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We had two excellent meetings in January. On Wednesday January 11, Rich Condon came back to finish (and add new details) to his talk on the 1st South Carolina Infantry that was suspended by a medical emergency during our October meeting. In addition, on Jan 25th always popular Jack Davis spoke on battlefield diets of Civil War soldiers. On a sad note, LCWRT founding member Donald “Mac” McCoy died in late December. In the Fall of 2000, Mac was instrumental in getting Sun City members and Hilton Head Island members to agree to form a round table. Mac was a LCWRT officer and member of the Executive Committee for many years and seldom missed a program meeting. He will be missed.

Please note that our February meeting is scheduled for **MONDAY February 20** at 6:45 pm at Hidden Cypress. Our website is www.lcwrtsquarespace.com. Our e-mail address is LCWRT-SC@gmail.com

President’s Message

The current economic scene is requiring change, our revenue from membership dues is down from prior years and our expenses have increased. The Executive Committee thoroughly discussed a number of options for our current fiscal year and future fiscal years. As such, we have decided to reduce the number of meetings from 8 to 7 in our next fiscal year. But we are also going to have fun and good programs.

In December I was offered a limited-edition print (no 6 of 25) of the “Die Hards” at the 2nd Battle of Manassas, August 30, 1862. This is a very rare print by Don Troiani, a well-known Civil War artist. We will be auctioning it off for the highest bid at our May 16th meeting. Someone will be able to purchase a rare valuable print. Watch for more information, including in the *Bluffton Sun*.

Then we are going to resume our field trips. The first one will be to the new National Park in Beaufort. Many of you heard Richard Condon when he spoke in January. We will be picked up by bus in Sun City and will go to the Visitor’s Center, have lunch at Blackstone’s Café, and finish up with Penn Center and Camp Saxon. Other trips will follow to the Civil War sites in Hilton Head and Jasper County. More details will follow once I cross the t’s and dot the l’s. Space will be limited for our first trip.

Our next program will feature Jack Rabbit and we all know he is a favorite speaker, so invite your friends to a fun, but interesting meeting.

Sandi Schroeder, President

This Month's Program

The February program features Sun City resident Jack Rabbitt speaking about "The Battle of Gettysburg: Five Decisive Factors". Jack is a well-known speaker having made numerous presentations to the Round Table and to OLLI. Please note that the meeting is scheduled for **MONDAY FEBRUARY 20** at 6:45 pm in the Hidden Cypress Ballroom.

2022-2023 Program Schedule ---- **THE PROGRAM STARTS AT 6:45 pm**

	DATE	ROOM	SPEAKER	TOPIC
Thurs	Sept 29, 2022	HC		Cancelled – Hurricane Ian
Wed	Oct 26, 2022	HC	Rich Condon	1 st South Carolina Volunteer Infantry
Wed	Nov 30, 2022	HC	Paul Quigley	Civil War Origins of Thanksgiving
Wed	Jan 11, 2023	HC	Rich Condon	1 st South Carolina Volunteer Infantry
Wed	Jan 25, 2023	HC	Jack Davis	Bon Appetit: Blue and Gray
Mon	Feb 20, 2023	HC	Jack Rabbitt	Gettysburg: 5 Decisive Factors
Wed	Mar 22, 2023	HC	Richard Thomas	Battle of Honey Hill
Mon	Apr 24, 2023	MH	Jerry Morris	Frank Mixon, A Confederate Soldier
Tues	May 16, 2023	MH	Ron Roth	Landscape Aflame: The Art of the Civil War
Wed	June 28, 2023	HC	Neil Baxley	Gen Stephen Elliott, Beaufort Confederate General

HC = Hidden Cypress Ball Room

MH = Magnolia Hall

Auction of Civil War print "The Diehards"



An anonymous Civil War enthusiast donated a professionally-framed limited-edition print of "The Diehards" --- Second Battle of Manassas, August 30, 1862 by noted artist Don Troiani. This is certified as print 6 of 25, done in 1994. Other copies of the print are being offered on the internet in excess of \$1,000. The print is about 24 x 31 inches in a professionally-mounted frame. The LCWRT is accepting bids on the print. It will be on display before each meeting. If you wish to bid on the print, simply drop your bid in the "bid box" at the meeting. The winner will be announced at the May 16th meeting.

Field Trip

We are planning a bus trip on Wednesday April 26 to the Beaufort Reconstruction Era National Historical Park in downtown Beaufort. A bus will pick us up in Sun City, take us to the Beaufort Reconstruction Era National Historical Park Visitor's Center on Craven Street. After a stop at the Visitor's Center, we will have lunch at Blackstone's Café on Scott Street, then tour Penn Center and Camp Saxon on Ladys Island before returning to Sun City. Cost will be about \$40 per person. We have about 25 spaces on the bus. If you would like to reserve a spot on the bus (we will collect fees just before the trip), please send Sandi Schroeder an email at sanindex@schroederindexing.com.

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