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MEETING – NOV 18, 2006

Briar Park Club
2603 Timmons Lane @ Westheimer

6:00 Cash Bar –
7:00 Dinner & Meeting

CALL: **713-956-8302** or
713-305-5510 by Mon prior
Dinner \$25; lecture only \$3

Make your reservations!

SPEAKER: JANE JOHANSSON



Dr. Jane Johansson

Dr. Jane Johansson was born, raised, and earned her bachelor's degree in the central Oklahoma town of Shawnee. After graduating from Oklahoma Baptist University, she

moved south of the Red River where she earned a M. S. Degree in Library Science and a Ph.D. in History from the University of North Texas. While at North Texas she met her husband, David. They moved to the northeastern Oklahoma community of Pryor, where for ten years her husband worked as the Director of the Pryor Public Library; he now runs a computer repair and tutoring business. Dr. Johansson works as an Associate Professor of History at Rogers State University, Pryor Campus. From 2001-2004, she worked as the co-editor of the Will Rogers Papers Project that has resulted in the publication of two volumes by the University of Oklahoma Press. The American Civil War is her main specialty, and she has written two Civil War books—*Peculiar Honor: A History of the 28th Texas Cavalry, 1862-1865* and *Widows by the Thousand: The Civil War Correspondence of Theophilus and Harriet Perry, 1862-1864*. Dr. Johansson is now working on a history of the Adams-Gibson Louisiana brigade serving in the Army of Tennessee.

Dr. Johansson, in addition to studying the Civil War, enjoys reading, traveling, and amateur astronomy.

TOPIC: "A POSITION IN THIS REGIMENT WILL BE ONE OF PARTICULAR HONOR: THE 28TH TEXAS CAVALRY & ITS MEN"

Officials organized the 28th Texas Cavalry in the spring of 1862. Soon dismantled, the regiment served in Walker's Texas Division and campaigned throughout the war in Arkansas and Louisiana. Their most

significant military actions occurred in April 1864 as they helped repel an attempted Union invasion of Texas. Dr. Johansson's presentation will explore the composition of the unit, including comparisons with other Confederate regiments, as well as their activities during the "Late Unpleasantness."

BOOK RAFFLE

Books to be raffled in November are: *Confederate Nurse* by J. Berlin, *War of Vengeance* by L. Speer, and *Controversies & Commanders* by S. Sears, all donated by Jim Godlove; *Gray Cavalier* by M. Daughtry and *Mary Chesnut's Civil War*, both donated by Harry Bounds; *Debris of Battle*, by G. Patterson, donated by Karen Stone; *Days of Darkness, the Gettysburg Civilian*, from the History Channel's Civil War Journal, (VHS), and four (4) assorted *Civil War Magazines*, both donated by Bruce Greek.

Raffle tickets are 50 cents each, or 8 tickets for \$3.00. That's quite a bargain! Please buy lots of tickets and help support your Round Table!

QUIZ QUESTION

The 28th Texas Cavalry (dismounted) was part of perhaps the most famous Texas Division in the Trans-Mississippi. Henry McCullough was its first commander, but who was its more notable later leader?

UPCOMING REENACTMENT EVENT

Mike Pierce would like for all members to know that there is a reenactment scheduled near Hempstead at Liendo Plantation on November 17-19. For more information, please consult the website at www.liendo.org. We encourage as many members as possible to attend and to bring

along membership info and brochures about our Round Table for others to read.

MARGIE BEARSS'S PASSING

Joyce Kennerly wanted all of our members to be aware of the recent passing of Ed Bearss's wife, Margie, on October 7th. Our Round Table members will be very saddened by this news, and many of you will want to express your condolences to Ed regarding his loss. Joyce will have an article in next month's newsletter about Margie, so be sure to look for it in December.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

For those of you who have been receiving the newsletter and still have not paid your dues for this campaign, you will see a red asterisk on your newsletter label. If you are not sure if you have paid or not, check your label. If the red asterisk appears there, this will be your last newsletter unless we receive your renewal.

MEMBER SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES

If you have not yet completed the survey questionnaire distributed to you at the September meeting, please do so now and place it on the sign-in table at the November gathering. Extra forms will also be there for those who did not receive one at all. We welcome your comments and suggestions for improvement of your Round Table.

13th ANNUAL HILLSBORO PRESERVATION FINAL SEMINAR

We again want to remind members about the final Civil War Preservation Seminar on November 18 at the Harold B. Simpson

History Complex in Hillsboro. The topic this year is "To the Brink of Victory: Fredericksburg & Chancellorsville."

Speakers this year will be Ed Bearss, Robert K. Krick, Jeffrey Wert, and Frank O'Reilly. A Don Troiani print, "Jackson's Flank Attack," will be the grand prize of the raffle. The usual book show and vendors will be available for Civil War collectors.

Registration will begin at 8:30 AM. The Civil War Preservation Breakfast with the speakers will take place from 9:00-10:00 AM. Jeffrey Wert and Frank O'Reilly will address the group during this time period. After lunch from 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM, Bob Krick and Ed Bearss will make their presentations, followed by a 3:00 PM panel discussion, "To the Brink of Victory," with Don Laney, President of the Austin Civil War Round Table, moderating. The raffle, sponsored by the Baylor-Waco Civil War Round Table, is scheduled for 3:45 PM.

The cost of a regular reservation at the event is \$50 per person. Patron reservations, which also include the Patron Breakfast and Lunch, as well as a taped recording of the seminar and special seating, cost \$125 per person.

A highlight of the conference will be an award to HCWRT friend Peggy Fox for her outstanding contributions to Civil War history during five decades of great service to the Simpson History Center. The award will be presented at 1:15 PM.

We are hoping that as many people as possible from our group will be able to attend this important event finale.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

As you have probably noticed, the format of our newsletter is slightly different from past editions. We are trying to adapt a Microsoft template to meet our current needs and ask your patience during the

conversion process. For the time being, membership applications will be available on the sign-in table and not as part of the newsletter itself. So if you have a friend or family member who might be interested in joining our group, you can pick up an application on the sign-in table or, if you cannot attend the meeting, have someone pick up one for you. Also, you can phone or email one of our officers, and we will see to it that your request is honored.

BEAUVOIR CLEANUP AFTER KATRINA CONTINUES – GOAL IS JUNE, 2008 REOPENING

Curator Flowers at Beauvoir has indicated that over half of the artifacts in the Confederate and Jefferson Davis Museums have been recovered. Artifacts in the museum that survived the storm were guns, swords, and metal items, some of which will require conservation because of rust and damage. Some of the missing items were on loan to Beauvoir. The Louisiana State Museum had loaned the catafalque from Davis's funeral, and only pieces of it have been recovered. All that was found of his saddle on loan from the Museum of the Confederacy was a stirrup. However, his dragoon sword from when he served in the Indian Wars after receiving his West Point commission was recovered in good shape.

Flowers has reported that some things like valuable flags were moved from the Confederate Museum to the second floor of the presidential library and therefore survived the storm. Also, more than half the furniture at Beauvoir belonged to the Davis family and virtually all of it survived Katrina.

While the hope is to have Beauvoir restored by June 8, 2008, the 200th anniversary of Jefferson Davis's birth, it is difficult to be certain of this because reconstruction plans are still ongoing.

Beauvoir is now the oldest antebellum house left on a 35 to 40-mile stretch of Gulf of Mexico beach. Katrina destroyed the other historic houses in Biloxi and Gulfport.

Donations may be sent to Beauvoir Relief, P. O. Box 7, Meridian, MS 39302-0007. The online gift shop is at www.beauvoir.org.

HARPERS FERRY PROPERTY INCURSION BY DEVELOPERS

Officials at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park are still awaiting a response from the U. S. Justice Department to the August incursion by developers who dug nearly 2,000 feet through park property.

Three local developers seeking to develop four properties in and around the park laid sewer and water lines through the park's thirty-eight acre Perry Orchard tract on the weekend of August 19 and 20. The park's only physical response to the incident has

been to erect snow fencing at certain strategic points and to post federal boundary signs.

On the protest front, however, the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT), which helped buy the tract last year, did not wait for the Feds to act. President Lighthizer sent members an "alert" on September 22 along with photos of the trench digging, a map, and a letter. His Citizens' National Petition to the Secretary of the Interior urges him to "use the full power of your office and authority to see that this matter is completely and thoroughly investigated and, if punishment is warranted, that these reckless developers are prosecuted to the fullest extent allowed by law." Lighthizer's letter urged CWPT members to circulate the petition in an effort to "create a tidal wave of national protest over what these developers have done. If they simply get a slap on the wrist, it may mean open season on battlefield parks all across the nation"--a very cogent argument, indeed!



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