



General Orders

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HCWRT SPEAKERS 2007 – 2008 CAMPAIGN

Sept 21	Greg Biggs
Oct 18	Lawrence Lee Hewitt
Nov 15	Paul Matthews
Dec 20	Ed Cotham
Jan 17	Ed Bearss
Feb 21	Frank A. O'Reilly
Mar 20	Steve Mayeux
Apr 17	Lesley J. Gordon
May 15	Thomas Cartwright

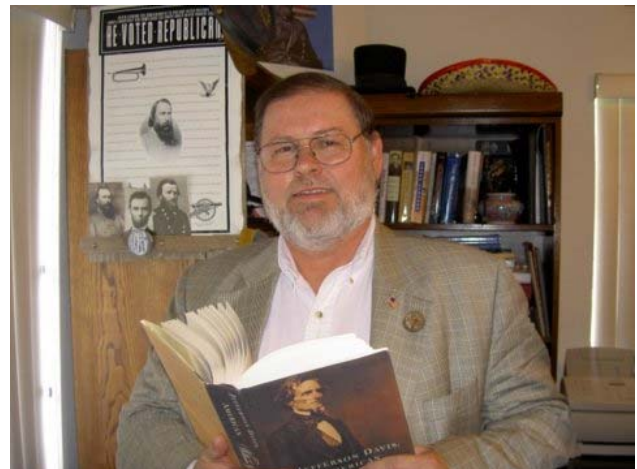
Attention, all Round Tablers! This is the first of two "Calls to Arms" for our first meeting of the 2007-2008 Campaign in September, the occasion for which will feature our well-credentialed and informed speaker Greg Biggs.

Greg's topic will be "**Nathan Bedford Forrest – Napoleonic Cavalryman.**" More details on Greg's speech will follow in the September newsletter issue. Greg is a former Associate Editor of the Blue & Gray Magazine, a former Program Chair for the Western Ohio Civil War Round Table, and a co-tour guide on one of the "Riding with Forrest" campaigns with Ed Bearss and Brian Steele Wills.

Please set aside the evening of September 21 to join us for this most informative and entertaining foray into the tactics and mindset of this unforgettable Confederate Cavalry General.

GODLOVE'S CORNER

WELCOMING COMMENTS AND "PLAN OF ACTION"



Jim Godlove

Your Officers and Board have been hard at work this summer planning programs and mulling over event ideas for the upcoming Campaign. We have a distinguished group of speakers lined up for you this year and hope that you will be able to attend most, if not all, of our meetings.

Yours truly will be visiting several schools and colleges in the metropolitan area this year in an effort to interest young people in the study of this war and in affiliation with our organization.

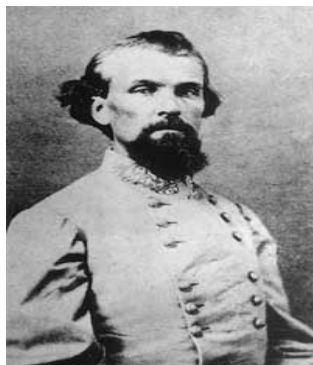
This said, if you have a young friend, family member, reenactor buddy, or general history buff whom you would like to bring along to one of our monthly meetings, by all means do so! They are most welcome!

Please don't forget to fill out the enclosed Membership Application envelope that will suffice for both newly mustered members and returning veterans. Note that there is no increase in dues! Also included within the body of our newsletter is another Application Form for you to pass along to someone else.

Please note also that beginning this September, you may make your dinner reservations with George Bishop by **email** as well as by telephone request. So, if this applies to you, be sure to look for George's email address in the Meeting Announcement box on future newsletter editions.

For those of you who have not previously joined us within the last year or so, you may wonder why you are being included on the distribution list for this once-a-year special edition of our Monthly Newsletter. Suffice it to say that **"We Have Missed Your Presence!"** and **"We Welcome You to Rejoin Us!"**

REVISITING BEDFORD FORREST: BRICE'S CROSSROADS



Gearing up again for September, Nathan Bedford Forrest was perhaps the most highly regarded cavalry and partisan leader in the war. Without question, he was certainly an innovative and successful military leader.

The Battle of Brice's Crossroads, which was fought on June 10, 1864, in Lee County, Mississippi, pitted a 4,787-man force led by Confederate cavalryman Forrest against a 7,900-strong Union force under the direction of Brigadier General Samuel D. Sturgis. The battle ended in a route for Union forces and was the high point of Forrest's military career.



Brice's Crossroads National Battlefield Site

LEE'S ARLINGTON HOUSE RESTORATION NEWS

The Robert E. Lee family home will be undergoing major renovation during the next year or two. On November 2, 2006, the National Park Service (NPS) property was closed to the public for 20 days while workmen removed the entire museum collection from the house. The 3,300 items of furniture, books, and other items that once belonged to the Lees were boxed up and removed in order to facilitate plaster, window repairs, lead-paint abatement and other improvements on the property.



Arlington House

The restoration will total several million dollars and will be done in several phases as funding becomes available. The first Phase is anticipated to take at least a year.

The Arlington collection was transported for temporary safekeeping to another NPS property, Friendship Hill National Historic site, located in western Pennsylvania just north of the West Virginia border. The move to Friendship Hill saves the NPS about \$200,000 a year in storage costs.

Arlington House is still open daily to the public. Hours are from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Also open are the kitchen and flower gardens, the Slave Quarters, and the bookstore. The 19-acre property attracts half a million visitors a year.

TAPS!

J. FRED DUCKETT

Long-time HCWRT member Fred Duckett passed away on June 25. Fred was a fourth generation native Houstonian, a former announcer at Rice, UT and other school athletic events--especially track and field--and a history teacher at Awty International School over the past 16 years.

Fred will genuinely be missed by all of us who enjoyed sharing history-remembered conversations with him over the years.

A REPEAT OF THE OFFICERS SLATE FOR THE 2007-2008 CAMPAIGN

President – Jim Godlove
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Director – Mike Harrington
Director – Mike Pierce
Director – Mike Wade
Director – Marsha Franty

For those of you new to the Round Table this summer or upcoming fall, we are again publishing the list of your Officers and Directors for the current Campaign.

If you have suggestions or observations you wish to share with us, just consult the Membership Directory or ask one of us for our email address, and we will gladly read and address your concerns.

There is no pressure to do so, but those of you who receive email at your home or business may wish to receive your **General Orders** in this manner at some point. Transmitting newsletters by email is one of

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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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
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the factors that has enabled us to keep a lid on membership dues for 2007-2008.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL HALL – NEW ORLEANS

This historic museum, which is located only 9 blocks from the French Quarter and is within walking distance of a number of other noteworthy museums, houses the second largest collection of Confederate memorabilia in the United States.

The museum is in critical financial difficulty. CMH receives no governmental funding and relies solely on visitor admissions and donations for its operating revenue. In a normal year, the museum receives approximately 8,000 visitors from January to June, but Katrina has drastically reduced the resident population of New Orleans, and tourist traffic has been slow to recover. Note that hurricane damage to the



Confederate Memorial Hall

facility was not significant, and we urge you on your next trip to New Orleans to visit the museum and leave a donation. Or, if you wish, you may mail in your donation now. Address it to Memorial Hall Fndn, 929 Camp St., New Orleans, LA 70130. Meanwhile, look for the CMH brochures on the sign-in table at our first fall meeting.

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