



# General Orders

## Godlove's Texas Brigade

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### **NEW INSTRUCTIONS!**

**MEETING – THURS, MAY 15, 2008**

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

**E-Mail [mfranty@hotmail.com](mailto:mfranty@hotmail.com)**  
**OR call her at (281) 880-7125 to Reserve**  
**by Monday 6 PM Prior to May 15 -**  
**Dinner \$25; Lecture Only \$3**  
**E-Mail Reservation is Preferred;**  
**No Need to Reserve for Lecture Only**

### **DAVID FRALEY'S TOPIC: "THE GRAND HOLOCAUST OF DEATH: THE BATTLE OF FRANKLIN"**



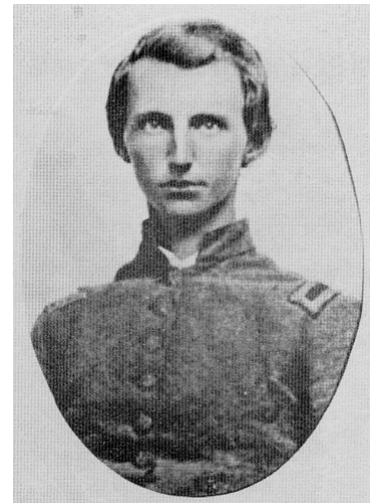
*David Fraley*

The Round Table is pleased to welcome David Fraley of the Carter House, Franklin, Tennessee to Houston as our featured speaker for this

evening's program and the final meeting of our 2007 – 2008 campaign.

David will focus his remarks on the Battle of Franklin waged on November 30, 1864. He will tell us the stories of this conflict some deem to be quite possibly the bloodiest moments and hours of the War Between the States.

Our speaker currently serves as both Historian and Assistant Curator of the Carter House Museum and also of the Franklin Battlefield itself. He has appeared on A & E's "Civil War Journal's Combat Series: Battle of Franklin" and on the Emmy-nominated documentary "Tennessee's Titanic: the Sultana Tragedy." In addition, his first book, scheduled for release later this year, focuses on the 1864 Tennessee Campaign.



*Captain Theodorick (Todd) Carter, CSA*

Join us on May 15 to listen and learn the stories of the Carter family, the events leading up to the battle, the bravery of the soldiers who participated on both sides of the conflict, and the significance of the struggle waged there.

And by the way, Carter House is open to the public during the summer months from Monday thru Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Sunday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Winter hours are Monday thru Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and on Sunday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The museum is closed on Sunday during the month of January. The telephone number of the Museum is (615) 791-1861.

Constructed in 1830, the house was occupied successively by three generations of the Carter family and became the center of some of the heaviest fighting during the battle. A visit would be well worth your time.



*Carter House, Franklin, TN— National Historic Landmark*

## **GODLOVE'S GARRISON – CLOSING REMARKS**



*Jim Godlove, President*

This will be my last article as Commander of Godlove's Texas Brigade. It has been a most

enjoyable campaign (unlike Hood's Tennessee campaign about which we will learn at May's meeting), and there are many people I want to thank.

I will begin with Karen Stone, Editor of our monthly newsletter, who has endeavored to keep us all informed this year about goings-on in our Round Table and about Civil War news in general; also Barry (our Treasurer) and Cheryl Brueggeman, who have done magnificent work at the check-in desk under sometimes trying conditions; Mike Pierce, who has not only taken care of the book raffle but is continuously coming up with new ideas to improve our Round Table in general; and Marsha Franty, who has generously agreed to take over reservations for us (**be sure to check the Announcement Box on Page One of this newsletter for the new reservation phone number and email address.** And Tony Matt continues to do a great job for us as Field Trip Director.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who come to our monthly meetings and take an active part in our Round Table. It is a privilege to know such people as Harry Bounds, who was responsible for raising needed funds for Memorial Hall; Dr. Joe Goulding, who keeps your quizmaster on his toes; Joyce Kennerly, who provides the Vandiver bullet for our speakers; and many more.

I could go on, but the newsletter has only limited space. Let me end by giving all of you a furlough until next September and my deepest appreciation to the members and supporters of the Houston Civil War Round Table.

## **FREDERICKSBURG AND CHANCELLORSVILLE FIELD TRIP by *Tony Matt***

If you will be joining us for the trip on October 23 – 26, 2008, the cost will be \$835 per person for those sharing a room. If you desire to have your own room, the cost will be \$1,015. This price includes your air, room, bus, three lunches, and one dinner. These costs are already inclusive of the increase in fuel costs for airfare and for the bus.

If you will be joining us on the trip and have not yet made your deposit, we ask you to pay a \$250 deposit at the May meeting. The second payment will be due by July 15 and the third and final payment will be due at our September meeting. If you do not commit by the due date for the July payment, I cannot guarantee you that you will receive the group rate airfare.



**Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center**

## FIELD TRIP ITINERARY

**THURSDAY, OCT 23** – Flight from Houston.

**FRIDAY, OCT 24** – Meet at the Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center; visits to Chatham, Upper Pontoon Crossing, John Pelham Site, The Slaughter Pen, Prospect Hill (Stonewall Jackson's Position), Marye's Heights, Sunken Road and Stone Wall.

**SATURDAY, OCT 25** – Meet at the Chancellorsville Visitor Center; visits to various battlefield sites, including the First Day's Lick Run, Lee-Jackson Bivouac, Catharine's Furnace, Jackson's Flank March and Flank Attack (End of the Union 11<sup>th</sup> Corps Line), Hazel Grove, and Hooker's Last Line.

## MAY BOOK RAFFLE by *Mike Pierce*

Please be advised that your Round Table is seeking donations to replenish our inventory of books, audio and videotapes, magazines, and DVDs for our monthly book raffles.

If you have items to contribute, please contact me at [mpiercePC@comcast.net](mailto:mpiercePC@comcast.net) or you may call me on my cell at (713) 825-2341. I can come to a donor's home to pick up donations if you need me to do that.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Roland Bienvenu for last month's raffle contributions. And now, for May's offerings: **"Battle of Franklin: Five Hours in the Valley of Death," a DVD by Wide Awake Films**; "Gettysburg, a Novel of the Civil War," by Newt Gingrich and William R. Forstchen, donated by Roland Bienvenu; "To Appomattox: Nine April Days," by Burke Davis and "Articles of War," by Albert Castel, both donated by Norman Lewis; "The Great War of Destruction," by Russell Le Van, donor unknown; and lastly, three items awarded together: two Civil War Magazines (July, 1991 and July 1989) and the book "Gettysburg," Eastern Acorn Press, given by Charlie Mitchell.



## A BIT OF WARTIME POETRY: Gen Hood and the Battle of Franklin

*"But the half of brave Hood's body molders here:  
The rest was lost in honor's bold career.  
Both limbs and fame he scattered all around,  
Yet still, though mangled, was with honor crowned;  
Forever ready with his blood to part,  
War left him nothing whole – except his heart."*

**Private Sam Watkins, CSA**  
**"Southern Bivouac 2" (May, 1864)**



*The Legacy of the Battle of Franklin*

## VANDIVER AWARD WINNER FOR 2008

The Vandiver Award Committee is pleased to announce that the winner of this annual award from the HCWRT is Louisiana's Civil War Museum, Memorial Hall, in New Orleans.

Accepting the award at the May 15 meeting will be James Carriere, Vice-President of the Board of Directors of Memorial Hall.



*Confederate Memorial Hall, New Orleans, LA*

## UPCOMING EVENTS: 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL DEEP DELTA CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM by Joyce Kennerly

The theme of the annual Hammond event is "Nine Men in Gray...and a Little Lady" and will take place on Friday and Saturday, June 6-7, 2008 at the War Memorial Student Union at Southeastern Louisiana University.

The symposium theme is subtitled "Angels of Mercy, Perfidious Albion and Confederate Leadership in the Western Campaign." Presentations on Clara Barton, Braxton Bragg, Jefferson Davis, N. B. Forrest, Hiram Granbury, William Hardee, Albert Sidney Johnston, Joseph E. Johnston, John C. Pemberton, and Prince Albert will be featured. Speakers are Bruce Allardice, Leslie Goddard Allardice, William J. Cooper, Lawrence Hewitt, Gary Joiner, John Lundberg, Richard McMurry,

William B. Robison, Thomas E. Schott, and Brian Steel Wills.

Registration will begin at 6:00 PM on Friday, June 6. The program on Clara Barton, presented by Leslie Goddard Allardice, will begin at 7:30 followed by a social hour. On Saturday, June 7, registration (with coffee and pastries) will commence at 8:00 AM. The various talks will begin at 8:30 and continue all day, on the half-hour, until 5:30 PM. Lunch is at 12:30 PM, and an evening dinner will begin at 6:00 PM, with the presentation on Jefferson Davis at 7:30, again followed by a social hour.

Cost for the symposium will differ depending on registration date and other variables. The top cost is \$100 before June 1 and \$120 after that. You can register online with a credit card at [www.selu.edu](http://www.selu.edu). Registration forms will be on a back table at the May meeting. Hotel data is available at (985) 549-2109 or you may email [hps@selu.edu](mailto:hps@selu.edu) for more information.

### 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

## MAY QUIZ QUESTION by Jim Godlove

This Confederate general attended Harvard University Law School before the war. He first saw action as a volunteer aide to Gen. Barnard Bee at First Manassas. He took command of Bee's troops after that general's death. Who was this South Carolinian who died at the head of his troops at Franklin?

## NEW MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER OPENS AT GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

The Gettysburg Foundation, in partnership with the National Park Service, has opened the long-awaited Museum and Visitor Center at the Gettysburg National Military Park. The facility is designed to present a Civil War-era feel and at the same time to offer a state-of-the-art museum experience. The Center links artifacts, interactive stations, computer resource center, and archival materials in such a manner as to appeal to visitors of all ages and interests.



*Gettysburg Museum and Visitor Center Opens 04/14/08*

The 139,000 square foot facility, carefully sited adjacent to the battlefield, offers visitors book and museum facilities for teacher workshops, distance learning programs, a "Refreshment Saloon" offering Civil War-era foods and recipes, an improved Cyclorama Gallery scheduled to open on September 26, and collection displays designed to immerse visitors into the

stories of the men who fought and died on these fields over 140 years ago.

The museum also includes a feature film, "A New Birth of Freedom," narrated by the actor Morgan Freeman. Interactive stations throughout the museum afford visitors the opportunity to access information about the combatants, the tactics, and the various monuments on the battlefield. Other galleries focus on the causes of the war, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, returning veteran reunions, and preservation issues and topics.

In addition to its permanent exhibits, the Center also offers a special gallery for temporary works. On display currently is the first exhibit, "I Take up my Pen....Letters from the War" that includes correspondence from soldiers and their loved ones.

For more information about the Gettysburg Foundation and its Campaign to Preserve Gettysburg, you may call (866) 889-1243 or visit online at [www.gettysburgfoundation.org](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org)T.

## HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE SPECIAL RAFFLES FOR MEMORIAL HALL

Our esteemed Treasurer informs us that our special raffles and donor contributions for the Confederate Memorial Hall currently total \$253. Our members have quite generously contributed to the museum as it continues to recover in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. There's still time for new contributors to step forward, by the way. Any donation of any amount will be gratefully accepted and appreciated by the Museum.

## REMINDERS

For our new members, we'll be sending out in mid-July our summer newsletter with dues envelopes enclosed. Please let us know of any changes of address, including email address, over the summer. Our next meeting will be in September. Don't forget to visit a battlefield or Museum this summer and take great photos!

## QUOTABLE QUOTES – THE BATTLE OF FRANKLIN

*“(Franklin) is the blackest page in the history of the War of the Lost Cause. It was the bloodiest battle of modern times in any war. It was the finishing stroke to the Independence of the Southern Confederacy. I was there. I saw it.”*

**Private Sam Watkins, diarist, 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Infantry.**

*“We will take the works or fall in the attempt.”*

**Gen. Patrick Cleburne, in answer to Gen. John Bell Hood’s orders for the doomed assault at Franklin.**

*“Follow me, boys. I’m almost home.”*

**Captain Todd Carter, aide to General T. B. Smith, upon seeing his ancestral home on the battlefield for the first time in three years.**

*“When we got to the turnpike near Spring Hill, lo! And behold; wonder of wonders! The whole Yankee army had passed during the night. The bird had flown.”*

**Private Sam Watkins, diarist, 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Infantry (see David Fraley, our May speaker, on this one!)**

*“If you prevent Hood from turning your position at Franklin, it should be held; but I do not wish you to risk too much.”*

**George H. Thomas (Commander) to John M. Schofield, regarding how to proceed if an attack were to ensue at Franklin (note the cautious note here and compare to Hood’s approach to the looming conflict).**



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