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NOVEMBER, 2024 MEETING
Thursday, November 21, 2024

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

***** No Reservations Required for this Meeting*****

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

The HCWRT Presents
Brian Matthew Jordan speaking
on:

“Battle of South Mountain, Maryland”

On Sunday, September 14, 1862, the Army of the Potomac notched three hard-earned victories in the rugged passes of South Mountain. Here, a hearty Midwestern brigade earned its immortal moniker; Ohioans and North Carolinians clubbed muskets and fought hand-to-hand across a stone fence; and a Georgia legion lost 190 of its 248 men. A rebel brigade commander and a federal corps commander were felled, and a future U.S. president was seriously wounded. How did this battle, long neglected as a "prelude" to the slaughter three

days later at Sharpsburg, shape the course of the Maryland Campaign? How did soldiers regard and remember the fighting? Brian Matthew Jordan will tackle these questions—and more.



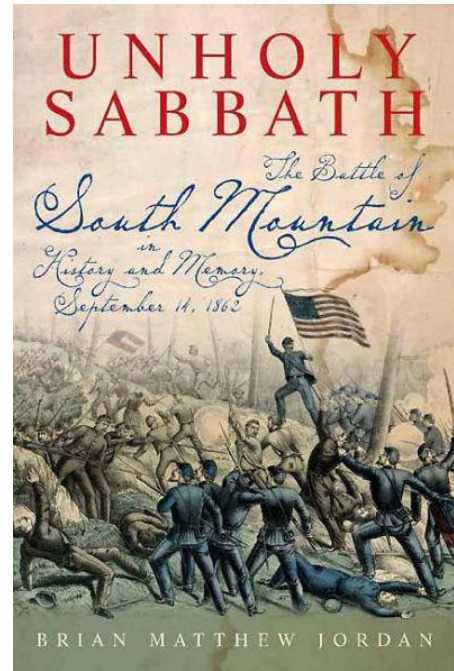
Brian Matthew Jordan

About Brian Matthew Jordan

Brian Matthew Jordan is Associate Professor of U.S. Civil War History and Chair of the History Department at Sam Houston State University, where he has taught since 2015. Professor Jordan earned his undergraduate degree in Civil War Era Studies at Gettysburg College, and M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. degrees in History at Yale. His first book, *Marching Home: Union Veterans and*

Their Unending Civil War, was a finalist (one of three runners-up) for the 2016 Pulitzer Prize in History and, in its dissertation form, won the George Washington Egleston Prize (for Best U.S. History Dissertation at Yale) and John Addison Porter Prize (one of Yale's highest academic honors). He has authored or edited five other books on Civil War soldiers, veterans, and memory, including *The War Went On: Reconsidering the Lives of Civil War Veterans* (with Evan Rothera); *A Thousand May Fall: An Immigrant Regiment's Civil War*, and *Final Resting Places: Reflections on the Meaning of Civil War Graves* (with Jonathan W. White). Presently, he is at work on *Crucible of the Republic: The Triumph and Tragedy of the Civil War*, a one-volume history of the conflict for Liveright/W.W. Norton. Brian is the founding co-editor of the series "Veterans" at the University of Massachusetts Press, and, for a decade, has served as Book Review Editor for *The Civil War Monitor*. He has addressed Civil War Round Tables in 30 states.

Brian is a native of Akron, Ohio, and lives in Conroe with his wife and two-year old daughter, Elizabeth (who has already stomped four battlefields). In 2024, he was honored to deliver a eulogy for 28 Union veterans inurned in Tahoma National Cemetery in Washington State.



President's Comments

This past meeting, we heard an excellent presentation on an aspect of the Civil War of which I was unaware. Neil Chatelain explained how the gold-starved Confederacy tried to capture ships laden with gold and silver coming from California. Practically any one of the ships had as much value as currently in the possession of the South. The gold was shipped to Panama where it was transported to ships on the eastern coast to take the product to New York. The Confederacy was never successful in capturing any of the gold.

For those of you that still need to send in dues for this year, you can use Zelle to send the \$50.00 for individuals or \$60.00 for families. Please send to treasurer@houstoncivilwar.com. Thanks to everyone that makes this organization so wonderful and entertaining.

As we are strictly an "all-volunteer" group, I ask each of you to consider joining one of our committees to assist us in our efforts. Please let me or any of our other officers or board members know if you are interested.



President Walker Agnew recognized outgoing treasurer Barry Brueggeman at last month's meeting for his many years of dedicated service to the HCWRT



President Agnew with last month's speaker Neil Chatelain

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Michael Glennan

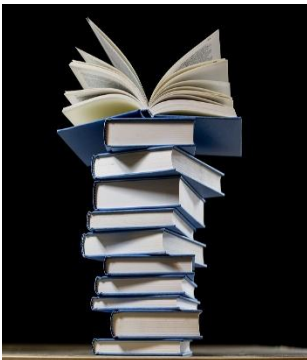
Please consider being a friend to a potential new member or an old member; why not invite them to our meeting on Thursday, November 21st? About 30 of us come together once a month (except summers) for special fellowship and dinner. Arrive at Rudi's by 5:45 for a hearty German meal and beer. At 7:00 pm, we retire to our cozy meeting room to hear Brian Matthew Jordan share the history of The Battle of South Mountain, Maryland. Prior to Dr. Jordan's talk, you'll enjoy our popular book raffle and our traditional Civil War quiz.

Should you have any questions, call me at (713) 864-1204. We always have room for guests! I'll see you there!

BOOK RAFFLE

By Rita Campbell

This month's list of great Civil War books being offered include **CONFEDERATES IN THE ATTIC: DISPATCHES FROM THE UNFINISHED CIVIL WAR** by Tony Horowitz; **PRESIDENT LINCOLN ASSASSINATED!!! THE FIRSHAND STORY OF THE MURDER, MANHUNT, TRIAL, AND MOURNING** by Harold Holzer; **THE CIVIL WAR: A HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF AMERICA'S WAR OF SECESSION** by William Davis; **THE CIVIL WAR YEARS; AN ILLUSTRATED CHRONICLE OF THE LIFE OF A NATION** by Robert Denney and Gregory Urwin; and last, **ORDEAL OF THE UNION: FRUITS OF MANIFEST DESTINY**



(VOLUME 1), 1847 – 1852 by Allan Nevins.

Special note: from November through January, we have a special "holiday delight" for you! Each month, we will be including one book from Shelby Foote's Civil War series. You have a chance to win all three volumes if you attend the next three meetings!

NOVEMBER QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

Q: During the morning fight for Fox's Gap, the colonel of the 23rd Ohio was hit by a musket ball in his left arm. His wife Lucy rushed to his side as he recovered in Maryland.

Who was this future president?



2024 – 2025 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN

Nov. 21, 2024	Brian Matthew Jordan: "Battle of South Mountain, Maryland"
Dec. 12, 2024	Noah Crawford, Gary Chandler Graduate Student Award Recipient: " 'Alien Enemies': Refugee Raids, Republican Mexicans, and the Collapse of Confederate Texas"
Jan. 16, 2025	Sean Michael Chick: "Creole General: P. G. T. Beauregard"
Feb. 20, 2025	Jeff Hunt: "Battle of Palmito Ranch, Texas"
Mar. 20, 2025	Catherine Clinton: "Lincoln: The Immortal President"
Apr. 17, 2025	Andrew Bledsoe: "Decision at Franklin: The Nineteen Critical Decisions That Defined the Battle"
May 15, 2025	Reserved for 2025 Vandiver Award Recipient, topic TBA

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