



# General Orders

## *Jennings' Brigade*

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### The HCWRT Presents "The 1864 Battle of Franklin, Tennessee" With John R. Lundberg



*Battle of Franklin, by Kurz and Allison (1891).*

**OCTOBER 2013 MEETING**  
**Thursday, Oct. 17, 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 Oct 14, 2013**  
**Dinner \$28; Lecture Only \$10**

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

On November 30, 1864 the Confederate Army of Tennessee launched a series of disastrous frontal assaults against entrenched Union forces around the town of Franklin, Tennessee. The carnage that ensued staggers the imagination, with seven-thousand rebels, one in three, falling as casualties before the blazing entrenchments. The recriminations for the Confederate disaster at Franklin began almost before the smoke cleared.

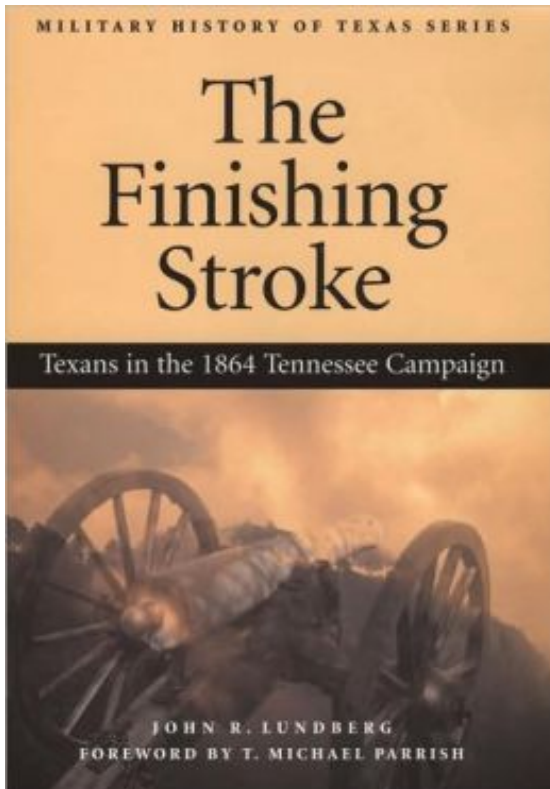
Historians have examined the Battle of Franklin with the assumption that had the outcome been different or had the rebels won the contest, the Civil War might have ended differently, but was that a possibility? Historians have also blamed John Bell Hood for the disaster, but was he responsible? The consciousness of the slaughter at Franklin has lingered in the annals of Civil War history but why? In addition to an account of the battle itself, I will endeavor to answer all of these questions in my presentation.

## About Our Speaker John R. Lundberg



John R. Lundberg, Ph.D.

John R. Lundberg earned his Ph.D. in U.S. History from TCU and is the author of *The Finishing Stroke: Texans in the 1864 Tennessee Campaign*, *Granbury's Texas Brigade: Diehard Western Confederates*, as well as numerous articles on Texas and Civil War history. He is an Associate Professor of History at Tarrant County College and lives in Arlington, Texas.



## OCTOBER QUIZ

*By Jim Godlove*

150 years ago this month, the regiments that would eventually comprise Granbury's Texas Brigade were recovering from the Battle of Chickamauga. During that battle, the brigadier general in command of most of these units was instantly killed when stuck in the chest by an artillery shell.



**Who was this Alabaman who had graduated from West point in 1854?**

## 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](mailto:President@HoustonCivilWar.com).

## CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Please help us in keeping the membership informed. As the celebration of 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War continues there will be many events that commemorate the great conflict. You can send information pertaining to anything related to these events to:

[NewsLetter@HoustonCivilWar.com](mailto:NewsLetter@HoustonCivilWar.com).

## OCTOBER BOOK RAFFLE

*By Donnie Stowe*



Hope everyone had a great time out at the Hess Club for our first meeting this year. Onward to our raffle for our meeting in October. We begin with **ROADS to ANTIETAM** by John W. Schildt. We need to thank Joe Goulding for this volume. The second book for this month is **AMERICAN BATTLEFIELDS** by Hubbard Cobb. This book is a complete guide to the Civil War conflicts in words, maps & photos and comes to us from Ron Featherston. The third book this month is also from Ron – **SOUTH OF APPOMATTOX** by Nash K. Burger and John K. Bettersworth. Our final selection is **IN THE HANDS OF PROVIDENCE – Joshua L. Chamberlain & the AMERICAN CIVIL WAR** by Alice Rains Trulock. This book comes from Norm Lewis. As a special treat ( not a trick – Halloween), I'm also raffling a Civil War novel – **MANSE** by Wilton Earle. In this book the author creates a powerful literary interpretation of a complex man and the forces – both internal and external that drives him.

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.

## LETTERS TO THE BRIGADE

To The HCWRT Membership:

My advancing age has many blessings but it prevents my attendance at the meetings and I reluctantly will not be renewing my membership. I have enjoyed the meetings, meals, and especially the members and I have been impressed by the quality and the balance of the speakers, all making a pleasant experience.

With my best regards,

Howard "Pat" Patton."

## POET'S CORNER

### **To the Survivors of Hood's Brigade**

*By Judge Mijamin Priest*

Brave men, the remnant of a host,  
Who fought through fire and blood,  
Until the last, last hope was lost,  
Firm to the lost cause stood.

Though beaten, yet the future age,  
Will not forget your story,  
You'll dazzle the historic page,  
With deeds of martial glory.

As long as shines the Southern sun,  
Your deeds will be remembered,  
Yes, till what has been thus begun,  
This government dismembered.

The government may pass away,  
As others have before it,  
And others live to see the day,  
Look back, and still adore it.

But your brave deeds will never die,  
Will live while nations perish,  
Both friends and foes alike will vie,  
Your gallantry to cherish.



## 2013 - 2014 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

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

May 15, 2014 - Edward Bonekemper - "*Lincoln & Grant*"

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