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SEPTEMBER 2026 MEETING Thursday, September 17, 2026

Saltgrass Steak House
8943 Katy Freeway
5:45 pm - Dinner
7:00 pm - Program Begins

*****No Reservations Required for this Meeting*****

**There is no cost for dues-paid members.
\$10.00 charge for visitors.**

significant force stood in the way -- Union Maj. Gen. Robert H. Milroy's division of the Eighth Army Corps in the vicinity of Winchester and Berryville. Milroy stubbornly defied repeated instructions to withdraw to safety, believing the enemy action to be merely a cavalry raid or feint. His controversial decision put his outnumbered, largely inexperienced men on a path to disaster. Milroy lost half his force and was ingloriously routed from the battlefield. Many Union soldiers who fought at Second Winchester, however, believed their three-day resistance delayed the Confederates from entering Pennsylvania long enough to buy time for the Army of the Potomac to arrive and defeat Lee at Gettysburg.

The HCWRT Presents Scott Mingus Speaking On:

"Wittenberg and Mingus: The Second Battle of Winchester"

Our 2026 Frank E. Vandiver Award of Merit has been awarded posthumously to author and historian Eric Wittenberg, who passed away in August of last year after a long battle with cancer. Eric's friend and colleague, Scott L. Mingus, Sr., will present *The Second Battle of Winchester*, which they co-authored in 2016. Scott will also be offering recollections of his friend and stories from their time working together.

In the summer of 1863, as Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia began pushing north toward Pennsylvania, only one



Scott Mingus

About Scott Mingus

Multiple award-winning author Scott L. Mingus is a retired scientist and executive in the global specialty paper industry. The Ohio native was part of the research team that developed the first commercially successful self-adhesive U.S. postage stamps, and was a pioneer in the early development of bar code labels. He has written more than 40 Civil War and underground railroad books and numerous articles for *Gettysburg Magazine* and other historical journals. Scott has appeared on C-SPAN, C-SPAN3, PBS, PCN, and other television networks, and writes the Cannonball blog about the Civil War history of York County, PA, where he and his wife, Debi, live. He has also written six scenario books for miniature wargaming and was elected to the hobby's Legion of Honor.

Mingus has received lifetime achievement awards from the York County History Center, the Northeastern York County Historical and Preservation Society, and the Camp Curtin Historical Society for his many contributions to south-central Pennsylvania's Civil War history. His biography of William "Extra Billy" Smith won two national awards for Confederate military history. The Gettysburg Civil War Round Table presented Mingus and co-author Eric Wittenberg with the 2023 Bachelder-Coddington Award for the best new book on the Gettysburg Campaign, *If We Are Striking for Pennsylvania*.

Several Mingus direct ancestors served in the Union army in the Civil War, including 15-year-old Pvt. John Sisson of the 51st Ohio. His fourth-great-grandfather, Pvt. Moses Mingus, served under George Washington at Valley Forge.

President's Comments

By Walker Agnew

We look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting of the new campaign year on Thursday, September 17th! The Programs committee led by Scott Wilkey has put together

an incredible line up of wonderful speakers. Plus, our December speaker (not yet selected at this time) will be a Civil War history student who will be presented with our annual Gary L. Chandler Graduate Student Award. Submissions are expected this fall from graduate students at several southeast Texas universities.

If you have a favorite speaker or someone you believe would like to present a topic to our membership, please pass on the name and contact information to Scott or anyone on the committee. Additionally, please let us know if you might be interested in becoming active on one of our committees, especially Membership and Programs. We need your assistance with helping to keep our organization going!

Membership Report

By Michael Clennan

Welcome back to our 2026 - 2027 Campaign! Our officers and board of directors have some outstanding speakers lined up for the next nine months. Please bring an old member or new friend to the Saltgrass Steak House on the Katy Freeway for a great meal and warm fellowship. Be sure to arrive by 5:45 so you will have plenty of time to enjoy a relaxing meal. We will be handing out our new name badges to everyone.

I'll see you at the entrance! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (713) 864-1204.

HTBAR Scholarly Seminar

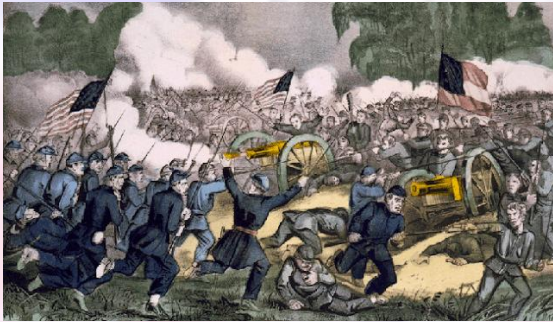
Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-Activated will be sponsoring their annual Scholarly Seminar on November 13th and 14th, 2026 at Seguin, Texas. This event includes a Friday tour of Seguin led by Dr. Richard McCaslin. Speakers include Dr. McCaslin, Jeff Hunt, Ed Cotham, and Richard Selcer.

Registration for this event will begin soon. For additional information, visit the HTBAR website: hoodstexasbrigade.org.

September Quiz

By Jim Godlove

The Union general at Winchester stated that he could hold Winchester “against any force the rebels can afford to bring against me.” He was wrong. When he gave the order for everyone to get away as fast as they could, he was the first to leave. Who was this Indiana general?



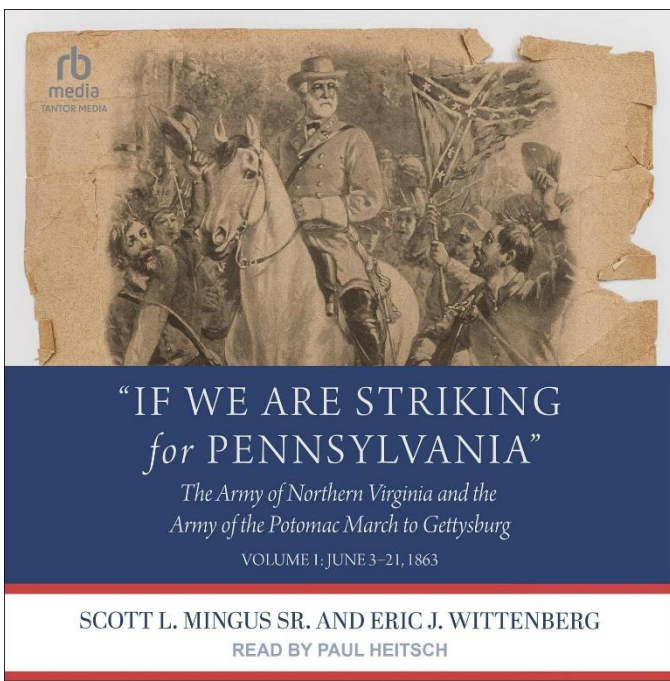
September Book Raffle

By Rita Campbell

Welcome back, members! We start out this new campaign with the complete 26-volume series **THE CIVIL WAR** by Time-Life Books. There will be a silent auction for this fine collection at our September meeting; it will begin at \$50.00.

Our book picks this month are **SHERMAN: A SOLDIER'S PASSION FOR ORDER** by John Marszalek; **THE CIVIL WAR: A NARRATIVE: VOLUME 2, FREDERICKSBURG TO MERIDIAN** by Shelby Foote; and **BATTLES AND LEGENDS OF THE CIVIL WAR, VOLUMES 1, 3, AND 4** by Johnson, Robert, and Clough.

Please be sure to check out this fine collection of books at the meeting. Also, we are happy to accept your donations of any Civil War-related books in good condition.



2026 - 2027 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN

Sept. 17, 2026	Scott Mingus – <i>“Wittenberg and Mingus: The Second Battle of Winchester”</i>
Oct. 15, 2026	Paul Brueske – <i>“Civil War Siege of Spanish Fort, 1865”</i>
Nov. 19, 2026	Dr. Jared Peatman – <i>“A Hell of a Regiment: To Gettysburg and Beyond with the Twentieth Maine”</i>
Dec. 10, 2026	Reserved for 2026 Gary L. Chandler Graduate Student Award Recipient
Jan. 21, 2027	Ed Cotham – <i>“Rockets, Tanks, and Submarines: The Ingenuity of Civil War Texans”</i>
Feb. 18, 2027	James R. Hessler – <i>“Dan Sickles”</i>
March 18, 2027	John Michael Priest – <i>“Reynolds, Iverson, Buford at Gettysburg: New Interpretations”</i>
April 15, 2027	Dr. Timothy B. Smith – <i>“The Iron Dice of Battle: Albert Sydney Johnston”</i>
May 20, 2027	Reserved for 2027 Vandiver Award Recipient

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