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MAY 2014 MEETING
Thursday, May 15, 2014

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 May 12, 2014
Dinner \$28; Lecture Only \$10

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

The HCWRT Presents
Edward Bonekemper
Speaking on:

Lincoln and Grant
The Westerners
Who Won the Civil War

One of the greatest -- but often overlooked -- partnerships in American history was that between Commander-in-Chief Abraham Lincoln and General-in-Chief Ulysses S. Grant. Civil War and military historian Ed Bonekemper presents a compelling discussion of how these two "Westerners" not only won the Civil War but set the precedent for civilian/military relationships in America's wars. Bonekemper describes their common humble backgrounds, their antebellum experiences, and their Civil War political and military activities.

Ed explores their shared personal traits that led to greatness and a successful partnership:

humility, decisiveness, clarity of communication, moral courage and perseverance.

Tracing their Civil War successes and difficulties, Bonekemper demonstrates the ever-improving personal relations that grew between Lincoln and Grant as they developed mutual respect and then mutual loyalty for each other. Their relationship began, developed and matured as Grant proved his mettle at Forts Henry and Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, the Overland Campaign, the Siege of Petersburg and Richmond, and the Appomattox Campaign.

Lincoln protected his best general from numerous attacks during the war (for allegedly being a butcher and a drunk), and Grant reciprocated by enthusiastically implementing the President's policies (especially concerning emancipation and use of black soldiers).

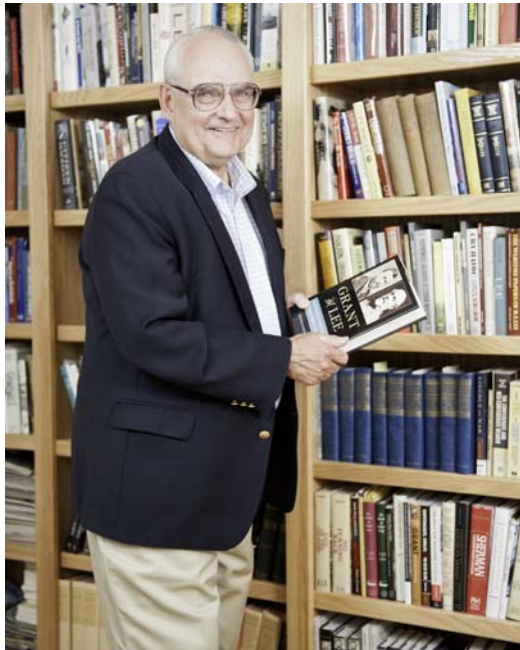
Finally, Ed discusses the specifics of their great working relationship in the areas of national policies, military strategy, military operations and tactics, and military personnel decisions concerning manpower in the field and general officers, especially political generals.

About Edward Bonekemper

Edward H. Bonekemper, III is a 1964 American History cum laude graduate of Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA. He followed that by earning his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1967, and then rounded out his formal education in 1971 with a Master's degree in history from Old Dominion University of Virginia.

While distracted by a 34-year career as a U.S. Government attorney with the Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, and Department of the Interior, he found time to be active in community service, write, teach and lecture on a variety of subjects. His numerous book reviews have been published in the Civil War Times, The Washington Times, USCG Academy Alumni

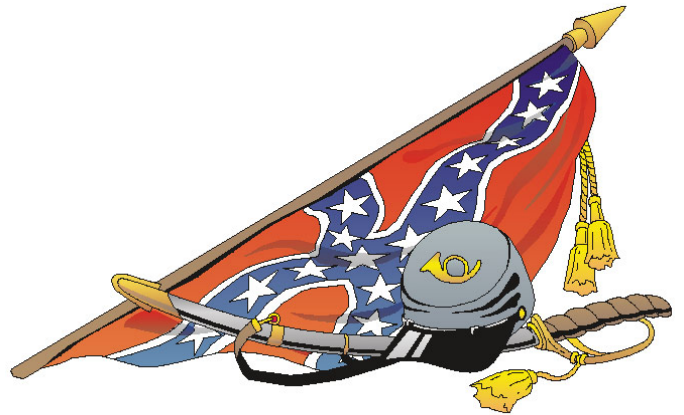
Bulletin, Journal of Afro-American History, and the Journal of Negro History. He has also published four books that include: Grant and Lee: Victorious American and Vanquished Virginian (Praeger/Greenwood, Westport, Connecticut and London, 2008), McClellan and Failure: A Study of Civil War Fear, Incompetence and Worse (McFarland & Company, Jefferson, North Carolina, 2007), A Victor, Not a Butcher: Ulysses S. Grant's Overlooked Military Genius (Regnery Publishing, Inc., Washington, D.C., 2004), and How Robert E. Lee Lost the Civil War (Sergeant Kirkland's Press, Fredericksburg, VA, 1998).



Mr. Edward H. Bonekemper, III

His passion however, appears to be lecturing and teaching. Of the 100's of lectures that he has given over the years he has been welcomed to the Smithsonian Institute; the National Civil War Museum (Harrisburg, PA): the CCNY Military Affairs Symposium, the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the U.S., and Civil War Roundtables in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Orange County, Seattle, Chicago, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Wilmington, New Jersey, and New York. His teaching credentials include positions at Muhlenberg College, The Chautauqua Institution, The Smithsonian Institution, George Mason University, American

Military University, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center.



MAY QUIZ By Jim Godlove

On March 8, 1864, US Grant, accompanied by his 13 year old son, Fred, arrived in Washington, DC. He was to receive his commission as Lt. Gen. and to meet with Pres. Lincoln. Wearing a dirty linen duster, he made his way to a hotel just 2 blocks from the White House. The desk clerk stated there might be a small room on the top floor available. He asked this seemingly insignificant officer to sign the register. After seeing the register signed as "U. S. Grant and son, Galena, Illinois", the clerk immediately offered him the best suite in the hotel, Parlor 6. Later that day, Grant met Lincoln for the first time.



What was the name of the hotel?

MAY BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe



For our May meeting the HCWRT book raffle begins with **VICKSBURG – 47 Days of Siege**, by A.A. Hoehling and is another donation from the Estate of Gladys F. Glover. Next up is **THE SECRET WAR FOR THE UNION** – The untold story of Military Intelligence in the Civil War, by Edwin C. Fishel. This volume was donated to us by Gary Chandler. Also included in this month's raffle is **THE UNTOLD CIVIL WAR** – Exploring the human side of war bynames Robertson & Edited by Neil Kagan. This is a handsome National Geographic book donated by James Godlove. For our final selection we have **THE HOUR of PERIL** by Daniel Stashower. This book is about the secret plot to murder Lincoln before the Civil War.

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.



Crowdfunding Campaign Announcement



This month a group of Civil War historians are in the process of raising \$ 2.5 million to fund a new television series on the Civil War starring Hollywood actors, NASCAR persons, re-enactors, etc. They have a benefactor who has agreed to match the amount raised if the historians can raise at least \$ 2.5 million. The production costs are anticipated to be about \$ 5 million.

TO APPOMATTOX will follow Grant's ascent from military disgrace and family destitution to leading the greatest army ever assembled on this continent.

From West Point—where friends become our future “Band of Generals”—to the burning gates of Mexico City; from the corridors of Lincoln's War Department and the intimacy of the bedroom; to gore-filled trenches of horrific slaughter; where friendships dissolve into hatred; enemies find grace in forgiveness.

If you have an interest in supporting this endeavor or wish to find out more details including how to contribute, go to their website <http://www.toappomattox.com>. The fund raising period ends in late May.

NOTE: The Houston CWRT is **NOT** suggesting that you contribute to this project. To do so is an independent, personal decision.

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

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

2014 - 2015 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

Sept. 18, 2014 - Brian S. Wills - *"Atlanta Campaign"*

Oct. 16, 2014 - Keith Bohannon – *"Chickamauga"*

Nov. 20, 2014 - John Michael Priest – *"South Mountain"*

Dec. 11, 2014 - John Waugh – To Be Determined

Jan. 15, 2015 - Ed Bearss – To Be Determined

Feb. 19, 2015 - To Be Determined – To Be Determined

Mar. 19, 2015 - To Be Determined – To Be Determined

Apr. 16, 2015 - To Be Determined – To Be Determined

May 21, 2015 - To Be Determined – To Be Determined

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