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Happy New Year! Mark Your Calendars! We have **TWO** program meetings this month --- Wednesday Jan 11 and Wednesday Jan 25. Both meetings will be in the Hidden Cypress Ball Room. If you remember, our October 26th meeting with Rich Condon speaking was cut short by a medical emergency. Rich has agreed to come back to Sun City and finish (and add new details) his talk on the 1st South Carolina Volunteer Infantry on January 11. Then, on Wednesday January 25, Jack Davis will speak on soldier's food and meal preparations. I hope you can attend both sessions. All programs begin at 6:45pm. Membership dues for the 2022-2023 Program Year are \$30 per household.

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President's Message

This January is going to start a very special year for our LCWRT in that we are starting our year off with two great speakers that you will not want to miss.

We will be hosting Richard Condon for our first meeting on January 11. If you missed our October meeting, you will want to make sure to make this one. Richard is returning to complete the talk he started in October but which we had to cut short but that everyone wanted us to have this speaker back.

Then on January 25, we will be having our regular meeting, featuring Jack Davis on "Bon Appetit Blue and Grey". Jack is always a great speaker.

We are planning on the possibility of two field trips. One would be a visit to the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, where Richard is a park ranger. Also being looked into is a visit to the Civil War sites in the Bluffton/Hilton Head area. More details will follow about these trips.

We also have an auction planned for a print by Don Troiani of the "Battle of 2ND Manassas on August 30, 1862." This print was donated to the LCWRT.

To end the program year, we will have Neil Baxley on June 28 who will tell us about the Life and Times of Gen S. Elliott, CSA.

Hope to see you in January. Please say hello and bring guests that you might think have an interest in the Civil War.

Sandi Schroeder, President

This Month's Program

The **Wednesday January 11th** program features Rich Condon speaking about the 1st South Carolina Volunteer Infantry. Rich Condon is a historian from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with a B.A. in public history from Shepherd University. For 10 years he has worked with historic sites and organizations including The Battle of Franklin Trust, Harpers Ferry National Historic Park, and Flight 93 National Memorial. He has written for Civil War Times, The American Battlefield Trust and, operates a blog called Civil War Pittsburgh. On January 1, 1863 an estimated 3,000 formerly enslaved African Americans met at Camp Saxton, along the Beaufort River, for a public reading of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. Among those in attendance were soldiers of the 1st South Carolina Volunteer Infantry, who were recruited from the freed population of the Sea Islands and trained at the camp for US Army service. These men laid the foundation for Black enlistment in 1863 while preparing to strike a blow against the institution of slavery and asserting their status as United States citizens.

The **Wednesday January 25th** program features one of the LCWRT's favorite speakers, Jack Davis. Jack will discuss soldier's food, military rations and field cooking. William C. (Jack) Davis, a native of Independence, Missouri, was educated in Northern California, spent 20 years in editorial management in the magazine and book publishing industry. He left the industry in 1990 to spend the next decade working as a writer and consultant.

The author or editor of more than 50 books and numerous documentary screenplays in the fields of Civil War and southern history, Davis was the on-camera senior consultant for 52 episodes of the Arts & Entertainment Network/History Channel series "Civil War Journal" as well as a number of other productions on commercial and public television, including the BBC abroad. He has acted as historical consultant for several television and film productions, including "The Blue and the Perfect Tribute."

Davis is a three-time winner of the Jefferson Davis Award given for book-length works on Confederate History. His most recent book is *The Pirates Laffite: The Treacherous World of the Corsairs of the Gulf*.

Davis came to Virginia Tech to serve both as director of programs for the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies and as a professor of history. He has presented many excellent programs to our chapter.

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	1st 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 Decision 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

Membership Form

Please use the attached form to renew your membership for the 2022-2023 Program Year. Annual Dues are \$30 per household. Because the LCWRT is a “Registered Community Group” in Sun City, we are **NOT** eligible to use “club charges” for dues. You may pay by check (or cash). You may bring the form and payment to any meeting, mail to **Ed Flanagan, 1043 Serenity Point Drive, Bluffton, SC 29909** or drop in Ed’s lower mail box. We ask for Sun City CAM numbers each year in order to maintain our “Registered Community Group” status with Sun City. We must submit an annual report to Sun City on group membership which includes how many members are Sun City residents.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 to AUGUST 31, 2023

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

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

CURRENT MEMBER _____

NEW MEMBER _____

Please **Print** All Information Below

Last Name

First Name

Badge Nickname

Last Name (Additional Household Member)

First Name

Badge Nickname

Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ Additional Phone () _____

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CAM number _____ Additional Household Member CAM number _____

E-Mail

Additional Household member E-mail

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

Please Make Check Payable to: **LCWRT Inc.**

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Any questions: please contact **Ed Flanagan** at **516-220-5350** or **EdFlanagan1999@yahoo.com**

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