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NOVEMBER 2015 MEETING
Thursday, November 19, 2015

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 Nov 16, 2015
Dinner \$30; Lecture Only \$10

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

The HCWRT Presents
Rick Eiserman
Answering the Question:

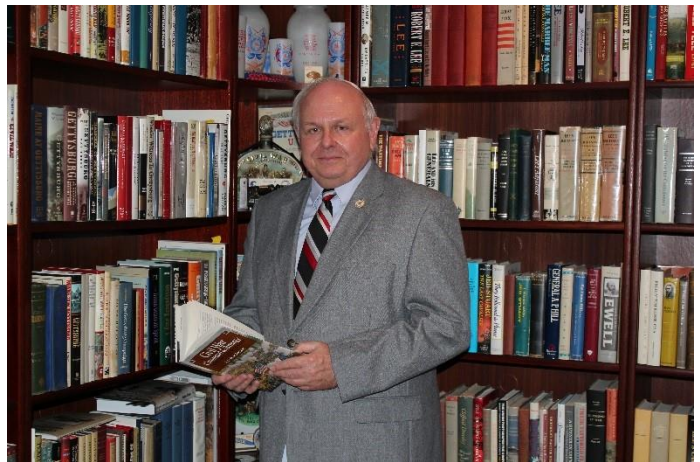
***Will the Real PVT Joe Joskins
Please Step Forward?***

Have you ever been quietly reading one of your Civil War books or magazines when suddenly a person's name or a place or an event caught your eye? Questions came to mind and for some reason, you wanted- you needed- to know a little more. Whether that search for more information takes just a few minutes or many months, the excitement, as well as the frustrations, can take you down many roads. And once you start, you never know how long that road is, or how many twists and turns are along the way.

PVT Joe Joskins, Co. A, 5th Texas Infantry, left behind a rich and insightful account of his Civil War experiences. Wounded six times in the battles between Gaines Mill and Darbytown

Road, he is frequently quoted in numerous books, such as John Hennessy's Return to Bull Run, Gordon Rhea's Spotsylvania, and Dick Sommers's Richmond Redeemed. But who was Joe Joskins? A simple desire to learn more about the soldier behind that account began a long search filled with twists and turns, surprises, frustrations and even a little excitement. The Houston Civil War Round Table welcomes Rick Eiserman to tell the surprising story behind the question Will the Real PVT Joe Joskins (Co. A, 5th TX) Please Step Forward?

About Rick Eiserman



Rick Eiserman is a long-time Civil War buff and collector with a special interest in the history of Hood's Texas Brigade. During a 20-year U.S. Army career, Lieutenant Colonel Eiserman served in various air defense command and staff positions in Europe, Korea and the U.S., as well as assignments as a military historian/instructor at both the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. He has led a number of battlefield tours and staff rides, presented to numerous Round Tables and seminars, and written articles for a variety of publications, including his article We Have Had a Picture Taken, and a co-authored article with Dr. Susannah Ural, The Winter that Made the Texas

Brigade+, both of which appeared in the August, 2011 Civil War Times. He is currently editing the manuscript of PVT Joe Joskins, for publication.

Rick holds a Bachelor of Arts in Teaching degree with a major in history from Sam Houston State University, a Masters of Education from the University of Texas, and a Military Masters of Arts and Science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He and his wife Carmen are enjoying retirement in Carlisle, PA.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Gary Chandler



Gary Chandler and The Locomotive "General", Kennesaw, GA

NOVEMBER QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

As we heard from Dick Sommers in September, the last Brigadier General to command Hood's Texas Brigade was killed on October 7, 1864, in fighting on the Darbytown Road. Earlier, this officer had been in command of a Texas and Tennessee brigade in Bragg's Army. He was badly wounded in the neck during one battle. Ironically, soldiers of the Texas Brigade rescued him.



Who was this former Texas judge and in what battle was he wounded?

Silent Auction - Jan. 21, 2016

Our **Silent Auction** is coming up at the **January 21st** meeting with Ed Bearss as speaker. We ask HCWRT members to donate Civil War-related items, including cups, pictures, prints, or other items of interest. You can give them to either **Don Zuckero** or **Jim Godlove, Co-Chairs**, at the November or December HCWRT meetings.

Dear HCWRT Members:

This month, **we welcome Rick Eiserman** as our speaker, who will recount discovery and the story of Texas combat soldier, PVT Joe Joskins.

HCWRT Field Trippers+ returned November 2nd from our **tour of the Atlanta Campaign**. I am pleased that this was my fifteenth HCWRT Fall Field Trip. As always, this was an outstanding experience . this time to follow the pathways, maneuvers, operations, and battles of the armies starting from below Chattanooga, TN southward to Atlanta, GA. This dramatic campaign involved more than 160,000 troops, incurred over 60,000 casualties, covered over 100 miles in distance, and took four months in spring and summer of 1864. Our group gained a new appreciation for the complexities of the campaign, and enjoyed the sites, fellowship, and favorable weather (though the storms came on our final day). Speaking of appreciation, **our special thanks go out to Barry Brueggeman** for the wonderful job he did to plan and manage this tour. No members have been on more HCWRT tours than **Barry and Cheryl Brueggeman** over recent decades, and Barry has coordinated and managed many of those tours. Barry's report on our trip follows.

Our **December 10th speaker, Andrew Hall**, will bring us back to Texas with his talk, **Civil War Blockade Running on the Texas Coast+**

2015 Field Trip:
“On the Doorstep to Atlanta”
By Barry Brueggeman

The Houston Civil War Round Table just completed its five-day annual field trip covering Sherman’s march to Atlanta. **Brian S. Wills**, Professor of History and Director of the Civil War Center of Kennesaw State University, and **Charlie Crawford**, President of the Georgia Battlefields Association, were our tour guides. Brian began our tour the day we arrived in Kennesaw with a tour of the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History. The museum contains the famous railroad engine The General, and the museum and a nearby outdoor display present excellent interpretations of the famous Andrews Raid (aka “The Great Locomotive Chase”).

Peachtree Creek. We also had a brief tour of the Civil War section of the Atlanta History Center before catching our return flights. If you had gone with us, you would now understand the term “Shoupade”. Besides wonderful interpretations of Civil War history, we also enjoyed the beautiful north Georgia scenery, barbeque, and other fine cuisine.



The Civil War Railroad “bed”, Allatoona, GA



*Chandler’s Texas Brigade
at The Confederate Cemetery, Resaca, GA*

The following day we began the Atlanta Campaign at the beginning at Ringgold Gap near the Tennessee border. We then followed the campaign with Brian over the next three days through Rocky Face Ridge, Dalton, Dug Gap, Snake Creek Gap, Resaca, Kingston, Cassville, Allatoona, Pickett’s Mill, New Hope Church, Dallas, Pine Mountain, Gilgal Church, Kolb’s Farm, and the Kennesaw Mountain Line battles of Pigeon and Cheatham Hills. The view from Kennesaw Mountain is spectacular! Charlie continued the tour on our last day with the Smyrna and Chattahoochee Lines and the Battle of

NOVEMBER BOOK RAFFLE
By Donnie Stowe



For our November meeting the HCWRT book raffle begins with **ANTIETAM – The Photographic Legacy of America’s Bloodiest Day**, by William A. Frassanto and is a donation from Dr. Joseph C. Goulding. It is also including

another book from Dr. Joe’s collection: **BRECKINRIDGE – Statesman, Soldier, Symbol** by Willard C. Davis. The third selection this month is **FREDERICKSBURG! FREDERICKSBURG!** by George C. Rable and is donated by Jim Godlove. Our fourth selection is **REMINISCENCES of the 41ST TENNESSEE – The Civil War in the West** edited by, John A. Simpson. Number five, is **VICKSBURG 47 DAYS OF SIEGE – May 18- July 4, 1863**, by A.A. Hoehling & the Editors of Army Times Publishing Company.

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.

THE HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 2015 - 2016 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

- Nov. 19, 2015 - Rick Eiserman – *“Will the Real Private Joe Joskins Please Step Forward?”*
- Dec. 10, 2015 - Andrew Hall – *“Civil War Blockade Running on the Texas Coast”*
- Jan. 21, 2016 - Edwin C. Bearss – *“The Kentucky Campaign and the Battle of Perryville”*
- Feb. 18, 2016 - Charles Grear – *“In Defense of My Native State—Why Texans Fought”*
- Mar. 17, 2016 - Gary Joiner – *“Union Naval Operations in the Red River Campaign”*
- Apr. 21, 2016 - Caroline Janney – *“Remembering the Civil War: Reunion and the Limits of Reconciliation”*
- May 19, 2016 - Stephen M. Sam Hood – *“The Lost Papers of General John Bell Hood”*

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