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SEPTEMBER, 2022 MEETING
Thursday, September 15, 2022

Rudi Lechner's Restaurant
2503 South Gessner Road
6:00 (or sooner) Dinner
7:00 Program Begins

E-mail reservations are preferred. Please
e-mail Barry Brueggeman at
bgbrueg@aol.com or call 281 480-1130
by 6 pm Monday, September 12, 2022

***** Reservations are Required *****

There is no cost for dues-paid members.
\$10.00 charge for visitors.

The HCWRT Presents Chris Mackowski speaking on:

“The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson”

The wounding of Stonewall Jackson at the May 1863 battle of Chancellorsville is often seen as a pivotal turning point of the Civil War. The battle itself has been hailed as "Lee's Greatest Victory" where he overcame odds of more than 2 to 1 to defeat a newly revived Army of the Potomac. However, that victory came with staggering casualties and would be Lee's last major offensive victory of the war. That version of the story is usually overshadowed, though, by

the martyrdom of Jackson at the peak of his powers.

What actually happened on the fateful night of May 2, 1863? Jackson rode at the forefront of a smashing sneak attack against the Union right flank, scoring a stunning victory. Everything was going perfectly—until it wasn't.

We'll trace the action on the battlefield, explore the situation on the ground in the midst of the fog of war, and spend some quiet, intimate time with one of most iconic men in American history during his tragic last days. Even as the South grieved for one of its great military heroes, a wife and daughter suffered terrible personal—*human*—loss.



Chris Mackowski

About Chris Mackowski

Chris Mackowski Ph.D. is the editor-in-chief and co-founder of Emerging Civil War and the series editor of the award-winning Emerging Civil War Series, published by Savas Beatie.

Chris is a writing professor in the Jandoli School of Communication at St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, NY, where he also serves as associate dean for undergraduate programs.

He also serves as historian-in-residence at Stevenson Ridge, a historic property on the Spotsylvania battlefield in central Virginia. Chris has worked as a historian for the National Park Service at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, where he gives tours at four major Civil War battlefields (Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Spotsylvania), as well as at the building where Stonewall Jackson died.

Chris has authored or co-authored nearly two dozen books and edited a half-dozen essay collections on the Civil War, and his articles have appeared in all the major Civil War magazines. Chris serves as vice president on the board of directors for the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust, he serves on the advisory board of the Civil War Round Table Congress and the Brunswick, North Carolina Civil War Round Table (the largest in the country), and is a member of the Antietam Institute.



PRESIDENT'S POST *By Keith Altavilla*

Welcome back and happy new campaign year! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer. We have a great speaker leading us off for the year. Some of you are fans and followers of Emerging Civil War (and if you aren't, you might want to be), and will recognize **Chris Mackowski**, one of the site's editors and

chief contributors. His topic, "The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson," should be a dramatic and exciting start to the year.

A great speaker like this can be the perfect introduction to any new members. If you have a friend, family member, coworker, or anyone else who might have an interest in history and the Civil War, invite them to visit. Membership is what drives our organization, and we are always excited to welcome potential new members.

Just a few more reminders from the summer. We are back at Rudi Lechner's. Hopefully you remember that there is limited seating, so make sure that reservation gets to Barry Brueggeman by 6 pm Monday, September 12. Our **new monthly silent auction** will be starting in October. If you have any Civil-War related items you'd like to donate, please bring them to Barry Brueggeman at the meeting. The auctions will continue until we've run out of items. Finally, please get those dues in; you can mail them in advance or bring your payment in person this month.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone back again soon!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT *By Michael Clennan*

Come join old and new members on Thursday, September 15 at Rudi Lechner's Restaurant.

Consider arriving by 6:00 pm for an "adult beverage" and an excellent leisurely dinner. Then, at 7:00 pm we will retire to the lecture hall to enjoy our guest speaker!

Memberships have been rolling in all summer long! Remember, at this meeting, you can submit your membership dues for the 2022-2023 campaign if you haven't already done so.

If you have any questions at all regarding membership, or have suggestions for the Membership Committee, please reach out to me at (713) 864-1204 or via email at mgclennan@gmail.com.

Guests will be admitted free of charge if this is their first HCWRT meeting. We highly encourage you to bring a friend to enjoy our fellowship, dinner, and lecture. I will see you at the front door!

BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe

We are starting a new campaign with a slightly new raffle. Each purchase of a ticket will now allow each ticket holder to select two books instead of one.

Also starting with this campaign, there will be a **separate collection** of books/magazines for all **new member(s) attending the meetings. These books/magazines will be free to each new member in attendance.**

Since more books will be raffled and I need to be concise and brief in my offers in this column, I will only mention a few chosen books to entice all the members to come and see what other selections may be available.

Therefore, one of the first books in this month's raffle is ***TO LIVE AND DIE IN DIXIE - A History of the Third Mississippi Infantry, C.S.A.*** by H. Grady Howell, Jr. and is a donation from Charles R. Featherston. Another book in this



month's raffle will be ***THE PERSONAL MEMOIRS of ULYSSES S. GRANT*** by none other than the man himself. This item came from the estate of Ms. Gladys F. Glover. And thanks to Ms. Glover, the next selection is ***THE***

CIVIL WAR CHRONICLE, edited by J. Matthew Gallman. This book is a day-by-day portrait of America's tragic conflict as told by soldiers, politicians, farmers, slaves, and other eyewitnesses. I'm also offering ***ALL FOR THE UNION - The Civil War Diary & Letters of Elisha Hunt Rhodes*** and edited by Robert Hunt Rhodes. As most of you should remember, Elisha Rhodes' diary was featured in Ken Burns' PBS-TV documentary *The Civil War*.

Other books include ***THE CIVIL WAR SOURCE BOOK***, ***NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST FIRST WITH THE MOST, WITNESS TO AN ERA***, and more. To see them all and get a chance to take a couple home, please come to the meeting and bring a friend.

Better yet, bring a new member so they can add a new book to their library for free!

SEPTEMBER QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

Q: On May 2, 1863, Stonewall Jackson was mortally wounded by his own troops. On May 6, 1864, and within five miles of where Jackson was shot, another Rebel general was also shot by Confederate troops. Though seriously wounded, he survived.

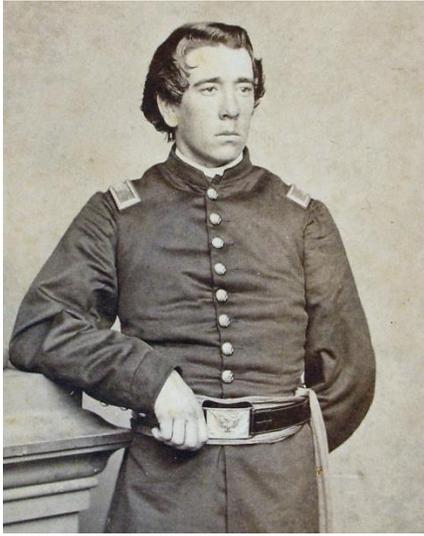
Who was this general and what was the battle?

Edited by Chris Mackowski and Brian Matthew Jordan
Foreword by Peter G. Tsouras

*The Great
"What Ifs"
of the
American Civil War*



**Historians Tackle the Conflict's
Most Intriguing Possibilities**



PERSONALITIES OF THE CIVIL WAR – ELISHA HUNT RHODES

Elisha Hunt Rhodes served in the Union Army of the Potomac for the entire duration of the Civil War, rising from corporal to regimental colonel by the war's end. Rhodes' detailed diary of his war service was featured prominently in Ken Burns' PBS documentary *The Civil War*.

Rhodes was a native of Rhode Island, and fought at the first battle of Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, and Appomattox Court House.

After the war, Rhodes became a successful businessman and was active in veterans' affairs. He died in Providence, Rhode Island on January 14, 1917 at the age of 74.

HTBAR SCHOLARLY SEMINAR

This year's scholarly seminar, sponsored by the Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-Activated, will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12, 2022 in Brenham. On Friday, a driving tour of historic Independence will take place starting at 12:30 pm. The \$40.00 fee includes docents at primary stops, packets, evening speaker, and a light supper.

Saturday's events will be from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm at the Barnhill Center located at 111 W. Main Street in Brenham. There will be

outstanding speakers, a buffet lunch, vendors, and exhibitors. The fee for Saturday's event is \$85.00. Scheduled speakers include Wayne Motts, Richard McCaslin, Scott Bowden, and John C. Perry.

For additional information, contact John Stevens at (713) 885-5288 or via email at htbar1967@hotmail.com

THIS MONTH IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY

Sept. 2, 1862 – Major General George McClellan restored to command in Virginia

Sept. 2, 1864 – Federal army enters Atlanta, Georgia

Sept. 4, 1864 – John Hunt Morgan killed in Greeneville, Tennessee

Sept. 6, 1861 – Federal forces seize Paducah, Kentucky

Sept. 8, 1863 – Confederates repulse attack at Sabine Pass, Texas

Sept. 12 to 15, 1861 – Battle of Cheat Mountain, Virginia (now West Virginia)

Sept. 17, 1862 – Battle of Antietam, Maryland

Sept. 19 and 20, 1863 – Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia

Sept. 22, 1862 – President Lincoln issues his Emancipation Proclamation

Sept. 27, 1864 – Battle of Pilot Knob, (Fort Davidson, Missouri)





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

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Home Work

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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

2022 – 2023 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN

Sept. 15, 2022	Chris Mackowski: <i>“The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson”</i>
Oct. 20, 2022	Catherine Clinton: <i>“Mary Lincoln: A Life”</i>
Nov. 17, 2022	Edward Cotham: <i>“Sabine Pass: Thermopylae of the Confederacy”</i>
Dec. 15, 2022	Brian Matthew Jordan: <i>“A Thousand May Fall: An Immigrant Regiment’s Civil War”</i>
Jan. 19, 2023	Donald S. Frazier: <i>“The Texas Hill Country during the Civil War”</i>
Feb. 16, 2023	Lorien Foote: <i>“The Yankee Plague”</i>
Mar. 17, 2023	Jeffrey Hunt: <i>“Rappahannock Station”</i>
Apr. 21, 2023	Jonathan M. Steplyk: <i>“Fighting Means Killing: Civil War Soldiers and the Nature of Combat”</i>
May 19, 2023	Reserved for the 2023 Vandiver Award Recipient

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