



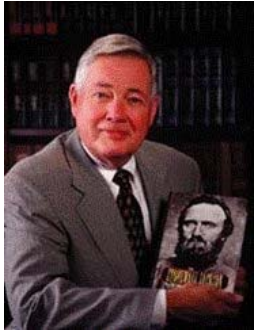
Tomb of the Unknown Confederate

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### Dr. James I. Robertson



“Bud” Robertson, Director of the Virginia Tech Civil War Center, will discuss Robert E. Lee at our January 2006 meeting. For the 6<sup>th</sup> year we are honored to have the popular Dr. James I. Robertson back with us. His talks have always been very entertaining and thought provoking. His topic is also the title of his latest book, *Robert E. Lee: Virginian Soldier, American Citizen*. Robert E. Lee is a subject that has long held a special attraction for Bud, so this will be an evening and morning after 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*, which he is proudly holding in his hands.

**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, Jan 12th.

### Help Wanted

Jack Keller

Assistance is needed to help assure the future of the Museum and White House of the Confederacy, the executive mansion of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, located in Richmond, Virginia. It is one of the oldest, largest and most important museums dedicated to the Civil War. This irreplaceable treasure with its many splendid exhibits stands in danger.

Unfortunately, the Museum and White House are surrounded by the campus of the Medical College of Virginia. Expansion of the campus has had and is having a very detrimental effect: traffic restrictions and parking conditions discourage visitors; interpretation of the site is difficult. The result has been a drop in visitation to almost half the 1991 level, with annual deficits of \$400,000. The Board of Trustees, Chaired by J.E.B. Stuart, IV, is considering all options to lessen this deleterious impact. However, any option will be expensive. While every effort is being made to obtain financial support from the State of Virginia, monies will be needed from the private sector.

*There are ways our membership can help, both financially or in other ways.* If you would like more information about the situation and/or wish to help in some manner please contact me, Jack Keller (843) 671-5260, and I will assist you in getting in touch with the appropriate individual at the museum.

Why do we care? **Because to educate a people about their past is to light the way to their future.**

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### President's Message

We are starting off the year with the return of Bud Robertson, social historian from the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies. We look forward to his visit as well as return visits by Jim Getty, the Lincoln enactor, and Ed Bearss, highly esteemed battlefield historian. In addition, we will be welcoming Wendy Venet and Craig Symonds who are both new to the LCWRT but not new to many of us who have been privileged to hear them speak before the Civil War Symposium on Hilton Head. Check the schedule below and mark your calendars. You will not want to miss these outstanding speakers, significant Civil War topics, and Walt Lineberger's displays .

This month's meeting marks the halfway point in our program year. We encourage you to bring a guest who has not already attended a previous program. Should your guest decide to join, a half year membership will be offered starting with the February meeting (This offer will apply to the membership fee only and does not include the one-time initiation fee). A reduced membership fee presents a great opportunity for your friends who might have intended to join the LCWRT but never got around to doing so.

Please spread the news.

Johanna Verwer,  
President



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

### Upcoming Programs

**Jan 11** Bud Robertson: Robert E. Lee: Virginia Soldier, American Citizen. Can we ever know enough about this Confederate General? Walt Lineberger will be showing Colt pistols. made up to and including the War. There will be a Morning After.

**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** 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

**Apr 12** 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.

**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

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### Buffet Reservations for Wed., Jan 11th, 5:45 PM. Reservations due by noon Fri Jan 6

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

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### January 11th's Buffet Menu

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

BBQ Pork, Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, String Beans, Potato Salad, Pistachio Salad,

Chocolate Cake & Banana Pudding

Coffee & Tea

### Coming on February 8, The Emancipation Proclamation

President Lincoln comes to the lowcountry, where in Beaufort on January 1, 1863, the reading of the Proclamation was joyfully received by crowds of former slaves. **Jim Getty**, the nation's foremost Lincoln re-enactor, will once again provide us with his unique characterization of Lincoln. This will be followed by a Morning After at Palmetto Electric on US 278 at 10am, Feb 9th. Be sure to mark your calendars for this exciting presentation. Our buffet will include ribs, chicken and strawberry short cake.

### Books Worth Reading: UNION LIST (Lowcountry)

Bob Williams

HILTON HEAD ISLAND IN THE CIVIL WAR, by Robert Carse, 1961, The State Printing Company (Reprinted in 1987 by Impressions Printing Company)

LETTERS AND DIARY OF LAURA M. TOWNE: WRITTEN FROM THE SEA ISLANDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1862 - 1884, edited by Rupert Sargent Holland, 1912, available in reprint from Higginson Book Company. Laura Towne came to the lowcountry from Pennsylvania in 1862. Her name is associated with The Penn Center on St. Helena Island.

LETTERS FROM PORT ROYAL: 1862-1868, edited by Elizabeth Ware Pearson, 1909, W. B. Clarke Company (Reprinted in 1969 by Arno/The New York Times Press) These are letters written by Northern civilians who resided in the lowcountry in the 1860's.

MARCH TO THE SEA, Jacob D. Cox, 1882, a volume in the "Campaigns of the Civil War" series, last reprinted in 2002 by Castle Books. This is about Sherman's March to the Sea in 1864 and includes a chapter about the capture of Savannah.

REHEARSAL FOR RECONSTRUCTION: THE PORT ROYAL EXPERIMENT, by Willie Lee Rose, 1964, Bobbs-Merrill Company. This is about Northern efforts to educate and otherwise win "the hearts and minds" of freed slaves in the lowcountry during the war years.

REMINISCENCES OF FORTS SUMTER AND MOULTRIE IN 1860 - '61, by Abner Doubleday, 1876, reprinted in 1998, The Nautical and Aviation Publishing Company of America. Abner Doubleday served as a Union officer at Fort Sumter in 1861. He would become a general during the war and some still consider him the "Father of Baseball."

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