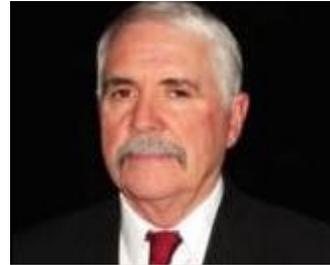


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**W. Scott Bell**

W. Scott Bell is a Life Member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans (SCV) and Texas Division SCV. Due to his scholarly research and published literature, he has been awarded membership into the Bonnie Blue Society of the SCV. He is also a recipient of the Jefferson Davis Gold Medal from the United Daughters of the Confederacy for his research, writings, and presentations to school children, as well as his efforts in the restoration of Confederate monuments. Bell's great-great grandfather was Cpl. John K. Bell, a member of the 43rd Mississippi, who provided much of the inspiration to research and write about the regiment.

The 43rd Mississippi Infantry of the Confederate States of America is the only regiment east of the Mississippi River to have used a camel martially. Referred to as the Camel Regiment, the troop was organized in 1862 and surrendered in 1865. From the acquisition of the African dromedary Old Douglas who carried baggage and musical instruments until his death at Vicksburg to the exploits and ultimate fate of his fellow soldiers, Bell provides an entertaining historical narrative of this little-known chapter in American history.

**June 2nd**  
Museum Theater  
Free  
**Book Signing**  
12:00pm–3:00pm  
**Lecture 1:00pm**  
The Camel Regiment

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**Dr. Dennis Partrich**

Dennis Partrich was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. He received his Ph.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2003. Currently, he serves as an adjunct professor in the School of Professional Studies at Dallas Baptist University. He is also a frequent volunteer at the Texas Civil War Museum.

Like for many, the Ken Burns series on the Civil War peaked his interest for further research. Dennis not only found his great-great grandfather served as a soldier in the 43rd Alabama Volunteers, but he began to discover the lasting impact the war had on his home state of Missouri. The desire to go from reading about the war to experiencing the sights, sound, and feel of the period lead him to reenacting with the

**June 9th**  
Museum Theater  
Free  
**Lecture 1:00pm**  
Impact of  
Religion During  
the Civil War

36th Texas Cavalry (SCA) and serving as their chaplain. Further research on the role of a Civil War chaplain allows him to properly portray the role.

To fully understand history, one must examine all aspects of life during the period in question. So it is with the American Civil War. Yet, until fairly recently, research and discussion have been lacking in one facet of everyday life: Religion. What role did religion play during the war years: How did religion shape the views of those both North and South? What were the major religious themes of the period? Was religious thought used to drive the politics of the period? These are just a few of the topics to be discussed as Partrich's reveals the impact of religion had during the war.

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**Sheila Randolph**

Sheila Randolph is an Attorney in Fort Worth, Texas who has handled cases ranging from Misdemeanors to Capital Murder. A sixth-generation Texan, Sheila received her undergraduate degree from Emerson College in Boston in 1981 and her law degree from the University of Texas in Austin in 1985. While in law school, she was admitted to the American Journal of Criminal Law, and later became an Articles Editor for the AJCL. She has been Assistant Criminal District Attorney, a TCLEOSE instructor for Tarrant County District Attorney's Office investigators, and a Director of the Tarrant County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. With the exception of the few years when she tried to become the next blues-singing sensation, Sheila has been practicing law since 1985. An avid genealogist, Randolph is a member of the Julia Jackson 141 United

Daughters of the Confederacy on the record of her 3rd great grandfather, Samuel Buffington, and an Auxiliary member of the Colonel William H. Griffin Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. She also volunteers her time as the defense attorney for the Felony Alcohol Intervention Program, and is on the Community Advisory Committees for Tarrant County MHMR Addiction Services and Tarrant County Recovery Initiative (ROSC)

The Confederacy is forever linked to the African American struggle for Civil Rights, but not in the way most people would think. Who was this "Unlikely Freedom Rider" who almost caused the fledgling Jim Crow laws to be repealed before they got a stranglehold on our country? Ms. Randolph will give insight into this notable character who lived through the Civil War.

**June 16th**  
Museum Theater  
Free  
**Lecture 1:00pm**  
The Unlikely  
Freedom Rider

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Major (ret.) Jack Dyess

Jack Dyess is a member of the Society of Southern Historians and ten heritage or veteran organizations. He is a teaching docent at the Texas Civil War Museum. He holds a Master's Degree and has taught at the US Army Engineer School, three universities and the Fort Worth ISD. While in the Army, he was a member of the US team in Summer Olympics in Montreal in 1976. His ancestors fought in every American war since the French-Indian War (except WWI), 39 of whom fought for the Confederacy. He enlisted as a Private and retired 20 years later as a Major in the US Army with service in Vietnam. He also served the public for four years as a City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem of Haltom City, Texas; a city of almost 50,000 on the

**June 23rd**  
Museum Theater  
Free  
**Lecture 1:00pm**  
Texas Rangers  
Republic –  
Civil War

eastern edge of Fort Worth. Jack taught actress Julia Roberts to country-western dance and appeared as an extra in the same movie with her and Willie Nelson. Dyess is a popular speaker at the local, state and national levels.

His topic, Texas Rangers, will shed light on the very dangerous, rough and tumble jobs of the early Rangers in fighting Indians and outlaws. Rangers acted simultaneously as arresting officer, jury, judge and executioner—many times all four in a period of seconds because their knowledge of law was primarily what the individual Ranger felt was right or wrong. This swagger would cement itself into legion during the War Between the States and afterwards develop into a premier professional law enforcement agency.

Where: Texas Civil War Museum Theater

Address: 760 Jim Wright Freeway North  
Fort Worth, Texas 76108

Time: 1:00 PM

When: Each Saturday

June, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - July, 7, 14, 21, 28  
August 4

Phone: 817-246-2323

Website: [www.texascivilwarmuseum.com](http://www.texascivilwarmuseum.com)

Facebook: Texas Civil War Museum

Cost: Lectures are Free

Admission: Required for Exhibit Galleries

Book Signings Included on June 2, June 30, July 14, and Aug 4

12:00pm-3:00pm in the Museum's Gift Shop

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June 30th  
Museum Theater  
Free  
Book Signing  
12:00pm–3:00pm  
Lecture 1:00pm  
Hood's Texas Brigade

**Joe Owen**

Joe Owen is a National Park Ranger at the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park in Johnson City, Texas. He is an associate member of the Hood's Texas Brigade (Reactivated). He is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp #153 of San Antonio, Texas. He received a Bachelor's Degree in History and a Master's Degree in Secondary Education from East Central University located in Ada, Oklahoma. Mr. Owen is the co-author of Texas at Gettysburg: Blood and Glory with Hood's Texas

Brigade and Texans at Antietam: A Terrible Clash of Arms, September 16-17, 1862. He is a United States Navy Veteran and currently resides in Blanco, Texas with his wife Cathy.

The actions of Hood's Brigade are legendary and the men from Texas shared their experiences, both fascinating and harrowing, in their personal diaries, interviews, speeches and letters. Mr. Owen will share his research and allow us to view the soldier's world as they saw it.

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July 7th  
Museum Theater  
Free  
Lecture 1:00pm  
General Polecat  
Polignac's Texas  
Brigade

**Don Barnhart, Jr.**

Don Barnhart is a long-time student of the Civil War and has written a number of articles for Civil War publications and websites such as Civil War Times, North South Trader, America's Civil War, Wild West and Texas Highways. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of Texas at Austin, a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, and a Master's Degree in Business from Midwestern State University. When not occupied with tax accounting matters at Southwest Airlines, he is researching future articles for speaking or publication, writing a blog "Warriors of the Lone Star" or volunteering at the Texas Civil War Museum. Don was

raised in Wichita Falls, Texas and now resides in The Colony.

It was more than an obvious mismatch: a brigade of misfit Texans and their well polished French commander, Brigadier General Camille Armand Jules Marie, Prince de Polignac. Way to difficult to pronounce, the Texans chose a much easier title—General Polecat. Despite numerous desertions, deplorable conditions and an overwhelming Union offensive, the prince whipped his command into a formidable infantry brigade. During the Battle of Mansfield, Polignac's brigade played a key role in routing Federal troops from the field, preventing the capture of Shreveport and an invasion of East Texas.

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July 14th  
Museum Theater  
Free  
Book Signing  
12:00pm–3:00pm  
Lecture 1:00pm  
General Nathan Bedford  
Forrest

**Brig. Gen.(Ret.) John Scales**

General Scales attended the University of Alabama 1966-70, graduating with a degree in physics and commission as an infantry lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He graduated from basic, airborne and Ranger schools before being assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. Later he lead a rifle platoon in combat in Vietnam and joined the 101st Airborne upon return to the US. Leaving active duty in '75, he joined the 20th Special Forces Group of the Alabama National Guard while getting a master's degree at the University and becoming Special Forces qualified. Over the years, while first

teaching and later working as a scientist in Huntsville, he commanded a Special Forces A Detachment, company, battalion, and the 20th itself. He was selected for promotion to general and assignment to US Army Special Forces Command, where he was first deputy commander and later acting commander. After 9/11 he was assigned to the Joint Special Operations Command and led a Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. General Scales retired from the military in late 2002 and continued his career as a scientist in Huntsville, being granted five patents and publishing three military history books, the latest on the military career of General Forrest.

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July 21st  
Museum Theater  
Free  
Lecture 1:00pm  
General William T.  
Sherman

**Joe Walker**

Joe Walker currently holds the title "Ask an Expert" as a volunteer at the Texas Civil War Museum. His specialty includes weapons, uniforms, and music. He is an avid researcher and collector of Civil War artifacts and enjoys helping those interested in Civil War History. Joe was born and raised in Atlanta Georgia. He joined the Navy shortly after high school and served in two fighter squadrons during the Viet Nam War. After the Navy he received his BA Degree from Georgia State University and moved to Texas. He retired in 2005 as a vice president of a national water utilities distribution company. Joe is a member of the Company of Military Historians, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Order of the Southern Cross, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, Hood's Texas Brigade Association Reactivated,

and the Sons of American Revolution. Joe has been a re-enactor for thirty-five years and participates in Living History events at many National and State Battlefield Sites. He has contributed his expertise to several books and has served as an advisor for Civil War artists. He is the recipient of the Jefferson Davis Gold Medal for his historical endeavors from the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Throughout the years Walker has been active in many Civil War Round Tables and serves on the Advisory Board of the Texas Heritage Museum and Research Center at Hill College and the McLennan County Historical Commission.

Walker will explore one of the more difficult personalities of the Civil War ranging from patriot to plunderer, giving credit where credit is due.

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July 28th  
Museum Theater  
Free  
Lecture 1:00pm  
Patriots in  
Petticoats

**Diane Dyess**

Diane Dyess has been in the world of history her entire life just as her parents were. As a baby she became a member of the children's organizations of Daughters of the Republic of Texas and Daughters of the American Revolution. As a young adult she continued cultivating history as an avocation. She further researched her ancestors and became a member of the Daughters of 1812, Colonial Dames and a member of the prestigious Mayflower Society. She was the Genealogist General for the Blue and Grey. In 2009 she was commissioned as an Admiral in the Texas Navy by the Governor and named a Yellow Rose of Texas. She served as a Haltom City council member for six years and one as Mayor Pro Tem. Currently, she serves as the State Archivist for the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She has been awarded the

Jefferson Davis Gold Medal by the UDC for her historical research which includes, but not limited to, cemeteries and monuments.

Diane's talk will shed light on the creativity in using skills learned by women at a very young age and using these skills in the very dangerous, and unsuspecting roles of a spy. Beginning in pre Revolutionary times through the Cold War, more and more records are beginning to surface that suggest something of the trials and risks these girls and women that gathered information faced. Battles were won and lost as a result of information used or ignored. Some of the characters are well known names today, some had identities so protected they continue to be known by only by the number 355, yet their contribution to their cause remains legendary and set the course for espionage in today's time.

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August 4th  
Museum Theater  
Free  
Book Signing  
12:00pm-3:00pm  
Lecture 1:00pm  
Grits to Glory:  
*How Southern Cookin'  
Got so Good*

Joe Johnston is a true renaissance man. He has published numerous books; holds national credits in marketing, music production, and film; and was the inventor of the now-famous McDonald's Happy Meal. In addition to his fascinatingly diverse and prolific career, he leads a full life as a father, husband, mentor, volunteer and Native American. Johnston calls Tulsa Oklahoma home.

Travel through a folksy history of Southern cooking from the best fruitcake recipe before the Civil War to the ultimate Southern kitchen essential, the cast iron pan. Joe Johnston's cultural history brings

reminscences from his own friends and family but is not at all lacking in thoroughly researched historical anecdotes. It is sprinkled with valuable stories and quotes from Southerners who really know their stuff! This book is for those from every Southern walk of life, but is also particularly appealing to those simply fascinated with cooking, history, and anything in between! With every detailed recollection, the heart and soul of Southern cooling shines through.

Johnston rounds out our *Summer of Eighteen Lecture Series* and no doubt will be a delicious way to end. Yum!

