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The March program meeting was an excellent presentation by Jerry Morris "Reminisces of a Confederate Soldier." Jerry brought a dynamic on-stage persona and interesting look at a soldier's life in the Civil War.

Please note that our last meeting of the 2023-2024 Program year is scheduled for **THURSDAY April 25** at 6:45 pm at Hidden Cypress in Sun City.

Due to financial constraints the LCWRT Executive Committee decided to reduce the number of meetings from eight to six each Program Year. In addition, the Annual Membership fee has been reduced from \$30 to \$20.

Our website is www.lcwrt.squarespace.com.
Our e-mail address is LCWRT-SC@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting of Program Year 2024-2025 on Monday October 28, 2024 at Hidden Cypress in Sun City.

LCWRT Volunteer Assistance

The LCWRT Executive Committee has reached a decision point. While we have about 120 members in our great Round Table, there are only 7 of us who are working on preparing the monthly meetings and programs. We very much need some additional help. Without additional volunteers, the LCWRT cannot continue to function. If you have a couple of hours a month we can use help in program development, website management, membership, financial assessments, help writing the Minié Ball Gazette newsletter, and help on program nights. You would be working with the person currently responsible for the activity as you learn about and join the Executive Committee. Here are several areas where you can help:

- **VICE PRESIDENT** assists the President and usually participates on the Program Committee, assists at monthly program meeting.
- **SECRETARY** maintain minutes of Executive Committee meetings, handles LCWRT correspondence, assists at monthly program meetings.
- PROGRAMS COMMITTEE helps identify and locate speakers for program meetings.
 Coordinates with Sun City Life Styles to obtain meeting rooms and any special needs for program speakers. Assists at monthly program meetings.

- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE maintains LCWRT membership roster on an easy-to-use spreadsheet. Prepares a monthly report to the Executive Committee on membership status. Prepares membership badges. Prepares an annual report to Sun City Life Styles to maintain our status as a "Registered Community Group" within Sun City. Assists at monthly program meetings.
- COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE -- Prepares the monthly Minié Ball Gazette
 newsletter. Provides monthly update for Sun City SunSations magazine. Maintains
 and monthly updates the LCWRT website with the current Minie Ball Gazette. Lists
 all the LCWRT Programs on the Sun City Registered Community Groups website.
 Assists at monthly program meetings.
- ASSIST AT MONTHLY PROGRAM MEETINGS meet and greet members as they arrive, assist in seating, assist setting up for program speaker.

The Executive Committee met and voted to make one final appeal to the Membership for volunteers. We need a Vice President, Secretary, Membership Committee Chairperson, and Editor of the Minié Ball Gazette newsletter in order to continue to operate. If we are unable to fill these volunteer positions by the end of the Program Year (May 31, 2024), the LCWRT will suspend operations. Potential volunteers need to express their desire to fill a position IN WRITING or via e-mail to President Ed Flanagan (EdFlanagan1999@yahoo.com) or David McColloch (David.McColloch@gmail.com) or Gene Sullivan (etinscsc@gmail.com).

This Month's Program

The April program features local historian Neil Baxley's presentation on "General Sherman in Beaufort County." Neil has made several presentations to our Round Table. Please note that the meeting is scheduled for **THURSDAY April 25** at 6:45 pm at **Hidden Cypress** in Sun City.

2023-2024 Program Year Schedule ---- THE PROGRAM STARTS AT 6:45 pm

	DATE	ROOM	SPEAKER	TOPIC
Wed	Oct 25, 2023	HC	John McCardell	General Grant's Memoirs
Wed	Nov 29, 2023	HC	John McCardell	General Longstreet's Memoirs
Tues	Jan 30, 2024	MH	Jack Rabbitt	Antietam: Landmarks Bathed in Blood
Mon	Feb 26, 2024	HC	Stephen Wise	The Civil War in the Low Country
Wed	Mar 27, 2024	MH	Jerry Morris	Reminiscences of a Confederate Soldier
Thur	Apr 25, 2024	HC	Neil Baxley	General Sherman in Beaufort County

HC = Hidden Cypress Ball Room

MH = Magnolia Hall

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