Rosenberg Library Announces Museum Book Club Spring 2019 Selection

Rosenberg Library is pleased to announce that its selection for the Spring 2019 Museum Book Club series is *Tangled Honor* by Philip McBride. *Tangled Honor* is the first of a three-book set that follows Confederate Captain John McBee through the Civil War. McBee is part of Hood's Texas Brigade, where he commands Company C in the Fifth Texas Infantry, the famed "Bloody Fifth" regiment.

The Spring Museum Book Club meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 17 from 12 noon – 1:00 p.m. in the Fox Room on the library’s 4th floor. Author Philip McBride will be present to discuss his research methodology for the novel and to answer questions. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Book Summary**

The action in *Tangled Honor* comes in 1862, the Texans' first year of combat when McBee leads his men, who are from a single Texas town, into the maelstrom of battle at Gaines' Mill, Second Manassas, and more.

Beyond the battles, *Tangled Honor* explores the vexing relationship between McBee and Levi, the McBee family slave who accompanies the captain to war as his body-servant.

Even as Captain McBee is mastering the skills of command, a muddle of seemingly unstoppable violence and intrigue wells up and endangers his position as an officer, all starting when his blistered feet come to the attention of a woman named Faith.

**About the Author**
Author Philip McBride is an avid reader and writer of military historical fiction. He and his wife reside in Lockhart, Texas.

Since 1999, McBride has been a regular contributing writer to the Camp Chase Gazette and the Civil War Courier magazines, providing over eighty articles about Civil War soldiers and the hobby of Civil War reenacting.

McBride is a researcher who values the work of historians who have chronicled the great battles of the Civil War. He relies on primary source diaries and memoirs of real Civil War soldiers to capture their views of soldiering to learn how the common soldiers spent their days while campaigning.

**From the Permanent Collection**
Rosenberg Library staff will share artifacts from the Civil War including historic firearms, Confederate clothing, and a ca. 1861 hardtack biscuit. Also displayed will be Civil War-era photographs from the library’s Galveston and Texas History Center archive.

**About the Museum Book Club**
Rosenberg Library’s Museum Book Club offers participants the chance to experience art and literature in a more interactive way. Members have the opportunity to view rarely exhibited art and historical artifacts from the library’s permanent collection as they discuss related books.

Registration is required for all Museum Book Club meetings. Please visit [www.rosenberg-library.org](http://www.rosenberg-library.org) or call 409-763-8854 ext. 125 to register.

*Tangled Honor* is available for check-out at Rosenberg Library.