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NOVEMBER 2013 MEETING
Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013

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 Nov 18, 2013
Dinner \$28; Lecture Only \$10

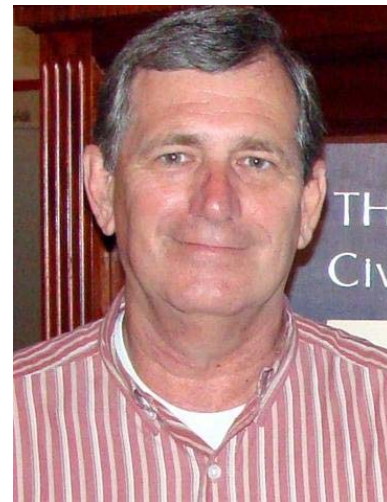
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FOR BOTH DINNER and LECTURE ONLY

The HCWRT Presents **Michael Bailey on the** **"1864 Battle of Mobile Bay"**

On August 5, 1864 the Rear-Admiral David Farragut's West Gulf Blockading fought its way to victory in Mobile Bay. The squadron withstood concentrated fire from Confederate held Fort Morgan, the deadly menace of torpedoes, and a Confederate naval squadron that included the C.S.S. Tennessee, one of the South's most powerful ironclads which was commanded by Admiral Franklin Buchanan, the most experienced flag officer in the Confederate Navy. This battle, which Farragut said was "*the hardest won victory of my life,*" was one of the largest naval actions fought during the Civil War. It produced ninety-six Medal of Honor recipients (the most of any single battle in American military history) and a battle cry which still echoes to this day.

Who were the major characters who played parts in this campaign? What impact did this naval battle and the subsequent capture of Fort Morgan have both militarily and politically on the Civil War? Did David Farragut actually command "Damn the torpedoes, Full Speed Ahead!" If not, who did? I will give an account of the Battle of Mobile Bay and the Siege of Fort Morgan and provide answers to these questions in my presentation.

About Our Speaker **Michael Bailey**



Michael Bailey

Michael M. Bailey earned his degree in History from Auburn University at Montgomery and has worked in public history for thirty six years. He is a co-author of *Fort Morgan* and has appeared on History's *Deep Sea Detectives*, the recently completed documentary *The Battle of Mobile Bay*, as well as others that deal with The Battle of Mobile Bay and Fort Morgan. He is Senior Historian and Curator of Fort Morgan State Historic Site in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

NOVEMBER QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

The Confederate admiral in command of the naval forces at Mobile Bay had had a distinguished pre-war U.S. Navy career. He was in command of the Washington Navy Yard when he resigned his commission in April, 1861. In addition to being the first superintendent of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, he had commanded Perry's flagship in the expedition to Japan. As a Confederate, he commanded the CSS Virginia in its first action on March 8, 1862, when he was wounded in the leg.



Who was this Marylander who was also wounded in the leg at the Battle of Mobile Bay?

2013 FIELD TRIP – STATUS

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen difficulties it now appears that there will be no 2013 October Field Trip.



Call for Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer to serve on a new committee that will organize, plan, and manage our annual HCWRT field trip, please call Nate

Jennings at 713-231-8799 or email him at:

President@HoustonCivilWar.com.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Please help us in keeping the membership informed. As the celebration of 150th anniversary of the Civil War continues there will be many events that commemorate the great conflict. You can send information pertaining to anything related to these events to:

NewsLetter@HoustonCivilWar.com.

NOVEMBER BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe



I hope everyone had a great Hollow's Eve. For our November meeting the HCWRT book raffle will have a new item to offer – an audio CD. It will be **LINCOLN – A Life of Purpose and Power**, by Richard J. Carwardine and read by Dick Hill. This is a 12 CD unabridged biography of our 16th President. To compliment this, we also have **TRIED BY WAR – Abraham Lincoln as Commander in Chief**, by James M. McPherson (who also authored *Battle Cry of Freedom*). This selection was donated by past president, James Godlove. Our third selection is **HISTORICAL TIMES ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE CIVIL WAR** –edited by Patricia L. Faust and donated by C. R. Featherston. The fourth and final selection is **FALLEN GUIDON – The Saga of Confederate General Jo Shelby's March to Mexico** by Edwin Adams Davis and is published by Texas A&M University Press.

Since we often have other "Special Offerings" at our meetings, I suggest you make your reservations to come and join us for our meeting and maybe there will be more offerings available. The above items are the only ones I will raffle.

2013 - 2014 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

November 21, 2013 - Michael Bailey - "1864 Battle of Mobile Bay"

December 12, 2013 - John Waugh – "Grant & Lincoln -- City Point to Appomattox"

January 16, 2014 - Edwin C. Bearss - TBD

February 20, 2014 - Stephen Kinnaman - "Capt Bulloch"

March 20, 2014 - Gordon Rhea - "The Overland Campaign"

April 17, 2014 - Pat Falci - TBD

May 15, 2014 - Edward Bonekemper - "Lincoln & Grant"

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