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SEPTEMBER, 2017 MEETING Thursday, September 21, 2017

The HESS Club
5430 Westheimer Rd @ Westheimer Way
6:00 Cash Bar
6:45 Dinner & Meeting
7:30 Program Begins

E-mail Reservation is Preferred;
E-mail Don Zuckero at drzuckero@sbcglobal.net,
or call (281) 479-1232 by 6 pm Monday,
September 18, 2017
Dinner \$32; Lecture Only \$10

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

Michael Harrington, Gary Chandler and I have worked hard to present an interesting and dynamic series of speakers for the next campaign. Gary especially has been a real workhorse in this regard. Topics include such battles as Gettysburg, New Market, Brice's Crossroads, Second Manassas and Shiloh. We have many new speakers and such veterans as the legendary Ed Bearss, Gary Gallagher (our 2017 Vandiver Award winner); and Lesley Gordon (who spoke to us the last time I was president).

Please renew your membership and bring a friend to our meetings. See you in September!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Scott Wilkey

Hello HCWRT members! Another exciting campaign season is fast approaching – it seems like the months are flying by too quickly!

I'm excited to begin the year as your Membership Committee Chair, and humbled by the opportunity to continue the great work Emily Ryan performed for the membership of the HCWRT (I certainly have "big shoes" to fill). I also want to thank Brad York, Nate Jennings, Norm Lewis, Emily George, and Judy and Fred Duncan for their leadership and assistance this past year. They made incredible strides increasing our membership numbers and made everyone feel welcome at the meetings. Barry Brueggeman and Philip Brown continue to be invaluable with their assistance in building and organizing our membership database. Looking forward, I am pleased to announce the additions of Adam Venette and Keith Altavilla to the Membership Committee. We expect to follow up our successes and make 2017-2018 one of our best years yet! As some of you have noticed, we have increased our presence on social media to "get the word out" about the

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Godlove

It is a great honor to be your president for the upcoming campaign. Let me express my deep gratitude to our past president, Marsha Franty, who has done so much for this Round Table. She is not only a gracious lady, but a real trooper.

Thanks also go out to all our officers, directors and chairs who do so much to make HCWRT a success. It is exciting to have two new members on the Board – Bobby Dover as Secretary and Scott Wilkey. It is re-assuring to have such veterans as Norm Lewis and Nate Jennings continue their service. Special thanks go to our Treasurer Barry Brueggeman and Don Zuckero who are invaluable, especially in dealing with the HESS Club. Roland Bienvenu is doing an outstanding job with our newsletter (as you can tell by reading this).

fantastic work the HCWRT is doing. Please “like” our [Facebook page](#) (you don’t even need to be a Facebook user to see the latest HCWRT posts). Our online membership application on the [website](#) has made joining the HCWRT easier than ever. These technologies allow us to expand our reach even further to attract new members – please tell your friends about us. The Summer Edition of *General Orders* has the membership application included for your convenience.

The Membership Committee and I are looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

[TEXAS CITY MUSEUM](#)

If you’re looking for a Civil War-themed day excursion in the air conditioning this summer, you might check out the Texas City Museum. Their exhibits highlight the history of Texas City, especially the 1947 explosions that devastated the city, but they have recently opened an exhibit with artifacts from the USS Westfield. The USS Westfield was sunk during the Battle of Galveston in 1863 and approximately 8,000 artifacts have been recovered from the wreck. Large parts of the ship’s steam machinery were reconstructed and are on display along with a 9” Dahlgren cannon (pictured below) and many other artifacts.

The Museum is located at 409 6th Street North; their telephone number is (409) 229-1660, and the web address is www.texas-city-tx.org/page/rec.museum.



[FALL 2017 FIELD TRIP: “TEXANS ON THE TECHE”... AND OTHER IMPORTANT LOUISIANA SITES](#)

Our excellent December 2016 speaker **Don Frazier** is organizing and will lead a tour, based in New Orleans and Lafayette, of the Louisiana sites he described in December (plus many more), to be held during our usual HCWRT field trip time frame: **October 26 – 30, 2017**. Details about this tour were included in a flyer and in the May newsletter.

We recommend you act quickly to make your reservations, as space is limited. However, there are still some spots and hotel rooms available on the tour for single or double occupancy. You must promptly contact **Scott Clowdus**, the COO of the McWhiney History Education Group at (325) 793-4686 or email director@tfhcc.com. For itinerary and cost, go to <http://mcwhiney.org/texans-on-the-teche/>. For questions, you may also contact Gary Chandler at glchandler@earthlink.net or (281) 989-7864.

[JEFFERSON SYMPOSIUM](#)

The Jefferson Historical Society & Museum will be holding their 6th annual Civil War Symposium on Saturday, August 12th, 2017. The location of the event is the Jefferson Transportation and Visitor Center at 305 E. Austin St., Jefferson, Texas.

Being promoted as “Red River Campaign Narratives of Destruction, Heroism, & Blood,” featured speakers will be Henry O. Robertson, Gary D. Joiner, Tom Pressly, and Bill Gurley.

The price for registration and lunch is \$65.00, and for the speakers’ reception is \$25.00.

For information on registration, contact the Museum at (903) 665-2775 or visit their website at www.jeffersonmuseum.net. To obtain information on events, contact Weldon Nash at wnash@sbcglobal.net.

HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 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. For additional copies of this form please go to www.HoustonCivilWar.com

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

(CHECK ONE BOX ONLY.)

- \$50 – Individual
 \$60 – Family
 \$25 – Student/Faculty or Out-of-Town

JOINING BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31

- \$25 – Individual - Joining in January – March
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Mail your completed application and dues to: **Houston Civil War Round Table**
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THE HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 2017 - 2018 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

- Sep. 21, 2017 Brian Matthew Jordan:
“Marching Home: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War”
- Oct. 19, 2017 Gary W. Gallagher (2017 Vandiver Award Recipient):
“Another Look at the Generalship of Robert E. Lee”
- Nov. 16, 2017 Eric J. Wittenberg: *“John Buford at Gettysburg”*
- Dec. 14, 2017 Dennis Trainor: *“VMI Cadets at New Market”*
- Jan. 18, 2018 Edwin C. Bearss: *“Brice’s Crossroads and Tupelo”*
- Feb. 15, 2018 Mark Christ:
“‘All Cut to Pieces and Gone to Hell’: Atrocities During the Camden Expedition”
- Mar 15, 2018 Scott C. Patchan:
“Second Manassas: Longstreet’s Attack and the Struggle for Chinn Ridge”
- Apr. 19, 2018 Lesley J. Gordon: *“The 2nd Texas at Shiloh”*
- May 17, 2018 To Be Determined – Holding for 2018 Vandiver Award recipient



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