



# General Orders

## *Barnes' Texas Brigade*

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**MARCH 2013 MEETING**  
Thursday, March 21, 2013

The HESS Club  
5430 Westheimer Rd @ Westheimer Way  
6:00 Cash Bar  
7:00 Dinner & Meeting

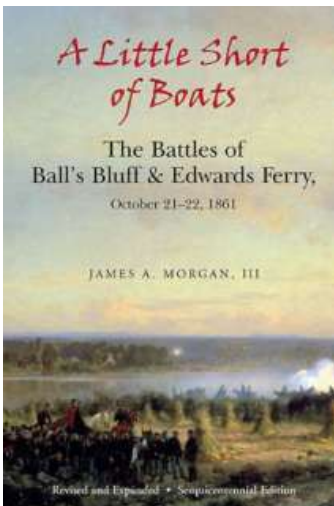
**E-Mail Reservation is Preferred;**  
at [drzuckero@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drzuckero@sbcglobal.net)  
or call Don Zuckero at (281) 479-1232  
by 6 PM on Monday Mar. 18, 2013  
**Dinner \$28; Lecture Only \$10**

**\*\*\* Reservations are Required \*\*\***  
**FOR BOTH DINNER and LECTURE ONLY**

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## THE HCWRT PRESENTS

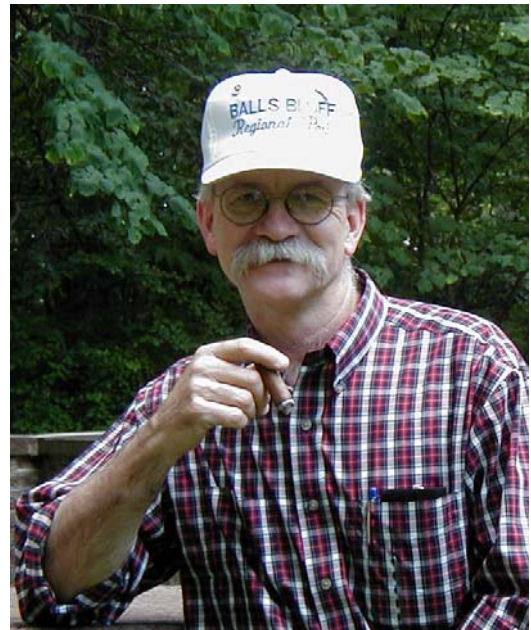
### *"The Battle of Ball's Bluff"* **James Morgan**



The Battle of Ball's Bluff was a small, early war skirmish that captured the attention of northerners and southerners for several months prior to the explosions of spring, 1862. Fought near Leesburg, Virginia, Ball's Bluff was an accident with little purely military significance. But it resulted in the death of a U.S. Senator and the

creation of the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War so its political significance was important and long-lasting. The speaker will discuss the battle and its aftermath.

## About Our Speaker James A. Morgan, III



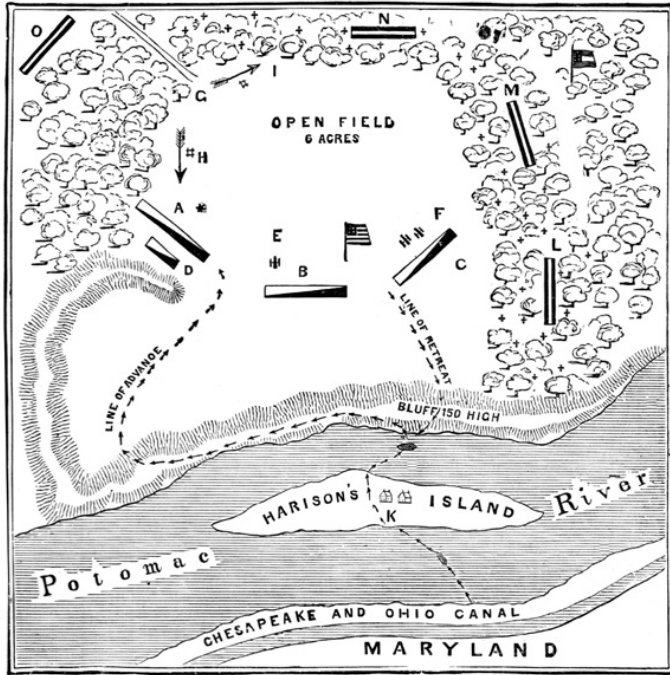
James Morgan

A lifelong Civil War enthusiast, Jim Morgan was born in New Orleans where his family eventually settled after "Morganza," the family home some 40 miles upriver from Baton Rouge, was destroyed during the war. He grew up in Pensacola, Florida, and now lives in Lovettsville, Virginia. His Confederate ancestors served in the Pointe Coupee (La.) Artillery, the 6<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Battery, and the 41<sup>st</sup> Mississippi Infantry.

Jim is a past president of the Loudoun County Civil War Roundtable, a member of the Loudoun County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, chairman of the Friends of Ball's Bluff Battlefield, and a volunteer guide at Ball's Bluff. He serves on the advisory boards of the Mosby Heritage Area Association and the Thomas Balch History and Genealogy Library in Leesburg, Virginia.

As a reenactor he has done both Union and Confederate artillery and infantry impressions with several different units. Some years ago he wrote a brief artillery unit history titled ***Always Ready, Always Willing: A History of Battery M, Second***

**United States Artillery, From Its Organization Through the Civil War.** His tactical study of Ball's Bluff, titled *A Little Short of Boats: the Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21-22, 1861*, originally published in 2004, was re-released in a revised, expanded edition for the sesquicentennial of the battle in 2011 and has been called "the definitive account of Ball's Bluff."



Jim has written for *Civil War Times*, *America's Civil War*, *Blue and Gray*, and *The Artilleryman* among others. His accounts of Ball's Bluff appear on the websites of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority ([www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org)), the Civil War Trust ([www.civilwar.org](http://www.civilwar.org)), and the "Essential Civil War" ([www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com/](http://www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com/)), a project of Virginia Tech's Virginia Center for Civil War Studies.

Jim served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1969-71 and in the Foreign Service from 1980-86 with assignments in Brussels, Belgium and Bucharest, Romania. He holds a master's degree in Political Science from the University of West Florida and a master's in Library Science from Florida State University. He currently works as the Acquisitions Librarian for the State Department's Office of International Information Programs in Washington, D.C.



## MARCH BOOK RAFFLE

*By Donnie Stowe*

For our March, 2013 meeting the HCWRT book raffle begins with *A SOUTHERN ODYSSEY – Travelers in the Antebellum North*, by John Hope Franklin and is donated by Jim Godlove. Next up is *A TASTE for WAR – The Culinary History of the Blue and the Gray* by William C. Davis. The third selection this month is a historical novel by a great writer of war stories – Harold Coyle. The book is *LOOK AWAY* and is another donation from C.R. Featherston. For our fourth selection I've chosen *GRAY FOX – Robert E. Lee and the Civil War* by Burke Davis and donated by Charlie Mitchell. As a fifth and final selection is *HARPER'S PICTORIAL HISTORY of THE CIVIL WAR* by Alfred Guernsey & Henry M. Alden.

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

## MARCH QUIZ

*By Jim Godlove*

Though he was a Senator from the state of Oregon, Col. Edward D. Baker helped raise a brigade that was to be credited to another state. Though most of the soldiers were recruited from Pennsylvania and New York, the unit was not named for either state. This brigade was later renamed the "Philadelphia Brigade" and took the brunt of Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg.



**What was the state name of this brigade at the time of the Battle of Ball's Bluff?**

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Mar 21, 2013 James Morgan - "*The Battle of Ball's Bluff*"

Apr 18, 2013 Peter Mullen - "*Civil War Medicine*"

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