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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER...

Danny Sessums is curator of the Museum of Southern History, located in Ft. Bend County. Sessums is in charge of the collection's management and exhibit design. Plus he serves in the dual capacity of acting administrator. With 20+ years at museums in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas, his expertise on southern history is important to the museum. He lends his considerable expertise to our camp this month (where he is also a member.) His presentation will examine the people, places and events as they relate to the blockade, naval engagements, and coastal forts.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN HISTORY...

In the late 1970s, museum benefactor Joella Morris cast about for some means to preserve the history of Ft. Bend County by working to save the old jail in Richmond, Texas. That accomplished, she set her sights upon preserving artifacts and memorabilia on The War Between the States. Today, the collection is on display in an impressive building patterned after Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest retreat.

The permanent exhibits on the upper floor chronicle the antebellum history of the South, the coming of an Un-Civil War, the tragic events that composed that drama, and the effects upon generations of southern society. Traveling displays on the main floor have featured flags — both Union and Confederate — from The War Between the States, artifacts relating to the Southern "cause," antique toys, military pistols and armaments.



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



March 4, 1961

Abraham Lincoln becomes 16th president of the United States. He extends an olive branch to the South, but also makes it clear that he intends to enforce federal laws in the seceded states and will invade if the acts of secession are not rescinded.

March 8, 1862

CSS *Virginia* wrecks havoc on a Yankee squadron off Hampton Roads, Virginia.

March 3, 1863

U.S. Congress drafts all men ages 20 to 45. Exemptions include hiring substitutes or payment of \$300 (equal to \$5,547.07 in 2006).

March 13, 1864

The Red River campaign in Louisiana is started by Yankee forces and continues into May ending in their defeat — thus ending the last major Northern threat to Texas.

March 19, 1865

General Joseph Johnston's Army of Tennessee surprises a wing of Sherman's Army at Bentonville, North Carolina. The Yankees are driven back and forced to temporarily suspend their pillaging and looting. The Confederate advance is halted by darkness and, two days later, Johnson is forced to withdraw in the face of numerically superior Yankee forces.

JOIN ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON CAMP #67

**FOR A PRESENTATION BY DANNY SESSUMS
CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN HISTORY**

“BACKWATER BRAWLS: A HISTORY OF ACTIONS IN THE WEST GULF BLOCKADING SQUADRON”

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

The Briar Club

Westheimer at Timmons Lane

5:30 pm Executive Board meeting

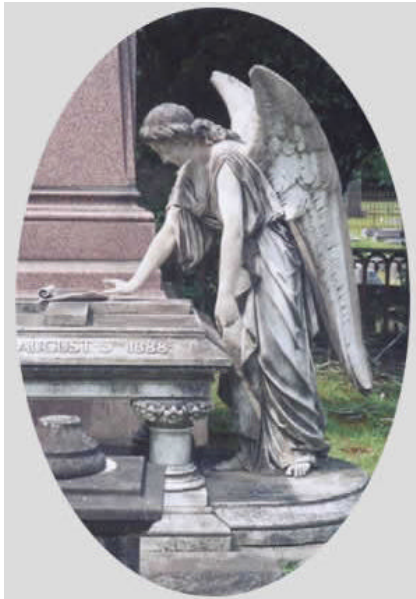
(All camp members in good standing are encouraged to attend)

6:30 pm Happy Hour

7:00 Dinner and Camp Meeting

\$20/person payable at the door

**Please RSVP to Darrell Brewer 281-269-7271 or brewerd@snbtx.com
or to Charles Dabney 713-816-4081 or cdabney@houstonrr.com**



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GLORIOUS CONFEDERATE HEROES
IN THE HOUSTON AREA.**

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