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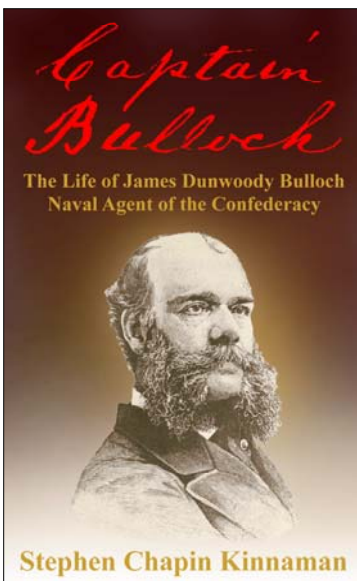
The HESS Club
5430 Westheimer Rd @ Westheimer Way
6:00 Cash Bar
7:00 Dinner & Meeting

E-Mail Reservation is Preferred;
at drzuckero@sbcglobal.net
or call Don Zuckero at (281) 479-1232
by 6 PM on Monday Feb 17, 2014
Dinner \$28; Lecture Only \$10

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

The HCWRT Presents

Stephen Kinnaman



Mr. Kinnaman will tell us about his book, published in August of 2013 entitled "***Captain Bulloch, The Life of James Dunwoody Bulloch, Naval Agent of the Confederacy***".

James Dunwoody Bulloch's central place in history has always rested on his Civil War era achievements as a secret agent of the

Confederate States Navy in Europe. He gained fame for having brought into being the Confederate States cruisers Florida, Alabama and Shenandoah. Less well known are his illustrious Georgia ancestors, who were so firmly entwined with the earliest American colonial

experience, and his prominent family connections—he was the uncle of the 26th President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt. It has even been suggested that Bulloch is the forgotten hero of the South, who died in obscurity far from his native land. Captain Bulloch presents the full story of the life and times of this most remarkable man.

Bulloch's antebellum career was that of a very accomplished marine professional, first as an officer in the U.S. Navy and then as a captain of mail steamers. Examination of his American sea service reveals how Bulloch honed the tools of his trade, tools which he used so effectively during the Civil War. Bulloch's early life at sea also paralleled the golden age of the American merchant marine; his exploits provide a valuable snapshot of its period of greatness. This coincidence is supremely ironic as his unique talents in the service of the Confederacy were largely responsible for its untimely demise. As for the man that was James Bulloch, his life was one of many caught up in a gripping family saga that started with his father's scandalous second marriage and progressed to his step-sister's alliance with the Roosevelts of New York. Bulloch's extended family was soon separated by the worst crisis America has endured—the Civil War—but it survived its unwanted trial stronger than ever. At the war's end, Bulloch was an exile, unable to return to his homeland. His subsequent years in Liverpool illustrate a tale of redemption and survival as he struggled to rebuild his life in a society far removed from his Georgian roots, Victorian England. Throughout Bulloch is revealed as a warm human being, loving and sensitive, who experienced personal tragedy but who always remained positive and productive. With a clearer picture of his life from beginning to end, we can now recognize Bulloch not only as an unsung hero of the Civil War but also as a shining example of the American experience.

About Mr. Kinnaman



Mr. Stephen Kinnaman

Stephen Chapin Kinnaman was born in 1950 and grew up in upstate New York and New Jersey. He and his wife, Maureen, currently reside in Chappell Hill, Texas. Stephen Kinnaman is the author of an article titled, "Inside the *Alabama*," which appeared in the U.S. Naval Institute's Summer 1990 issue of *Naval History*, and which explored the unique features of this famous warship. He is also the author of *The Most Perfect Cruiser*, a book focused on James Dunwoody Bulloch's most stunning achievement, getting the commerce raider *Alabama* to sea.

In preparation for writing *Captain Bulloch*, Stephen Kinnaman followed in the footsteps of James Dunwoody Bulloch, gaining a first-hand feel for the terrain which shaped his life. Places so visited include Savannah and Roswell, Georgia; Hartford, Connecticut; New York City, Washington, D.C.; Liverpool, England; Cherbourg, France and the island of Terceira in the Azores. In addition to exploring the principal locations which figured so large in Bulloch's life, Stephen Kinnaman has also immersed himself in the history of the world inhabited by James Dunwoody Bulloch. The result is an exposition of not only the life of the South's most successful naval agent, but of the times in which he lived and the events which influenced him.

FEBRUARY QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

James Dunwoody Bulloch had a distinguished career as a Confederate naval procurement officer in Europe. Among his many achievements was the purchase of three commerce raiders, which dealt a vicious blow to the Union's merchant marine. The most famous of these was the CSS *Alabama*. The third warship became the last Rebel military unit in service.



Name this cruiser, which was still flying the Confederate flag when it arrived in Liverpool on Nov. 6, 1865.

WANTED!

FIELD TRIP ORGANIZER

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.

HESS PARKING SECURITY

Due to the need for increased security of the lower level parking area at the HESS bldg, you must now push a button on the card reader at the entrance to the lower level to ask the security person to allow you to enter.



DEFENDING THE HOMELAND LOUISIANA SYMPOSIUM ROAD TRIP ANYONE?



Approximately 220 miles from Houston in Shreveport, Louisiana, beginning on the evening of Friday March 14 and lasting through Sunday March 16, 2014, The Louisiana Sesquicentennial Civil War Task Force of Jay Dardenne, Lt. Governor of Louisiana, along with The Friends of the Mansfield Battlefield, The North Louisiana Civil War Round Table, The Red River Regional Studies Center at LSU in Shreveport, and American Coin & Collectibles will be presenting; **DEFENDING THE HOMELAND - Union Forces Target Shreveport, Texas and Beyond**; A Symposium Commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War in Louisiana.

Experts will offer insight into the Red River Campaign and its implications. There will be other exhibits and vendors plus a special guided tour of the Mansfield State Historic Site.

Noted guests and speakers will include Mark Christ, MA; Thomas Cutrer, PhD; Scott Dearman; Gary D. Joiner, PhD; Richard McCaslin, PhD; Jeff Prushankin, PhD; Henry Robertson, PhD; and Anna Maria Sparke Keele; attorney and actress.

Exhibitors and Vendors will include Rich Self, Jim Mundie, Chris Wright and Chuck Parsons.

Advance registration is required and the cost of \$100 includes Friday evening hors d'oeuvres (cash bar), exhibits and vendors, Saturday speakers, breaks and sumptuous lunch buffet, Sunday morning speaker and Creole breakfast buffet, admission to and the special guided tour of the Mansfield State Historic Site.

Excess revenue earned from this symposium will be donated to the **Civil War Preservation Trust** for Red River Campaign land purchases.

For more information you can go to www.FriendsOfMansfieldBattlefield.org

FEBRUARY BOOK RAFFLE *By Donnie Stowe*



For our February meeting the HCWRT book raffle begins with **The GETTYSBURG CAMPAIGN – in Numbers and Losses**, by J. David Petruzzi and Steven A. Stanley. This book gives synopses, orders of battle, strengths, casualties, and maps of the battle from June 9 – July 14, 1863 and is donated by James Godlove. Next up is **JOHN BELL HOOD – The Rise, Fall, and Resurrection of a Confederate General** by Stephen M. Hood (a collateral descendant of General Hood) and is from my own library. Also included in this month's raffle is a 3rd Edition copy of **Warman's CIVIL WAR COLLECTIBLES** by Russell E. Lewis. This came from Danny Huckabee and gives an identification and price guide all types of Civil War collectibles. For our final selection we have **STEPHEN DODSON RAMSEUR –Lee's Gallant General** by Gary W. Gallagher and is another donation from Jim Godlove.

Members are encouraged to donate some of your well read books or a small monetary donation for purchase of books to continue a valuable support to the HCWRT Raffle.

\$ MEMBERSHIP DUES \$

If you are not current on your membership dues, please pay them soon as The HCWRT is very dependent on your dues.

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

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

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

April 17, 2014 - Pat Falci – "*Up came A.P. Hill - Cedar Mountain to Antietam*"

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

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