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MAY 2013 MEETING
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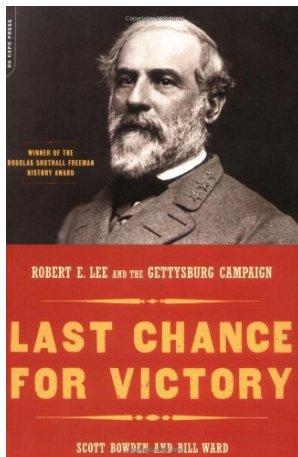
The HESS Club
5430 Westheimer Rd @ Westheimer Way
6:00 Cash Bar
7:00 Dinner & Meeting

E-Mail Reservation is Preferred;
at drzuckero@sbcglobal.net
or call Don Zuckero at (281) 479-1232
by 6 PM on Monday May 13, 2013
Dinner \$28; Lecture Only \$10

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

THE HCWRT PRESENTS

***“Last Chance for Victory:
Lee at Gettysburg”***
with Scott Bowden



The Battle of Gettysburg (July 1-3, 1863) is one of the pivotal events in American military history. Many Civil War enthusiasts think that they understand Gettysburg. Unfortunately, the basis of this understanding is quite often rooted in the myth and misinformation that surround this epic. At the

center of many of these myths are the decisions and orders given by Robert E. Lee.

Scott Bowden, along with his co-author Bill Ward, set out to examine these myths in detail in their book, *Last Chance for Victory: Robert E. Lee and Gettysburg*. It is a critical examination of Southern leadership in the pivotal campaign of 1863, with the focus on the Confederate commanding general. Mr. Bowden and his co-author exhaustively analyzed General Lee's decisions, orders and resulting generalship within the context that they occurred.

In his talk, Mr. Bowden will examine what he calls the myths surrounding such enduring controversies as Confederate cavalry commander J.E.B. Stuart's orders prior to the battle, as well as James Longstreet's fabled insistence that Lee "move by the right."

Mr. Bowden will also discuss the issues of Lee's decision to "go north," in the summer of 1863, Lee's understanding of warfare and his style of generalship, and why Lee concentrated the army when and where he did. He will bring all these issues together and lay out the reasons why Lee failed at Gettysburg.

Please join us for what promises to be an informative evening, the last of our 2012-13 campaign.



“Tomorrow... We Must Attack.”

By Dale Gallon

<http://www.gallon.com>

About Our Speaker Scott Bowden



Scott Bowden

Scott Bowden is a graduate of Texas Christian University and nine-time award-winning author of 25 works connected to Napoleonic and American military history. Two of his books are included in the curriculum of the School for Advanced Military Studies at the US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

One of those works, *Last Chance for Victory: Robert E. Lee and the Gettysburg Campaign*, was named to the Air Force Chief of Staff "Recommended Reading" List -- only the second Civil War title ever to receive such a distinction. *Last Chance for Victory* also won five literary prizes, including the prestigious Douglas Southall Freeman American History Award.

His other books include *Armies on the Danube 1809*, *Armies at Waterloo*, *Napoleon's Grande Armee of 1813*, and *Napoleon and Austerlitz*.

His current project is a multi-volume work titled *Robert E Lee at War: The Mind and Method of a Great American Soldier*.

Mr. Bowden is a frequent speaker at many events and on The History Channel.

You can learn more about Mr. Bowden and his writing at <http://www.lastchanceforvictory.com>.

MAY BOOK RAFFLE *By Donnie Stowe*

I hope everyone is ready for the summer break, because ready or not it's right around the corner. For this month's meeting the first book up for raffle is ***GRAY GHOSTS OF THE CONFEDERACY – Guerrilla Warfare in the West 1861-1865***, by Richard S. Brownlee and was donated by Ed Cotham, Jr. The next selection comes from Ron Featherston and is ***MORGAN'S RAIDERS*** by Dee Alexander Brown. In the third spot for this month's raffle is ***AMERICAN SCOUNDREL- The Life of the Notorious Civil War General Dan Sickles*** by Thomas Keneally. The fourth and final selection is ***A WORLD ON FIRE- Britain's crucial role in the Civil War*** by Amanda Foreman, who as most of you may recall was a guest speaker at this round table last year.

I hope everyone has a pleasant and safe summer break and before closing I wish to thank the HCWRT board for securing the Hess Club as our meeting facility – I believe it's a great venue for this group.. See all of you back here in September.

APRIL QUIZ *By Jim Godlove*

On June 30, 1863, A. P. Hill met with two of his generals at Cashtown, Pennsylvania. Brigadier General Johnston Pettigrew reported he had advanced towards Gettysburg to obtain some shoes and other supplies. Having encountered Union troopers near the outskirts, he retreated to Cashtown. The divisional commander then asked Hill: "If there is no objection, I will take my division tomorrow and go to Gettysburg and get those shoes."



Who was this Virginian who was said to be the only soldier that Robert E. Lee addressed by his first name?

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David Rains rotates off and the board would like to thank him for his service.

Voting will take place at our May 2013 meeting.

The War on Houston PBS



Saturday, May 11, 08:00 pm on SD8.2
A Very Bloody Affair - 1862/Forever Free – 1862
Duration: 2:26:30

1862 saw the birth of modern warfare and the transformation of Lincoln's war to preserve the Union into a war to emancipate the slaves. Episode two begins with the political infighting that threatened to swamp Lincoln's administration and then follows Union General George McClellan's ill-fated campaign on the Virginia peninsula. The episode follows the battle of ironclad ships, camp life and the beginning of the end of slavery. Ulysses S. Grant's exploits come to a bloody resolution at the Battle of Shiloh. The episode ends with rumors of Europe's readiness to recognize the Confederacy.

Saturday, May 18, 08:00 pm on SD8.2
Simply Murder – 1863
Duration: 2:26:46

This episode begins with the nightmarish Union disaster at Fredericksburg and follows two clashes that spring: at Chancellorsville in May, where Lee wins his most brilliant victory but loses Stonewall Jackson; and at Vicksburg, where Grant is prevented from taking the city by siege. Also covered is the fierce northern opposition to Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, the miseries of regimental life and the increasing desperation of the confederate home front. As the episode ends, Lee decides to invade the North again to draw Grant's forces away from Vicksburg.

Saturday, May 25, 08:00 pm on SD8.2
Valley of the Shadow of Death - 1864/Most Hallowed Ground – 1864
Duration: 2:26:46

This episode begins with a biographical comparison of Grant and Lee and then chronicles the extraordinary series of battles that pitted the two generals against each other from the wilderness to Petersburg in Virginia. With Grant and Lee finally deadlocked at Petersburg, the episode moves to the ghastly hospitals in both the North and South, and follows Sherman's Atlanta campaign through the mountains of northern Georgia. As the horrendous casualty lists increase, Lincoln's chances for re-election begin to dim and with them, the possibility of Union victory.

Saturday, June 1, 08:00 pm on SD8.2
War Is All Hell - 1865/The Better Angels of Our Nature – 1865
Duration: 2:26:46

William Tecumseh Sherman's March to the Sea brings war to the heart of Georgia and the Carolinas and spells the end of the Confederacy. Following Lincoln's second inauguration, Petersburg and Richmond finally fall to Grant's army. Lee's tattered Army of Northern Virginia flees westward towards Appomattox, where the surrender of Lee to Grant takes place. The episode ends in Washington, DC, where John Wilkes Booth begins to dream of vengeance for the South.

2012 - 2013 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

May 16, 2013 Scott Bowden - "*Robert E. Lee*"

2013 - 2014 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

September 19, 2013 - Jeffery Prushankin - "*Kirby Smith/Richard Taylor*"
October 17, 2013 - John Lundberg - "*Battle of Franklin*"
November 21, 2013 - Michael Bailey - "*1864 Battle of Mobile Bay*"
December 19, 2013 - John Waugh - TBD
January 16, 2014 - Edwin C. Bearss - TBD
February 20, 2014 - Stephen Kinnaman - "*Capt Bullock*"
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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