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**** MEETING on the 2nd THURSDAY of DECEMBER ****

DECEMBER 2012 MEETING
Thursday, December 13, 2012

The HESS Club
5430 Westheimer Rd @ Westheimer Way
6:00 Cash Bar
7:00 Dinner & Meeting

E-Mail Reservation is Preferred;
at drzuckero@sbcglobal.net
or call Don Zuckero at (281) 479-1232
by 6 PM on Monday Dec. 10, 2012
Dinner \$28; Lecture Only \$10

***** Reservations are Required *****
FOR BOTH DINNER and LECTURE ONLY

THE HCWRT PRESENTS

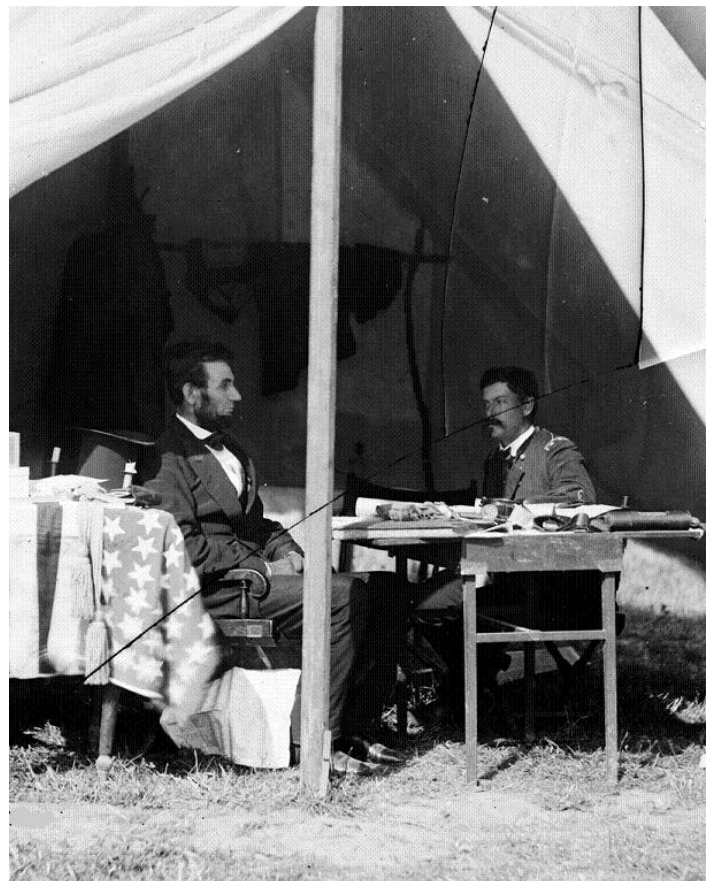
Jack Waugh
Speaking on
"Re-electing Lincoln:
The 1864 Presidential Campaign"

The Houston Civil War Round Table is pleased to welcome Jack Waugh back to Houston. Mr. Waugh last visited us in May of 2011. On that occasion he spoke to us about Major Maxey and his Confederate Indians. The topic of discussion this month will be Lincoln's 1864 re-election campaign.

One of the more interesting aspects of the American Civil War was that no one seemingly gave any thought to cancelling or rescheduling presidential and congressional elections because of it. (Great Britain, by contrast, held no general elections during either World War in the 20th century.)

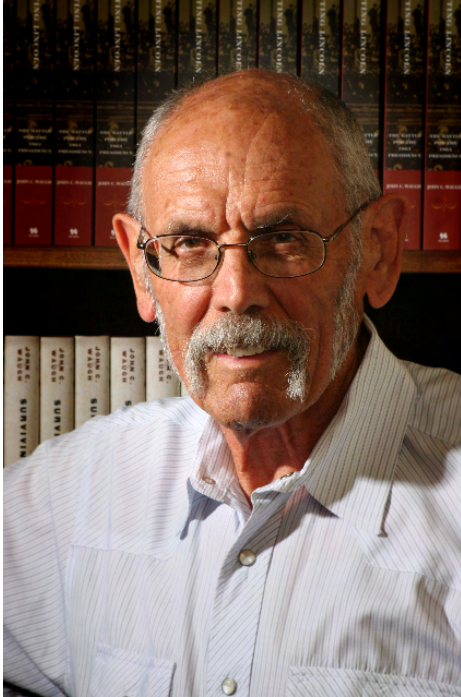
Thus the presidential election of 1864 was the most unique and perhaps most critical in American history. Would the country be unified or permanently divided? Would slavery survive, or would it, with so many men on both sides, die in the struggle?

Mr. Waugh's talk will tell of this stirring and dramatic campaign, in which the incumbent president, Abraham Lincoln, found himself pitted against George B. McClellan, a general he had twice raised to high command and twice sacked. It will describe the struggle, drawing on the rich cast of characters that figured in the canvass. It will describe the backroom maneuvering and the issues that shaped the campaign. It will tell how, when all was done, Lincoln, was reelected, proving once again to be one of the most astute politicians in our country's history.



Lincoln conferring with McClellan

About Mr. Waugh



Mr. Jack Waugh

John C. “Jack” Waugh is a familiar face to the members of the Houston Civil War Round Table, having spoken to us most recently in May 2011 on the subject of “Maxey and the Indians.”

A journalist by trade, Waugh worked for 17 years (1956 to 1973) as a staff correspondent and bureau chief for *The Christian Science Monitor*. In 1972, he won the American Bar Association’s Silver Gavel Award for the best national reporting, for a series on American prisons.

He left to become a media specialist on the staff of Vice President Nelson A Rockefeller. He later served for five years as press secretary for Democratic New Mexico Sen. Jeff Bingaman.

Between these stints in the newspaper and political worlds, he began contributing to various magazines and periodicals, including *Civil War History*, *American Heritage*, *Civil War Times Illustrated*, *Columbiad*, *the Washington Post Book World*, *the New York Times*, *the New Republic*, *the Nation*, *the Los Angeles Times Magazine*, *the Boston Globe*, *the Boston Herald*, and *Country* magazine.

Over the years, he has also been a consultant to various establishments and agencies, such as the National Archives and Records Administration, the U S Department of Energy, US Environmental Protection Agency, Atlantic Richfield Co., the President’s Council on Environmental Quality, the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), and West Virginia Public Radio.

He began writing history books on the Civil War era in 1989 and has since written and published 10 — six full-size narratives and four shorter works. He has also collaborated with two co-authors on a book about how historians work. He believes that covering the past is not unlike covering the present. The only difference is that all his sources are dead. (He greatly prefers it that way.) It also means he can return to his favorite century, the 19th, on a daily basis.

His first book, *The Class of 1846* (1993), won the New York Civil War Round Table’s prestigious Fletcher Pratt Award for the best non-fiction book on the Civil War . His five other major works are *Reelecting Lincoln* (1997), *Surviving the Confederacy* (2002), *On the Brink of Civil War* (2003), *One Man Great Enough* (2007), and *Lincoln and McClellan* (2010). His shorter works include *Sam Bell Maxey and the Confederate Indians*, (1995), *Last Stand in Mobile*, (2001), *Edwin Cole Bearss: History’s Pied Piper* (2003), and *20 Good Reasons to Study the Civil War* (2004).

In 2000 he received the Dallas Civil War Round Table’s Grady McWhiney Award of Merit for contributions to the scholarship and preservation of Civil War History. He also holds a History Award Medal from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Waugh was born in California, raised in Arizona, and now lives in Pantego, Texas. He is a product of the Tucson public schools and the University of Arizona (1951--journalism major, history minor). He is married to Kathleen Diane Lively, a social work administrator and a Texan. He and has two grown children: Daniel, a lawyer in Providence, Rhode Island, and Eliza, a teacher in Austin, Texas. He is grandfather to four grandchildren, two boys and two girls.

DECEMBER QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

President Lincoln had two Vice-Presidents during his term of office.



Can you name both men and the states they represented?

DECEMBER BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe

I believe I'm not alone in wishing to thank John L. Nau, III and Sally Anne Schmidt, Ph.D. for the wonderful dinner and special viewing of John's Civil War Collection (only a small portion of) at Silver Eagle Distributors' on our last meeting night.

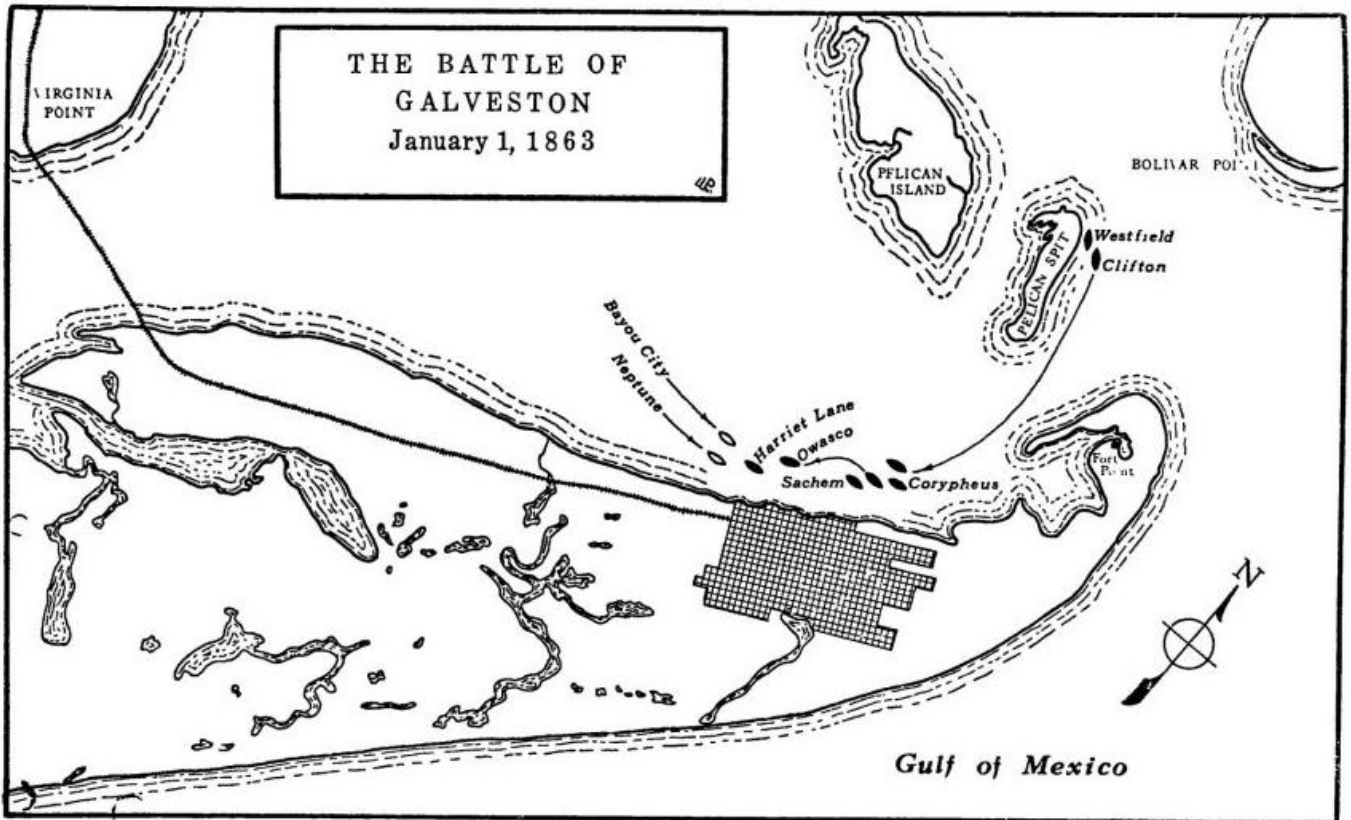
For our December meeting (a week early this month) the HCWRT book raffle begins with ***The CIVIL WAR ALMANAC***, with the Introduction by Henry Steele Commager and was donated by Charles Mitchell. My second selection this month is a

great battlefield guide: ***CIVIL WAR SITES IN GEORGIA*** by Jim Miles. Following this is a book a book donated by Ed Cotham, Jr. and is ***The SIEGE of VICKSBURG*** by Richard Wheeler. And last but not least is ***JEB STUART*** by John Thomason and is a contribution from Norm Lewis.

I want to thank all you members who continue to make this raffle work by contributing fine volumes of Civil War Treasures that we find here each month. Without your support it would not be possible to have such wonderful gems to pass along to members and visitors alike in our monthly meetings. Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Galveston Historical Foundation To Host Battle Of Galveston Civil War Re-Enactment In January 2013

A "Spirited Account" of the Battle of Galveston



The Battle of Galveston Re-enactment is scheduled to take place over the weekend of January 11-13, 2013. For more information go to http://www.galvestonhistory.org/Battle_of_Galveston.asp on the web or contact the Galveston Historical Foundation at 409-765-3409.

2012 - 2013 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

Dec 13, 2012 John C. Waugh – *"Re-electing Lincoln"*

Jan 17, 2013 Ed Bearss - *To Be Announced*

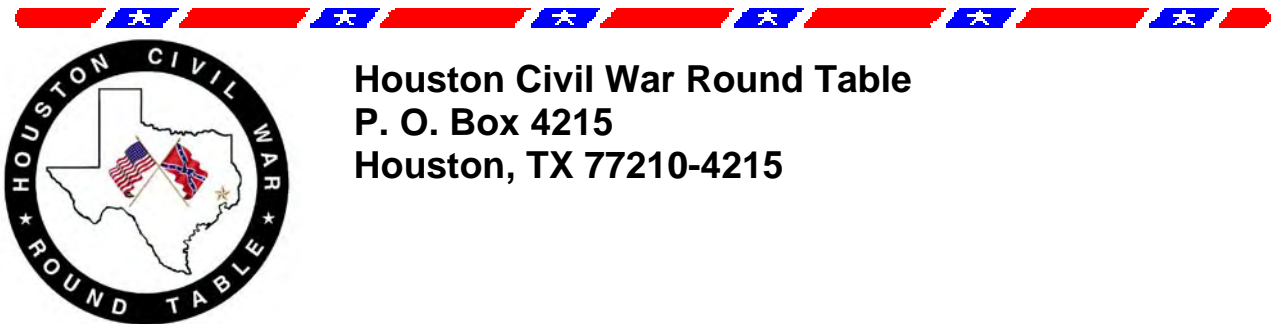
Feb 21, 2013 Carol Berkin - *"Civil War Wives"*

Mar 21, 2013 James Morgan - *"The Battle of Ball's Bluff"*

Apr 18, 2013 Peter Mullen - *"Civil War Medicine"*

May 16, 2013 Scott Bowden - *"Robert E. Lee"*

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