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Barnes' Brigade

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SEPTEMBER 2011 MEETING
Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011

The Briar Club
2603 Timmons Lane @ Westheimer
6:00 Cash Bar
7:00 Dinner & Meeting

E-Mail Reservation is Preferred;
at drzuckero@sbcglobal.net
or call **Don Zuckero** at (281) 479-1232
By 6 PM on Monday Sept. 12, 2011
Dinner \$33; Lecture Only \$5

Note: Reservations are required for Lecture Only!

Built in 1832, Schmucker Hall on the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg witnessed the terrible fighting right outside its doors on 1 July 1863 between elements of the First Union Army Corps and the Southern Forces under the command of General A.P. Hill. The structure was used as an observation post by Union Cavalry General John Buford and later served as the largest field hospital in Gettysburg holding 600 wounded men of both sides from July – September 1863.

The HCWRT PRESENTS

Wayne E. Motts
“The Seminary Tower at Gettysburg”



Schmucker Hall 1863 - (Mathew Brady)



Schmucker Hall – Today

Among the wounded men treated in the structure was Robert Powell the colonel of the 5th Texas Infantry at Gettysburg. Schmucker Hall was placed on the national register of historic places in 1974, and is today the home of the Adams County Historical Society <http://www.achs-pa.org/>. It is one of the most famous buildings still standing from the American Civil War and has been featured in many Civil War related publications and documentaries. It was also featured in the 1993 major motion picture Gettysburg.

Wayne E. Motts will be joining us for our first meeting of this campaign. He will be telling us about Gettysburg's Schmucker Hall in Peace and War.



About Wayne E. Motts



Born and raised in central Ohio, Wayne graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.A. in history in 1989. Moving to Gettysburg in 1990, Wayne earned a Masters Degree in American History from the Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania in 1994. He was one of the youngest persons ever to complete the licensing process to be a Licensed Battlefield Guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park. He has guided parties around the famous field for 24 years. He has spoken to a wide range of historical bodies and groups on topics related to the American Civil War including the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. In addition to his speaking engagements, Wayne has published several pieces related to the American Civil War in a variety of publications. He is considered the leading authority in the nation on Southern General Lewis Addison Armistead of Pickett's Charge fame and has published the only biography of the general entitled, *Trust in God and Fear Nothing: Lewis A. Armistead, CSA*. For ten years he was the research historian for renowned Civil War Artist Dale Gallon of Gettysburg where he assisted in the historical research of 40 works of fine art. He was the Senior Research Historian for TravelBrains Corporation and in this capacity researched material to be included in a number of audiovisual products related to the American Civil War. The products produced by his research have been endorsed by the History Channel and have won numerous awards. In 2002, he accepted the position of curator at the Cumberland County Historical Society where he managed a collection of 8,000 artifacts. In 2004, he assumed duties as the collections manager of the Adams County Historical Society in Gettysburg. In 2005, Wayne was named executive director of the Society where he oversees a staff of five and 70 volunteers. Wayne office, and the headquarters of the Society, is located inside Schmucker Hall, one of the most famous standing structures of the American Civil War on the campus of the Lutheran Theological Seminary right in the heart of Gettysburg's first day battle ground. For more on the Society and its' famous home see www.achs-pa.org.

SEPTEMBER QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

In an 1865 letter to Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock, Lt. Arron Jerome described how he was in the steeple of the Theological Seminary with a general observing the confederate advance on July 1, 1863. Up galloped another general with a few of his staff. This general asked the other, *How things were going on*. The officer in the steeple replied: "Let's go see." Within 30 minutes one of the union generals was dead.



Who were these two officers and which one was killed in action at Gettysburg?

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Civil War Conference *Contributed By Joyce Kennerly*

A conference hosted by Victoria College / University of Houston-Victoria Library commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War will take place in Victoria, Texas from Thursday October 20 through Saturday October 22, 2011. Featured speakers will include Carol Taylor, Terry Alford and Richard McCaslin. HCWRT members can get more information about the conference at: <http://www.txcivwarconf.org>.

HCWRT PRESERVATION FUND CONTRIBUTION

By Philip Brown

A proposal was passed at the HCWRT Board Meeting this past July to make a contribution to the Friends of Sabine Pass Battleground in the amount of \$1000.00. To learn more about the Friends of Sabine Pass Battleground our members can go to the Friends of Sabine Pass Battleground webpage which is hosted on the Sons of Confederate Veterans - Conroe Camp website at, <http://www.granburystexasbrigade.org/dispatch/fspb.html>.

HCWRT members may be interested in attending the Dick Dowling Days at the Sabine Pass Battleground event over the weekend of September 10-11, 2011. For more information go to <http://csa.tripod.com/reenactment.html> or http://www.houstoncivilwar.com/misc_docs/FSPB10.pdf.

Also considered for a contribution from our preservation fund was the "Monument Fund" that has been established to erect a Gaines Mill Monument in tribute to Hood's Texas Brigade. To learn more about the Gaines Mill Monument to Hood's Brigade go to <http://www.hoodstexasbrigade.org/>.

SEPTEMBER BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe



I hope everyone had a great summer. I'm sure all of us had a HOT summer and would love to see a little rain.

At any rate our September book raffle begins with a book donated by Charles Mitchell; and it is **BATTLES and LEADERS of the CIVIL WAR** – Edited by Ned Bradford. Next in line is **The AMERICAN HERITAGE Picture History of THE CIVIL WAR** – with Narrative by Bruce Catton. Mrs. Ed Ekholm donated this volume. The color reproductions alone make this volume a Civil War enthusiast's collector's piece. My third pick this month is **SOUTHERN HERO MATTHEW CALBRAITH BUTLER** – *Confederate General, Hampton Red Shirt, and U.S. Senator* by Samuel J. Martin and donated by Dr. Joseph C. Goulding. And for a final volume is **A CIVIL WAR TREASURY of Tales Legends & Folklore** with an introduction and edited by B.A. Botkin. Gary Chandler gave this book.

Members are always encouraged to donate some of their well-read books or a small monetary donation for purchase of books to continue this valuable support to the HCWRT Raffle.

IN MEMORIAM

The Round Table notes the recent passing of Ode Carlisle Jr., who was a longtime HCWRT member. Our prayers are with his family.



Coming Event:

**The Civil War and the Material Culture
of Texas, the Lower South, and the**

Southwest

Contributed By John Barnes

For those not going on our battlefield trip, Bayou Bend, which is part of the Houston Museum of Fine Arts, is holding its biennial David B. Warren Symposium on "The Civil War and the Material Culture of Texas, the Lower South and the Southwest." The symposium runs from Friday, October 28 to Sunday, Oct. 30. The complete agenda is available at <http://www.mfah.org/visit/david-b-warren-symposium/>

In addition to battles, the Civil War impacted American economics, technology, communications and many other aspects of American life. The 2011 David B. Warren Symposium examines how the Civil War affected the material culture of Texas, the Lower South, and the Southwest between 1850 and 1880.

In addition to the lectures, a limited number of participants will be able to sign up for a special Sunday tour that provides insights into the material culture of the Civil War soldier. In the morning, a special group tour of the Houston Museum of Natural Science Civil War exhibition will be followed by a trip to the Nau Civil War Collection. After a light lunch and presentation, guests will be treated to a private tour of the collection.

Cost for the Friday-Saturday itinerary is \$30 if you are an MFAH member, \$35 for nonmembers, and \$20 for students. Register by October 7 to receive a \$5 discount. Price includes a box lunch on Saturday. Sunday's day trip is \$45. Call (713) 639-7759 if you have questions, or email, <mailto:bayoubend@mfah.org>.

Bayou Bend is one of Houston's great treasures and is renowned for its superb collection of American decorative arts and paintings. The symposium is named in honor of Bayou Bend's founding director emeritus, David B. Warren. Hired by Miss Ima Hogg in 1965 as the first curator of Bayou Bend, Mr. Warren was named Bayou Bend's first director in 1987.

HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 2011 - 2012 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN

Sep 16, 2011 Wayne Motts - *"The Seminary Tower at Gettysburg"*

Oct 20, 2011 Jim Robbins - *"Last in Their Class: Custer, Pickett and the Goats of West Point"*

Nov 17, 2011 Amanda Foreman - *"Britain and the Civil War"*

Dec 15, 2011 Tom Carhart - *"West Point Civil War Rivalries"*

Jan 19, 2012 Ed Bearss - *To Be Announced*

Feb 16, 2012 Stephen Kinnaman - *"The Building of the Alabama"*

Mar 15, 2012 Carol Berkin - *"Civil War Wives"*

Apr 19, 2012 Pat Falci - *"A.P. Hill: Lee's Forgotten General"*

May 17, 2012 Jerry D. Thompson - *"Sibley and the Southwest"*



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