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THE HCWRT PRESENTS

Patrick Falci **Speaking on the Topic;** ***"Lee's Forgotten General:*** ***A. P. Hill at Gettysburg"***

The Houston Civil War Round Table is pleased to welcome back Round Table favorite Patrick Falci, a.k.a., Confederate Lt. Gen. Ambrose Powell "A. P." Hill, commander of the Army of Northern Virginia's Third Corps.

Hill is one of the most prominent and controversial generals of the Civil War. A brilliant division commander in the first two years of the war, his timely arrival near the end of the day at the Battle of Antietam/Sharpsburg on Sept. 17, 1862 saved Robert E. Lee's army from defeat. Following the death of Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson following the Battle of Chancellorsville, Hill was promoted to command the newly created Third Corps.

Hill led the corps almost immediately into the Gettysburg Campaign, where controversy would envelop him. One of Hill's division commanders, his West Point classmate Maj. Gen. Henry Heath, was the first to engage Federal forces on July 1, 1863. This brought on the general engagement Robert E. Lee sought to avoid until he could concentrate his forces.

On the battle's third day, two-thirds of the Confederate troops engaged were from Hill's corps. Hill, however, was incapacitated by illness during much of the battle, leaving the leading roles to Lt. Gen. James Longstreet and Maj. Gen. George Pickett.

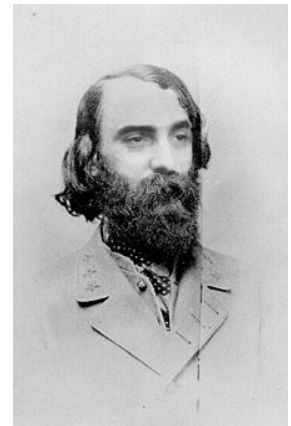
Patrick Falci, in character as Hill, will explain Hill's actions, decisions and whereabouts during this most historically contentious battle of the entire war, chronicling the miscommunications, lost opportunities and even personal animosities that contributed to the outcome.

APRIL 2012 MEETING
Thursday, Apr. 19, 2012

The Briar Club
2603 Timmons Lane @ Westheimer
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. 16, 2012
Dinner \$33; Lecture Only \$5

Note: Reservations are required for Lecture Only!



"Will the real A. P. Hill please stand up?"

HCWRT **2011 - 2012 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN**

May 17, 2012 Jerry D. Thompson – ***"Sibley and the Southwest"***



A Bit About Patrick Falci



A native of Astoria, New York, Patrick appeared in Tom Berenger's film *The Rough Riders*, has served as Jeff Shaara's (*Gods and Generals*) historical advisor, and has vetted writer John Jakes's manuscripts for *On Secret Service* and *Charleston*, at the editor's request. His love of preservation has propelled him into a lifetime membership in the Civil War Preservation Trust, an advisory board member of the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA, talks on Civil War subjects throughout the country, and a school program entitled *The Life and Times of the Civil War Soldier*. He can also be seen in the documentary *Gettysburg: Three days of Destiny*.

He is the recipient of the Civil War Round Table of New York Distinguished Service Award, the Fort A. P. Hill Commander's Award for Excellence, and the U.D.C. Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal, among other honors. Previously he also served for some fifteen years as a re-enactor with the 14th Tennessee.

But it is during the last fifteen-year period that Pat has garnered critical acclaim as the face of Lt. Gen. A. P. Hill. Since creating the role of Hill, he has enlightened the public about "Lee's Forgotten General," and he joined the Museum of the

Confederacy in raising over \$10,000 to restore Hill's 13th Virginia regimental flag.

The first three-time President of the Civil War Round Table of New York, he travelled to Richmond in January of 2007 to give a speech to the Sons of Confederate Veterans on Lee's Bicentennial. He is an honorary member of the Virginia SCV, and he has been honored with invitations to the White House and various awards for the work that he has done.

So, mark your calendars for April 19, 2010, Round Tablers, and listen, learn, and enjoy from our expert guide Patrick Falci as we throw some light on an obscure corner of the war's most famous battle, and let Pat entertain you and your guests along the way!



APRIL BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe

The April book raffle will start with a book about one of my favorite generals: ***KNIGHT of the CONFEDERACY – General Turner Ashby*** written by Frank Cunningham. This volume was donated by Norm Lewis. Our next selection is ***A Southern Woman's Story – Life in Confederate Richmond***. The author is Phoebe Yates Pember and is edited by Bell Irvin Wiley - donated by Harry Bounds. Third in the raffle is a book by Allan Nevins – ***THE WAR FOR THE UNION: The Improvised War 1861-1862*** and is a gift from James Godlove. The final selection this month is a civil war classic – ***The LIFE of JOHNNY REB – The Common Soldier of the confederacy*** by Bell Irvin Wiley. We owe a thank you to Don Zuckero for this book.

I wish to continue my thanks and praise to all you members bringing in these marvelous volumes to share with us each meeting. Without this type of support, our meetings would lose a lot of its fun and entertainment. Please keep the HCWRT in mind when you do some of your Spring-cleaning and donate a well-read book or magazine for our raffles.

Thanks, D. Stowe.



CIVIL WAR BITS and PIECES

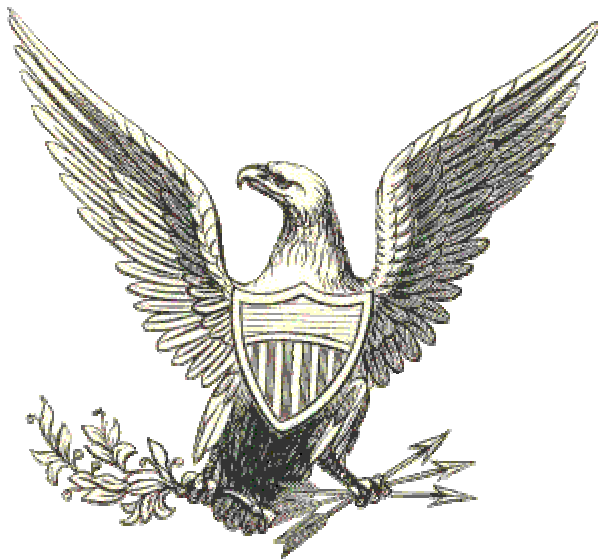
Submitted by Donnie Stowe

APRIL QUIZ *By Jim Godlove*

Every general in the Civil War had his low point. For A. P. Hill this occurred on Oct. 14, 1863, when he rashly ordered his troops to attack the retreating III Corps. He was unaware that the II Corps was positioned along his flank. He lost some 700 men. While riding with Gen. RE Lee, Hill repeatedly apologized for the disaster. Gen. Lee replied: "Well, well General let us bury these poor men, and let us say no more about it."



Name the battle.



Did You Know?

The Kearny Medal was adopted by the officers of the 1st Division, 3rd Corps of the Union Army of the Potomac in November 1862 to honor their fallen commander, Major General Philip Kearny. The medal was designed with a gold Maltese cross on a circle and awarded to officers who had served honorably in battle with General Kearny and whose record was "without stain".

Civil War Vocabulary

Recruitment Brokers: Eager for Commissions earned for enlisting substitutes to serve in place of wealthy draft-age men, some unscrupulous recruitment brokers signed up male inmates of a New York insane asylum for the Union Army. Other recruits reported for duty missing arms or legs or with bad eyesight or feeble minds.

Civil War Who's Who: Rufus Saxton

After serving as quartermaster and in-field command, Major General Rufus Saxton spent the last years of the war enlisting and organizing blacks to serve in the Union Army. A preacher who fought in the Seminole Wars, Saxton was in command of Georgia's Sea Islands. At the conclusion of the war, he became assistant commissioner of the Freedman's Bureau, in charge of Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina, and promoted the Port Royal Project to show that ex-slaves would become self-sufficient if provided with land and other opportunities. Saxton was awarded a Medal of Honor for his performance commanding the defenders of Harpers Ferry in 1862.

Letters from the Field

The only principle in this war is which party can whip (the other). It is as simple as a schoolboy's fight and when one or the other party gives in, we will be the better friends.

-William Tecumseh Sherman, Union brigadier general, in a letter to James Guthrie, August 14, 1864.

Did You Know?

The Lark was a fast, steel-hulled side wheeler that earned the distinction of being the last southern ship to slip in and out of a Confederate port at the end of the war and the only blockade-runner to successfully repel a Federal boarding party.

Strange Fact

Soldiers were allowed to vote in the field for the first time during the Civil War, but a few states still required them to travel home to cast ballots.

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