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SEPTEMBER 2013 MEETING
Thursday, Sept. 19, 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
or call Don Zuckero at (281) 479-1232
by 6 PM on Monday Sept 16, 2013
Dinner \$28; Lecture Only \$10

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FOR BOTH DINNER and LECTURE ONLY

THE HCWRT PRESENTS

“Kirby Smith/Richard Taylor” with Jeffery Prushankin

Prushankin scrutinizes the contentious relationship between Trans-Mississippi Department commander Edmund Kirby Smith and his most talented subordinate Louisiana District commander Richard Taylor. Smith was a West Pointer, a professional soldier, and a defensive minded disciple of Joseph E. Johnston. Moreover, Smith owed a debt to Arkansas and Missouri politicians for securing his appointment to command. Taylor, a Louisiana political general, learned the art of war alongside Stonewall Jackson in Virginia and bristled at Smith's judgment, argued against his policies, and eventually disobeyed his orders. Prushankin highlights the war between the generals as the Trans-Mississippi commanders struggled against the Federals on the battlefield while fighting amongst themselves behind the lines.

About Our Speaker Jeffery Prushankin



Jeffery Prushankin, PH.D.

Dr. Jeffery S. Prushankin, Professor in Civil War Era studies at Millersville University, near Lancaster, PA, was awarded a Ph.D. in history from the University of Arkansas in 2000 with a specialization in the War in the Trans-Mississippi. His publications include a study of Confederate military leadership titled *A Crisis in Confederate Command: Edmund Kirby Smith, Richard Taylor, and the Army of the Trans-Mississippi* (LSU Press), an overview of the war in the Trans-Mississippi titled *"They Came to Butcher Our People: The War in the West,"* published in *Struggle for a Vast Future: The American Civil War* (Osprey Press), and *"To Carry off the Glory: Edmund Kirby Smith 1864,"* published in *Confederate Generals in the Trans-Mississippi* (University of Tennessee Press). He has just completed a monograph on the Trans-Mississippi Theater as part of a series published by the United States Center of Military History commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

SEPTEMBER QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

Generals Edmund Kirby Smith and Richard Taylor supposedly co-operated with each other during the Red River Campaign. The turning point of the campaign occurred on April 8, 1864, when Rebel forces routed Bank's Union forces.



What two names were given to this decisive Confederate victory?

2013 FIELD TRIP – STATUS

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen difficulties it now appears that there will be no 2013 October Field Trip.



Call for Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer to serve on a new committee that will organize, plan, and manage our annual HCWRT field trip, please call Nate

Jennings at 713-231-8799 or email him at:

President@HoustonCivilWar.com.



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SEPTEMBER BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe

Hope everyone had a great summer and stayed out of the heat as much as possible. Onward to our raffle for September, 2013. We begin the raffle with **THE GLEAM OF BAYONETS** by James V. Murfin. It is about the battle of Antietam & Robert E. Lee's Maryland Campaign. My thanks to John Newcomb for his donation of this book. Next is **DOUGLAS and LINCOLN** – How a revolutionary black leader and a reluctant Liberator struggled to end Slavery & Save the Union – by Paul Kendrick and Stephen Kendrick.

Our third volume this month is a treasure for us Texans – **TEXAS IN THE WAR 1861-1865**, compiled by Marcus J. Wright, Brig. Gen., C.S.A. and Edited w/ notes by Harold B. Simpson, Col., U.S.A.F. , (Ret.). I was unable to obtain a donor's name for this volume. The fourth and last book this month is **FIFTY MILES and A FIGHT** Edited by Jerry Thompson. This volume is about Major Samuel Peter Heintzelman's Journal of Texas and the Cortina War and is donated by James Godlove.

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.

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October 17, 2013 - John Lundberg - "*Battle of Franklin*"

November 21, 2013 - Michael Bailey - "*1864 Battle of Mobile Bay*"

December 12, 2013 - John Waugh – "*Grant & Lincoln -- City Point to Appomattox*"

January 16, 2014 - Edwin C. Bearss - TBD

February 20, 2014 - Stephen Kinnaman - "*Capt Bullock*"

March 20, 2014 - Gordon Rhea - "*The Overland Campaign*"

April 17, 2014 - Pat Falci - TBD

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