



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

May 17, 2022

LCCWRT 2022 PROGRAM

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	SPEAKER	SUBJECT
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

Jim Morgan – Ball's Bluff

A lifelong Civil War enthusiast, Jim is a native of New Orleans, where his family eventually settled after “Morganza,” the family plantation some 40 miles upriver from Baton Rouge, which was destroyed during the Civil War. His Civil War ancestors served in the Pointe Coupee Artillery, the 6th Louisiana Battery, and the 41st Mississippi Infantry.

Jim grew up in Pensacola, Florida, lived for 23 years in Lovettsville, Virginia, not far from the Ball's Bluff battlefield, and now lives in Charleston where he is a volunteer at Forts Moultrie and Sumter. As a Civil War reenactor, he has done both Union and Confederate artillery and infantry impressions.

Jim is a co-founder and past president of the Fort Sumter Civil War Round Table in Charleston and is a member of the board of the Fort Sumter-Fort Moultrie Historical Trust. He also is a past president of the Loudoun County Civil War Roundtable in Leesburg, VA and was a co-founder and chairman of the Friends of Ball's Bluff. He served on the Loudoun County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee from 2009-15 and on the board of the Mosby Heritage Area Association from 2009-17. During that same period, he was a member of the advisory board of the Thomas Balch History and Genealogy Library in Leesburg.

Jim's tactical study of Ball's Bluff, *A Little Short of Boats: The Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry*, is widely considered to be the definitive work on the knowledge of that fight. His book

on the Battle of Seccesionville, *Six Miles from Charleston, Five Minutes to Hell*, is due for release this summer by Savas-Beatie Publishing Company.

A Little Short of Boats: The Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21-22, 1861 is available as a Kindle for \$10.99 and *Six Miles from Charleston, Five Minutes to Hell: The Battle of Seccesionille* (Emerging Civil War Series) is available as a paperback for \$16.95 from Amazon.

Jim has been a contributing author for other books as well, most recently writing a chapter on the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War for *Turning Points of the Civil War* which was published by Southern Illinois University Press in November, 2017. He also has written for *Civil War Times*, *America's Civil War*, *The Artilleryman*, *Blue & Gray*, and other periodicals.

Jim retired in 2014 from the State Department where he held various positions in Washington and abroad, the last being Acquisitions Librarian for the Office of International Information Programs. He served in the US Marine Corps from 1969-71. He holds master's degrees in Political Science from the University of West Florida and Library Science from Florida State University and is an avid sailor.

Election of Officers

It is that time of year and we will be voting on the candidates for LCWRT officers at this meeting. The slate of officers is:

President- Sandi Schroeder

Treasurer- Ron Albert

Membership Chairman- Ed Flanagan

Program Chairman- Gene Sullivan

Communications, Secretary- Dave McColloch

Member at large- Tom McNamara

President's Letter

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17th at 6:45 PM in Magnolia Hall. Our speaker will be Jim Morgan who will speak about Ball's Bluff. We will resume meetings in September.

Our May meeting is also the time for elections of new officers for the LCWRT and I will be stepping down as president. I have enjoyed serving as your president. The slate of officers is listed above. We still need a Vice President. So if you are willing to serve, please let Sandi know.

River's Bridge Confederate Memorial Association

The Rivers' Bridge Confederate Memorial Association is sponsoring the 146th annual Confederate Memorial Day Service on May 13, 2022. The public is invited.

The service, which will be held at the Memorial Grounds located at The Battle of Rivers' Bridge State Historic Site, will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a prelude of period musical selections by Dr. Jim Dreyfus followed by the main program at 11:00 a.m.

After the program the traditional dinner on the grounds will be available for a nominal fee.

The Memorial Grounds are located on the property of Rivers' Bridge State Historic Site at 325 State Park Road, near Ehrhardt, SC, which can be accessed from either the Rivers' Bridge Road or Highway 641.

The Rivers' Bridge Confederate Memorial Association has held this memorial service annually since 1876 to commemorate the battle and its Southern dead.

Rivers' Bridge State Historic Site is managed and interpreted by the South Carolina State Park Service. In addition to the Memorial Grounds, the Park Service maintains the well-preserved remains of the Confederate earthen field fortifications overlooking the Salkehatchie Swamp.

You want to take the Hwy 321 route, which takes about an hour and a half; there are shorter routes, but those have more turns.

If anyone would like a tour of the battleground, please let me know so that I can pass the word on.

2022 Historic Fort Mitchel Tours

THURSDAYS, 10:30 AM

APRIL 14 - OCTOBER 13, 2022

Fort Mitchell contains the remains of a coastal defense battery erected in 1862 to protect the Port Royal Sound by way of Skull Creek from incursions by Confederate Gunboats.

Immerse yourself in the fascinating Civil War history of Hilton Head Island with a visit to Fort Mitchel. The site contains the remains of a coastal defense battery erected in 1862 to protect the Port Royal Sound by way of Skull Creek from incursions by Confederate gunboats based in the Savannah River. Costumed characters and an expert tour guide will demonstrate the vital historic importance of

this place and the role the fort and its namesake, General Mitchel, played in shaping Hilton Head history, including historic Mitchelville.

Cost: \$15/ADULT • \$10/CHILD

This tour is located at Ft. Mitchel in Hilton Head Plantation, 65 Skull Creek Drive, Hilton Head Island

Juneteenth

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day and Celebration Day, is an American holiday celebrated on June 19. On June 19, 1865, the Emancipation Proclamation— which had been issued on January 1, 1863— was read to enslaved African Americans in Texas by Gordon Granger.

The 7th Annual Bluffton Juneteenth Festival will be celebrated at Burnt Church Distillery, 120 Bluffton Rd. Saturday June 18, 2022 from 4 pm to 10 pm. It is sponsored by the Bluffton MLK Observance Committee.

The 2nd Annual Juneteenth Brunch will be served at the Burnt Church Distillery on Sunday June 19, 2022 from 11 am to 2 pm

LOWCOUNTRY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE, INC.

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

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

CURRENT MEMBER _____

NEW MEMBER _____

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

Please **Print** All Information Below

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Sun City Residents Only

New CAM number _____

Additional Household member **New** CAM number _____

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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.lcwrtsquarespace.com and it can

be used to get current and historical LCWRT information.