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OCTOBER 2014 MEETING
Thursday, October 16, 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 Oct 13, 2014
Dinner \$30; Lecture Only \$10

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

The HCWRT Presents
T. Michael Parrish, Ph.D.
Speaking on:

Col. William P. Rogers



COL. W. P. ROGERS.

William P. Rogers personified the South's huge sacrifice of talented young field commanders during the Civil War. Born in Georgia, Rogers grew up in Mississippi, studied medicine and law, and commanded a company of volunteers in Colonel Jefferson Davis' First Mississippi Regiment during the

Mexican War 1846-1847. In the early 1850s Rogers moved his family to Texas. He soon became a prominent attorney at Washington-on-

the-Brazos. From 1857 to 1859 he was also a faculty member in the Baylor University Law Department and then relocated his law practice to Houston. All of Rogers' six children—three sons and three daughters—eventually became Baylor graduates. During his time at Baylor, he became a close friend and personal attorney to Governor Sam Houston, whose wife Margaret was Rogers' first cousin. As a strong Unionist, however, Houston disagreed sharply with Rogers about slavery and secession. In early 1861 Rogers served as a delegate from Harris County to the Texas Secession Convention in Austin. A few months later Rogers joined the Confederate army. He was commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel and second in command of the 2nd Texas Infantry. The unit then proceeded to Tennessee and fought effectively at Shiloh in April 1862. "The gallantry of our regiment is spoken of by all," Rogers wrote to his wife. Promoted to Colonel in command of the 2nd Texas, Rogers joined the effort by Confederate General Earl Van Dorn's army during the autumn of 1862 to retake northern Mississippi and thereby prevent Union forces from reaching Vicksburg.

At the Battle of Corinth on October 3, 1862, Colonel Rogers led his regiment and others in attacks against entrenched troops. The next day he led another series of assaults against artillery and infantry protected by a heavily fortified earthwork called Battery Robinette. Rogers and his men successfully breached Robinette, but Union reinforcements quickly arrived and fired a murderous volley. Rogers yelled out, "Men, save yourselves or sell your lives as dearly as possible!" Suddenly his body was riddled with multiple wounds that killed him instantly. The Confederate attempt to recapture Corinth failed, and Rogers lay dead on the field with thousands of his comrades. William P. Rogers' grave was located where he fell. In 1912 the United Daughters of the Confederacy unveiled a tall

white marble obelisk over the grave, with several of Rogers' descendants attending the ceremony. A great grandson, John Austin Sanders, gave a fitting salute with the sword Rogers had carried at Corinth.



About Mike Parrish



T. Michael Parrish is the Bowers Professor of American History at Baylor University, where he teaches courses on Texas History, the American South, and the Civil War.

A graduate of Baylor University (B.A. and M.A.), he received an M. L. S. (Library Science) degree at the University of Texas and also earned National Archives certification in archives management.

Beginning in 1977 he worked in Austin, Texas, as a dealer and appraiser of rare books, manuscripts, maps, photographs, and other historical materials, and he continues to do

appraisals of collections for donation and insurance purposes.

In 1991 he earned a Ph.D. in History at the University of Texas. From 1994 to 2002 he was an archivist at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library & Museum and also taught in the History Department at the University of Texas.

He is the author or editor of several scholarly books on the Civil War Era including **Richard Taylor: Soldier Prince of Dixie**, The University of North Carolina Press, 1992. He serves as a series editor for the Louisiana State University Press, the University of North Carolina Press, and the University of Arkansas Press.

He is a former president of the Society of Civil War Historians and is an honorary life member of the Texas State Historical Association.

OCTOBER QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

The October 1862, Battle of Corinth was fought between the Union "Army of the Mississippi" and the Confederate "Army of West Tennessee".



Who commanded these forces?

Milton M. Holland Ceremony

On Sept. 27th, there was a ceremony on the South Steps of the State Capitol honoring the first Texan to be awarded the Medal of Honor - Sgt.- Maj. Milton M. Holland of the 5th USCT. I was honored to speak on the Occasion. Mention was made of Houston Civil War Round Table that used to help sponsor a Civil War symposium at Hill College. A plaque honoring Sgt. Holland and a photo of him will soon be on display at the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum here in Houston.

Jim Godlove

SEPTEMBER BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe



Fall has truly come forth – this last weekend (10/4-5/2014) certainly felt refreshing. For our October meeting the HCWRT book raffle begins with **THE LEES of VIRGINIA - Seven Generations of an American Family** by Paul C. Nagel. This book, along with several other great volumes was donated by Tom & Emily Ryan. Next up is **TEAM of RIVALS – The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln** by Doris Kearns

Goodwin and is a donation from our current president, Nate Jennings. Also included in this month's raffle is **HISTORICAL TIMES ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE CIVIL WAR** – Edited by Patricia L. Faust. For your fourth selection comes **The STATE OF JONES** by Sally Jenkins & John Stauffer. This is about the residents of Jones County, Mississippi who were engaged in an 'insurrection against the Confederacy that would have repercussions far beyond the scope of the Civil War'. This book was donated by our quiz-master – James Godlove. To end the raffle I am giving a mix of 4-5 Civil War Magazines.

Members are encouraged to donate some of your well-read books or a small monetary donation for purchase of books to continue a valuable support to the HCWRT Raffle.

“DIE HARD—HOOD’S TEXANS IN 1864”

Hood’s Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated Symposium
November 14-15, 2014
Sam Houston Memorial Museum
Walker Education Center, 1402 19th St., Huntsville Texas

Vendors • Speaker Book Signings • Exhibits • Live Auction • Silent Raffle • Fellowship

- **Dr. Tom Cole**, M.D. Dr. Cole is the great nephew of John W. Thomason, Jr., author of Lone Star Preacher (1941) and noted artist. Dr. Cole will discuss the career of his famous great uncle and family.
- **Rick Eiserman**, “Train Ride to the River of Death” — Hood’s Texas Brigade Association Historian, Eiserman will set the stage for 1864, by following the Texans as they travel by train from Virginia to Chickamauga in Georgia, through East Tennessee and back to Lee’s Army.
- **Dr. Richard Sommers**, “Fury at Fort Harrison,” covering Texans during the 1864 Campaign in and around Fort Harrison, Virginia. Dr. Sommers recently retired from a 44-year career at the US Army Heritage & Education Center in Carlisle, PA. His brand new updated edition of Richmond Redeemed will be available
- **Dr. Richard McCaslin**, “Robert E. Lee and Hood’s Brigade in the Wilderness, May 1864” - Dr. McCaslin is Chair of the Department of History at North Texas University in Denton and an award-winning author
- **Dr. Susannah Ural**, “Hit Them Hard! Hood’s Boys and Their Families in ‘64 & ‘65.” Dr. Ural is Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her most recent book is Don’t Hurry Me Down to Hades.

For More Information Go To:

<http://www.austincivilwar.org/DieHardMINIFlyer.pdf>

THE HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

2014 - 2015 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

- 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 - Dr. Sally Anne Schmidt – The John Nau Collection of Civil War Artifacts
- Apr. 16, 2015 - Gordon Rhea – *“Grant’s Overland Campaign - 1864”*
- May 21, 2015 - Eric Jacobson – To Be Determined

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