



# General Orders

## *Jennings' Brigade*

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**JANUARY 2014 MEETING**  
Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014

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 Jan 13, 2014  
Dinner \$28; Lecture Only \$10

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

## About Mr. Bearss



Mr. Ed Bearss

## The HCWRT Presents Ed Bearss considering:

### "Did the Confederate States really have any hope of winning the war?"

As the South was so eager to fire on Ft Sumter in April, 1861, there appears in hindsight a number of issues that should have been more adequately addressed by the new Confederate government in Richmond before hostilities were begun. Mr. Bearss will address some of the issues that if handled differently, might have had an effect on a more positive outcome for the South in what became a disastrous course to try to achieve Southern independence.



Mr. Bearss is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of WWII, a military historian and author especially respected for his work on the Civil War. A much sought-after tour guide of historic battlefields,

Ed served as Chief Historian of the National Park Service from 1981 to 1994 and provided commentary for The Civil War, PBS Series by Ken Burns and also for Civil War Journal on The History Channel.

Ed is a native of Billings, Montana and grew up on a ranch several miles away from the nearest neighbor. His father introduced him to a John Thomason book on Confederate cavalryman Jeb Stuart when he was a young teenager, and from then on Ed was captivated by the study of the Civil War.

After leaving the Marine Corps, Ed completed his undergraduate education at Georgetown and his graduate work at the University of Indiana. While with the NPS, Ed performed important work in Vicksburg when he and several colleagues pinpointed the location of the long lost Union gunboat USS Cairo and also for identifying two forgotten forts at Grand Gulf, Mississippi.

A forty-one year veteran of the NPS, Ed, serving with distinction as Chief Historian, developed an impressive assortment of new parks, among them Pea Ridge and Wilson's Creek. In addition, he made

important contributions to the development of sites at Bighorn Canyon, Fort Moultrie, the Eisenhower Farm at Gettysburg, Fort Donelson, the Lyndon B. Johnson Ranch, and the gold miners' route over Chilkoot Pass, among others.

It is as a personal interpreter and contemporary tour guide that Ed to most Americans is best known today. His booming voice, colorful dialogue, boundless energy and above all, unlimited enthusiasm for his subject never fail to captivate and inspire his listeners.

## JANUARY QUIZ

*By Jim Godlove*

The "high tide of the Confederacy" is often used to describe the Confederate attack on the third day of Gettysburg. This supposedly was when the South came closest to winning the war. Of the three brigadier generals in Pickett's division, only one survived the charge: and, he lost a leg.



Who was this future Virginia governor?

## WANTED! FIELD TRIP ORGANIZER

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).

## HESS PARKING SECURITY

Due to the need for increased security of the lower level parking area at the HESS bldg, you must now push a button on the card reader at the entrance to the lower level to ask the security person to allow you to enter.

## JANUARY BOOK RAFFLE

*By Donnie Stowe*

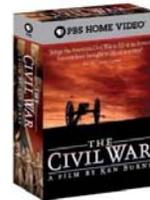


I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year holiday. For our January meeting the HCWRT book raffle has received a generous donation by the publisher – St. Martin's Press; **GLORIOUS WAR** by Thom Hatch. For decades, historians have looked at Custer strictly through the lens of his death at Little Big Horn, casting him as a failure. While some say the events of that battle illustrate the worst of America's bloody westward expansion, this view unjustly eclipses Custer's other outstanding achievements and incredible service to his country. This biography of thundering cannons, pounding hooves, and stunning successes tells the true story of the origins of one of history's most dynamic and misunderstood figures. Award winning historian Thom Hatch reexamines Custer's early career to rebalance the scales and show why Custer's epic fall could never have happened without the spectacular rise that made him an American legend.

With that lengthy note I will try to be brief on the other volumes in this month's raffle. Second in line is **THE FIERY TRIAL- Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery** by Eric Foner and is donated by James Godlove. Our third selection is **THEY MET AT GETTYSBURG** by Edward J. Stackpole and donated by C. R. Featherston. Next in line is **THE DEEP WATERS OF THE PROUD – Volume 1 The Imperiled Union: 1861-1865** by William C. Davis and is a donation by Neil Weaver.

In addition to the above volumes I am also going to offer an assortment of volumes of a somewhat lesser quality. These books will be sold on a first come, first serve basis at \$2.00 each.

## SPECIAL DVD RAFFLE



We will have a special raffle of a mint set of Ken Burns' Civil War DVDs in addition to the regular book raffle at the January meeting.

Tickets for the special raffle will be \$5 each.

## \$ MEMBERSHIP DUES \$

If you are not current on your membership dues, please pay them soon as The HCWRT is very dependent on your dues.

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## THE HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 2013 - 2014 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

January 16, 2014 - Edwin C. Bearss – *“Did the Confederate States really have any hope of winning the war?”*

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

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

April 17, 2014 - Pat Falci – *“Up came A.P. Hill - Cedar Mountain to Antietam”*

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

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