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FEBRUARY 2015 MEETING
Thursday, February 19, 2015

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

E-Mail Reservation is Preferred;
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by 6 PM on Monday Feb 16, 2015
Dinner \$30; Lecture Only \$10

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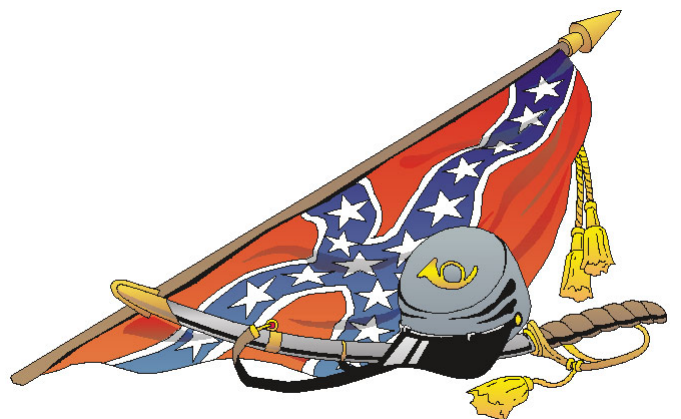
The HCWRT Presents
Keith Bohannon
Speaking on:

“The Battle of Chickamauga”

The topic of Keith's lecture will be the battle of Chickamauga, the second bloodiest engagement of the Civil War and the only major battlefield victory won by the Confederate Army of Tennessee. The campaign actually began in late June 1863 when Union General Williams S. Rosecrans advanced from the vicinity of Murfreesboro, Tennessee against the Confederate Army of Tennessee under General Braxton Bragg. Rosecrans's goal for the campaign was to capture the important rail junction of Chattanooga, Tennessee. During what is often referred to as the Tullahoma Campaign, Rosecrans and his Army of the Cumberland flanked Bragg's army out of middle Tennessee, crossed the Tennessee River and captured Chattanooga. After retreating into northwest Georgia, Bragg received considerable

reinforcements, including two divisions under General James Longstreet sent from Virginia. Bragg then developed a battle plan to cross Chickamauga Creek and interpose his troops between the Federal Army and Chattanooga to the north. The subsequent battle of Chickamauga occurred over the course of three days, the decisive phase occurring on September 20, 1863. On the morning of the 20th, General Longstreet launched a massive attack that broke through a gap in the center of the Union line that had been created by confusing orders sent from Rosecrans to subordinates. The subsequent rout swept much of the Union Army, including its commander, from the field. While the battle ruined the reputation of Rosecrans, it enhanced the reputation of his subordinate General George H. Thomas who led a gallant defense of an elevated position that became known as Snodgrass Hill.

Rosecrans lost more than 16,000 men killed, wounded, and captured at Chickamauga, while Bragg's army sustained more than 18,000 total casualties. While the battle was a Confederate victory, Rosecrans achieved his objective for the campaign, which was the capture of Chattanooga.



About Dr. Bohannon



Dr. Keith Bohannon

Keith Bohannon is a professor of history at the University of West Georgia. He received his master's degree from the University of West Georgia, where he studied under Emory Thomas. He received his PhD from Pennsylvania State University where he worked with Gary Gallagher and Mark Neely. Keith is the author of numerous essays in the University of North Carolina's Military Campaigns of the Civil War Series and co-editor with Randall Allen of *A Georgian with Old Stonewall* (Louisiana State University Press, 1998). He helped research and write the text for many of the exhibits in the Chickamauga National Military Park Visitor Center and gives frequent tours of the battlefield there. His current research projects include a study of the destruction of Confederate Army records during the Appomattox Campaign, revising his doctoral dissertation for publication, and writing a biography of John Bell Hood. Keith lives in Carrollton, Georgia, with his wife, three children, and an eight-pound dog named Sadie

FEBRUARY BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe



This month the raffle begins with **BLACK CONFEDERATES and AFRO-YANKEES IN THE CIVIL WAR** by Erwin L. Jordan, Jr. and is a donation by Linda Christ and the Rice University's library. **SIX YEARS OF HELL-Harpers Ferry During the Civil War** by Chester G. Hearn is

our second book and also thanks to Linda for this one as well. Our third selection is **THE CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELD GUIDE (Second Edition)** edited by Frances H. Kennedy. Coming in at # 4 this month is **THE CONFEDERACY'S GREATEST CAVALRYMAN – Nathan Bedford Forrest** by our good friend and future tour guide – Brian Steel Wills. This is, of course a rewrite of **A Battle from the Start** and is a donation from Neil Weaver. A bonus book this month is **FIRE WITHIN- a Civil War Narrative from Wisconsin** by Kerry A. Trask.

Thanks to all the members who brought books to donate to our raffle in January. Please continue support to the HCWRT by donating a book of Civil War interest that you would recommend to your fellow enthusiasts. Magazines, such as *North and South*, *Civil War Times*, etc. would also be appreciated.

FEBRUARY QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

"Tell Pa good-by. I did my duty. I died at my post." said a mortally wounded lieutenant of the 2nd South Carolina during the Battle of Chickamauga.

Just nine months earlier at the Battle of Fredericksburg this gallant rebel had been a sergeant defending the stone wall on Marye's Heights. There he had asked for permission from Gen. Kershaw to bring water to the Union wounded.

"Don't you know that you would get a bullet through your head the moment you stepped over the wall." Kershaw replied.

"I am willing to try it." said the 20 year old. Getting permission, he gathered several canteens and proceed to give water to Union wounded in front of the stone wall.



Who was the "Angel of Marye's Heights" killed at Chickamauga?

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Mar. 19, 2015 - Dr. Sally Anne Schmidt – *“The Nau Civil War Collection”*

Apr. 16, 2015 - Gordon Rhea – *“Grant's Overland Campaign - 1864”*

May 21, 2015 - Eric Jacobson – *“Baptism of Fire - in the Federal Lines at Franklin”*

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