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"THE IMMORTAL 600"

OUR SPEAKER: MAURIEL P. JOSLYN

A native Georgian, Mauriel P. Joslyn received her B.A. in History from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and her M.A. in History from Georgia College and State University.

A librarian, teacher, re-enactor, screenwriter and author, Joslyn won an award for Georgia Author of the Year in 1996, for best biography.

Her books include *Valor and Lace: Roles of Confederate Women*; *Charlotte's Boys: Correspondence of the Branch Family of Savannah, Georgia 1862-1865*, *A Meteor Shining Brightly: Essays on Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne*, *Immortal Captives: The Story of 600 Confederate Officers and the U.S. Policy of Retaliation*, and *Biographical Roster of the Immor-*

tal 600. She has also written numerous articles for various history magazines.

Joslyn is currently working on a book based on interviews with 36 World War I British Royal Flying Corps personnel.

OUR TOPIC: "THE IMMORTAL 600"

The Immortal 600 is the story of 600 Confederate officers held, for retaliation, on Morris Island and at Fort Pulaski over the winter of 1864-65. The story follows Union and Confederate efforts and experiments with placement of prisoners in the last year of the war, and the politics of President Abraham Lincoln, Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, and those of lower rank in the prisoner-of-war saga. The 600 suffered hardships

that were, even then, against the laws of the First Geneva Convention, and their story gives detailed insight into how men cope with captivity and starvation.

QUIZ QUESTION

In August 1863, 600 Confederate officer prisoners were sent to the Union front to be exposed to Confederate artillery fire. This was in retaliation for some 600 Union officer POWs who were being exposed to Union fire. In what Confederate city were these Union officers being held?



Apr 21, 2005

Briar Park Club
2603 Timmons Lane @ Westheimer
Command Post (Cash Bar) 6:00 PM
Dinner and meeting 7:00 PM

RESERVATIONS - REQUIRED BY 10:00 AM TUE

Dinner is \$30 and **reservations are required by 10:00 am Tuesday morning**; we would prefer them made by Monday night. The lecture only is \$3, and reservations are required for that, as well. Please help us by calling your reservation to Robert at **281-890-0556** by Tuesday morning before the meeting. Let him know also if you need a special meal. Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance.

BOOK RAFFLE

Books to be raffled in April are: *The Road to Shiloh* (Time-Life Books), donated by Jim Godlove; *Spies, Decoying the Yanks* (Time-Life Books), also donated by Jim Godlove; *Brother Against Brother* (Time-Life Books), also donated by Jim Godlove; *American Civil War Armies I: Confederate Troops* by Philip Katcher, donated anonymously; *Thirty-six Hours Before Appomattox* by Chris M. Calkins, also donated anonymously; *The Civil War: The Paintings of Mort Kunstler*, also donated anonymously; and 4 assorted Civil War magazines.

Raffle tickets are 50¢ each, or 8 for \$3. Your purchase of raffle tickets helps keep us in the black.

HCWRT PAST PRESIDENT RECEIVES DUFOUR AWARD

Harry Bounds passed along the information that Jim Mundie, past president of HCWRT, has been chosen to receive the Civil War Round Table's annual Charles L Dufour Award of Merit.

Mundie was selected because of his books, *The Confederate Generals Buried in Louisiana* and co-authorship of *Texas Burial Sites of Civil War Notables* (he is currently working on a second volume of the Texas burial sites). His book on the Louisiana CSA generals prompted similar efforts in other states, helping preserve the graves of many of written about in the books. The books have also brought recognition to many

soldiers who might otherwise have been forgotten.

Mundie will accept the award at the New Orleans RT's meeting on April 20. We congratulate him heartily on receiving both the award and recognition of his determined efforts to preserve local history sites.

CW CONFERENCE IN CONROE APRIL 30

Two HCWRT members, Ed Cotham and Charles Mitchell, will be speaking at a CW conference in Conroe on Saturday, April 30, at the Conroe Tower, 300 West Davis. The conference, "The Civil War and Montgomery County," is sponsored by the Montgomery County Genealogical & Historical Society. It will begin at 8:00 am and go all day.

Cotham and Mitchell will participate in a panel discussion on "Texas and the War Years." Mitchell will talk on Longstreet during a session on "Civil War Units and Men" at 10:45 am. Cotham will speak on the battle of Sabine Pass at 1:45 pm.

I can't tell by the flyer what the cost is (it seems to include a lunch), and there is no contact information on the flyer. I'm sure Charlie can give you more information if you are interested in going. I'll bring a few copies of the flyer, so you can see the full schedule and range of speakers topics.



FORMER RT PRESIDENT DIES

Dr. Artie Quintus Cato, a former RT president (he was also treasurer and vice president) died early in February this year. Born in Austin, Dr. Cato graduated from the University of Texas and worked as a chemical engineer for nine years before deciding to pursue a career as an orthodontist.

Services were held Feb 12, and Dr. Cato was buried in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

Dr. Cato was active in the RT long before my time, so I don't remember him. I regret that we had lost contact with him, especially as we celebrated our 50th anniversary last year.

FALL FIELD TRIP: RED RIVER

The Red River Campaign will be HCWRT's Fall Field destination this year. The dates are October 27-31 (Thursday - Monday). The inestimable Ed Bearss will be our tour guide again this year.

We'll fly into Alexandria, Louisiana, on Thursday, Oct. 27. On Friday, we'll tour Old River, Fort DeRussy, Simmesport and the battles of Mansura, Yellow Bayou and Dunn's Bayou.

Saturday, we'll tour the battles of Henderson Hall, Monett's Ferry and Blair's Landing. We will also pick up important sites at Bailey's Dam, Natchitoches, Grand Ecore, Finerille, Fort Buhlow and Fort Randolph.

On our last touring day, we'll visit the battlefields of Pleasant Hill and Mansfield. We'll fly back into Houston on Monday, Oct. 31.

We don't have approximate costs for the trip yet, but Tony thinks it will be comparable to the last couple of years. Lunches will be included, and possibly, a dinner or two. A \$250 deposit must be made to confirm your reservation; another deposit will be due during the summer (we'll give you exact dates), and the final deposit must be in Tony's hands by the September RT meeting (Sep. 15).

WOMEN AND THE CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE

The 7th annual Conference on Women and the Civil War is scheduled for June 3-5, at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, VA. Varied topics, all related to women and the Civil War, will be discussed in workshops and lectures.

Workshop sessions are scheduled on Friday, June 3, beginning at 12:30. A welcome reception that evening, from 5:30-7:00 pm, will feature remarks by Dr. James (Bud) Robertson, Jr.

Lectures begin at 8:45 on Saturday, and continue until 5:15, with time out for lunch. A dinner and after-dinner program will begin at 7:00 pm Saturday evening.

On Sunday, a special tour of Smithfield Plantation, the 1774 home of Col. William Preston from noon until 3:00, followed by a visit to the nearby Preston family cemetery for approximately one hour.

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.

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Mail to: **Houston Civil War Round Table**
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NEW MEMBER

\$40 - Individual joining in Apr - Dec

\$20 - Individual joining in Jan - Mar

\$45 - Family joining in Apr - Dec

\$22 - Family joining in Jan - Mar

\$15 - Student or Out-of-state

RENEWAL

\$40 - Individual

\$45 - Family

\$15 - Student or Out-of-state

NOTE: For memberships or subscriptions outside the U.S., extra cost of postage to mail the newsletter will be added. Cost may vary; please write to inquire.

Cost for the conference is \$195 for members, \$225 for nonmembers. The Smithfield Tour is an additional \$15, the reception is an additional \$20, and the dinner is an additional \$35.

Lodging is available at the Donaldson Brown Conference Center on the campus of Virginia Tech; conference price is \$78 per room per night, not including taxes. The center's phone number is 1-877-200-3360.

Registrations must be in by May 1. For information, call 540-381-4581, or check out the website at www.swcw.org for the 2005 conference.

PRESERVATION NEWS by Joyce Kennerly

Parker's Crossroads, TN
The Parker's Crossroad Battlefield Association (PCBA) recently purchased nine acres of core

Parker's Crossroads battlefield land (about halfway between Nashville and Memphis).

It was a group effort: monies came from The Civil War Preservation Trust, the Tennessee Lands Acquisition, the Tennessee Wars commission and the American Battlefield Protection Program Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program (a matching grant).

The land purchased is adjacent to I-40, and includes the burial site of several Union soldiers. Although most were exhumed and moved to Corinth after the war, a few were found only recently.

This purchase brings the total number of acres saved at Parker's Crossroads to 180. The PCBA is trying to save an additional 100 acres of core battlefield.

The Battle of Parker's Crossroads, fought in December 1862, involved troops under Gen. N.B. Forrest and Union Brig. Gen. Jeremiah Sullivan, who was trying

to keep Forrest from crossing the Tennessee River. Forrest's troops found themselves surrounded, and when they reported that to the general, he gave one of his most famous commands, "Charge them both ways." They followed his orders and fought their way out.

Steve McDaniel, a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives, was the first president of the PCBA. He and the organization received the HCWRT Vandiver Award of Merit in 1995 for their grassroots efforts to save this battle ground, mostly forgotten until McDaniel and PCBA went to work. We're proud to see how their continued efforts are paying off.

The organization has developed a driving tour, carries out a biennial reenactment, and is continuing

to develop tour markers and trails. It also hopes to replace the current small welcome center with a larger interpretation center.

Its most ambitious goal is to buy 52 acres along the north side of I-40, the site of many Confederate artillery positions. At present, much of the battlefield land is still open fields, but development along the freeway is bringing increased pressure for private development of those lands. PCBA hopes to get as much as it can before it's too late.

Franklin, TN

Franklin city officials have approved \$2.5M in matching funds to purchase 110 acres now occupied by the Country Club of Franklin.

The land, which makes up the eastern flank of the battlefield, is one of the last large tracts of pristine battlefield land still available at Franklin. It is owned by a descendant of the McGavock family, who owned Carnton Plantation, which is adjacent to the country-club property. Heller has offered the property to preservationists for \$5M, if it can be raised by June 2005.

Franklin's Charge, a coalition of preservation groups, has begun fundraising efforts to match the city's vote for \$2.5M in funds. By presstime, I was not able to find a contact for donation information, but I will keep looking and report next time where you can send your donation toward the matching funds.



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