



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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LCCWRT 2022 PROGRAM

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	SPEAKER	SUBJECT
1/26	HIDDEN CYPRESS	6:30-8:30	Jerry Morris	Battle at Rivers Bridge
2/23	HIDDEN CYPRESS	6:30-8:30	Ford Hutchinson	Civil War on HHI, before, during and after
3/23	HIDDEN CYPRESS	6:30-8:30	Jack Davis	The Information Age--1860 Style
4/27	HIDDEN CYPRESS	6:30-8:30	Debra Conner	Mary Walker, Civil War Surgeon
5/17/	MAGNOLIA HALL.	6:30-8:30	Jim Morgan	Ball's Bluff
9/29/	HIDDEN CYPRESS	6:30-8:30	Neil Baxley	Stephen Elliott, jr. Beaufort Confederate General
10/26/	HIDDEN CYPRESS	6:30-8:30	Park Service Rep	Reconstruction—After Civil War
11/30	HIDDEN CYPRESS	6:30-8:30	Paul Quigley	Civil War Origins of Thanksgiving

Jerry Morris

Battle of Rivers' Bridge

Jerry Morris' presentation of the Battle of Rivers' Bridge will explain the strategic and tactical aspects of the battle that proved to be the only major obstruction to General Sherman's troops during his march through South Carolina. Beginning with the layout of the Confederate defenses prepared along the crossings of the Salkehatchie River and along Lower Three Runs Creek, he details the Union troop movements during the two days of battle that resulted in a Confederate retreat from a fortified position that Union General O.O. Howard called, "*The best position for defense that I ever saw.*"

Jerry Morris is a retired educator with 38 years of experience in South Carolina's public schools and the University of South Carolina. He holds an Education Specialist Degree from the University of South Carolina and a certificate from Clemson University for teaching Advanced Placement United States History. He and his wife, Marie, divide their time between their country home in Barnwell, South Carolina and their vintage cottage at Edisto Beach.

Morris is currently a volunteer at Rivers' Bridge State Historic Site in Ehrhardt, SC and the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum in Columbia, SC. In years past, he has been active in Living History programs and reenactments, at one time being Lt. Colonel of the Palmetto Battalion as well as portraying Confederate Veterans, Frank M. Mixson and Captain Ben. S. Williams for a number of years.

Rivers Bridge State Historic Site

The Battle of Rivers' Bridge was a battle of the American Civil War fought on February 3, 1865. Rivers Bridge State Historic Site marks the site of one of the Confederacy's last stands against General William T. Sherman's sweep across the South. Of all the Civil War sites in South Carolina, the Battle of Rivers Bridge is the only one in the State Parks system that is home to a preserved battlefield.

History and Interpretation

- **Programs and Guided Tours:** Scheduled daily tours and prearranged guided tours are available at \$4/adult and \$2/child ages 6-16. Monthly living history programs are \$5/adult and \$3/child ages 6-16. Visitors may take a self-guided tour by reading the wayides stationed throughout the park at no charge.
- **Museum:** The relic room at Rivers Bridge includes interpretive panels that tell more about the battle and the loss of life at the Battle of Rivers Bridge. The stories of individual casualties are highlighted for both the Confederate and Union armies. Four large panels showcase all of those that gave their lives in the battle.
- **Burial Sites and Cemeteries:** Four cemeteries are located throughout the park. One cemetery holds the Confederate dead from the battle of Rivers Bridge. Another cemetery holds WWII veterans. The other two cemeteries are private family cemeteries of the Breland and Ayers families.
- **Civil War History:** Rivers Bridge State Historic Site marks the site of one of the Confederacy's last stands against General William T. Sherman's sweep across the South. Of all the Civil War Sites in South Carolina, Rivers Bridge is the only site home to a preserved battlefield.
- **National Register of Historic Places:** Yes
- **Designation:** National Register

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Heritage Library Hilton Head Classes

Reluctant Radical: Rufus Saxton, the Read Champion of Reconstruction

Thursday, 1/13/22 - 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Location: USCB Hilton Head Campus, Room 213

Instructor: Richard Thomas

History has relegated Saxton to a dim, supporting role in the saga of the Reconstruction Era, but, in reality, he was its chief architect in the early years of freedom for the formerly enslaved. Explore how Saxton's determined resistance to President Andrew Johnson's orders helped shape Emancipation for blacks on the sea islands, in stark contrast to the experience in the rest of the Deep South.

Cost is \$15 for non-members and \$12 for members.

A Landscape Aflame: The Art of the American Civil War

Wednesday, 2/9/22 - 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Location: USCB Hilton Head Campus, Room 214

Instructor: Ron Roth

From the battlefield to the home front, Civil War art includes insights into the viewpoints that motivated both sides of the conflict as well as eloquent depictions of the human face of the war. This presentation includes recent scholarship that demonstrates how useful significant art can be to further our understanding of the War.

Cost is \$15 for non-members and \$12 for members.

Pathfinders for Freedom: The 1st and 2nd South Carolina Volunteers of African Descent (SCVAD)

Tuesday, 3/22/22 – 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Location: USCB Hilton Head Campus, Room 213

Instructor: Richard Thomas

Without the efforts of a few Federal officers and about 1,500 former slaves in Hilton Head and Port Royal in mid-1862, the regiments of black soldiers raised in the North following Emancipation may never have had the opportunity to demonstrate the full value of African-Americans as fighting men. Learn how the 1st and 2nd SCVAD paved the way for the 54th Massachusetts and other US Colored Troops' regiments to earn fame and glory in later battles of the Civil War.

Cost is \$15 for non-members and \$12 for members.

Hilton Head Lifelong Learning

The battle of Gettysburg and Civil War Reconstruction will be courses offered in the Winter/Spring Lineup. The classes begin February 7 and run through March 25. Membership is \$55. The course catalog is available Online at LifelongLearningHHL.org.

Danny Crooks will present classes on the Reconstruction at the Seabrook on March 10

Jim Crow and Damn Yankees: Home Rule Returns to the South by 1876

Was the Civil War Reconstruction a Success or Failure

Dave Desjardins will present a class on the Battle of Gettysburg in 3 sessions on March 11, 18, and 25 at the Bayshore of Hilton Head Island

Olli (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) Courses

Courses are offered at USCB campuses in Beaufort, Bluffton, and Hilton Head. The cost is \$15 a course. To obtain more information, call 843-208-8247. I am also including a link. There are several classes on the Civil War.

https://www.uscb.edu/lifelong-learning/olli/OLLI_WinterSpringGuide_Compressed.pdf

Role of African American Churches During Reconstruction on February 8th will be presented by Chanda Powell

Antietam: America's Bloodiest Day will be presented by Jack Rabbitt on February 11th

The Battle of Honey Hill will be presented by Rich Thomas on March 1

Dues

Dues will remain at \$30.00. Guests are welcomed at a charge of \$5.

Officers

The group will be looking for some new officers for the next year. So please think about joining the group. Meetings are generally held at Hidden Cypress Ballroom. Qualifications are an interest in the Civil War.

LOWCOUNTRY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE, INC.

Annual Membership for all household members: **\$30.00**

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 to AUGUST 31, 2022

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(We will keep this confidential!)

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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www.lcwrt.squarespace.com and it can

be used to get current and historical LCWRT information.