



# GENERAL ORDERS

## *Zuckero's Texas Brigade*

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### MEETING – THURS, APR 19, 2007

Briar Park Club  
2603 Timmons Lane @ Westheimer

6:00 Cash Bar –  
7:00 Dinner & Meeting

**CALL: 713-956-8302** or  
**713-305-5510 by Mon prior**  
**to the meeting**  
Dinner \$25; lecture only \$3

**Make your reservations!**

## OUR SPEAKER: DAVID CURREY

David Currey is Executive Director of Travellers Rest Plantation and Museum in Nashville, Tennessee—the historic 1799 Overton home that served as headquarters for General John Bell Hood and the Army of Tennessee for two weeks prior to the December, 1864 Battle of Nashville.

In addition to these duties, David is also a consultant to other museums and historic sites. Two of his most recent projects include serving as historian and exhibit designer for Fort Negley Historical Park and Visitors Center and also as project director regarding a heritage tourism and preservation plan for the 1863 Tullahoma Campaign.

When not consulting, David writes and produces historical documentaries. In 2005 he released *The Battle for Nashville*, a one-hour film that focuses on the city during the Civil War through the use of hundreds of period photographs, eyewitness accounts, and interviews with leading historians, among them Ed Bearss.

Currently David is working on a documentary depicting an expedition he joined last year in which he embarked upon a study of the battlefield where Sargeant York won the Medal of Honor during World War I.

David, his wife, and their two children live in Nashville—a city he and his family have called home for eight generations.

## OUR TOPIC: THE UNION OCCUPATION OF NASHVILLE

Our speaker will address the group on the details surrounding the occupation and underscoring the city's vital importance to the federal war effort in the western theater of operations. His Power Point presentation will encompass many interesting and unusual photographs of Nashville during the war.

Please make an effort to join us for this evening of special significance to those who study this war and its effects felt even until today's times.

## BOOK RAFFLE by Mike Pierce

Books to be raffled in April are: *Southern Hero...Matthew Galbraith Butler* by Samuel J. Martin, *Look Away!--A History of the CSA* by William C. Davis, and *The Road to Appomattox* by Robert Hendrickson, all three of which are being donated by Jim Godlove; *Divided Houses: Families Split by War* and *The Gray Ghost: John Singleton Mosby*, two Civil War Journal tapes (VHS format), both of which are being donated by Bruce Greek; *Two Great Rebel Armies* by Richard M. McMurry and *General Stephen D. Lee* by Herman Hattaway, both of which are being donated by Karen Stone, and four (4) assorted Civil War Magazines, also donated by Karen Stone.

Prices for Raffle tickets are an incredible bargain at 50 cents each or eight for only \$3.00. Odds of winning a selection of your choice are quite high, so please participate and help your Round Table's funding requirements!



### ZUCKERO'S CORNER – HILLSBORO CONFERENCE

As most of you know, I attended this very informative event on Saturday, March 31 in Hillsboro. Attendance numbered approximately 150 people, including 10 from your Round Table. So our group was well represented!

There were a total of four excellent lectures on Hood's Texas Brigade. And, as many of you will be glad to know, there is interest in reviving the discontinued fall

Hillsboro seminar. Hopefully, the interest expressed will gather momentum over the coming months. We shall monitor the developments very closely and report back to you as events unfold.

In addition to the four speakers presenting at the symposium, there were Civil War musicians, including Hill College band members playing Civil War era music and instruments, re-enactors, a weapons display, three book vendors, several authors signing books for attendees, and a chance to participate in a breakfast or lunch at the table of the day's various speakers.

It was a wonderful day, and we hope this fine event will draw an even larger crowd next year. We trust our Round Table will continue to be this well represented in the years to come!

## 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  
**\$15** – Student or Out-of-State

## **TONIGHT'S BOOK, MAGAZINE AND TAPE SALE by Mike Pierce and Charlie Mitchell**

Before and after our upcoming meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be offering a variety of books, magazines, tapes, and pamphlets for very nominal prices to help raise money for our Round Table.

So look for our table during sign-up and cocktail hour. Browse to your heart's content, but do participate if you can! You will learn something from these published materials and help your organization's funding requirements in the process!

## **APRIL QUIZ QUESTION by Jim Godlove**

On February 25, 1862, Nashville became the first Confederate capital to fall to Union troops.

The Mayor of Nashville surrendered the city to which Union general?

## **SOCIETY OF WOMEN AND THE CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE**

The Society of Women and the Civil War ([www.swcw.org](http://www.swcw.org)) is contacting Civil War Round Tables throughout the country in the hope of expanding its membership.

The society will be holding its ninth conference in Chester County, PA from July 27<sup>th</sup> – July 29, 2007. Members include authors, researchers, archivists, historians,

librarians, genealogists, teachers, re-enactors, history enthusiasts, etc.

Past conferences have been held at Hood College, Shenandoah University, the Museum of the Confederacy, and Virginia Tech University. Since its inception in 1997, SWCW has become one of the premier organizations promoting research and the dissemination of information on women and the Civil War.

There is an open invitation to this year's conference to any and all individuals interested in the contributions of women during the war.

## **CIVIL WAR PRESERVATION TRUST NEWS CONFERENCE**

At its March 13, 2007 news conference, Civil War Preservation Trust President Jim Lighthizer identified the most threatened Civil War sites in the United States. You will recall that some of Lighthizer's observations and commentary were detailed in the March issue of the *General Orders*.

Not previously mentioned, however, was the fact that joining Lighthizer at the news conference was colorful former Texas Congressman Charlie Wilson, whose ancestor served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Alabama at Spring Hill, Tennessee, and former New York Congressman Bob Mrazek, a noted Civil War novelist.

Wilson is the central character of the best selling book *Charlie Wilson's War* (a fascinating read, by the way), which is soon to be a major motion picture starring Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts, and Philip Seymour Hoffman.



In their remarks, both lawmakers expressed strong support for the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program, the principal federal program for protecting historic battlefield lands. According to Wilson, the program has been used to save more than 14,000 acres of hallowed ground nationwide.

Also participating in the news conference, by the way, was Dr. Libby O'Connell, Chief Historian of The History Channel. O'Connell developed and oversees "*Save Our History*," the History Channel's campaign programming for historic preservation.



Your newsletter editor wishes to acknowledge that Barry Crompton, Public Officer and Corresponding Secretary of the American Civil War Round Table of Australia, contributed some of the text for this timely and informative article.

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**May 17**

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