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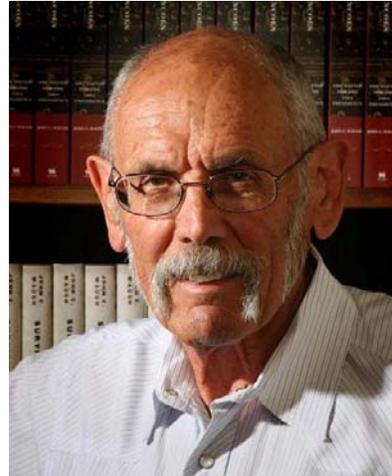
MAY 2011 MEETING
Thursday, May 19, 2011

The Briar Club
2603 Timmons Lane @ Westheimer
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. 16, 2011
Dinner \$33; Lecture Only \$5

Note: Reservations are required for Lecture Only!

About Jack Waugh



Mr. Waugh is a journalist turned historical reporter. Beginning his career in journalism he spent seventeen years as staff correspondent and bureau chief with *The Christian Science Monitor*, he then used his skills working as media specialist for Republican Vice

President Nelson Rockefeller and press secretary to Democratic U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico. In 1989 he began his stint in "historical reporting" and has been published eleven times. His first book, *The Class of 1846*, published in 1994, won the New York Civil War Round Table's Fletcher Pratt Literary Award for the best non-fiction book of that year. The latest being *How Historians Work: Retelling the Past - from the Civil War to the Wider World*, which was released in December of 2010. He reports, "Covering the past is not unlike covering the present, except all my sources are dead (I prefer it that way). It also means I can return to my favorite century, the 19th, on a daily basis."

Between stints in the newspaper and political worlds, and since, he has contributed to periodicals, including *Civil War History*, *American Heritage*, *Civil War Times Illustrated*, *Columbiad*, *The Washington Post Book World*, *The New York Times*, *The New Republic*, *The Nation*, *The Los Angeles Times Magazine*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Boston Herald American*, and *Country Magazine*. Over the years he has also been a consultant to various organizations - National Archives and Records Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Atlantic Richfield Company, President's Council on Environmental Quality, Public

The HCWRT PRESENTS

Jack Waugh "Maxey and the Indians"

This month we are happy to welcome John "Jack" Waugh to Houston as our featured speaker.

Sam Bell Maxey, a Texan, graduated next to last in the West Point class of 1846, losing a hard race for last place with George E. Pickett. It was probably the last time he lost an important engagement. In the Civil War he rose to heights far loftier than his standing in the class would indicate. He became a major general in the Confederate army and in the last year of the war was saddled with one of the most difficult of all possible assignments--commanding the Confederate Indians in Indian Territory, today's Oklahoma. Maxey took on the assignment with relish, for he knew success with the Indians was necessarily for the safety of north Texas. Successfully commanding Indians, who had minds of their own and a very faint sense of discipline was not easy. Others before him had broken their lance trying it. This talk will tell of Maxey and the Indians and how he fared this assignment to end all assignments.

Broadcasting Service (PBS), and West Virginia Public Radio.

Born in California, and reared in Arizona, Waugh now lives in North Texas. He is a product of the Tucson public schools and the University of Arizona where he majored in journalism, and minored in history. He also did graduate work in history and political science at UCLA and St. Johns College. He is married to a social work administrator and a Texan. They have two grown children, and four grandchildren.



MAY BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe

Does anyone know what rain is? I have almost forgotten what it looks or feels like. In any case; although we've had no April showers we do have our May book raffle. I start out this month with a book donated by Jim Godlove – *The Civil War Archive – The History of the Civil War in Documents*, edited by Henry Steele Commager. Next is volume 2 in *Battles and Leaders of the Civil War – The struggle intensifies* - donated by Ed Cotham, Jr. My third selection this month is *Cannoneers in Gray – The Field Artillery of the Army of Tennessee, 1861-1865* by Larry J. Daniel. The final selection will be four *Civil War Times Illustrated* magazines – two from 1984 and two from 1996.

I know I keep repeating this over and over again, but I wish to thank all of the members who have helped keep this raffle going with donations from their own collections.

Since May is our last meeting before we take a summer break, I want to wish all of you a safe and happy summer.

MAY QUIZ *By Jim Godlove*

One of Gen. Sam Bell Maxey's most able subordinates was a Cherokee chief. He was also the last Confederate general to surrender.



Who was he?

COMMANDER'S CORNER

By David Rains

At the April meeting we enjoyed a great presentation by Don Frazier on his book "Fire in the Cane Field: The Invasion of Louisiana and Texas 1861 – 63." The different perspectives of Union/Confederate sympathies that existed within Louisiana were particularly interesting.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president this year. I think we have had some good speakers and have welcomed several new members. John Barnes is well organized for next year's campaign as may be noted by the lineup of great speakers that are scheduled. I am certainly looking forward to next year's meetings and the Overland Campaign Trip with National Parks host Frank O'Reilly that Tony Matt has planned. Frank is also our Vandiver Award winner for this year.

Please make your reservation to attend the last meeting of this year with renowned speaker Jack Waugh.

PROPOSED

2011-2012 HCWRT

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By Marsha Franty

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Voting will take place at our May meeting.



THE HISTORY CHANNEL

Gettysburg Premieres

Monday, May 30 at 8 PM

www.history.com/shows/gettysburg

2011 Field Trip
The 1864 Overland Campaign
By Tony Matt

Our 2011 Field Trip will be a study of The 1864 Overland Campaign, covering the battles of; The Wilderness, Spotsylvania Courthouse, and Cold Harbor. Our guide will be Frank O'Reilly.

We will depart on Thursday, October 27th 2011 and return on the Sunday October 31st 2011.

COST: Double Room: \$1030.00 per person
Single Room: \$1220.00 per person

PAYMENTS: Initial Deposit of \$250.00 due 5/19/2011
Second Payment of \$300 due 7/15/2011
Final Balance due 9/1/2011

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Tony Matt
15811 Spruce River CT
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2011 FIELD TRIP ITINERARY:

Day 1: The Wilderness: Germanna Ford, Grant's HQ Knoll, Saunders Field, **Lunch and tour Ellwood** Higginson Farm, Widow Tapp Field, Longstreet's Flank Attack and Wounding Site, Lee's Last Attack on Brock Road/Plank Road intersection

Day 2: Spotsylvania Courthouse: Todd's Tavern, Laurel Hill/Spindle Farm, Sedgwick's Wounding Site, Upton's Attack, **Lunch at the Battlefield Exhibit Shelter** Bloody Angle, Lee's Last Line

Day 3: Cold Harbor: Carmel Church, North Anna Battlefield Park/Ox Ford, Haw's Shop/Enon Church, Totopotomoy/Shelton House or the School
Lunch either at Enon Church or at Shelton House Bethesda Church Site
Cold Harbor Visitor Center (rest break), Old Cold Harbor Crossroads (possibly Beulah Church as well), Cold Harbor Battlefield Park--Breakthrough Site, Cold Harbor Battlefield Park--Union Trenches Jump-off for attack, Finish up around 4:00 p.m. to get back to the hotel 5:00-ish.

For more information please email Tony Matt at Fieldtrips@HoustonCivilWar.com or call him at (281) 277-0203 – or go to www.HoustonCivilWar.com.

It's the summer of 1863, more than two years into our nation's devastating Civil War, and the stakes have never been higher. The Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, led by Robert E. Lee, crosses into Pennsylvania. Trailed by the Union's Army of the Potomac, Lee's 75,000-strong army heads toward Harrisburg, but the forces meet instead near Gettysburg, a quiet farm town that would become synonymous with the epic battle that all but decided the outcome of the American Civil War. For three long days, the two sides clashed in one of the war's bloodiest engagements to decide the ultimate question: Would the United States of America survive?

Executive produced by Ridley and Tony Scott, GETTYSBURG strips away the romanticized veneer of the Civil War to present the pivotal Battle of Gettysburg in a new light--a visceral, terrifying and deeply personal experience, fought by men who put everything on the line in defense of their vision of the American future. Cinematic in scope, GETTYSBURG is an information-packed look at the turning points, strategic decisions, technology and little-known facts surrounding the battle. Developed in collaboration with highly esteemed Civil War historians, GETTYSBURG reflects hundreds of individual accounts of the battle--the unique voices of struggle, defeat and triumph that tell the larger story of a bitterly conflicted nation.

Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, this two-hour HISTORY special will strip away the romanticized veneer of the Civil War and present the engagement in a new light: a visceral, terrifying experience with everything on the line. At its core, this is the story of the soldiers on the ground, not the generals who commanded from behind the frontlines. Compelling CGI and powerful action footage place viewers in the midst of the fighting, delivering both an emotional cinematic experience and an information packed look at the turning points, technology, and little known facts of perhaps America's greatest battle.

2010 - 2011 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN

May 19, 2011 Jack Waugh – *"Maxey and the Indians"*

2011 - 2012 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN

Sep 16, 2011 Wayne Motts - *"The Seminary Tower at Gettysburg"*

Oct 20, 2011 Jim Robbins - *"Last in Their Class: Custer, Pickett and the Goats of West Point"*

Nov 17, 2011 Prof. Susannah Ural - *"Hood and the Texans"*

Dec 15, 2011 Tom Carhart - *"West Point Civil War Rivalries"*

Jan 19, 2012 Ed Bearss - *To Be Announced*

Feb 16, 2012 Stephen Kinnaman - *"The Building of the Alabama"*

Mar 15, 2012 Carol Berkin - *"Civil War Wives"*

Apr 19, 2012 Pat Falci - *"A.P. Hill: Lee's Forgotten General"*

May 17, 2012 To Be Announced



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