

Classmate John Allen introduced Paul Bryant Jr. (class of '62) at the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table meeting last July 8th in Huntsville. Paul then introduced the featured speaker, Edwin C. Bearss ([PBS Civil War series](#)). The meeting was held at UA Huntsville before a packed audience in Chan Auditorium. Bryant is a trustee of the University of Alabama System, which includes UAH. He is also chairman emeritus of the Civil War Preservation Trust. Bearss' topic was "Rebel Victory at Vicksburg," which occurred nearly a year before the more famous 1863 siege of Vicksburg.

The [TVCWRT](#) is now in its 16th year. John has been president for the last three years. The organization discarded its "round" table years ago, with large attendance requiring theater seating for each month's featured speaker at the Elks Lodge.



Edwin C. Bearss, Paul Bryant Jr., and John Allen (at mic) at UAHuntsville



John presents speaker Ed Bearss with certificate of appreciation. Bearss is the dean of Civil War historians in America. His left arm and hand were severely wounded by Japanese machine gun fire in the Pacific during WWII.



Paul Bryant Jr. shows his certificate of appreciation July 8th at UAHuntsville.



John jokes with Ed Bearss at a reception held in Olde Towne Huntsville prior to the lecture at UAHuntsville