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DECEMBER 2013 MEETING
Thursday, Dec. 12, 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 Dec 9, 2013
Dinner \$28; Lecture Only \$10

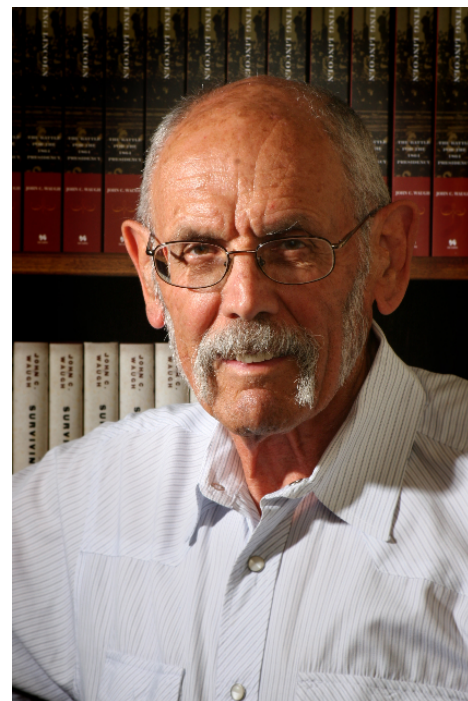
***** Reservations are Required *****
FOR BOTH DINNER and LECTURE ONLY

The HCWRT Presents John C. Waugh on "Lincoln and Grant End the War"

The confederacy is on the ropes in late March and early April 1865. Grant before Petersburg is looking to land the knockout blow. The man in the White House has been waiting for this to happen for four long years and Grant knows it. In late March Grant invites Lincoln to City Point to share and participate in final campaign. Lincoln comes on March 24 and Grant launches the blow on March 29, delivering a haymaker at Five Forks on April 1. Watching closely, commenting keenly, consulting eagerly, Lincoln sees Petersburg fall the next day, April 2, and Richmond the day after, April 3. In two dramatic separate acts, Lincoln then goes to Richmond for one of the most dramatic visit to a conquered enemy city in history and Grant pursues Lee's staggering Confederate army to Appomattox Court House for one of the most

dramatic surrenders of any army in history. This talk will attempt to recreate the drama of this partnership over those sixteen last days of the war.

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

In *Decision Points*, Pres. George W. Bush writes about one of his favorite rooms in the White House – the Treaty Room. In it is a large oil painting ***The Peacemakers***, by George P.A. Healy. It shows Pres. Lincoln aboard the River Queen steamer in March of 1865. He is discussing the end of the war and the establishment of a just and lasting peace with two generals and an admiral.



Who were these three distinguished officers?

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.

DECEMBER BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe



For our December meeting (a week early this month) the HCWRT book raffle begins with ***THIS REPUBLIC OF SUFFERING*** by Drew Gilpin Faust. The subtitle to this volume sums it up well – Death and the American Civil War and was donated by James Godlove. My second selection this month is ***THE GUNS OF '62 – The Image of War: 1861-1865*** and is Edited by William C. Davis with Senior consulting editor Bell I. Wiley. The third volume in our raffle is ***TENNESSEE'S WAR 1861-1865*** and was compiled and edited by Stanley F. Horn. This book tells of first-hand impressions made by the Civil War on individuals – civilian, military, and political; Northerners and Southerners. I would

like to thank Harry Bounds for this volume. Our final book is another selection from Harry Bounds – ***JACK HINSON'S ONE-MAN WAR*** – A Civil War Sniper authored by Tom C. McKenney.

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. Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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.



The Peacemakers - George P.A. Healy

THE HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 2013 - 2014 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

December 12, 2013 - Jack Waugh – *“Grant & Lincoln – End The War”*

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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