



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

The Official Newsletter of the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table, Inc.

February 26, 2020

Civil War Weather

Everyone Talks About It but Nobody Does Anything About It

Location: Pinckney Hall

Date: February 26, 2020

Time: **7: 00 (Please note the difference in time).**

President's Letter

To all LCWRT members:

*Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 26th at Pinkney Hall. Our speaker is one our most popular, Jack Davis. His topic will be "Civil War Weather". He has written over 40 books on the Civil War and southern history and is a 3-time winner of the Jefferson Davis Prize for Confederate history. He will have books for sale including his most recent book *The Greatest Fury* about the battle for New Orleans i 1814-1815. Hope to see everyone there at Pinkney Hall.*

John Allen, President LCWRT

PS: The meeting will start at 7:00PM instead of the usual 6:45 due to a scheduling conflict at Pinkney Hall. The talk will begin at 7:15. If any LCWRT members could come to the meeting a little early to sell Jack Davis' books it would be greatly appreciated. Email me if you can help at woodystjohn@gmail.com

February Program

In 1861 the relationship between armies and the outdoors had changed little since antiquity. When the weather was good, the armies moved and fought; when it was not, they stayed put. Billy Yank and Johnny Reb on the march had no protection from the pelting rain or searing heat. The soldiers wrote about it more than any other topic, except maybe their health. Thanks to frigid temperature and snow in winter and rains in the spring, armies could only move and fight from April through early December. In the Deep South, however they campaigned most of the year if the rains did not make the roads impassable and high heat did not so enervate the men that they could not march or fight.

Amazon Book Review

The Greatest Fury. The Battle of New Orleans and the Rebirth of America by Jack Davis

“Davis’s accounts of small fights won by hot blood and cold steel are thrilling.”—The Wall Street Journal

From master historian William C. Davis, the definitive story of the Battle of New Orleans, the fight that decided the ultimate fate not only of the War of 1812 but the future course of the fledgling American republic.

It was a battle that could not be won. Outnumbered farmers, merchants, backwoodsmen, smugglers, slaves, and Choctaw Indians, many of them unarmed, were up against the cream of the British army, professional soldiers who had defeated the great Napoleon and set Washington, D.C., ablaze. At stake was nothing less than the future of the vast American heartland, from the Gulf Coast to the Great Lakes, as the ragtag American forces fought to hold New Orleans, the gateway of the Mississippi River and an inland empire.

Tipping the balance of power in the New World, this single battle irrevocably shifted the young republic's political and cultural center of gravity and kept the British from ever regaining dominance in North America. In this gripping, comprehensive study of the Battle of New Orleans, William C. Davis examines the key players and strategy of King George's Red Coats and Andrew Jackson's makeshift "army." A master historian, he expertly weaves together narratives of personal motivation and geopolitical implications that make this battle one of the most impactful ever fought on American soil.

Battles and Brews

Not much time to sign up, but Rex Garneiwicz of the Coastal Discovery Museum and Rich Thomas from Heritage Forces will present two history stories at a History Happy Hour from 5 to 7 pm at Fish Casual Coastal Seafood, 1 North Forest Beach Drive in Coligny Plaza on February 24.

Garneiwicz will talk about the science behind the making of beer and how it has impacted our lives. The Battle of Honey Horn was fought in Ridgeland as a diversion to the approach of Sherman to Savannah. It was one of the last 3 significant Confederate victories and marked the first time in the war that black regiments outnumbered white regiments in the Union assault. Cost is \$50. Purchase tickets at Eventbrite.com by searching "history and happy hour."

Missing Issues of the Minie Ball Gazette—from 2008 and 2009

As part of the 20th Anniversary Celebration for April we are trying to put together a complete set of the Minie Ball Gazette newsletters. We are missing the following issues of the Minie Ball Gazette:

September 2008 October 2008 November 2008 November 2009

If by chance you have any of these issues, please contact: David McColloch, LCWRT Historian
843-705-3060 or David.McColloch@gmail.com

Need for Volunteers

The Low Country Civil War Round Table always has a need for volunteers. This is your group—make it better.

Program committee is responsible for selecting topics and finding speakers

The *Minie Ball Gazette* needs articles for the monthly issues.

Help for historian.

Website Maintenance

Sun City Club Fair

Membership roster maintenance

Program night workers—to greet members, collect visitor fees, help with book sales, tally attendance etc.

Facebook Group

The Executive Committee is investigating member's interest in forming a Facebook Group. In order to do this, we would need several people to help in administering the group. This group could be used to share member's interest in various Civil War titles, visiting various battlegrounds and even sharing rides to meetings. If you would be interested in either administering or belonging, please let your executive committee know.

Jasper Library Civil War Book Collection

In the past, I had arranged with Michael Sweeney to accept books from members of the LCRTCW. The staff and trustees of the Library are very grateful for the member's donations and our collection and history room has benefited greatly. We thank you for your donations.

Our History Room now has an ample supply of Civil War books and we can no longer accept any further donations unless it is specifically about Jasper and Beaufort Counties. If you could pass this information on to your members, I would appreciate your doing so.

Again, thank you for your donations.

*Elaine Kreiling
Jasper County Library Board of Trustees*

Remaining lectures, locations and dates of the upcoming 2020 lectures

March 25, 2020	Jerry Morris	Frank M. Mixson, A Confederate Soldier	Pinckney Hall
April 30, 2020	20 th Anniversary	Larry Rowland and Stephen Wise on the Impact of Beaufort County on the Civil War and Reconstruction the 11 th Hour Effort to avoid the War	Magnolia Hall Pinckney Hall
May 27, 2020 Summer break Sept. 23, 2020	John Warley Stephen Wise	Lifeline of the Confederacy: Blockade Running During the Civil War Civil War Captain and His Lady How a Confederate Artillery Battery And a Black Union Regiment Defined the Meaning of the War	Pinckney Hall Hidden Cypress Pinckney Hall
Oct. 28, 2020 Dec. 2, 2020	Gene Barr Ron Roth		

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CURRENT MEMBER _____

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Household: Annual Membership (to Aug 31, 2020): \$40.00

We always need volunteers to continue making the LCWRT successful.

Please check the area(s) for which you are willing to volunteer:

- ____ Program Committee: help select topics & speakers
- ____ Assist in Production/Distribution of the *Minie Ball Gazette*
- ____ Assist on Program Night (Greeter, Collect Tickets or Guest Fees, Tally Program Attendance)
- ____ Historian
- ____ Maintain Membership Roster
- ____ Work at Sun City Club Fair
- ____ Web Site Maintenance

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