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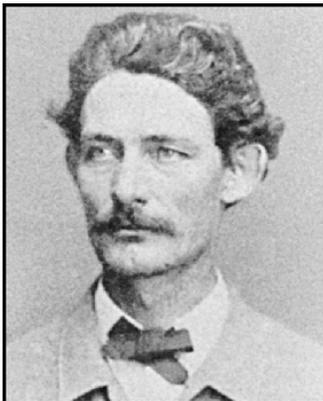
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DR. JOHN LUNDBERG PRESENTS: GRANBURY'S TEXAS BRIGADE



Brig. Gen. Hiram B. Granbury, CSA

We are very pleased to welcome Dr. John Lundberg to our podium as he informs and entertains us with tales of this storied Texas Brigade formed in November, 1863 just prior to the battle of Missionary Ridge.

At Missionary Ridge, the brigade rapidly established a reputation for bravery, and when its first commander Brig. Gen. James Argyle Smith was wounded there, Col. Hiram Bronson Granbury of the Seventh Texas assumed command of the unit. Thus the brigade acquired its name from Granbury, who was subsequently promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

Dr. Lundberg's premise is that Granbury's Texas Brigade exemplified the best and worst of the Confederate war effort. Many in the unit deserted early in the war, but despite this setback, the brigade went on to become "The Color Brigade" of the Army of Tennessee. Our speaker posits that outstanding leadership at the regimental, brigade, and division levels molded these soldiers into an effective fighting force, but that even this distinction was not enough to offset the losses the unit sustained from desertions early in the war. In making his point, Dr. Lundberg uses Granbury's Brigade as a vehicle from which to explore in depth Confederate nationalism and the Confederate war effort in the Western theater of the conflict.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Dr. John Lundberg is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and received his Master's and Ph.D. degrees in American History at Texas Christian University. He is an Assistant Professor of History at Houston Baptist University.

John is the author of *Granbury's Texas Brigade, C.S.A.: The Color Brigade of the Army* (under contract to the LSU Press), *Far from Home: The Civil War Letters of Major Khleber*

M. Van Zandt, 7th Texas Infantry and his Wife Minerva (in progress), and *The Finishing Stroke: Texans in the 1864 Tennessee Campaign* (McWhiney Foundation Press, 2002).



Two Views of H. B. Granbury Monument
Courthouse Plaza at Granbury, TX

In addition to his book authorship, Dr. Lundberg has contributed a number of published articles focusing on various Civil War commanders, among them Albert Sidney Johnston and Patrick Cleburne. His honors include “Graduate Instructor of the Year,” 2006-2007 academic year, at Texas Christian University. He has also presented numerous papers before professional organizations, among them the Texas State Historical Association, the East Texas Historical Association, the Deep Delta Civil War Symposium, and the Western Conference on British Studies.

Join us on the evening of Thursday, December 18 as we listen and learn from Dr. Lundberg while he presents the story of this remarkable southern patriot and his famed Texas brigade.

FREDERICKSBURG AND CHANCELLORSVILLE FIELD TRIP by *Tony Matt*

Our field trip began smoothly—no problems with the flight or the airport. Stopping to eat at the *Globe and Laurel*—a very unusual restaurant we were delighted to fit into our 2008 itinerary. The restaurant walls were decorated with various interesting memorabilia relative to marines from countries around the world.



On Friday morning we were welcomed by our guide for the trip, Frank O’Reilly, whom the

HCWRT welcomed at our February, 2008 Round Table meeting during which he spoke to us on Malvern Hill. Frank explained the events transpiring at Fredericksburg in excellent detail, and now I understand much better why the Federals continued launching attacks on Marye’s Heights. Furthermore, it was gratifying to see and hear how the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) acquired the Slaughter Pen acreage. Frank was able to provide insightful information to us on both topics.



Saturday, Frank enlightened us with his extensive knowledge of the Battle of Chancellorsville.



He covered the action around Salem Church in depth—much of which I was previously unaware. He also showed us CWPT’s recent acquisition in the area, as well as the actual spot on which

Stonewall Jackson received his mortal wound. Sometimes feared to be located under the present Visitors Center, the specific location for his injury is not a threatened site at all, as we were pleased to learn. At day’s end, Frank conducted a candlelight recounting of the final days and events in Jackson’s life.

On Sunday we visited the National Museum of the Marine Corps, a spot we did not have enough time to schedule in during the previous fall field trip. We were very pleased with the museum guide that Marsha was



able to find for us. I was very surprised and gratified with the number and quality of the exhibits in the Museum and all of us benefitted greatly from the excellent interpretive work furnished by our guide.

DECEMBER BOOK RAFFLE by *Mike Pierce*

December book raffle offerings are: *None but Texans: A History of Terry’s Texas Rangers* by Jeffrey Murrah, donated by Don Zuckero; *Virginia at War: 1862*, edited by William C. Davis and James Robertson, Jr. and *Bull’s Eyes and Misfires* by Clint Johnson, both donated by Jim

Godlove; and the *Personal Memoirs of Ulysses Grant* and *The Last Shot: The Incredible Story of the CS Shenandoah* by Lynn Schooler, both donated by Corpus Christi's Adrain Huckabee.

Next month we will also be offering several new books on a **Special Raffle**. You will have the opportunity to acquire several interesting books at a very reasonable price, among them ***Old Alleghany: The Life and Wars of General Ed Johnson***, the biography recently released by Gregg Clemmer, our October speaker, donated by Karen Stone. This is a great book, well written and extensively researched by the author (just check out the bibliography!). Ed Johnson was a remarkable man for his time—for any time—and one whose character and code of honor are well worth studying in greater detail.

Also one of our Round Table members from San Antonio, Richard Guida, has donated two copies of his 2007 book, ***The Winds of Change***, that we will also be raffling off at the same time. Richard's book is a novel about the last fourteen months of the Civil War. Karen and I are also planning to read Richard's novel prior to our January meeting.

If you have books, audios, videotapes, magazines, or DVDs to contribute to our book raffle, please let me know. You can contact me at mpiercePC@comcast.net or see me at one of our meetings.



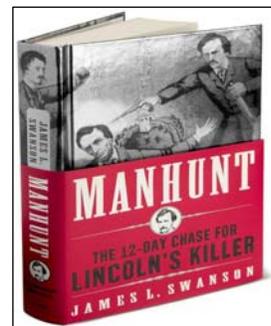
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BOOK REVIEW: ***MANHUNT: THE 12-DAY CHASE FOR LINCOLN'S KILLER***, by JAMES L. SWANSON, as Reviewed by Roland Bienvenu

An acquaintance of mine who is an avid reader, but not especially a fan of American history, had finished *Manhunt* and enthusiastically recommended it to me, knowing of my fondness for things historical, especially when it comes to the Civil War era.

I delved into the book and found that, while based on historical fact, it read like a novel, and a very readable one at that! Author James Swanson, who calls himself a Lincoln scholar and has authored a variety of publications, conducted extensive research for this book and used as source materials various first person accounts, letters, books, affidavits, and trial manuscripts. *Manhunt* is meticulously detailed and informs the average



reader infinitely more about the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and the manhunt for John Wilkes Booth than he or she knew at the onset. The book renders a riveting, hour-by-hour account of the Lincoln assassination and the ensuing search/pursuit of Booth following the tragic events that unfolded in April, 1865 just as the Civil War was ending.

The book clarifies many interesting facts relative to Booth's pursuit that may not be known to most readers. For instance, Dr. Samuel Mudd, the physician/farmer in rural Maryland who assisted Booth and his young accomplice, David Herold, by offering them food and lodging and medically treating Booth's injured leg, had later denied to investigators that he knew Booth's true identity. However, Swanson documents the occasion in 1864 when Dr. Mudd had actually met Booth, who was a well-known actor of the period.

Also, *Manhunt* specifies another instrumental figure in Booth's 12-day escape attempt. Thomas Jones, a Confederate secret courier/agent, aided in the concealment of Booth and Herold in a remote wooded area, then provided them with a boat that they used to cross the Potomac River into Virginia. Jones could have turned in the fugitives for a huge monetary award—surely a tempting thought for Jones due to his financial difficulties. However, he elected to continue aiding the men, adhering to a personal code of honor. Jones's story was kept secret for 18 years until he divulged it to a prominent journalist in 1883. Jones was never tried or imprisoned for his role.

Wielding a gun and knife, Booth accomplice Lewis Powell severely wounded Secretary of State William Seward at his residence while Lincoln was at Ford's Theater. A valiant struggle by an Army sergeant/orderly and Seward's daughter Fanny likely saved Seward's life. Another accomplice planned to assassinate Vice President Andrew Johnson on the same evening but lost his nerve and failed to follow through on the attempt.

This book is an appropriate choice for anyone with a general interest in the Civil War, particularly those having special interest in Lincoln. *Manhunt* successfully chronicles a tragic but significant part of U. S. history.

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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DECEMBER QUIZ QUESTION

by *Jim Godlove*



Gen. Hiram Granbury and his divisional commander were killed in the same battle. Name the battle & the divisional commander.

RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

We have three announcements regarding Civil War and Civil War Era events scheduled for the near future.

First of all, on December 17, 2008 at 1:00 PM, there will be a Dedication Ceremony, a ***Tribute to Terry's Texas Rangers*** at Rowlett's Station, Kentucky. The Contact person is William McWhorter, Military Sites Program, at (512) 463-5833. The event will honor the valor and the sacrifice of Texas Civil War troops.



Col. Benjamin Franklin Terry, 8th Texas Cavalry
Feb 18, 1821 – 12/17/1861

Some of our members may not be aware that Col. Terry is buried here in Houston at the Glenwood Cemetery, 2525 Washington Avenue. He was killed in the Rowletts Station Battle, also known as the Battle of Woodsonville, on December 17, 1861.

Then, on February 20-22, 2009, the Museum of Southern History will present a symposium on Southern History at Rice University. The event is entitled *The South and the World in the Civil War Era*. The event will be presented at the Farnsworth Pavilion, Ley Student Center. Paid self-parking is available adjacent to the event. For location, parking details, and downloadable maps, you are directed to the site www.rice.edu/maps. For additional information on accommodations or other questions, visit www.rice.edu/southernhistory or Contact Randal L. Hall at (713) 348-5547 or rh@rice.edu.

Finally, Charlie Mitchell reminds us again of the *Civil War Western Theater Tour* March 9-12, 2009 with Dr. Craig Livingston. The group will be touring Shiloh, Corinth, and Vicksburg. The estimated cost will be between \$425 and \$575 depending on the number travelling and on the decision of van or charter transportation. That price will include everything except your souvenirs. Overnight accommodations will be in first-rate Holiday Inn Express motels. Send your \$50 non-refundable deposit to secure your seat today to Dr. Craig Livingston, 3200 College Park Drive, Conroe, TX 77384.

Flyers about all three of these events were previously emailed to all members for whom we have email addresses in October and November.

If you have Civil War events you would like to publicize to our membership, kindly send your editor an email of your flyer and I will try to publicize it for you if time permits. My email address is kstone6@attg.net.

Oh! And I almost forgot! We have received the following article and photo from Mike Pierce regarding the Liendo Reenactors' event on November 22...

WAR OF NORTHERN AGGRESSION IS OVER! LOCAL WOMAN CAPTURES ABE LINCOLN, AND NORTH SUES FOR PEACE!



A Triumphant Liendo Reenactor Linda Pierce
with a Subdued Captive "Abe"
November 22, 2008

QUOTABLE QUOTES RE GENERAL ED "OLD ALLEGHANY" JOHNSON

"General Johnson was with me at the Battle of McDowell, when he so distinguished himself as to make me very desirous of securing his services as one of my Division Commanders."

Gen. Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson in his Letter to Richmond, Sometime After Conclusion of the Battle of McDowell, May 9, 1862

“Had Johnson’s fine division been with me on the 1st of July, there would have been no second day’s battle at Gettysburg.”

Gen. Dick Ewell to Major William Goldsborough
July, 1866

“I cannot spare General Edward Johnson.”

Gen. Robert E. Lee
April 28, 1864

“I could see Gen. Johnson with his cane, striking at the enemy as they leaped over the works, and a sputtering fire swept up and down our line, many guns being damp. I found myself ...in the midst of foes, who were rushing around me, with confusion and a general melee in full blast. I also saw General Johnson with his cane striking in the crowd and warding bayonets.”

Major Robert Hunter
Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse
Mule Shoe Salient, May 12, 1864

“I saw a fine-looking, stout-built officer, clad in a long, gray military overcoat, rush on foot into the Horse Shoe Salient, where General Hancock was making his terrific onslaught, and his men pouring into our works on all sides. As the officer would catch hold of and push away the bayonets of the storming enemy, I heard him repeatedly shout, ‘Don’t shoot my men!’

Unknown Confederate, outside Johnson’s Acquaintance,
Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse
Mule Shoe Salient, May 12, 1864

“He was sandy-haired and whiskered. Had on a very shabby brown felt hat and an overcoat. I met him close to the guns imploring [us] ‘to stop firing—we have surrendered.’ I said, who are you? He answered ‘General Edward Johnson, do for God’s sake stop this firing on defenseless men.’ I told him the bullets came from his own men, but he pointed to a body coming up in our rear who were firing into us. I succeeded in stopping them...”

Comrade to Captain Nathan Church, 26th Michigan
Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse
Mule Shoe Salient, May 12, 1864

“I am glad to see you, Ned.”

Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock to Gen Ed Johnson upon his
Surrender after the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse

“Under other circumstances, I would be pleased to see you...General Hancock, this is worse than death to me.”

Gen. Ed Johnson to Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock
Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse, June 2, 1864

“Our Division was now commanded by Major Gen. Edward Johnson...under his charge, the Division soon regained its former high character and was again regarded as the first in the Army of Tennessee.”

Brigadier General Arthur M. Manigault
Summer, 1864

“Is there any prospect of the exchange of General Edward Johnson?”

Gen. Robert E. Lee
March 28, 1865



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