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NOVEMBER 2026 MEETING
Thursday, November 19, 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.

The HCWRT Presents Dr. Jared Peatman Speaking On:

"A Hell of a Regiment: To Gettysburg and Beyond with the Twentieth Maine"

This talk is an overview of a brand-new book, *A Hell of Regiment: To Gettysburg and Beyond with the Twentieth Maine,* which was published by Stackpole Books in June of 2026. The Twentieth Maine is one of the Civil War's best-known regiments, famous for their miraculous bayonet charge at the Battle of Gettysburg which came to broad public acclaim via the 1975 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Killer Angels* and the 1993 movie *Gettysburg*. You will learn not only what happened that afternoon, but the factors that enabled the unit to perform so well that day: what they experienced in their first ten months of service, how college professor Joshua Chamberlain gained his military prowess, and the real story behind the reintegration of 120 mutineers who ultimately turned the tide at Gettysburg. Shifting to the unit's postwar history, you will learn what life was like once the war ended for these men, and finally how they became master storytellers as they documented and created the narrative of their wartime service. You will meet Will Livermore, the steely-eyed diarist who Chamberlain once called "the bravest man I ever saw"; flag bearer Andrew Tozier who turned to a life of crime after the war until a former comrade came to his rescue and began his redemption; and Albert Titus, a young man who remained in the postwar army only to be gunned down on the Texas frontier by the alleged inventor of the fast-draw.



Dr. Jared Peatman

About Dr. Jared Peatman

Jared Peatman is a graduate of Gettysburg College with a master's degree from Virginia Tech and Ph.D. from Texas A&M. While at Texas A&M he was named the nation's most promising graduate student studying Abraham Lincoln by the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Jared's first book was *The Long Shadow of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address* (2013), for which he received the Hay-Nicolay Dissertation Prize for the best work on Abraham Lincoln or the Civil War. His second book, *A Hell of a Regiment: To Gettysburg and Beyond with the Twentieth Maine*, was published this year.

In his day job, Jared provides training events that use history as a metaphor to examine current leadership and performance challenges. He is the founder and president of Four Score Consulting and a Senior Fellow at George Washington University's Center for Excellence in Public Leadership. He has delivered over 1,000 leadership seminars at sites including Gettysburg, Mount Vernon, President Lincoln's Cottage, Jamestown, Valley Forge, the Alamo, Waterloo, and many more.



President Agnew and last month's speaker Paul Brueske

President's Comments

By Walker Agnew

Our Programs Committee continues to bring in top notch speakers for the Houston Civil War Round Table. This past meeting featured Paul Brueske presenting on the Battle of Mobile Bay. Since this was one of the last remaining open ports for the Confederacy, the bay was armed with many mines (or torpedoes as they were then called). This was the battle in which Rear Admiral Farragut commanded the Union fleet and stated: "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead." The August 5th, 1864 battle was a victory for the Union, though it would be another eight months before they would capture the city of Mobile. Paul is the current president of the Mobile Area Civil War Round Table.

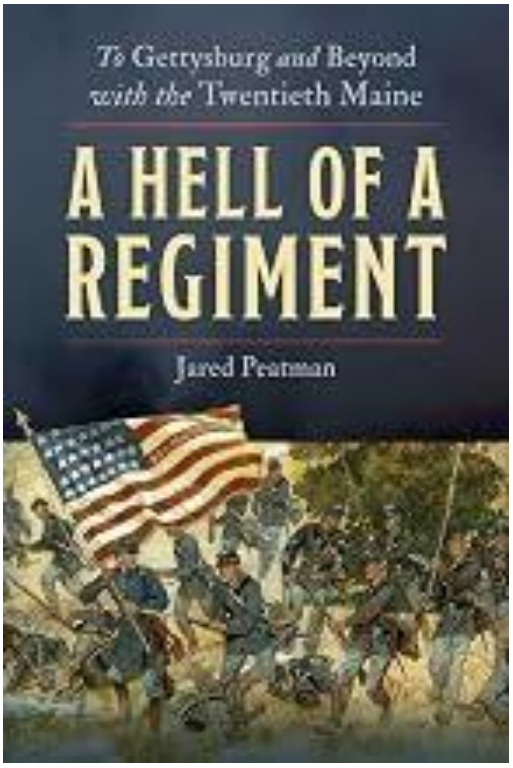
With the start of the new year, please send in a check for your membership dues (address on the last page of this newsletter) or bring to our next meeting on Thursday, November 19th. That evening, we'll hear from Dr. Jared Peatman as he presents his talk, which is entitled "A Hell of a Regiment: To Gettysburg and Beyond with the Twentieth Maine."

Membership Report

By Mike Clennan

Well, we've been welcoming a nice, cool fall season! On Thursday, November 19th, why not bring a friend along to our meeting and hear a great talk with Dr. Jared Peatman about the famous Twentieth Maine. Join us at Saltgrass Steak House on the Katy Freeway for an excellent dinner and fellowship. We meet for dinner at 5:45 pm, with our meeting being called to order at 7:00 pm. We will have our popular Civil War quiz and book raffle, followed by the program.

Our annual membership dues are only $50.00 for individuals and $60.00 for the entire family. You may either make a payment at the meeting or simply mail us a check. I look forward to meeting you at the front door. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (713) 864-1204.



2027 Eastern Battlefields Tour

Texas Center Tours at Schreiner University in Kerrville is sponsoring an Eastern Battlefields Tour led by prominent historian and previous Vandiver Award recipient Don Frazier. The tour, which is from June 4, 2027 to June 11, 2027, will visit sites in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. Included are First and Second Manassas, Ball's Bluff, Harper's Ferry, Antietam, Gettysburg, and Fort Delaware.

Prices are $4,200 (double) and $5,200 (single) per person. Airfare is not included; most meals are covered by your registration.

This tour is limited to 25 participants.

For additional information or to register, contact Susan Frazier with Texas Center Tours at (830) 792-7295. Her mailing address is 2100 Memorial Boulevard, Kerrville, Texas, 78028.

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November Quiz

By Jim Godlove

Responding to an urgent request, the commander of 3rd Brigade of the 1st Division of the Fifth Corps led his troops up Little Round Top. He placed the 20th Maine on the left with the 83rd Pennsylvania, the 44th New York and the 16th Michigan to their right. Who was this gallant officer and what was his fate?



November Book Raffle

By Rita Campbell

We lead off this month's raffle with **THEIR TATTERED FLAGS: THE EPIC OF THE CONFEDERACY** by Frank E. Vandiver. Next are **REBEL CITIES: PARIS, LONDON, AND NEW YORK IN THE AGE OF REVOLUTION** by Mike Rapport and **GENERAL JO SHELBY'S MARCH** by Anthony Arthur. Rounding out this month's collection are **STUART'S TARHEELS: JAMES B. GORDON AND HIS NORTH CAROLINA CAVALRY** by Chris Hartley and **BENTONVILLE: THE FINAL BATTLE OF SHERMAN AND JOHNSTON** by Nathaniel Cheairs Hughes.



Be sure to register when you enter our meeting room and purchase some raffle tickets. They are only $1.00 each and help support our Round Table!

2026 - 2027 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN

Nov. 19, 2026	**Dr. Jared Peatman – *"A Hell of a Regiment: To Gettysburg and Beyond with the Twentieth Maine"***
Dec. 10, 2026	**Harry Zhang, 2026 Gary L. Chandler Graduate Student Award Recipient – From China to Gettysburg: John Tomney's Civil War"**
Jan. 21, 2027	**Ed Cotham – *"Rockets, Tanks, and Submarines: The Ingenuity of Civil War Texans"***
Feb. 18, 2027	**James R. Hessler – *"Dan Sickles"***
March 18, 2027	**John Michael Priest – *"Reynolds, Iverson, Buford at Gettysburg: New Interpretations"***
April 15, 2027	**Dr. Timothy B. Smith – *"The Iron Dice of Battle: Albert Sydney Johnston"***
May 20, 2027	**Reserved for 2027 Vandiver Award Recipient**

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