



General Orders

Lewis's Texas Brigade

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MEETING – THURS, Oct 15, 2009

Briar Club
2603 Timmons Lane @ Westheimer
6:00 Cash Bar
7:00 Dinner & Meeting

E-Mail drzuckero@sbcglobal.net
OR call him at (281) 479-1232 to Reserve
by Monday 6 PM Prior to Oct 15
Dinner \$30; Lecture Only \$5
E-Mail Reservation is Preferred;
You Do Need to Reserve for Lecture Only!

TROY HARMAN PRESENTS: NEW INSIGHTS ON THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG



Troy at his Craft Alongside Reenactor

The Houston Civil War Round Table is pleased to present Troy Harman from the National Park Service as our speaker for the upcoming October meeting. Troy's lecture will break through restrictive paradigms to present the Battle of Gettysburg in its actual scope, size, and overall context. In our speaker's view, existing Gettysburg lexicons, ideologies, and legends obscure our view of the obvious as so

often happens in cursory lookbacks at history. His presentation will strip away those blinders and explain the battle in its logical connectedness.



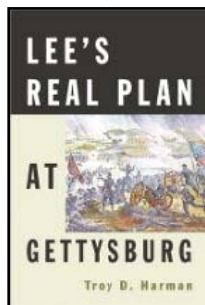
Recreating History Where it Happened

A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Troy D. Harman has been a National Park Service Ranger since 1984. His assignments have included historical interpretation at Appomattox Court House National Historic Park (NHP), Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park (NMP) Independence NHP, Valley Forge NMP, Eisenhower National Historic Site (NHS), and, since 1989, Gettysburg NMP.

Our speaker teaches in the history department at Harrisburg Area Community College, and he is working on a Ph.D. in History at Lehigh University. He received an M. A. from Shippensburg University, and a B. A. from Lynchburg College, both in the study of History.

He is included in the 2010 release of "Who's Who in America" and has published numerous articles and essays and has presented his book, now in its fifth printing, *Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg*, in eighteen states. Troy, his wife Lisa, and their seven-year old son Daniel, reside near Gettysburg.



Please join us while we welcome this interesting and accomplished presenter to our platform on October 15th. And don't forget to make your reservations!

OCTOBER BOOK RAFFLE by *Mike Pierce*

In October the Round Table is offering the following books: *The Civil War 100: A Ranking of the Most Influential People in the War Between the States* by Robert Wooster, donated by Roland Bienvenu; *Fort Pillow: A Civil War Massacre and Public Memory* by John Cimprich, donated by Davis Genard; *Sea of Gray: the Around the World Odyssey of the Confederate Raider Shenandoah* by Tom Chaffen, donated by Norman Lewis; and *Confederate Emancipation: Southern Plans to Free and Arm Slaves During the Civil War* by Bruce Levine, donated by Dr. Joe Goulding.

As Linda and I will be moving soon to Virginia, Donnie Stowe has agreed to take over the book raffle for our Round Table. Donnie's email address is dcstowe58@comcast.net. Please email him in the future with your questions or donation information requests. If you prefer to contact him by telephone, his number is (713) 466-0524.

SPECIAL WORDS OF THANKS TO MIKE AND LINDA PIERCE

The officers, directors, and committee chairs would like to take this opportunity to thank this couple--Mike for the always interesting and creative ideas he has brought to our Round Table with his monthly book offerings and Linda, our able Secretary and Membership Chair.

With his regular and special raffles, Mike has raised much appreciated funds for your Round Table. His extra efforts with this job have aided us in the ongoing effort to bring you great speakers and stimulating topics each month.



Besides keeping us up to date with membership data, Linda has been, along with Mike, an enthusiastic supporter of reenactor events in the local community. Together this couple has helped us reach out to prospective new members through channels of mutual interest to both the HCWRT and various reenactor groups. We thank them greatly for their contributions.



Adieu to Linda and Mike Pierce



Mike Alongside Liendo Reenactors, Nov, 2006

The following battle report is the November, 2006 work of Linda and Mike Pierce:

UNION ARMY INVADES TEXAS!

Battle Report: 18 November, 2006, Liendo Plantation, Hempstead, Texas

While patrolling the Brazos River, the 12th Confederate Cavalry spotted increased Union army activity. The cavalry scouts hurried back to Camp Groce and, along with the Texas Brigade, dug in for the inevitable attack. The Yankee advance came none too soon. The enemy attack came so swiftly that Mr. William Detering, the owner of Liendo, did not have enough time to evacuate his family or livestock. The Yankees' advance fell like a sledgehammer all along the Confederate lines. The Confederate lines faltered and then broke as the Yankees overran their artillery. Mr. Detering looked on in horror from the protection of his beautiful plantation home and thought all was to be lost as the carnage unfolded on his pasture...The 12th Cavalry, held in reserve, came to the rescue and stopped the advance of the Union army dead in its tracks and allowed our boys to regroup and push the Yankees back to the Brazos!

Any thorough education includes field work. One cannot be a well-rounded student of the Civil War, without handling Civil War weapons, trying on Civil War uniforms and accoutrements, experiencing the thunder of a cavalry charge or cannonade, watching the tragic beauty of Picketts Charge or the carnage of Miller's Cornfield. You cannot experience this through books. You can only experience this either by participating or watching reenactment events. Reenactments afford the chance to experience the war in a tactile way.

Mike Pierce, assisted by his fellow Round Table member and naval reenactor **Robert York**, staffed a Houston Civil War Round Table station at the recent Liendo Plantation reenactment. Liendo's owner, Will Detering, along with event coordinator Will Gibson, (www.11texascav.org), provided space at no charge, affording Mike and Robert the opportunity to talk to interested attendees about the Round Table. The Liendo Plantation (www.liendo.org), which is open to the public for tours, will now feature the literature of the HCWRT.

The Liendo Civil War reenactment takes place just a powder shot northwest of Houston every year the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. It is well run, well attended, and an authentic depiction of the Civil War period, both civilian and military.

Take advantage of this opportunity next year to deepen your own understanding of the War as only the drama of real life reenacting can do!

HCWRT SPEAKERS 2009 – 2010 CAMPAIGN

Oct 15	Troy Herman
Nov 19	Thomas M. Settles
Dec 17	Philip Caudill
Jan 21	TBA
Feb 18	Dick Sommers
Mar 18	Patrick Falci
Apr 15	Tony Banzhaf
May 20	TBA

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Houston Civil War Round Table is dedicated to the study of the civilian, military, and cultural aspects of United States history during the period of 1861 – 1865 and to the preservation of historical sites and artifacts.

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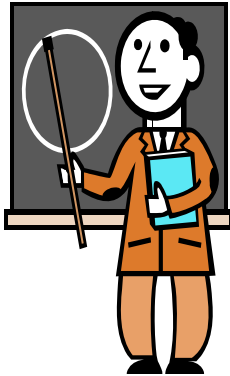
NEW MEMBER

- \$40** – Individual joining in Apr – Dec
- \$20** – Individual Joining in Jan – Mar
- \$45** – Family joining in Apr – Dec
- \$22** – Family joining in Jan – Mar
- \$15** – Student or Out-of-State

RENEWAL

- \$40** – Individual
- \$45** – Family
- \$15** – Student or Out-of-State

OCTOBER QUIZ QUESTION by Jim Godlove



Following his Chancellorsville wound, Hoke's Brigade was led by a colonel at Gettysburg. Who was this North Carolinian who, mortally wounded on 07/02/63, was found with a blood-stained note reading: "Tell my father I died with my face to the enemy?"

SCOTTISH CHIEF WRECKAGE A PROBABLE FIND IN TAMPA BAY AREA

Divers three weeks ago have possibly discovered the wreckage of this wooden steamship

that smuggled cotton and cattle hides to Cuba and returned with ammunition and guns for Confederate troops. The wreckage is thought to be that of the second Confederate blockade runner discovered over the past three years in the waters of Tampa Bay and if so, is considered a rather major find. Last year, divers mapped and surveyed the wreck of the *Kate Dale*, another blockade runner. Both vessels were owned by James McKay, Tampa maritime pioneer and Confederate smuggler.

Six times McKay successfully ran the blockade of Tampa Bay, slipping by Union warships patrolling the area. However, the Union learned of the location of the runners and staged an attack on October 17, 1863 with the diversionary tactic of shelling Fort Brooke in downtown Tampa while about 100 troops slipped ashore and set fire to the *Kate Dale*. The *Scottish Chief*, damaged in the attack, was likely towed by Confederates downriver to a spot where it was stripped of anything useful and abandoned. Archaeologists likely won't raise the apparently intact vessel, preferring instead to plot its position to recreate an exhibit of the wreckage. The collection of historical data on the vessel at this point is considered primary.

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