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Franty's Brigade

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NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING
Thursday, November 17, 2016

The HESS Club
5430 Westheimer Rd @ Westheimer Way
6:00 Cash Bar
6:45 Dinner & Meeting

E-Mail Reservation is Preferred;
Email Don Zuclero at dzuckero@sbcglobal.net, or
call 281 479-1232 by 6 pm Monday, November
14th, 2016

Dinner \$30; Lecture Only \$10

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FOR BOTH DINNER and LECTURE ONLY

surrendered. Using Hood's Texas Brigade as a case study, Ural will use diaries from the journey from Virginia as well as postwar accounts to recreate the Texans' and Arkansans' long road home. She will also share some of her findings about Hood's Brigade veterans in the post-war South that challenge our understanding of how these men adapted to the challenges of Reconstruction and the economic devastation that had reshaped their worlds. Some of the stories of Texas soldiers and her findings that will be in her presentation also will be contained in Susannah Ural's new book to be released next year, *Hood's Texas Brigade: The Soldiers and Families of an Elite Confederate Unit*.

The HCWRT Presents

Susannah J. Ural

Speaking on:

"The Long Road Home: John Bell Hood's Texas Brigade's Journey Home from Appomattox and Into Reconstruction."

In the aftermath of the recent Civil War Sesquicentennial, the HCWRT continues to bring distinguished speakers to Houston who add immensely to our understanding of the lives of former soldiers, as well as the situations of their families and communities on the home front after the guns were silent. The postwar stories of Texas and Texas veterans, beginning with the surrender of the armies at Appomattox and other places, strike particularly close to home for Texans. Dr. Susannah J. Ural of the University of Southern Mississippi, will be discussing the often overlooked story of what happened to Confederate veterans after they



Susannah J. Ural

About Susannah J. Ural

Susannah J. Ural, Ph.D. is a Professor and Co-Director of the Dale Center for the Study of War & Society in the history department at the University of Southern Mississippi. A war and society scholar by training, Ural's work focuses on soldiers and families of the U.S. Civil War era. Susannah holds a Ph.D. in history from Kansas State University. She is the author of several books and articles including *The Harp and the Eagle: Irish Catholic Volunteers and the Union Army, 1861-1865* and *Don't Hurry Me Down to Hades: Soldiers and Families in America's Civil War*. Her latest book, *Hood's Texas Brigade: The Soldiers and Families of an Elite Confederate Unit* will be released by LSU Press in November 2017. She serves on the board of the *Journal of Military History, War & Society*, and *Civil War Times*. Ural's next work is a digital history project focused on the over 1800 veterans, wives, and widows who lived at the Confederate Soldier Home, Beauvoir, in Biloxi, Mississippi, from 1903 through 1957. The Beauvoir Veteran Project investigates impoverished Mississippi veterans and their families to see how the war affected them and their communities and how representative they are of larger trends in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries American South. Learn more at BeauvoirVeteranProject.org. Susannah Ural and her family live in Petal, Mississippi

COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Marsha Franty

November brings us an occasion to pause and be thankful for the friendships and associations that bring meaning to our lives. Personally, I am grateful for all who have contributed and continue to contribute to our Round Table. Without the dedication of many Civil War aficionados over the last 60+ years, we would not be here. Thank you for supporting our group by paying your dues, attending meetings, and bringing others to our gatherings.

We are indeed blessed to have wonderful speakers who travel to our meeting with no

personal reward except to share their knowledge of and insights into topics which interest us all. This month we are delighted to welcome back to our podium Dr. Susannah Ural. If you heard her previous presentation, you will want to join us for her current topic as described above. If you were not here for her previous visit, you won't want to miss her this time!

Last, but not least, I am grateful for the organizations that work so diligently to preserve and interpret the battlefields, cemeteries, and other historic sites. Groups such as the Civil War Trust and a significant number of local groups, such as those at Gettysburg, Perryville, and Franklin, have struggled against great odds to ensure that future generations will be able to visit and understand what momentous events have shaped our heritage. These groups deserve our continuing support.

Be sure to note that again this month your reservations, either by phone or by email, go to Don Zuckero. (Please see first page for that contact information.) Your reservation, either for dinner or for lecture only, is due no later than 6 PM on Monday, 14 November.

See you all on Thursday, 17 November!

NOVEMBER QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

Having been raised in a state west of the Mississippi, "Hood's Boys" had a "long road home." However, the Texas Brigade also included regiments from other states.



Which regiment from another state also had a "long road home" since their state was also west of the Mississippi?

NOVEMBER BOOK SALE

By Donnie Stowe



I just want to let everyone know – we had a great trip to Franklin and tour with Eric Jacobson. For our November raffle we start with CONQUERING the VALLEY – Stonewall Jackson at Port

Republic, by Robert K. Krick. This volume was initially donated by Jim Godlove but was recently redonated by Marty Campbell. Our second book for this month was also given to us by Marty – GETTYSBURG, by Stephen W. Sears (he was also the author of Chancellorsville). Our third selection is SUMTER – THE FIRST DAY OF THE CIVIL WAR, by Robert Hendrickson and is a donation from Ed Cotham. The next selection is A PICTORIAL HISTORY of the CIVIL WAR YEARS, by Paul M. Angle. Last but not least is THE CIVIL WAR, Robert Paul Jordan of the National Geographic Senior Editor Staff. Since we often have other “Special Offerings” at our meetings, I suggest you make your reservations to come and join us for our meeting and maybe there will be more offerings available. The above items are the only ones I will raffle.

CIVIL WAR WEEKEND AT LIENDO!

On Saturday, 19 November, and Sunday, November 20, Liendo Plantation will once again host a Civil War Weekend. This is an educational but fun-filled event with re-enactments, interactive exhibits, displays that bring the 19th-century to life, and both sutlers and contemporary vendors. Union, Confederate, and Winter Camps will depict the lives of soldiers. Information and advance-purchase tickets can be found online at www.liendoplantation.com. Hours on Saturday are 9 A.M.-5 P.M. and on Sunday from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., with battle re-enactments taking place each afternoon at 2 P.M. What a great way to introduce family and friends to this important period of our history!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Emily Ryan

The Franklin Symposium was over the top because of Eric Jacobson's knowledge and incredible enthusiasm. We first visited St. John's Church outside of Spring Hill and then to the Battlefield of Spring Hill itself to better understand the Battle of Franklin that occurred the next day at the end of Nov. 1864. We walked through a soybean field and down to the creek to see the army positions. On to Thompson's Station where we talked about train routes and moving supplies, etc. before returning to Franklin. The following day we toured the Battle of Franklin battlefield, visited Carnton Plantation, the Confederate Cemetery there, and the Lotz and Carter houses near the very attractive downtown. The weather was sunny, perfect for touring. Many ideas, U. S. history from 1820 forward, and the election of Lincoln were discussed. The hospitality of the BOFT staff was very welcoming. Our group numbered 32, including one from Great Britain and one from Michigan. Needless to say, a fabulous time was had by all thanks to Eric Jacobson and his associates.

THE VANDIVER AWARD PRESENTATION at THE BATTLE OF FRANKLIN SYMPOSIUM



Brad York, Gary Chandler and Eric Jacobson

THE HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 2016 - 2017 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

- Nov. 17, 2016 Susannah J. Ural: *“The Long Road Home: John Bell Hood’s Texas Brigade’s Journey Home from Appomattox and Into Reconstruction”*
- Dec. 8, 2016 Donald S. Frazier:
“Blood on the Bayou: Vicksburg, Port Hudson, and the Trans-Mississippi”
- Jan. 19, 2017 Edwin C. Bearss: *“The Camden Expedition and Battle of Jenkin’s Ferry, AR”*
- Feb. 16, 2017 Edward H. Bonekemper III: *“The Myth of the Lost Cause”*
- Mar. 16, 2017 Brian Steel Wills: *“George Thomas at Nashville”*
- Apr. 20, 2017 Elizabeth R. Varon:
“Legacies of Appomattox: Lee’s Surrender in History and Memory”
- May 18, 2017 To Be Determined - Holding for 2017 Vandiver Award recipient

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