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HCWRT SPEAKERS 2008 – 2009 CAMPAIGN

Sept 18	Donald E. Reynolds
Oct 16	Gregg S. Clemmer
Nov 20	Stacy Humphreys
Dec 18	TBA
Jan 15	Ed Bearss
Feb 19	Parker Hills
Mar 19	Patrick Falci
Apr 16	TBA
May 21	William M. S. Rasmussen

The vitality and strength of our group depends upon each member's willingness to contribute to both membership and regular attendance. Membership growth is important to all organizations and particularly so to ours at this time when the cost of bringing in good speakers is escalating rapidly. Your ongoing support of our raffles is also a much-appreciated help, as is your willingness to receive the newsletter via email. If you have computer access, please take advantage of the opportunity to save us printing and postage costs. With careful stewardship, we are able to avoid an increase in dues this year. We do anticipate, however, that the price of dinner may increase due to the rising costs of food.

MARSHA 'S MUSTER ROLL

Welcome to HCWRT's 2008-2009 Campaign! Your officers, directors, and chairs have endeavored to provide another year of great speakers presenting a variety of topics. We hope you will mark your calendar for the meeting dates and plan to bring a friend or neighbor along with you.

Please note that dinner reservations for this campaign year will be taken by **Don Zuckero**. Be sure to call or email him with your reservation no later than Monday evening preceding the meeting; if you leave a voice mail on his answering machine, please clearly state your name and phone number. Whether you make your reservation by phone or by email, however, please state the number of dinner reservations and names of those attending. Don will confirm your reservation with an email reply or by a phone call. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and will ensure that those who have made timely reservations will enjoy dinner with the group!



Marsha Franty, President

If you have questions or concerns about the Round Table, or if you wish to contribute in some way, please do not hesitate to contact me, mfranty@hotmail.com, or phone (281) 880-7125. We want you to have a rewarding and enjoyable experience each month when you attend our meeting!

Make plans now to join us on Thursday, September 18, when we welcome Donald Reynolds to our podium. His presentation will be based on his award-winning book, **Texas**

Terror: the Slave Insurrection Panic of 1860.
In the meantime, enjoy the summer. I look forward to reuniting with all of you in September!

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS SLATE FOR THE 2008-2009 CAMPAIGN

President – **Marsha Franty**
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We think we have a fine group of volunteers to lead us during the coming year. Again, If you have suggestions or observations you wish to share with any of these individuals, let us know. You are the best judges of what we can do to improve, and we welcome your participation.

NEW BOOK OFFERINGS FOR YOUR SUMMER READING



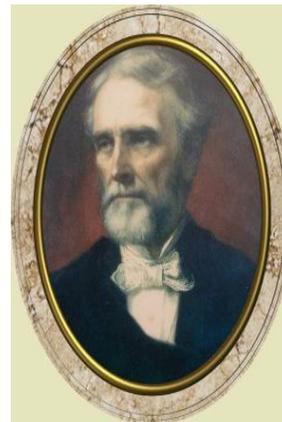
Gen. Wade Hampton

Wade Hampton, by Rod Andrew, Jr., University of North Carolina. Wade Hampton (1818-1902) led soldiers at Trevilian Station in Virginia and at Gettysburg. His wartime experiences

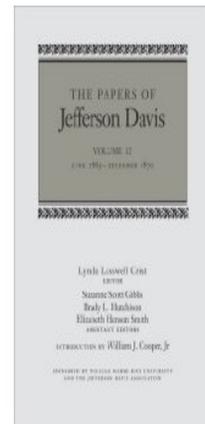
are well-known but the General also built an influential postbellum career, first serving as one of the first postwar governors of South Carolina and later as a U. S. Senator.

Among the last of South Carolina's elite to give up an opposition to secession, Hampton was a bold, competent commanding officer who at the conclusion of the war found himself bankrupt with most of his property in ruins. This book chronicles his wartime experiences, his postwar experiences, and, most importantly, the personal struggles and private pain endured by this husband, father, brother, and Southern patriot.

Also available for your reading pleasure this summer is **The Papers of Jefferson Davis, Vol. 12**, edited by our own Lynda Lasswell Crist and staff. This volume chronicles Davis through his years as a federal prisoner at Fort Monroe to Canada, Europe, and then Memphis as he and his family struggle during the harsh aftermath of the war.



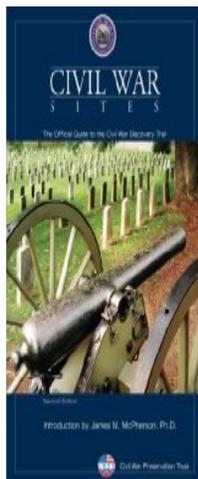
Jefferson Davis



Another interesting new book on Jefferson Davis this summer is **Pursuit: the Chase, Capture, Persecution, & Surprising Release of Confederate President Jefferson Davis** by Clint Johnson. The author is of the opinion that President Lincoln did not want to imprison Davis. His premise is that Lincoln, his successor Andrew Johnson, and their cabinets feared that putting Davis on trial for treason would afford him the opportunity to prove before the U. S. Supreme Court that secession was—and is—constitutional. Other largely unknown and still controversial positions relative to his subject are further detailed in the narrative.

And for those of you who are planning a vacation this summer and who are looking for a few new side trips from your usual routes, the **"Hallowed Ground"** magazine of the Civil War Preservation Trust recommends that you pick up a copy of **Civil War Sites: The Official Guide to the Civil War Discovery Trail** and no matter where you're going, you'll be able to find Civil War history somewhere along the way!

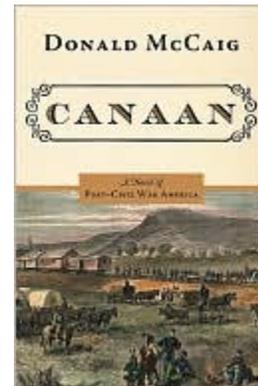
Published by Globe Pequot Press, the publication contains indispensable information for the historic traveler. From operating hours and entrance fees to driving directions, you'll find everything you need for a successful visit to 610 sites in 31 states, the District of Columbia, and three foreign countries!



And one more suggestion: **The Winds of Change**, an historical novel about the last fourteen months of the war by Richard L. Guida, has been reviewed as written "in the tradition of **Killer Angels**."

Oh, Yes! For those of you who enjoyed Daniel McCaig's fictional **Jacob's Ladder**, the author has written a new novel entitled **Canaan: A Novel of the Reunited States after the War** that some reviewers consider a better book than its prequel. This new book reprises some of the best-drawn characters from **Jacob's Ladder** and takes the reader on a journey from

Virginia to Montana and points east. The plot deals with Reconstruction and Plains Indian conflicts and culminates at Little Big Horn.



So, check out some of these offerings for yourself! Stay engaged this summer!

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

RENEW

\$40-Individual \$45-Family \$15-Student/Out of State

A SPECIAL THANKS TO SEVERAL OF OUR MEMBERS

Your Officers and Board wish to acknowledge the recent generous contributions to our Round Table by David Bellamy, former President of the HCWRT, for his donation on behalf of our 2008 Vandiver Award winner, Memorial Hall Museum in New Orleans, and also to Adrain Huckabee, Corpus Christi resident and member of our Round Table as well as father to Danny, also one of our members, for the purchase of new books for our raffle events. Thanks to you both!

ENVELOPE ATTACHED FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT

It's that time of year again, folks! This issue contains an envelope for your renewal payment as required for your level of membership. Please fill out the envelope with your name,

address (even if it has not changed!), phone number, and your email address.

In large measure we have been able to keep our dues at the same past level because so many of our members have consented the last two years to receive their monthly newsletters by email.

Remember that if you have an email address, you must notify your Editor if declining electronic delivery. We will honor your request.

FREDERICKSBURG & CHANCELLORSVILLE FIELD TRIP SECOND PAYMENT DUE

Members are reminded that the second payment of \$250 is due to Tony Matt by July 15 and the third and final payment will be due at the September meeting. Tony will not be able to guarantee that you will receive the group rate airfare unless you commit by the due date for the July payment. Tony can be reached at (281) 277-0203 if you have further questions.



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