

Minié Ball Gazette

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We had an interesting meeting in June. Neil Baxley made an excellent presentation on the life and times of Confederate General Stephen Elliot a Beaufort native.

Please note that our first meeting of the 2023-2024 Program Year is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY October 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 will be reduced from \$30 to \$20. We will begin the 2023-2024 Program Year in October 2023. Program year details are shown below. A membership renewal form is included this month.

Our website is www.lcwrtsquarespace.com.

Our e-mail address is LCWRT-SC@gmail.com

President's letter

We had our first planning meeting for 2023-24 and I would like to know more about you and what you like.

- Are you happy with lectures or would you like to see more social meetings?
- Would you like field trips to battle sites or reenactments, etc. Fort Pulaski? Mitchellville? Fort Sumter? River's Bridge?
- If we did field trips, would you like to car pool or would you prefer minibuses. If we carpool. we will need people to volunteer to drive. Would you be willing to drive?
- Is cost a big consideration for you?
- If we do field trips, would you want to eat in a restaurant or bring your own food?
- What length of trip would you like? Are you willing to stay overnight some place?
- Would you like to be able to bring friends to our meetings and not have to pay a guest fee?
- What time of day would you prefer to meet?
- Would you like to have lunch or dinner with your meetings?
- Would you like to have a social networking time at our meetings?

Bud Robertson, an original member, wrote a book entitled *"The Untold Civil War: Exploring the HUMAN Side of War.* Do we have members that have a connection to the Civil War? I would like to explore this.

- Do you know if you had a family member who had a connection to someone who fought or lived during the Civil War? When my uncle died, I remember finding some unusual things such as letters or uniforms packed in a trunk. The sad thing was that it was disappeared before we could do anything with it. And when I asked my cousins, they don't remember it. Do others have similar stories?

Are you planning on attending the Sun City Club Fair on October 7? Please stop by and say hello. We are planning on having someone in a full-dress Confederate uniform. This gentleman will present our program in March.

You can also send me your answers by email.

Sandi Schroeder, President
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LCWRT Assistance

We very much need some additional help. Without additional volunteers, it is questionable that the LCWRT can 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. Please contact any member of the Executive Committee if you can help.

Sun City Club Fair – scheduled for Saturday October 7. We will have an outdoor space near the Pavilion. Stop by and visit. You can renew your membership and find out about our exciting programs this year.

Next Month's Program

The October program features historian John McCardell speaking on "The Civil War Memoirs of U.S. Grant." John has written numerous books on the Civil War and US History. Please note that the meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY October 25** at 6:45 pm at **Hidden Cypress** in Sun City.

2023-2024 Program 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
Wed	Jan 24, 2024	HC	Jack Rabbitt	Antietam: Landmarks Bathed in Blood
Wed	Feb 28, 2024	HC	Stephen Wise	The Civil War in the Low Country
Wed	Mar 27, 2024	PK	Jerry Morris	Reminiscences of a Confederate Soldier
Wed	Apr 24, 2024	HC	Jack Davis	A Partnership That Worked: Davis & Lee

HC = Hidden Cypress Ball Room

MH = Magnolia Hall

PK = Pinckney Hall

LOWCOUNTRY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE, INC.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 to AUGUST 31, 2024

Annual Membership for **all** household members: **\$20.00**

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

CURRENT MEMBER _____

NEW MEMBER _____

Please **Print** All Information Below

Last Name First Name

Last Name (Additional Household Member) First Name

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ Additional Phone () _____

Sun City Residents Only

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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