



# General Orders

## Harrington's Brigade

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**SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 MEETING**  
**Thursday, September 20, 2018**

**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](mailto:drzuckero@sbcglobal.net),**  
**or call (281) 479-1232 by 6 pm Monday,**  
**September 17, 2018**  
**Dinner \$32; Lecture Only \$10**

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

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*By Mike Harrington*

At our meeting in May, you elected me to serve as president of **our** round table for the upcoming campaign. I say "our" round table because the Houston Civil War Round Table isn't "my" round table; nor is it the other officers' or directors' round table. It's **your** round table, and I hope you will join with me and the rest of our leadership to continue the legacy of the Houston Civil War Round Table as an organization that promotes the **nonpartisan** study and discussion of – in the words of our charter – the history, battles, personalities, and significant events of the War Between the States.

In that spirit, I urge each of you to renew your membership, to attend our monthly meetings

regularly and to encourage others to join our round table.

I'm excited about our speaker line up for the new campaign. Thanks in large part to the efforts of Gary Chandler, over the nine months beginning in September we will hear from a group of distinguished speakers covering a variety of topics related to the Civil War.

At our kickoff meeting in September, Danny Sessums will share with us his perspective on Hiram Granbury's Texas Brigade at the Battle of Franklin – a perspective honed by his more than 30 years of research and reflection. The last time one of our speakers addressed Granbury's command was in the mid-1990s, so it's high time we heard more about this illustrious brigade and its trial by fire at bloody Franklin.



Those of you who, like me, share a special interest in the socio-economic aspects of the Civil War will want to hear what Peter Carmichael and Catherine Clinton have to tell us about the war for the common soldier and southern women in the war, respectively, when they present in

October and February. In November we'll hear for the first time from Steve Davis, an authority on the fight for Atlanta and a regular columnist in the *Civil War News*.

The frequently overlooked topic of the war on water – both on the high seas and our nation's harbors and waterways – will be the focus of talks by Col. Kevin Weddle in December and John Fazio in April.

And what would our January meeting be without a return address by the inimitable Ed Bearss? Nobody knows more about Nathan Bedford Forrest at Brice's Crossroads than Col. Bearss, so you won't want to miss his presentation.

To close on a note from a '60s pop hit: I'll see you in September.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

*By Scott Wilkey*

Hello HCWRT members! The Membership Committee hopes you are having a tremendous summer so far. No doubt, you are probably also feeling the "itch" that begins before the start of another exciting season of speakers. We are excited to soon be embarking on the 2018-2019 campaign as a part of "Harrington's Brigade"!

Be on the lookout for some exciting changes coming from your Membership Committee this year, as we look to expand our outreach and visibility throughout the local and national Civil War history community. Additionally, the members of the committee (Keith Altavilla, Adam Venette, Philip Brown and I) are excited to welcome HCWRT member Jim Ballard as the newest member of the committee! Jim's enthusiasm and knowledge will be a tremendous asset to our efforts in attracting new members, and in ensuring our current members continue enjoying high-quality programs.

As a reminder, (if you haven't done so already) it's time to send in your membership dues to Treasurer Barry Brueggeman as soon as possible. For your convenience, you can find a membership application with our mailing address inside this newsletter. The ONLY reason we are able to bring such high-quality historians before you month after month, year after year, is

because of the dues you generously pay as HCWRT members. Better yet, forward a copy of our newsletter to a friend and encourage them to join us – "word of mouth" is our most powerful recruitment tool.

The Membership Committee and I are looking forward to seeing you all again soon. The high temperatures here in Houston are a great excuse to stay inside and catch up on your reading list – we can't wait to hear where your Civil War travels have taken you since our last meeting!

## **JEFFERSON SYMPOSIUM**

The Jefferson Historical Society and Museum will host the 7th Annual Civil War Symposium on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at the Jefferson Transportation and Visitor Center, 305 E. Austin Street, Jefferson, Texas. This year's theme will be "Defending and Supplying the Trans-Mississippi Department."

The symposium features four excellent speakers who will talk on a range of topics to include the 17<sup>th</sup> Texas Dismounted Cavalry, the Battle of Pleasant Hill, the gun boat war on the Red River, and the Houston quartermaster's challenge in building Southern industry.

Symposium admission is \$65.00 per adult and \$35.00 per student, including an excellent BBQ lunch buffet. A special speaker's reception on Friday evening, August 10<sup>th</sup> is available at \$25.00 per person.

The symposium also hosts book sellers, relic dealers and original artifact exhibits, in addition to the speakers program. Those who attend once keep returning, so register quickly to reserve your spot! For additional information, visit [jeffersonmuseum.com/upcoming-events](http://jeffersonmuseum.com/upcoming-events).

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Hood's Texas Brigade Association is holding their annual seminar on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Speakers will include Dr. Rick McCaslin and John F. Schmutz, author of "The Bloody Fifth." For information, email Martha Hartzog at [m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu).



## 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](http://www.HoustonCivilWar.com)

### Membership Type

(CHECK ONE BOX ONLY.)

- \$50 – Individual
- \$60 – Family
- \$25 – Student/Faculty or Out-of-Town
- Existing Member - Address / Information Update Only

### JOINING BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND MAY 31

**NON-RENEWING** members joining in the months of January through May will automatically be enrolled as members for the current and following year's speaker series ("campaign").

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(FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

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Mail your completed application and dues to: Houston Civil War Round Table  
C/O Barry G. Brueggeman  
3706 Lonnie Wood Drive  
Houston, TX 77059

# THE HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

## 2018 - 2019 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

- Sept. 20, 2018 Danny Sessums: *“Hiram Granbury’s Texas Brigade at the Battle of Franklin”*
- Oct. 18, 2018 Peter Carmichael: *“War for the Common Soldier”*
- Nov. 15, 2018 Stephen Davis: *“General John B. Hood’s Efforts to Defend Atlanta, July 18 – Sept. 2, 1864”*
- Dec. 13, 2018 Kevin Weddle: *“Samuel Francis Dupont – Lincoln’s Tragic Admiral”*
- Jan. 17, 2019 Edwin C. Bearss: *“Brice’s Crossroads and Tupelo – Summer 1864”*
- Feb. 21, 2019 Catherine Clinton: *“Stepdaughters of History: Southern Women and the Civil War”*
- Mar. 21, 2019 Lorien Foote: *“The Sternest Feature of War: Retaliation in the Trans-Mississippi”*
- Apr. 18, 2019 John Fazio: *“Intrepid Mariners”*
- May 16, 2019 To Be Determined - holding for 2019 Vandiver Award Recipient

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