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MUSEUM BOOK CLUB

## PROGRAM AGENDA

**Spring 2019**

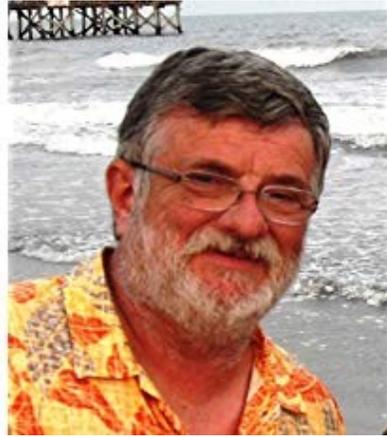
*Presented by Rosenberg Library*

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| <b>12:00 p.m.</b>  | Welcome & Introductions |
| <b>12:00-12:15</b> | Historical Presentation |
| <b>12:15-1:00</b>  | Author Talk / Q & A     |

## About the Author

### Philip McBride

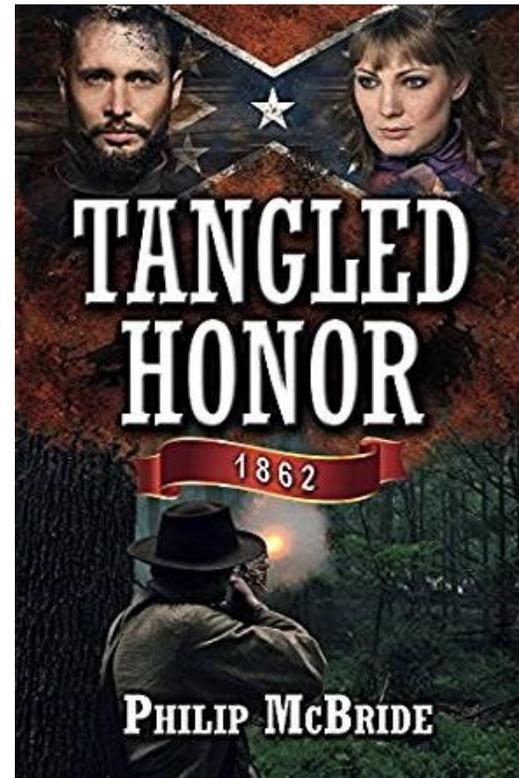
Author Philip McBride is an avid reader of military historical fiction, and is a compulsive writer. He lives with his wife Juanita in Lockhart, Texas, a small town which is the acknowledged Barbeque Capital of Texas, and not far from the Alamo.



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. As importantly, he relies on primary source diaries and memoirs of real Civil War soldiers to capture their views of soldiering in the 1860's, and to learn how the common soldiers spent their days while campaigning.

His blog, McBride's Civil War Novels, can be accessed on BlogSpot.com



*Rosenberg Library's Museum Book Club provides a forum for discovery and discussion, linking literary selections with artworks and historical objects from the permanent collection.*

1. What was your initial impression of Captain John McBee? Did this change during the course of the novel?
2. Captain McBee's mother comments that Sally's son Levi shares a strong family resemblance to the McBees. Although she assumes that her husband is Levi's biological father, the author does not reveal Captain McBee's own thoughts on the matter. Do you think he immediately thought he might be Levi's real father? If so, do you think he treated Levi differently than he might have treated another slave working as his manservant?
3. Do you think Faith Samuelson's independent spirit was inherent, or do you think her actions and decisions were shaped by the events taking place around her? Do you think her affair with Captain McBee was immoral considering her situation? Although she states that she is in love with her husband and is happily married (at the beginning of the novel), do you think that was true?
4. After the Battle at Gaines' Mill, George confides in Levi that he regrets the death of Union soldiers who are fighting to end slavery of African-Americans like them. How do you think he reconciled his (forced) assistance to the Confederate army while desiring their defeat? Are you surprised he didn't try to escape? Why or why not?
5. *Tangled Honor* is the first novel in a three-part series. Do you have any predictions about what will happen next to the main characters? Are you hoping for any specific outcomes to the story?