pudding Strawberry Shortcake*

*Coffee & Tea*

**Upcoming Programs**

- Feb 8 **Lincoln Actor, James Getty: Emancipation Proclamation.** Lincoln comes to the lowcountry, where on January 1, 1863 the reading of the Proclamation was joyfully received by crowds of former slaves. Look for the display of pre-war U.S. made South Carolina Militia swords. There will be a Morning After.
- Mar 8 **Wendy Venet: Women at War.** Women contributed to the Union effort by serving with the U.S. Sanitary Commission. Learn about their work in aiding the soldiers. On display Southern State belt buckles. It is not yet known if there will be a Morning After.
- Apr 12 **Ed Bearss: Vicksburg Campaign.** Grant's armies converged on Vicksburg in May and June of 1863 and entrapped a Confederate army under Lt.Gen. Pemberton. On display will be Wartime South Carolina manufactured swords. There will be a Morning After
- May 10 **LCWRT Annual Meeting, ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
**Craig Symonds: Crisis on the High Seas.** Great Britain is outraged when the Union removes two Confederate emissaries from a British ship. How will Lincoln respond? On display will be U.S. made prewar & wartime made pistols. There will be a Morning After

**WOMEN AT WAR**  
 Don't Miss Wendy Vent's  
 enlightening presentation of

As a young woman, Lydia Maria Child wrote diversely, on topics ranging from historical novels and domestic tips for housewives to a magazine for young children. Most popular of her early works was *The Frugal Housewife*, an international bestseller she published in 1829. But after meeting abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison in 1831, Child dedicated her talents to one cause: ending slavery.

Child's *An Appeal in Favor of That Class of Americans Called Africans*, published in 1833, presented a history of slavery and called on society to dismantle the slave system. From 1841-43, Child served as an editor of the *National Anti-Slavery Standard*, an abolitionist newspaper. She also edited Harriet Jacobs' *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, one of the most renowned first-person accounts of slave life.

Child promoted abolition not only by writing and editing. Her home in Medford, Massachusetts, was a stop on the Underground Railroad. And after John Brown's abortive raid on Harpers Ferry, Child wrote letters on Brown's behalf to the Virginia governor and helped raise money for the family of Brown and his men. After a long career promoting abolition and freedmen's rights, Child died in 1880, at age 78.

**Lydia Maria Child  
 Another Woman at War**

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