



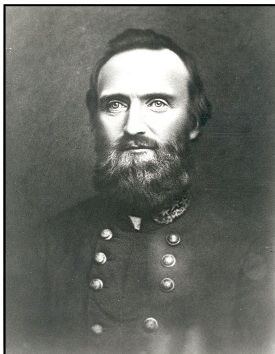
LOWCOUNTRY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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Chancellorsville

Great Confederate Victory But Also a Terrible Loss

Chancellorsville is considered to be one of the most classic battles ever fought in history where an army outnumbered approximately 2 to 1 will be ordered to divide three separate times and take on the enemy and win each time. This battle is studied in micro-detail by the cadets at West Point and the Air Force Academy as well as other service academies around the globe. The Battle of Chancellorsville technically begins in the minds of most military historians at the conclusion of the Battle of Freder-



Gen Thomas Jackson 1862
Virginia Military Inst Archives

icksburg in Dec. of 1862. Union General Ambrose Burnside completely botched the battle by making multiple frontal assaults and having over 12,000 Union soldiers slaughtered. The result ended with two key events: one, Burnside tried to make up for his mistake by making the famous "mud march" and two, Lincoln seriously considered a replacement for Burnside. The answer was "Fightin'" Joe Hooker. Hooker reorganized the Union Army in the Corps system (that is still in use in today's modern army), and rebuilt the morale by offering free magazines and newspapers and home leave to the troops.

Then he moved his army (after splitting off a piece—VI Corps under General Sedgwick) to keep Robert E. Lee watching from across the Rappahannock. He appeared at the Chancellor House and seriously thought he had "stolen a march" on Lee. But it was not true; Lee had his cavalry watching and KNEW that the Fed-

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MAC WYKOFF

Mr Wykoff graduated from Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon with a degree in history. He was employed as a historian for the National Park Service for 25 years which included work at Fort Sumter National Monument (where he was the first civilian to live at the fort), Shiloh, Chickamauga and Chattanooga and for the last 18 years at the four battlefields around Fredericksburg,

He has published books on the 2nd South Carolina and the 3rd South Carolina of General Kershaw's Brigade as well as several articles on this brigade. He operates a website called *South Carolina in the Civil War* and co-founded an annual symposium concerning South Carolina in the Civil War.

He has led battlefield tours for many groups including Civil War Round Tables, American and British military units, senior citizens, school children and the FBI Training Academy. He lectured to many Civil War Round Tables throughout the country. Mac is a co-founder of the *Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table* and the current newsletter editor of this group.

Chancellorsville Statistics

UNION	CONFEDERATES
Commanders	
Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker	General Robert E. Lee
Armies	
of the Potomac	of Northern Virginia
Strengths	
130,576 infantry, cavalry, guns	60,000 infantry, cavalry, guns
Casualties	
1,606 dead, 9,762 wounded, 5,929 missing/prisoners	1,649 dead, 9,106 wounded, 1,708 missing/prisoners
Perspectives	
A brilliant start which went wrong when Hooker yielded the initiative	Outnumbered, Lee's flexibility enabled him to utterly defeat a superior foe, but the death of Jackson was an irreplaceable loss

Lowcountry Civil War Round Table

As I See It by Paul Bucklin President

We kick-off another exceptional program year on September 13 with the first of 8 Programs conducted by our LOWCOUNTRY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE focusing on the latter stages of 1862 and the first half of 1863. The line-up of presenters are WYCKOFF, MILLER, McMURRAY, ROBERTSON, the CHARLESTON RE-ENACTORS GROUP, BEARSS, WILLS, and SYMONDS. They are from among the "best of the best" Civil War presenters in America.

Our Program Committee has consistently brought to our Lowcountry this caliber of programming and I believe it's one of the many "little known gems" undiscovered by so many here in Beaufort County. Last month in our Re-enlistment issue of the Minie Ball Gazette I referred to this as the best \$38 investment Gwen and I make each year to our continuing education about an extremely important time in the history of our country.

So I come to you this month with a SPECIAL CALL TO ACTION. We have many friends, neighbors, other club members, and every day new acquaintances that haven't heard of the "LCWRT". I'd like you in the next few weeks "to invite a friend" to join you at our September 13 gathering. If you're coming for dinner just be sure to include them when making your reservation and include for them the \$12 per dinner fee. Let Jim Strohecker know that they are "guests". If you're just coming to the 7 PM program bring them along with you and be sure that they receive our membership information available at the auditorium entrance table.

In closing, at our June Executive Committee meeting we voted to look at all options available for providing the best food service for our pre-meeting dinners. Marian and Mitch Sackson accepted the responsibility and along with past presidents Jim Hamilton and Bernie Covert they spearheaded contacts with many local caterers. Marian & Mitch did all the leg work and presented their findings and recommendations to our working committee over the summer. We have chosen to begin our fall season with the Golden Corral. We are excited about the menu options and service enhancements. We hope more of you will come and try this new "dinner at the roundtable". Our thanks to the committee, but most importantly, we deeply appreciate the time and efforts put forth by the SACKSONS to bring this to a successful conclusion.

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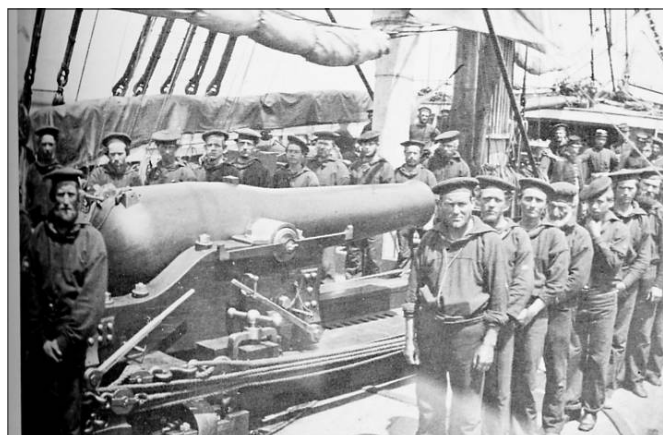
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This pivot gun on the U. S. gunboat Pocahontas was one of those which Captain Percival Drayton used so effectively in shelling Fort Walker from close range.

Springing To The Call!



MEMBERSHIP (RECRUITMENT)

As of 18 August 2006, out of the 216 members who were on the rolls from last year and with our new recruits we stand at 121 named troops who have re-enlisted for the 2006-2007 year. That's 56% who have submitted their applications and checks. Remember that if you have not completed your application and turned in your check yet you may still turn your materials in to: Brenda Bacon, 53 Murray Hill Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909-6139.

As a last resort, we are still able to take your applications and checks at the first get-together on 13 September 2006. Everyone will be receiving new blue nametags/badges at the September meeting...please bring your old white nametag and neck badge holder with you. See you in September. *Brenda and Steve Bacon, Membership Co-chairs*



Please return the Dinner Reservation Form as soon as possible.

Books Covering Chancellorsville

- Chancellorsville* by Stephen W. Sears, Houghton Mifflin Co.
- Chancellorsville, 1863: The Souls of the Brave* by Ernest B. Furgurson, Vintage Civil War Library.
- Chancellorsville: Lee's Greatest Battle* by Edward J. Stackpole, The Stackpole Co.
- Chancellorsville: The Civil War Battle Series, Book 4 (A Novel)* by James Reasoner, Cumberland House.
- Gods and Generals: A Novel of the Civil War* by Jeff Shaara, Ballentine Books.
- Campaigns of the Army of the Potomac* by William Swinton, the Blue and Gray Press.

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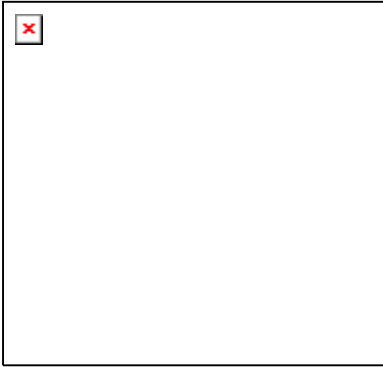
erals were now to his west. Splitting his army and keeping a piece to watch the Federal piece across the river. Lee then struck the Federals in the forest and stunned Hooker into pulling back and entrenching. "Hooker just lost confidence in Hooker"! That night, Lee and his trusted lieutenant Stonewall Jackson held the famous midnight conference and decided to split the Southern army again and make a flank march that took all the next day to conduct. At about 5:30 p.m. (with only 2 hours of daylight left), Jackson struck the XI Corps and crushed it. Later that evening, Jackson rode out ahead of his own troops to find the Federal right flank. Unable to do so, he rode back towards his own line in the dark and was accidentally seriously wounded by his own men. Shot three times, he would have an arm amputated and could have easily recovered but he died a week later uttering the famous last words "let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees". The cause of Jackson's death is medically unknown except for Dr. McGuire's diagnosis of pleuro-pneumonia (an 1863 medical term). Dr. McGuire's recitation of Jackson's symptoms is not completely diagnostic in modern medical parlance. He lost whatever records he had when he lost his ambulance containing the records as he fled up the Valley with Early, ahead of Sheridan. Jackson died in a railroad station located at Guinea Station (southeast of the battlefield).

Even with this loss, Lee continued to push Hooker and drove him across the river and back into the trenches at Fredericksburg. Lee had to split his army a THIRD time to confront the Federals at Salem Church after the Yanks had pushed toward Lee from the east (Early and McLaws-Wilcox vs. Sedgwick). Again Lee won.

This would conclude the battle and give the Confederate the confidence to begin a campaign into the North and will meet the same Federals (and the infamous XI Corps) at a tiny town in southern Pennsylvania called Gettysburg. The Federals would have a new commander, General George Gordon Meade, and the nations would hold their collective breaths when over 200,000 AMERICANS fought and killed each other during three agonizing days in July of 1863!



special for our September Meeting



Invite a friend to our first meeting.

He/she hopefully will be favorably impressed and join that evening.

If you are also partaking in the Buffet, just include the additional cost for your guest in your check and note your guest's name on the reservation form

Editor's Note on Item re The Confederate Submarine *The Hunley*

An item in the July 2006 issue of the Bulletin concerning funding for the Hunley contained a story from a Columbia, SC newspaper. Below is revised data as presented by Senator Glenn F. McConnel, chairman of The Hunley Commission

The Hunley Commission

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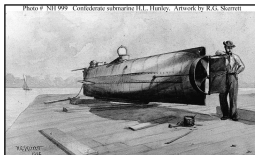


Photo © 2006 Confederate Submarine H.L. Hunley, Article by R.A. Smith

budgetary process. The *Hunley* does receive State security services, which is necessary for us to protect this historic artifact that is on loan to the State of South Carolina from the federal government. These services were appropriated through the normal, open budgetary process in the Legislature.

As to the maritime museum the City of North Charleston hopes to develop as a permanent home for the *Hunley*, any future state funding that may go toward that endeavor has to be allocated through the normal open, public process. Before the museum project begins, the appropriate market studies will be conducted and like the funding that has taken place on the *Hunley* conservation project, the cost of the museum will also rely on private donations.

August 2, 2006

Lowcountry Civil War Roundtable, Inc.
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Sirs:

I am writing in regard to the recent column "South Carolina State Senator Sinking Taxpayer Money into a Civil War-era Submarine" in the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table newsletter. The inaccurate information listed in the article originated from a newspaper in Columbia that has a long history of trying to cast the *Hunley* project in a negative light. In an unprecedented move, another major daily newspaper wrote a story detailing the inaccuracies in the recent Columbia publication. Unfortunately, I have come to expect that type of criticism from the Columbia newspaper, but was surprised to see your group, who has an interest in the Civil War, would so readily believe what the paper printed.

Your organization's website list your mission as "an educational organization dedicated to promoting the knowledge, commemoration, and preservation of our Civil War heritage." The *Hunley* project's goal to discover and preserve an important chapter in Civil War history should cause your organization to be fully supportive of the work being conducted. Please do not be misled by inaccurate information from one newspaper, and allow me to tell you the truth concerning the items reprinted in your newsletter:

- The *Hunley* project will not cost 100 million, nor will 85% of its total cost come from tax funds. To date, the project has raised half its cost from private funds. In the last two years, it has been supported with over 70% private funds, with the remaining costs from Federal historic preservation grants.

Looking at the big picture, for a \$4 million investment of state funds, we have raised approximately \$10 million from private sources and are now nearing the completion of an historic conservation project that is unique in the world.

- I have not "tucked away millions" for the project in government agencies. Actually, the *Hunley* conservation project has not received any state operating funds in nearly 5 years and those funds were appropriated through the normal

~~The *Hunley* has attracted visitors from around the world and has been a tremendous boost to South Carolina tourism. The *Hunley* is now in a working laboratory and is an active archaeological site. The lab was never attended to be a tourist attraction, but overwhelming public interest in the *Hunley* led us to open the lab for weekend tours. During the week, scientists continue their preservation work on the *Hunley*. While being open only 1½ days per week and located at a difficult to find site, nearly 300,000 visitors from all 50 states and over 20 countries have visited the *Hunley* lab. Our annual number of visitors surpasses many established, full-time museums in the United States.~~

Additionally, the *Hunley* has also received international media attention, including movies, documentaries and feature coverage on The History Channel, Discovery, National Geographic, The Today Show and dozens of other media outlets. For a state where tourism is a the top economy and millions of taxpayers' dollars are spent on advertising our state each year, this exposure to Charleston, South Carolina has no doubt produced a tremendous value for South Carolina.

The discovery of the *Hunley* was one of the most important events in the modern annals of marine archeology. The history, science and the human drama of this unique vessel, which is literally a time capsule, has provided us insights into a period that is central to the history of our nation. During this voyage of discovery, our team has developed new technologies that will help restore and preserve other artifacts and materials, especially metals used in the construction of bridges and ships.

The team involved is doing an incredible job with minimum use of public resources. Those of us who are interested in Civil War history should be proud of the *Hunley* project and the tremendous value it brings to South Carolina. I hope the information provided in this letter proves useful and has taken away any concerns you may have with the *Hunley* and its funding.

Sincerely,

Glenn F. McConnell

The 2006-2007 Lecture Series

Sept 13 2006 Chancellorsville. Mac Wyckoff will explore Chancellorsville, a bloody affair that best portrayed Robert E. Lee's confidence, determination, tactical courage and military genius. It was a battlefield triumph for the South and a personal tragedy for Lee with the loss of his "right arm" General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. Mr. Wyckoff will bring this battle to life as seen through the eyes of the major personalities locked in combat May 1-3, 1863, Chancellorsville, Virginia.

Oct 11 2006. Gettysburg. Rev. Jeff Miller will examine Gettysburg, the strategies of Lee and Meade, and the aftermath of the Confederate loss. The three days of Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863 are called by some the turning point of the Civil War or the "high tide" of the Confederacy. General Lee marched into Pennsylvania expecting to win his third major battle in six months; but now he entered the enemy's country and the outcome was quite different. From the gallantry of Pickett's charge to the bravery on Little Round Top, Gettysburg has become the symbol of the War Between the States.

Nov 8 2006 The Western Theater. Richard McMurry will talk on the Western battles: Forts Donnellson and Henry, Shiloh Church, Vicksburg, Chickamauga and many others in what is referred to as the trans-Mississippi region. These battles have until recently been relegated to a position of less importance than the battles in the Eastern states, yet they represented, for the Union, the most significant victories. What was the Unions strategy and why were they more successful?

Jan 10 2007 Battle Losses and Aftermath. James I. (Bud) Robertson will be with us once again. Someone said that the Civil war was the defining event for America — more so than the Revolutionary War. It is estimated that 620,000 Union and Confederate soldiers died as a result of battles and disease. The devastation in the South took over a hundred years to rebuild. Bud will examine these events and their impact on us as a nation.

Feb 14 2007 Role of 'Colored' Troops. This presentation will depart from our usual format and present a living history when the Charleston Re-enactors Group becomes the 54th Massachusetts and portrays their role in the battle of Battery Wagner. We will discuss the events that led to the formation of the so called "Colored Troops" and their role in the Civil War. Also, we will show the uniforms and customs of this regiment and discuss details of the battle.

Mar 14 2007 Chickamauga & Chattanooga. Ed Bearss will return to examine the battles of this region of Tennessee, including Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain. The name Chickamauga was an old Cherokee word meaning river of death and it lived up to its name as each side lost nearly a third of its men. Chickamauga was a Union disaster. As September 1863 ended the federals held Chattanooga but were on the verge of surrender. The Union was galvanized by the potential destruction of the Army of the Cumberland and dispatched large numbers of troops quickly by rail from the Eastern Theatre.

Apr 11 2007 Fort Pillow. Brian Steel Wills will tell us what really happened at Fort Pillow. Situated on a high bluff on the eastern bank of the Mississippi river about forty river miles above Memphis, TN, it became part of a chain of Federal garrisons. In April 1864 it was manned by 295 white Tennessee troops and 262 U.S. Colored Troops when Nathan Bedford Forrest, the famous (or infamous) Confederate cavalryman, attacked and the fort surrendered. Casualties were high and only sixty-two of the U.S. Colored Troops survived the fight. The Confederates were accused of massacre, a controversy that continues today. Fort Pillow became the subject of a Federal joint Congressional investigation. Was it a massacre, revenge or "war as an act of violence pushed to its utmost bounds"?

May 9 2007 Mobile Bay. Craig Symonds is back with us to elaborate on the added significance of Rear-Admiral Farragut's naval victory at Mobile Bay in light of Sherman's victory in Atlanta. Farragut, aloft in the rigging of his flag ship Hartford, directed the battle as his ships outmaneuvered the feared rebel iron clad, Tennessee, so that she struck no blow but went to the bottom under federal gunfire. The capture of Mobile Bay left only Wilmington, North Carolina as the only open port for blockade runners in the closing days of the war.

The Dinner Menu for September 2006

Pot Roast with Vegetables, Virginia Ham, Steamed tilapia, Bourbon St Chicken and White Rice, Pulled Barbeque Pork

House Salad with Carrots, Cucumbers, Onions, Peppers, Tomatoes, Cheese and 7 Types of Dressing (Ranch, Blue Cheese, Italian, Thousand Island, Catalina, Honey Mustard, Caesar)

Green Beans, Potato Salad, Mac & Cheese, Mash Potato, Brown Gravy, Okra & Stewed Tomatoes, Carrots, Steamed Spinach, Dinner Yeast Rolls with Honey Butter

Mixed Fruit with Cantaloupe, Honeydew, Strawberries, Grapes, Watermelon-if possible

Mixed Cookies (Oatmeal Raisin, Chocolate chip, Peanut butter), Brownies, Coconut Macaroons, Lemon Bars

Sweet & Unsweetened Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Served on Dinner Plates with Silverware and Glasses

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**Dinner Reservations for September 13th Meeting At Bluffton High School
Buffet Service @ 5:45pm—Program @ 7:00pm**

All Members are invited to the General Meeting. Reservations are required ONLY for DINNER.

Dinner Reservation For September 13th, 2006

Number of Dinners: ___ @ \$12 each = _____

Names: _____

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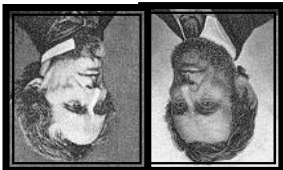
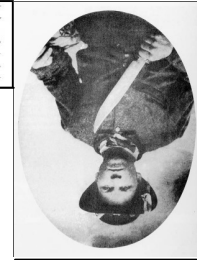
We are set to start on our ambitious next year of 2006—2007. The Round Table doesn't just happen. You, by volunteering and working on committees, make the Round Table what it is. How about it? We need help on the Program, Communication, Monthly Bulletin, delivery of the Bulletin, Hospitality, Accounting and Membership committees - *no experience necessary*. Some tasks are only an hour once a month! If you are interested in ANY of the items below, please check them off and include with form.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Committee: help select topics & speakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Would like to be President |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Be Editor of the bulletin (requires a computer) | <input type="checkbox"/> Perform the 'check in' during dinner |
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 Our 1st Meeting of the Season



Left: An oration of the Salem King & Queen from Kanawha, Virginia. His hair-very matted with the 10th Virginia to the attack on DATE S. SMITH



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COURSES BY CAROL CUTRONA

Carol Cutrona, a founding member of our roundtable, will be teaching three courses for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, USCB, related to women and the Civil War. They are as follows:

"The Life and Times of the Plantation Mistress in Antebellum South" - October 16, 23 and 30 at 10:00 A.M.

"Confederate Women Confront Sherman and His Men during the March Through South Carolina" - Jan. 22 and 29, 2007

"Civil War Generals and their Wives"- March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2007.

All will be held at the Pineland Station, Suite 304B. For further information, call Carol at 705-6189 or OLLI at 208-8247.



We thank Palmetto Electric for their allowing the LCWRT usage of their meeting room for our *Morning After*.