



General Orders

Godlove's Brigade

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MAY, 2018 MEETING
Thursday, May 17, 2018

The HESS Club
5430 Westheimer Rd @ Westheimer Way
6:00 Cash Bar
6:45 Dinner & Meeting
7:30 Program Begins

E-mail Reservation is Preferred;
E-mail Don Zuckero at drzuckero@sbcglobal.net,
or call (281) 479-1232 by 6 pm Monday, May 14,
2018

Dinner \$32; Lecture Only \$10

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

The HCWRT Presents 2018
Vandiver Award Recipient
David E. Roth Speaking On:

***“Behind the Scenes at
Blue & Gray Magazine”***

David Roth, the founder/publisher of *Blue & Gray* magazine, will discuss the founding of his publication by him and his late wife Robin in 1983. He will provide some background information on the magazine's founders, and how his interest in the Civil War and historical publishing developed. Mr. Roth will also touch on how the magazine evolved over the years, how an issue was put together, successes he achieved and the various challenges faced.

Additionally, the subject would not be complete without mentioning interesting individuals and places encountered over more

than a third of a century of publishing, favorite issues and memorable incidents, and the state of Civil War history today.

About David E. Roth

David Roth was born in Martins Ferry, Ohio. He graduated from Ohio University in 1974 with a degree in accounting, and later passed his CPA exam. Roth went on to establish *Blue & Gray* magazine in 1983 with his wife, Robin. The first issue, which focused on Harper's Ferry, came out on July 21st of that year – the anniversary of First Manassas. Since then, he went on to publish 198 issues over a 34-year span before discontinuing publication last year.



David E. Roth

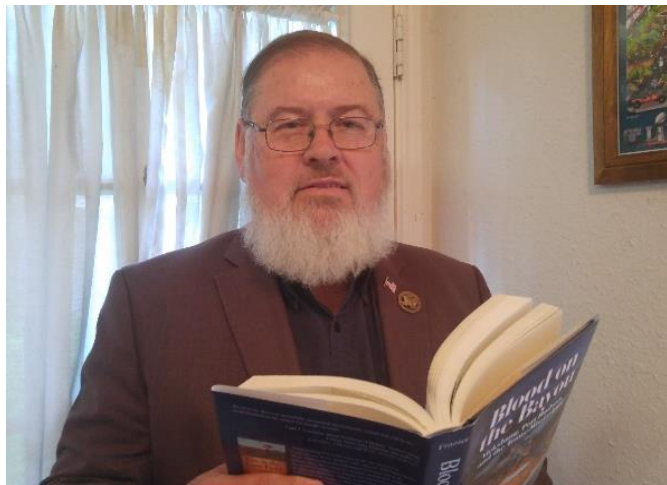
For over three decades, Roth produced the “go-to” magazine for people who love to tour battlefields. Each issue focused on a specific engagement, and contained an in-depth feature,

citations, an extensive tour section, original maps, and many photographs. *Blue & Gray* has been distinctive in its promotion of immersive experiences out in the field.

The magazine originated from Roth's hobby as a Civil War enthusiast. During the course of *Blue & Gray's* run, several prominent Civil War authors and historians appeared in its pages.

Mr. Roth is the author of *The Illustrated History of the Civil War 1861 – 1865* (1992) As announced in our April newsletter, we will proudly present the **2018 Frank E. Vandiver Award of Merit** to David Roth at our May meeting. This recognition follows the one bestowed on him last year by Emerging Civil War, the Emerging Civil War Award for Service in Civil War Public History. This award recognizes the work of an individual or organization that has made a significant impact on the field of public history in a way that better helps the general public connect with America's defining event.

Mr. Roth currently resides in Columbus, Ohio. He is the co-founder of the Central Ohio Civil War Round Table and a dedicated Civil War battlefield preservationist.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *By Jim Godlove*

This is my last article as your Brigade Commander. Unlike many of the Civil War campaigns we have studied, this campaign has been most enjoyable. Your Round Table has hosted and will continue to host some of the most

exciting and entertaining historians and speakers of the era.

The excellence of our Round Table is due to many hard-working members. My thanks go out to all of them. Special thanks go out to Michael Harrington, our next president; Bobby Dover, our next vice-president; Roland Bienvenu, newsletter editor; Barry and Cheryl Brueggeman, treasurer and meeting hosts; Don Zuckero, director and reservation chair; Scott Wilkey, membership chair; Donnie Stowe, book raffle chair; new director Gene Boisabun; Philip Brown, Webmaster; and immediate past president, Marsha Franty. A special mention goes out to Gary Chandler (past president) who works so hard behind the scene. Apologies to anyone I may have missed.

Furthermore, thanks go out to all of our members who come to the meetings and take an active part. Our speakers appreciate your interest and participation.

We unfortunately lost one of our directors in the passing of Norm Lewis. A WWII vet, Norm was an invaluable asset. Donnie Stowe notified me that Norm donated his vast Civil War library to the Round Table. We will miss you, Norm!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT *By Scott Wilkey*

When speaking to members and guests at our meetings, the question is inevitably asked "how did you become interested in the Civil War?" For me personally, my answer is similar to several others: my father's interest as an amateur historian obligated me to journey along on his frequent excursions to our nation's battlefields.

As my own interest in this hobby grew, and our stacks of Civil War periodicals at home grew exponentially, one of the journals I couldn't wait to receive every other month was *Blue & Gray Magazine*. Not only were the articles within filled with a "who's who" of authors, historians, preservationists, and scholars - the founder and editor, Dave Roth, created masterful and comprehensive tours of the battlefields I would journey to and walk for hours upon hours.

These "General's Tours" often became an exercise in testing the patience of my family as I

would drive countless miles in search of all the places listed in each driving tour, searching for that elusive site where I could confidently say that few had visited before.

In 2017, I was deeply saddened to learn that *Blue & Gray Magazine* was ceasing publication after a 34-year (!!!) run, where it became (in my opinion) the finest magazine ever written on the subject. It is only fitting that we honor Mr. David E. Roth at our May meeting as our annual Frank E. Vandiver Award of Merit recipient for his tireless work on his magazine. His contribution to the study and preservation of the American Civil War will never be forgotten and I know our membership is thrilled with anticipation in listening to his presentation, "Behind the Scenes at *Blue & Gray Magazine*." We hope to see a large crowd as we bestow this worthy honor upon Mr. Roth.

As I write this, I'm combing through the enormous stack of B&G I've collected over the years to ensure my upcoming Civil War excursion is jam-packed with the important sites to see. As their pages became worn with time and as constant reference pieces, Dave Roth's work will live on for a new generation to discover these hallowed and sacred grounds. Thank You!

BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe

As most of you know, this will be our last raffle for this campaign before our summer break, but I hope it will be our best raffle this year. I start it off with **AFTER GETTYSBURG** written by Robert J. Trout and tells of the cavalry operations in the Eastern Theater. The second book is **THE COMING FURY** by Bruce Catton. This is volume one of his Centennial History of the Civil War. Next up is **ECHOES OF GLORY – Illustrated Atlas of the Civil War** by the Editors of Time-Life Books. A fourth book for this end of campaign raffle is **POEMS and SONGS of the CIVIL WAR** edited by Lois Hill. This volume contains the poem by



Walt Whitman to Abe Lincoln –O CAPTAIN! MY CAPTAIN! The last selection is the two volume,

softcover edition of **THE RISE AND FALL OF THE CONFEDERATE GOVERNMENT** by Jefferson Davis.



I wish to continue my thanks and praise to all you members bringing in these marvelous volumes to share with us each meeting. Please keep the HCWRT in mind when you do some of your Spring cleaning and donate a well-read book or magazine for our raffles.

MAY QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

Q. The *Blue & Gray* magazine's "General's Tour" of this battlefield would include such landmarks as the West Woods, the Cornfield, and the Bloody Lane.



Name that battle

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By Marsha Franty

On behalf of this year's Nominating Committee, and with gratitude for the assistance of Roland Bienvenu and Ben Ramsey, I would like to present the following slate of Officers and Board Members for the 2018-2019 campaign:

President: Mike Harrington
Vice-President: Bobby Dover

Secretary: John Stevens
Treasurer: Barry Brueggeman
Directors: Keith Altavilla
Roland Bienvenu
Gene Boisaubin
Don Zuckero

Immed. Past Pres: Jim Godlove

Pursuant to our Bylaws, this slate is published here in our May newsletter and will be voted on at our meeting in May.

HELP WANTED

After 15 years of dedicated service to our Round Table, Don Zuckero will be retiring in May from his role of handling reservations for our monthly meetings. **If our Round Table is to continue, we need a volunteer to step up and agree to succeed Don in this capacity, beginning with our meeting in September 2018.**

Here's a summary of the duties of this vital position:

1. Collect emails from members who indicate they'll attend the next meeting (only a very few members phone in their expected attendance).
2. Check with the Round Table officer in charge of contacting the speaker to see if the speaker has made any special request – i.e., screen, mobile microphone, a table for their books.
3. Turn in via telephone the number of expected attendees at the meeting to the contact at the HESS Club by noon on the Tuesday prior to the Thursday meeting, including requesting a screen for the speaker if needed or any other requirements.
4. Email the name of the expected attendees at the next meeting to the treasurer, president, and membership chairman on Wednesday prior to the meeting.

As you can see, the job involves only a few hours of work per month, mostly in the week preceding our monthly meeting and in the week of the meeting itself. Anybody interested in taking on this role should contact one of the

officers or directors of the Round Table, preferably by June 1.

Additionally, we are seeking someone to assume the role of **Newsletter Editor** for the coming campaign. The position entails putting together ten newsletters during the campaign and uploading them to our website. Interested parties should see Roland Bienvenu or contact him via e-mail at hrkingfish@aol.com.

The HCWRT would be delighted to find a position within our organization for any member who aspires to play a more active role. If this describes you, please feel free to speak to any of our officers or directors. We will welcome you aboard!



SPECIAL GUIDED MUSEUM TOUR AT MANSFIELD STATE HISTORIC SITE

The Mansfield State Historic Site museum houses many rare and unique artifacts from the Civil War period. At 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, park staff will conduct a special guided tour of the battlefield museum that goes beyond the display text cards. Little-known facts and inside stories on the museum's artifacts, including rare uniforms, soldiers' letters and personal effects, Civil War weaponry and more will be revealed.

Mansfield State Historic Site is located on LA Hwy. 175, three miles south of Mansfield. Admission is \$4 per person ages 4-61; seniors 62 and over and children 3 and under are admitted free. For more information, call (318) 872-1474 or (888) 677-.6267, or visit www.LaStateParks.com.



HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Houston Civil War Round Table is dedicated to the study of the civilian, military, and cultural aspects of United States history during the period of 1861 – 1865 and to the preservation of historical sites and artifacts. For additional copies of this form please go to www.HoustonCivilWar.com

Membership Type

(CHECK ONE BOX ONLY.)

- \$50 – Individual
- \$60 – Family
- \$25 – Student/Faculty or Out-of-Town
- Existing Member - Address / Information Update Only

JOINING BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND MAY 31

NON-RENEWING members joining in the months of January through May will automatically be enrolled as members for the current and following year's speaker series ("campaign").

Name: _____
(FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

Address: _____

City: _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell Home Work

Email Address: _____

In which format would you like to receive your newsletter?

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How did you learn about us? _____

FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ONLY

Family Member Name: _____
(FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Home Work

Email Address: _____

Note: For memberships or subscriptions outside the U.S., extra cost of postage to mail the newsletter may be added. Cost will vary; please write or email to inquire.

Mail your completed application and dues to: Houston Civil War Round Table
C/O Barry G. Brueggeman
3706 Lonnie Wood Drive
Houston, TX 77059

THE HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 2017 - 2018 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

May 17, 2018 David Roth, 2018 Vandiver Award Recipient – *“Behind the Scenes at Blue & Gray Magazine”*

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Sept. 20, 2018 Susannah Ural: *“Hood’s Texas Brigade: The Soldiers and Families of the Confederacy’s Most Celebrated Unit”*

Oct. 18, 2018 Peter Carmichael: *“War for the Common Soldier”*

Nov. 15, 2018 Stephen Davis: *“General John B. Hood’s Efforts to Defend Atlanta, July 18 – Sept. 2, 1864”*

Dec. 13, 2018 Kevin Weddle: *“Samuel Francis Dupont – Lincoln’s Tragic Admiral”*

Jan. 17, 2019 Edwin C. Bearss: *“Brice’s Crossroads and Tupelo – Summer 1864”*

Feb. 21, 2019 Catherine Clinton: *“Stepdaughters of History: Southern Women and the Civil War”*

Mar. 21, 2019 Frederick Adolphus: *“The Equine Factor: Harnessing Horse Power for Confederate Logistics”*

Apr. 18, 2019 John Fazio: *“Intrepid Mariners”*

May 16, 2019 To Be Determined - holding for 2019 Vandiver Award Recipient

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