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We had an excellent meeting in February. Jack Rabbitt spoke on Five Decisive Factors in the Battle of Gettysburg. It was one of the best presentations we have ever had at the Round Table. The March meeting and program is scheduled for Wednesday March 22 at 6:45 pm at Hidden Cypress.

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## **President's Message**

This is a busy time for your president. I am moving to Hilton Head Lakes but will remain as president.

I had planned on going on a retreat to Broxton Bridge this Saturday, but had to change my plans. I will ask the ones that do attend to tell us about it at our next meeting and we will look for another one in the future.

Don't forget to sign up for our field trip to Reconstruction Era Park. The cost will be \$40 and we will be making stops at the Center for Reconstruction Era Park, Darrah Hall/Penn Center and Camp Saxton. I know I am really looking forward to it. You can send me an email at [sanindex@schroederindexing.com](mailto:sanindex@schroederindexing.com) if you have any questions or to let me know who are coming.

I hope you saw our article in the [Bluffton Sun](#) (page 29A) on our print auction. The print will be available for viewing at each of our meetings. It is very detailed and would be a great purchase. We have several bids and hope to get more. The proceeds will go to a good cause and will depend on our final bid.

Elections will be coming up soon. We really do need a vice president and could use others to help out.

I am getting to know more of you since I have got involved. Please say hello.

*Sandi Schroeder*, President

### This Month's Program

The March program features local historian Richard Thomas speaking about "The Battle of Honey Hill" which took place just off Hwy 336 near Ridgeland, SC ... the closest Civil War Battlefield to our area. The battle took place in November 1864 and was an attempt to disrupt the Confederate railroad connection between Savannah and Charleston. The meeting will be in the Hidden Cypress Ball Room at 6:45 pm Wednesday March 22.

### 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 <sup>st</sup> South Carolina Volunteer Infantry
Wed	Nov 30, 2022	HC	Paul Quigley	Civil War Origins of Thanksgiving
Wed	Jan 11, 2023	HC	Rich Condon	1 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Mar 22, 2023</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>Richard Thomas</b>	<b>Battle of Honey Hill</b>
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 Confederal 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. The *Bluffton Sun* featured a nice article on the print on page 29A of the March 1 edition.

### **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 the Hardeeville Wal\*Mart parking lot, 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 in Beaufort, then tour Penn Center and Camp Saxon on Ladies Island before returning to the Hardeeville Wal\*Mart. 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](mailto:sanindex@schroederindexing.com).

### **Reenactment**

On Saturday March 4, there is a Civil War Reenactment of the Battle of Broxton Bridge at Broxton Bridge Plantation in Ehrhardt, SC. In February 1865, Sherman's army left Savannah and began marching north through South Carolina. Confederate forces attempted to stop Sherman's advance at the Rivers Bridge and Broxton Bridge crossings of the Salkehatchie River. Broxton Bridge Plantation is on Hwy 601, about 65 miles from Sun City ... a pleasant drive in the South Carolina countryside. For more details, see [www.broxtonbridgeplantation.com](http://www.broxtonbridgeplantation.com) click on "events".

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