



# The Regimental Bulletin

Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table of Northern New Jersey

**\*\*\* NEXT MEETING \*\*\***  
**Wednesday, Nov 17th - 7PM - Online Zoom Presentation**

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Hasbrouck Heights  
Municipal Building  
320 Boulevard  
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## John Bell Hood

**Speaker: Chris Schoelmer**

**ONLINE: Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00pm**  
See Details Below to Join In



Bruce Catton wrote of **Confederate General John Bell Hood** that *"the decision to replace Johnston with Hood was probably the single largest mistake that either government made during the war"*.

Being aggressive, brave and borderline reckless, Hood had a career marked with several decisive victories. His men would call him "Old Wooden Head" due to his stubborn nature. His father, a doctor, opposed his choice to pursue a military career. After graduating from West Point, he joined US Military as a junior officer in the infantry and cavalry serving in California and Texas before resigning to join the Confederacy in 1861. Promoted rapidly, he served as a division commander at the Battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg. At the Battle of Gettysburg, he was severally wounded by shrapnel in his left arm, which was made useless for

the rest of his life. At the Battle of Chickamauga, he was wounded again having his right leg amputated. Hood served as an independent commander over the Army of Tennessee during the Atlanta Campaign. However, his bold, calculated and aggressive actions proved to be futile against the advance of General William T. Sherman's superior Federal forces. After the war, he moved to Louisiana and worked as a cotton broker and insurance agent. He married Anna Marie Hennen in 1868 and had 11 children. On August 30, 1879, he died due to yellow fever.

Our speaker, **Chris Schoelmer** will explore John Bell Hood's life, from his early years, becoming a Texan, his great successes, taking command at Atlanta to Hood after the war and his legacy.

Chris is an adjunct Professor of American history at Northeast Lakeview College, TX. He has a MA in Ancient and Classical History and a MA Certification in American History from American Military University. Chris is married to his wife of 35 years, Lisa has four children and 12 grandchildren. He enjoys hiking Texas State Parks with Lisa, spoiling his grandchildren, watching college football, and reading history books. Chris is retired from the USAF after 25+ years of service and still works for the USAF as a civilian. He is looking forward to retiring again and focusing on teaching history.



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**Sat, Dec 4, 2021**  
**3:30pm**  
**Dinner \$45**  
**Reservation Required**  
**Our Speaker is**  
**Eric Wittenberg**



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