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SEPTEMBER, 2019 MEETING
Thursday, September 19, 2019

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

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mike Harrington

At our meeting in May, you re-elected me to serve as president of **our** round table for the upcoming campaign. I say "our" round table because the Houston Civil War Round Table isn't "my" round table; nor is it the other officers' or directors' round table. It's **your** round table, and I once again invite you to join with me and the rest of our leadership to continue the legacy of the Houston Civil War Round Table as an organization that consistently promotes the **nonpartisan** study and discussion of, in the words of our charter, the history, battles, personalities, and significant events of the War Between the States.

In that same spirit, I urge each of you to renew your membership, to attend our monthly meetings regularly and to encourage others to join our round table, especially GenXers or Millennials. Like any organization, our round table could be only one generation removed from extinction.

I also want to encourage each of you to feel free to share your ideas with our officers and directors about how you think we can improve upon the round table experience. Are our meetings too long or too short? Is the monthly trivia quiz worth continuing? Should we resume an annual battlefield tour? You get the idea.



2019 Vandiver Award recipient A. Wilson Greene with HCWRT President Mike Harrington at May meeting

In closing, let me say how excited I am about our speaker line up for the new campaign; I hope you feel likewise. Thanks in large part to the tireless exertions of our programs chair, Gary Chandler, over the nine months beginning in September we will hear from a variety of distinguished speakers covering a diverse host of topics related to the Civil War, beginning with the return of the popular Brian Steel Wills in September. The full line up of our scheduled speakers and their respective topics is listed on

the back on this newsletter, so it doesn't bear repetition by me.

SAVE THE DATE

The Hood's Texas Brigade Association will be holding their 2019 Seminar entitled "Giants of the Texas Confederacy" on November 15 and 16, 2019 at the Texas Civil War Museum in Ft. Worth. We expect to provide details in our September newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Keith Altavilla

I hope your summer has involved keeping cool, and you are ready for another great year of speakers from our round table!

First, a little news from the Membership Committee. We bid a farewell to one of last year's members, Jim Ballard, and a welcome to the newest member, Michael Clennan. I will be heading up the committee, taking over from Scott Wilkey. Scott, though, will continue with us and provide support as communication chair. Walker Agnew and webmaster Philip Brown are also back, and we look forward to helping serve and recruit members.

We've got a great list of speakers lined up for the coming campaign, looking at varied topics including battles, ships, and even dogs. As that first day draws nearer, and the days hopefully get a little cooler, we urge you to renew your membership for the 2019-20 campaign, hopefully even before September (there is a membership application form on the next page). In addition to getting your own copy of the newsletter, your membership dues help the round table continue to bring in great speakers and provide the comradeship in scholarship that we all enjoy at these meetings.

Once you have gotten yourself renewed for the campaign, help us in recruiting as well. Invite a friend (or three) to the next meeting. Encourage the other history buffs in your life to join us in learning about one of the most important periods in American history. All members, old and new, help keep this great organization going

throughout the year, and hopefully for many more to come.

JEFFERSON SYMPOSIUM

The Jefferson Historical Society and Museum will host the 8th Annual Civil War Symposium on Saturday, August 10, 2018 at the Jefferson Convention and Visitors Center, 305 E. Austin Street, Jefferson, Texas. This year's theme will be "Trans-Mississippi Leadership: The Good, Bad and Ugly."

Symposium admission is \$65.00 per adult and \$35.00 per student, including an excellent BBQ lunch buffet. Registrants will also receive free admission to the Jefferson Historical Museum during the weekend. A special speaker's reception on Friday evening, August 9th is available at \$25.00 per person. The symposium also hosts book sellers, relic dealers and original artifact exhibits, in addition to the speakers program. Those who attend once keep returning, so register quickly to reserve your spot! The organizers indicate that this year's raffle grand prize will be a rare and hard to find framed print of Don Troiani's *Lee's Texans*. For additional information, call the Museum at (903) 665-2775 or visit www.jeffersonmuseum.com. For information on events, contact Weldon Nash at wnash@sbcglobal.net.

THIS MONTH IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY

August 5, 1861 – President Lincoln signs the Revenue Act of 1861 into law, creating the first national income tax in American history.

August 10, 1861 – Battle of Wilson's Creek, Missouri

August 9, 1862 – Battle of Cedar Mountain, Virginia

August 28, 1862 – The Battle of Second Manassas (Bull Run) begins at Brawner's Farm

August 5, 1864 – Battle of Mobile Bay, Alabama

August 18, 1964 – Battle of Globe Tavern (Weldon Railroad) Virginia begins



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").

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(FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

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(FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

Relationship to Applicant: _____

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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
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Houston, TX 77059

2019 - 2020 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

Sep. 19, 2019	Brian Steel Wills: <i>“Inglorious Passages: Noncombat Deaths in the American Civil War”</i>
Oct. 17, 2019	Thomas A. Pressly: <i>“Held in the Highest Esteem by All”</i>
Nov. 21, 2019	Dennis Frye: <i>“Antietam Shadows: Mystery, Myth & Machination”</i>
Dec. 12, 2019	Michael Parrish: <i>“The Vital Importance of Texas in the Civil War”</i>
Jan. 16, 2020	Don Frazier: <i>“The Houston Campaign, 1863”</i>
Feb. 20, 2020	Scott C. Patchan: <i>“Second Manassas: Longstreet’s Attack”</i>
Mar. 19, 2020	Stephen Kinnaman: <i>“Merrimack: Biography of a Steam Frigate”</i>
Apr. 16, 2020	Lorien Foote: <i>“The Dogs of War”</i>
May 21, 2020	TBD (HOLDING FOR 2020 VANDIVER AWARD RECIPIENT)

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