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JANUARY, 2022 MEETING
Thursday, January 20, 2022

Rudi Lechner's Restaurant
2503 South Gessner Road
6:00 (or sooner) Dinner
7:00 Program Begins

E-mail reservations are preferred. Please E-mail Barry Brueggeman at bgbrueg@aol.com or call 281 480-1130 by 6 pm Monday, January 17, 2022

***** Reservations are Required *****

**There is no cost for dues-paid members.
\$10.00 charge for visitors.**

The HCWRT Presents
Stephen M. (Sam) Hood
Speaking on:

"Patriots Twice"

At our January meeting, Sam Hood will talk to us about the subject of his latest book, *Patriots Twice: Former Confederates and the Building of America after the Civil War*.

The long and bloody American Civil War claimed the lives of more than 700,000 Americans. When it ended, former opponents worked to rebuild their reunified nation and moved into the future together. Many people may find that hard to believe — especially during an era witnessing the destruction or removal of Confederate monuments and the desecration of Confederate

cemeteries.

In *Patriots Twice*, Sam Hood identifies more than 300 former Confederate soldiers, sailors, and government officials who reintegrated into American society following the war's conclusion and attained positions of authority and influence in the federal government, the United States military, academia, science, commerce, and industry. In his presentation to our Round Table, Mr. Hood will touch upon the contributions of many of these 300 men and the positive influence they have had on our country.

Many of the facts in *Patriots Twice* will surprise modern Americans. For example, ten postwar presidents appointed former Confederates to serve the reunited nation as Supreme Court justices, secretaries of the U.S. Navy, attorneys general, and a secretary of the interior. Dozens of former Southern soldiers were named U.S. ambassadors and consuls, and eight were appointed generals who commanded U.S. Army troops during the Spanish-American War.



Ex-Confederates were elected mayors of such unlikely cities as Los Angeles, Minneapolis, and Santa Fe, and served as governors of the non-Confederate states and territories of Colorado, West Virginia, Utah, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Alaska, and the Panama Canal Zone. Additionally, former soldiers in gray founded or co-founded several of our nation's colleges and universities — some exclusively for women and newly freed African-Americans. Others served as presidents of prominent institutions, including the University of California, Berkeley, and taught at universities outside the South including Harvard, Yale, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Johns Hopkins. Several others served on the governing boards of the United States Military Academy at West Point and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Mr. Hood will contend that every American has benefited from the post-Civil War reconciliation when former combatants put down their swords, picked up their plowshares, and accepted the invaluable contributions of thousands of former Confederates. The men who carried the bayonets found common cause and moved on together. This is an important concept that, Sam believes, everyone should embrace.

About Sam Hood

Stephen M. ("Sam") Hood is a distant relative of Confederate General John Bell Hood. Sam is a retired industrial construction company owner, and lives in Myrtle Beach, SC with his wife of 44 years, the former Martha Ann Hager. He is a 1970 graduate of Kentucky Military Institute and earned a BBA from Marshall University in 1976. Sam is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps Reserve. He is the author of three Civil War history books, the first, *John Bell Hood: The Rise, Fall, and Resurrection of a Confederate General* won the 2013 Albert E. Castel Book of the Year Award and the 2014 Walt Whitman Book of the Year Award. Sam served on the board of directors of the Blue & Gray Education Society of Chatham, VA and is past president of the board

of directors of Confederate Memorial Hall Museum in New Orleans.

Sam has had a life-long interest in the sport of soccer. In 1979 he founded the men's soccer program at Marshall University, which won the 2020 NCAA Division 1 National Championship. He coached Huntington St. Joseph High School to West Virginia State Championships in 1983, 1984, 1985, and 1988. Sam was named West Virginia High School Coach of the Year in 1990 and 1993 and was a charter inductee into the West Virginia Soccer Association Hall of Fame in 2010.



PRESIDENT'S PRESS *By Gene Boisaubin*

The fourth meeting of the HCWRT's annual campaign was held on Thursday evening, December 16, 2021, with again over thirty attendees gathering to hear Jeffrey Hunt present "Meade and Grant at Bristoe Station." Jeff's presentation was extremely well received and was followed by a lively discussion.

For our January 20th meeting, we are extremely fortunate to have Sam Hood return to join us for another of his highly acclaimed presentations. As described in much greater detail in this newsletter, Sam is a 1970 graduate of the Kentucky Military Institute and is the author of three Civil War history books, including his award-winning treatise on the career of John Bell Hood. His topic for our presentation will be "Patriots Twice: Confederates and the Building of America After the Civil War". Also, Sam will have copies of his *Patriots Twice* book available for sale and autographing.

As usual, we will also present our popular quiz and Civil War book raffle. We had hopes to be able to move away soon from the impact of COVID by the new year, but unfortunately, the new Omicron strain is even more contagious than the previous ones and makes our close quarters at the restaurant an ideal opportunity for potential spread. Therefore, we are asking all attendees to continue to bring a mask to wear and try to distance as much as is reasonably possible. Also please be sure to RSVP with Barry Brueggeman for this meeting by 6 p.m. Monday, January 17 whether you plan to “dine in” at Rudi’s or will be a “sitter” in the audience.

A membership application form is on page 5 of this newsletter and can also be downloaded from our website.

Please notify me if you need to have a new name tag made. It really helps the new members (and some old) to remember names when attending our meetings!

A personal invitation is still the best way to get the word out. Let me know of any ideas you may have for the membership committee. My email address is walkeragnew@comcast.net.



JANUARY QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

Q: President Rutherford B. Hayes appointed a former Confederate lieutenant general and corps commander of the Army of Northern Virginia to the position of U. S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire.

Who was this officer whom Robert E. Lee called “My Old War-Horse”?



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO DICK DOWLING?

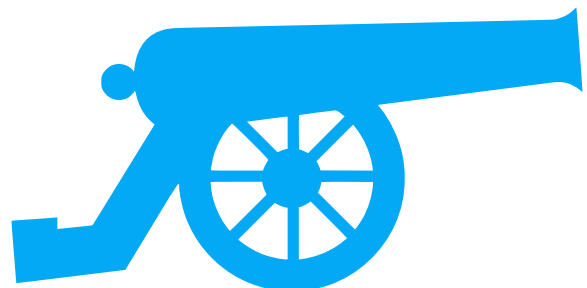
Richard (Dick) Dowling, an artillery officer in the Confederate States Army, achieved distinction as commander at the Battle of Sabine Pass in 1863, which resulted in a defeat of Union invasion forces.

After the war, Dowling returned to his saloon business in Houston and became one of the city’s leading businessmen. Unfortunately, a yellow fever epidemic struck Houston in the summer of 1867. Dowling fell victim to this epidemic, and died on September 23, 1867. He was buried at St. Vincent’s Catholic Cemetery.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Walker Agnew

Our membership numbers continue to increase due in part to the wonderful presentations by our speakers as well as our members inviting others to join. Please keep up the great work on this! The Membership Committee will be contacting former members from previous years to see who may be returning to the HCWRT.





Donnie Stowe at McGavock Confederate Cemetery during 2016 field trip to Franklin, TN

BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe

I hope everyone had a beautiful and blessed Christmas 2021 and are looking forward to the new year.

I'm starting this year's first raffle with **THEY MET at GETTYSBURG** by Edward J. Stackpole. This is a donation from past president Jim Godlove. Next in our lineup is the American History's **TIMELINE of the CIVIL**



WAR – The Ultimate Guide to the War That Defined America by John D. Wright. This book contains a bonus 3' timeline poster for the lucky winner. The third book this month is **ANTIETAM – The Photographic Legacy**

of America's Bloodiest Day by William A. Frassanito and is a gift from David Addington. The fourth selection is **RETURN to BULL RUN -The Campaign and Battle of Second Manassas** by John J. Hennessy. The fifth book in this month's raffle is a Civil War Classic: **THE LIFE OF JOHNNY REB – The Common Soldier of the Confederacy** by Bell Irvin Wiley. This book was donated by Ed Cotham, Jr., another HCWRT past president.

Thanks and have a very happy new year!

THIS MONTH IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY

January 1, 1863 – Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation goes into effect

January 5, 1861 – US Senators from seven Southern states meet in Washington, D. C. to discuss secession

January 9, 1861 – The *Star of the West* fails to relieve Ft. Sumter

January 9 to 11, 1863 – The Battle of Arkansas Post (Fort Hindman), Arkansas

January 15, 1865 – Ft. Fisher (North Carolina) stormed

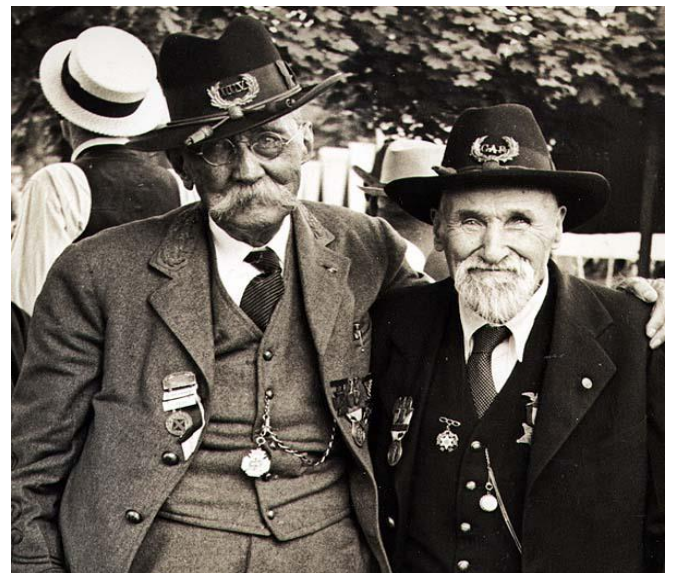
January 19, 1862 – Battle of Mill Springs (Logan's Cross Roads), Kentucky

January 22, 1862 – Bombardment of Ft. Henry, Tennessee by *USS Lexington*

January 25, 1863 – Burnside relieved of command of the Army of the Potomac and replaced with Major General Joseph Hooker

January 27, 1864 – Engagement at Fair Gardens (Kelly's Ford), Tennessee

January 30, 1862 – The *USS Monitor* is launched at Greenpoint, New York





HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Houston Civil War Round Table is dedicated to the study of the civilian, military, and cultural aspects of United States history during the period of 1861 – 1865 and to the preservation of historical sites and artifacts. For additional copies of this form please go to www.HoustonCivilWar.com

Membership Type (CHECK ONE BOX ONLY.)

- \$50 – Individual
 \$60 – Family
 \$25 – Student/Faculty or Out-of-Town
 Existing Member - Address / Information Update Only

JOINING BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND MAY 31

NON-RENEWING members joining in the months of January through May will automatically be enrolled as members for the current and following year's speaker series ("campaign").

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(FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

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(FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Home Work

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Note: For memberships or subscriptions outside the U.S., extra cost of postage to mail the newsletter may be added. Cost will vary; please write or email to inquire.

Mail your completed application and dues to: Houston Civil War Round Table
C/O Barry G. Brueggeman
3706 Lonnie Wood Drive
Houston, TX 77059

2021 – 2022 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN

Jan. 20, 2022 Stephen M. (Sam) Hood: *“Patriots Twice”*
Feb. 17, 2022 James Ogden: *“Opening the Cracker Line and the Battle of Wauhatchie”*
Mar. 17, 2022 Timothy B. Smith: *“The Real Horse Soldiers”*
Apr. 21, 2022 Lorien Foote: *“Affairs of Honor in the Armies”*
May 19, 2022 TBD: *Holding for 2022 Vandiver Award Recipient*

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