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# General Orders

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### President's Comments

*By Walker Agnew*

I'm pleased to announce that the Houston Civil War Round Table has a new home for our meetings this coming campaign year! At our summer board meeting, we selected **Saltgrass Steak House** located at 8943 Katy Freeway. This restaurant is located approximately 3 miles west of Loop 610 and is on the south side of the freeway. It is easily accessed off of the eastbound feeder road. As you may have heard, our previous location, Rudi Lechner's Restaurant, closed their doors just before our May meeting.

At Saltgrass, we will be able to place individual orders off of their menu. They have a great selection ranging from steaks to

seafood to salads and sandwiches. We were able to book this location for all of our meetings for the 2025-2026 campaign with the meeting room just to the right as you come through the front door. Plus, there is plenty of lighted parking. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting here on September 18.

Other Civil War events this summer include the Jefferson Historical Society and Museum Symposium in Jefferson, Texas on August 1 and 2. For more detailed information, see the article on the next page of this newsletter.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our exciting program lineup for this campaign. Our programs committee, chaired by Scott Wilkey, has done an outstanding job of putting this together. You can view the list of speakers, their topics, and meeting dates on the last page.

We encourage our membership to become involved with our Round Table by serving on one of our committees or perhaps helping out in other ways. If you're interested, please see me or one of our officers or board members.

Lastly, dues for the coming year can be mailed to our treasurer, Thaddeus Fine, at 3333 Luella Boulevard, #216, La Porte, TX, 77571. Individual dues are still \$50.00 while family dues are \$60.00.

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## **Membership Report**

*By Michael Clennan*

Be sure to mark your calendar for Thursday September 18. That is the kickoff date for our 2025-2026 campaign! Our new location is Saltgrass Steak House at 8943 Katy Freeway. You'll find plenty of convenient parking there and easy access to the restaurant. Also, the HCWRT board of directors has several outstanding speakers scheduled for this campaign! Why not invite a guest or bring an old member for drinks, dinner and an enjoyable evening?

We will continue having our popular Civil War book raffle and a competitive quiz. This year's membership fee is only \$50.00 for individuals and \$60.00 for a family – simply the best deal in town! Dinner will run from 5:45 to 6:45 pm; our program begins at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, you may call me at (713) 864-1204. We look forward to seeing you at Saltgrass on Thursday, September 18!



## **JEFFERSON SYMPOSIUM**

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Jefferson Civil War Symposium will take place on Saturday, August 2, 2025, presented by the Jefferson Historical Society and Museum. The event will be held at the City of Jefferson Convention and Visitors Center, 305 E. Austin St., Jefferson, Texas.

Speakers include our own Ed Cotham, David Sesser, Michael Lang, and Randal Gilbert. There will be a speakers' reception Friday evening at the Jefferson Historical Museum, 223 E. Austin St. The symposium will feature vendors, a silent auction, and raffle. The \$80.00 fee for the Saturday program includes lunch.

For information on registration, contact the Museum at (903) 665-2775. Their website is [www.jeffersonmuseum.org](http://www.jeffersonmuseum.org). For information on events, contact Weldon Nash at [wnash@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wnash@sbcglobal.net).

All proceeds from the symposium will go to the Jefferson Historical Society and Museum.

## **HTBAR SCHOLARLY SEMINAR**

The Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Reactivated, is conducting its 17<sup>th</sup> annual Scholarly Seminar in Huntsville, Texas on November 7 and 8, 2025. The theme of this year's seminar is "Portraits of Leadership."

This year's speakers include Richard B. McCaslin, Deborah Moran, J. P. Bryan, Jr., Scott Bowden, and John Schmutz.

Tours will be offered on Friday, November 7 to the historic Gibbs-Powell House and Oakwood Cemetery, Sam Houston's burial site, and grave site of some of Hood's Texas Brigade soldiers. The presentation on Saturday includes vendors and lunch.

Registration details are not available at this time but will be provided in a later edition of this newsletter.





## THIS MONTH IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY

July 1, 1862 – Battle of Malvern Hill, Virginia

July 1, 1863 – Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania begins

July 4, 1863 – Confederates surrender Vicksburg, Mississippi

July 5, 1861 – Engagement at Carthage, Missouri

July 7, 1865 – Conspirators in the assassination of Lincoln are executed

July 11, 1861 – Engagement at Rich Mountain, Virginia (now West Virginia)

July 12, 1862 – John Hunt Morgan's Confederate raiders capture Lebanon, Kentucky on their first raid

July 12, 1864 – Jubal Early's raid of Fort Stevens, DC

July 13, 1862 – Garrison at Murfreesboro, Tennessee captured by Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest

July 14, 1864 – Battle of Tupelo, Mississippi

July 17, 1863 – Engagement at Honey Springs, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma)

July 18, 1863 – Assault on Battery Wagner, Morris Island, South Carolina led by the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts

July 18, 1864 – Battle of Cool Spring, Virginia

July 22, 1864 – Battle of Atlanta, Georgia

July 26, 1863 – John Hunt Morgan captured at Salineville, Ohio

July 27, 1861 – Major General George McClellan put in command of the Federal Division of the Potomac

July 28, 1864 – Battle of Ezra Church, Georgia

July 30, 1864 – Battle of The Crater at Petersburg, Virginia

July 31, 1861 – Ulysses Grant promoted to brigadier general

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## 2025-2026 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN

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| Sept. 18, 2025 | Dr. Jeremi Suri: "How Slaves Became Union Soldiers (and Veterans)"  |
| Oct. 16, 2025: | Dr. Shae Smith Cox: "The Fabric of Civil War Society"   |
| Nov. 20, 2025  | Dr. Leah Tarwater: "Kentucky Soldiers in the Civil War"   |
| Dec. 11, 2025  | Reserved for Gary L. Chandler Graduate Student Award Recipient  |
| Jan. 15, 2026  | Dr. Don Frazier: "Tom Green: Soldier of Three Republics"  |
| Feb. 19, 2026  | Danny Sessums: "Granbury's Texas Brigade"   |
| March 19, 2026 | John Michael Priest: "Reynolds, Iverson, and Buford at Gettysburg: New Interpretations"                     |
| April 16, 2026 | D. Scott Hartwig (2025 Vandiver Award Recipient): "I Dread the Thought of the Place: The Antietam Campaign" |
| May 21, 2026   | Reserved for 2026 Vandiver Award Recipient  |

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