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SEPTEMBER 2014 MEETING
Thursday, September 18, 2014

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 Sept 15, 2014
Dinner \$28; Lecture Only \$10

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

The HCWRT Presents
Brian Steel Wills, Ph.D.
And his discourse on:

Sherman Aims for Atlanta: 1864

In the spring of 1864, Major General William Tecumseh Sherman unleashed a juggernaut of three armies against Confederates defending the approaches to Atlanta, Georgia, under General Joseph E. Johnston. The Virginian George Thomas commanded the largest of these forces, the 72,000-man Army of the Cumberland, alongside the 24,000 troops of James B. McPherson's Army of the Tennessee and 12,800 men in John M. Schofield's Army of the Ohio. The Union forces maneuvered Johnston's Army of Tennessee deftly from its initial positions near Dalton, Georgia to the gates of Atlanta itself. A series of bloody engagements at New Hope Church, Pickett's Mill and Dallas in May and another at Kolb Farm and Kennesaw Mountain in June constituted the most determined direct combat of the campaign before the opposing

forces reached the environs of Atlanta. A Confederate captured the mood among his comrades when he responded to an opposing picket's inquires as to who commanded them now with the name "Sherman." "How's that?" the startled bluecoat replied. "Well, when you move we move," he explained.

The greater part of this forward movement slowed as Union troops encountered formidable Confederate defense lines and a new Southern commander, the pugilistic John Bell Hood. Hood quickly lived up to his reputation as a fighter with significant encounters at Peachtree Creek on July 20 and the battles of Atlanta and Ezra Church on July 22 and 28 respectively. From this point, Sherman determined that a greater object lesson might be achieved than simply defeating an opposing force or driving it from the city. Atlanta, itself, and its residents, should be made to feel the hard hand of war. In the evening of August 7, he informed Henry Halleck, "whether we get inside Atlanta or not it will be a used up community by the time we get done with it." Over the next weeks, Sherman determined to make good on that promise.

About Brian S. Wills, Ph.D.

Brian Steel Wills is the Director of the Center for the Study of the Civil War Era and Professor of History at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Ga. He is the author of numerous works relating to the American Civil War. His most recent publications are *The River was Dyed with Blood: Nathan Bedford Forrest and Fort Pillow* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2014), *Confederate General William Dorsey Pender: The Hope of Glory* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2013), and *George Henry Thomas: As True as Steel* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2012), which was the recipient of the 2013 Richard Barksdale Harwell Award for the best book on a

Civil War topic for the year 2012 presented by the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta.

His biography of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest, *A Battle From the Start: The Life of Nathan Bedford Forrest* is currently in reprint as *The Confederacy's Greatest Cavalryman: Nathan Bedford Forrest* (University Press of Kansas). This work was chosen as both a History Book Club selection and a Book of the Month Club selection.



Dr. Wills

Dr. Wills also authored, *The War Hits Home: The Civil War in Southeastern Virginia*, released in October, 2001, and *No Ordinary College: A History of The University of Virginia's College at Wise*, (2004), both by the University Press of Virginia. *Gone with the Glory: The Civil War in Cinema* appeared in 2006 with Rowman and Littlefield. An updated edition of the James I. "Bud" Robertson, Jr., *Civil War Sites in Virginia (Virginia)* came out in 2011.

In 2000, Dr. Wills received the Outstanding Faculty Award from the Commonwealth of Virginia, one of eleven recipients from all faculty members at public and private institutions across the state. He was named Kenneth Asbury Professor of History and won both the Teaching award and the Research and Publication award from the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

SEPTEMBER QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

On June 14, 1864, three generals rode up Pine Mountain to observe enemy dispositions. While there the opposing army general noticed them. "How saucy they are; make 'em take cover." he said. Capt. Hubert Dilger obeyed the order with his rifled Parrotts. Two of the generals on Pine Top hurriedly took shelter. The third, a rather portly man, walked off slowly with his hands clasped behind his back. Dilger's shell struck him in the side, passing through his body before exploding against a tree.



Who was the general killed and who was the general that ordered the artillery firing?

2014 Field Trip Pre- and Post- Gettysburg

The 2014 Field Trip takes us to Gettysburg, where we will be touring the Confederate approach to Gettysburg in 1863 and Lee's subsequent retreat. We will depart Houston late in the afternoon on Friday, October 24, 2014 and we will return to Houston on the night of Monday, October 27th. Lodging for the three nights will be at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Gettysburg, Pa. Breakfast is available at the hotel but is not complimentary.

On Saturday, Scott Mingus, author of several books, will lead us on a tour of "Early's March to the Susquehanna". On Sunday, James A. Miller, will lead a tour of "Lee's Retreat". On Monday we will tour the new Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum.

For more Field Trip information please visit our Field Trip web page at:

<http://www.houstoncivilwar.com/fieldtrips.shtml>.

SEPTEMBER BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe



I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and survived the heat as much as possible. Now, onward to our book raffle for September 2014. We will begin the raffle with ***WAR on the WATERS*** by James M. McPherson. This book is about the Union and Confederate Navies, 1861-1865 and is a donation from April Bass. Our second selection this month is from the Gladys F. Glover collection – ***REMINISCENCES OF THE CIVIL WAR*** by General John B. Gordon and introduction by Ralph Lowell Eckert. Next we have ***SHADES of BLUE and GRAY - An Introductory Military History of the Civil War***, by Herman Hattaway. This volume is a donation from Mrs. Ed Ekholm. The fourth book is ***THE COMPLETE CIVIL WAR – The Definitive Fact File of the Campaigns, Weapons, Tactics, Armies and Key Figures of the Civil War*** by Philip Katcher. I was unable to record a donor's name for this volume. I am going to be giving a fifth volume out this month, but it will remain a surprise gift. To have a chance at obtaining it, please make your reservations to join us at the Hess Club this month.

Ceremony at Capital To honor Milton M. Holland

As a member of the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum and the Houston Civil War Round Table, I am helping to stage an event honoring the first Texan to be awarded the Medal of Honor. The ceremony will take place on the South Steps of the State Capitol on Saturday Sept. 27th between 1-3pm.

Milton M. Holland was born a slave in Pinola County, Texas, in 1844. He and two brothers were purchased and freed by their supposed father, Bird Holland, who then sent them to Ohio to be educated. Ironically, Bird Holland was killed at Pleasant Hill as a major in the 22nd Texas Infantry.

Milton enlisted in the 5th USCT on June 22, 1863. By August 1864, he had been promoted to

Sergeant Major of the regiment. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his courage on Sept. 29, 1864, at the Battle of New Market Heights. The citation stated: "Took command of Company C, after all the officers had been killed or wounded, and gallantly led it."

All are welcomed to attend this ceremony. It will include the presentation of the colors by Buffalo Soldiers re-enactors, a short speech on Sergeant Major Holland and a presentation of a plaque honoring Milton M. Holland.

Jim Godlove

Harry Bounds 1925-2014

Harry C. Bounds was born in Baltimore, Md. May 22, 1925 and died on June 26, 2014 under much loving care by his second wife Verlyn. Harry had moved to Houston with his family in 1936. Harry joined the Navy May 22, 1942 the day he turned 17, he went around the world and served overseas till the end of the war. Harry was a manufactures' representative in the construction trade for 30 years and retired in 1990. He was an avid history buff, reading extensively, attending symposiums and visiting museums. He was a long time member of the Houston Civil War Round Table and enjoyed volunteering at several museums. He was a docent and board member of the Southern History and Houston Maritime Museums. For many years he was an antique dealer showing at Round Top and other shows in the area. He also enjoyed his woodworking shop when time permitted and loved traveling to historic areas of the country. He continued his reading and research and enjoying history by doing displays and giving tours until he became ill.

He was preceded by his wife of 40 years Dorothy Faye, mother of his children. He is survived by his wife Verlyn Bounds; step-daughter Janice Thomas; children Rebecca Lynn Bounds, Harry C. (Cal) Bounds III and his wife Pennie and Scott Allen Bounds and his wife Amaya. Also by grandchildren Christopher Bounds, Kate Weatherford and husband Stephen, Alvaro Bounds, Sophia Bounds, Wyatt Bounds, Elena Bounds and great grandchildren Kaleb Putts and Sierra Weatherford.

THE HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

2014 - 2015 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

- Sept. 18, 2014 - Brian S. Wills - "*Sherman Aims for Atlanta: 1864*"
- Oct. 16, 2014 - Michael Parrish – "*Col. William P. Rogers of Texas (2nd Tex. Inf.), and the Battle of Corinth*"
- Nov. 20, 2014 - John Michael Priest – "*Battle of South Mountain*"
- Dec. 11, 2014 - John Waugh – To Be Determined
- Jan. 15, 2015 - Ed Bearss – To Be Determined
- Feb. 19, 2015 - Keith Bohannon – "*Battle of Chickamauga*"
- Mar. 19, 2015 - To Be Determined – To Be Determined
- Apr. 16, 2015 - Gordon Rhea – "*Grant's Overland Campaign - 1864*"
- May 21, 2015 - Eric Jacobson – To Be Determined

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