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APRIL 2016 MEETING
Thursday, April 21, 2016

The HESS Club
5430 Westheimer Rd @ Westheimer Way
6:00 Cash Bar
7:00 Dinner & Meeting

E-Mail Reservation is Preferred;
at drzuckero@sbcglobal.net
or call Don Zuckero at (281) 479-1232
by 6 PM on Monday Apr. 18, 2016
Dinner \$30; Lecture Only \$10

***** Reservations are Required *****
FOR BOTH DINNER and LECTURE ONLY

The HCWRT Presents **Caroline Janney Speaking on:**

***“Remembering the Civil War:
Reunion and the Limits of
Reconciliation”***

In the summer of 2015, following the shootings at Charleston, South Carolina, debates about the place of the Confederate battle flag raged throughout the South. Calls for **Confederate monuments** to be razed – or at least moved – followed as did cries for street names and school names bearing Confederate associations to be changed. But why does the Civil War continue to elicit such reactions more than a century and a half after its close?

In many respects, these battles over **Civil War memory** are not new. The Union and Confederate veterans along with their respective civilians worked tirelessly to enshrine their memories on the American landscape and culture in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In cemeteries, on monuments, through regimental

histories and veterans' organizations, in school textbooks, at Memorial Days, and at the newly created national military parks, both Union and Confederate veterans attempted to make sure that their interpretation of the war's causes and significance were passed down to future generations. **Union veterans would remember the Union Cause** and **Confederate veterans would recall the Lost Cause** – each side fighting fiercely to ensure that future generations remembered what they had fought and died to protect.

In the 1880s and 1890s, white Union and Confederate veterans came together at **Blue-Gray reunions** clasping hands and agreeing to forget what caused the war in the name of forgiveness and peace. But this **sentiment was never as complete** as Ken Burn's documentary might lead us to believe. Unionists and Confederates might socialize together and commend each other for their wartime bravery, but they refused to embrace their former foe's cause. Until their dying day, many continued to believe that **the cause they had fought for** was true and righteous while that of their enemy was unjust. The war had been too bloody, too long, and too costly to forget. With the passing of the war generation, especially in the South, their children as **men and women took up their cause, instilling it in their own children.**



Union Monument Dedicated at Bull Run (Manassas) Battlefield

About Caroline Janney



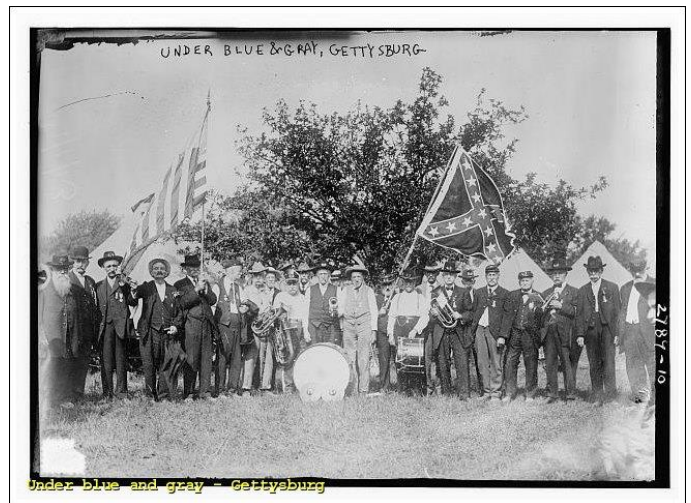
Professor Caroline E. Janney completed her PhD at the University of Virginia. A specialist in the Civil War era, she is the author of *Burying the Dead but Not the Past: Ladies' Memorial Associations and the Lost Cause* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2008).

Her more recent book, *Remembering the Civil War: Reunion and the Limits of Reconciliation* (our presentation topic), has garnered multiple awards. A volume in the Littlefield History of the Civil War Era Series (Littlefield Fund for Southern History and University of North Carolina Press, 2013), this book has been selected for the History Book Club and Military Book Club and won the Charles S. Sydnor Award by the Southern Historical Association and the Jefferson Davis Award by the American Civil War Museum.

In addition, Dr. Janney is the **co-editor with Gary W. Gallagher** of *Cold Harbor to the Crater: The End of the Overland Campaign* and editor of John Richard Dennett's, *The South As It Is, 1865-66*. She is the author of essays about the Civil War and its aftermath that have appeared in the *Journal of Southern History*, *Civil War History*, the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, *Crucible of the Civil War*, *Virginia from Secession to Commemoration*, *Virginia's Civil War*, the

Journal of the Civil War Era and numerous other collections.

An active public speaker, she has given presentations at locations such as the Lincoln Presidential Library, Clinton Presidential Library, Huntington Library, Gettysburg College's Civil War Institute, and has appeared on C-SPAN, as well as NPR. She is a speaker with the Organization of American Historians' Distinguished Lectureship program and a recipient of the Kenneth T. Kofmehl Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award from Purdue's College of Liberal Arts. She serves as a co-editor of the University of North Carolina Press's Civil War America Series and president of the Society of Civil War Historians.



Union & Confederate Veterans at Gettysburg, 1913

COMMANDER'S CORNER *By Gary Chandler*

Dear HCWRT Members:

We have had a variety of great speakers and topics this 2015-16 campaign year. With the end of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, our focus shifts from the battles, campaigns and leaders to **Civil War memory**.

We are pleased to have **Caroline Janney** as our April speaker. She hails from Luray, VA, with graduate degrees from the University of Virginia. She's now Professor of History at Purdue in Indiana. She has had excellent vantage points to understand men and women in both North and South as they sought to remember and memorialize those who fought on the battlefields

and the causes for which they fought. We welcome Caroline Janney for the first time to the HCWRT to share her fresh perspective on the Civil War and its aftermath.

FYI, she will have books for sale at the meeting and will be glad to sign them.

Next month's meeting May 19th will be special. We'll have **two presentation events**, not just one. **Our speaker Sam Hood** will delve into "*The Lost Papers of General John Bell Hood*". We also will present our HCWRT **2016 Frank E. Vandiver Award of Merit to Eric Jacobson**, CEO & Historian, Battle of Franklin Trust, who will tell us of the remarkable historic preservation and reclamation successes and plans in Franklin, TN. Eric also was our May 2015 speaker. We will have more information about the Vandiver Award and Franklin at the April 21st meeting and in the May newsletter.

Also on May 19th - Board elections. Bylaws require an "**Annual Meeting**" to be held in May. See article below on Nominating Committee, Board of Directors slate, and election process.



HCWRT Pres. Gary Chandler with Ed Bearss at the January Meeting

NOMINATING COMMITTEE **Announces 2016-17 Board Slate 4/21**

The HCWRT bylaws require that the **Board of Directors** shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and four Directors. The Bylaws further provide that a **Nominating Committee** of three members, including the Immediate Past President as Chairperson, nominate a slate of Officers and Directors for the next campaign, to be elected by

the members at the Annual Meeting of HCWRT in May of each campaign year. The Nominating Committee in 2016 is composed of **Nate Jennings (Chair), David Rains, and Ben Ramsey**. HCWRT bylaws require that names of nominees will be announced at the April meeting and published in the May newsletter, for the election at the Annual Meeting in May. **Nominations** for the 2016-2017 Board of Directors will be **announced April 21st**.

APRIL BOOK RAFFLE **By Donnie Stowe**



For our April meeting the HCWRT book raffle begins with **EDMUND J. DAVIS**, by Carl H. Moneyhon. He was a Civil War general, Republican Leader, and a reconstruction Governor and this is donated by James Godlove. Next we have **The CIVIL WAR MILITARY MACHINE- Weapons & Tactics of the Union and Confederate Armed Forces** – by Ian Drury & Tony Gibbons. This book is from the Library of Ron Featherston. Also included in this month's raffle is **FORT LYON TO HARPERS FERRY – A Civil War Newsmen at Harpers Ferry** Compiled and Edited by Lee C. Drickamer & Karen D. Drickamer. A fourth volume this month is **A CIVIL WAR TREASURY – of Tales, Legends and Folklore** – Edited by B. A. Botkin and Illustrated by Warren Chappell. For our final selection there is Volume 1 of **THE RISE AND FALL OF THE CONFEDERATE GOVERNMENT** by Jefferson Davis. This month I will also try and have a few books for sale at greatly reduced prices.

HTBAR Tour at Chickamauga

Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated will hold its annual June tour, entitled "**The Scarlet Tide: The Battle of Chickamauga**" on **June 7-10, 2016**. Follow Hood's Texas Brigade, detached under Gen. Longstreet and moved by rail from VA to GA, as they fought in the September 1863 Battle of Chickamauga, GA and the early battles for Chattanooga, TN. For more information, please contact: m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu or go to <http://www.hoodstexasbrigade.org/>.

THE HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 2015 - 2016 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

Apr. 21, 2016 Caroline Janney – *“Remembering the Civil War: Reunion and the Limits of Reconciliation”*

May 19, 2016 Stephen M. (Sam) Hood – *“The Lost Papers of General John Bell Hood”*,
and we will also present the 2016 Vandiver Award to Eric A. Jacobson.

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