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MAY, 2021 MEETING
Thursday, May 20, 7:00 pm
Fellowship Period from 6:30 to 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
(please refer to article on page 3 of
September's newsletter for detailed
information regarding using Zoom)

The HCWRT Presents Don Frazier Speaking on:

“Tempest Over Texas”

Picking up the story of the Civil War in Louisiana and Texas after the fall of Port Hudson and Vicksburg, *Tempest Over Texas* is a tale of Confederate confusion. What was left to be done west of the river? How should the would-be nation carry on in the Trans-Mississippi given the new strategic realities? Where would the next Union blow fall? How could the war effort sustain itself as the severed limb of the CSA?

Likewise, Federal forces gathered from Memphis to New Orleans were in search of a new mission. The destruction of the remaining Confederate armies west of the Mississippi should be no small matter, and the reconstruction of Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas should be easy enough to accomplish. Yet, fate intervened. International intrigues and disasters on distant battlefields would all conspire to confuse and perplex war-planners.

Meanwhile, both sides continued to square off in this corner of the war as the national calamity continued to play out.

Dr. Frazier's talk is based on his latest book, *Tempest Over Texas: The Fall and Winter Campaigns, 1863–1864*, which is the fourth installment in his award-winning *Louisiana Quadrille* series.

About Don Frazier

Dr. Donald S. Frazier is the Director of The Texas Center at Schreiner University in Kerrville. A graduate of The University of Texas at Arlington and Texas Christian University, Frazier is also the award-winning author of five books on the Civil War including *Blood and Treasure*, *Cottonclads*, *Fire in the Cane Field*, *Thunder Across the Swamp*, and *Blood on the Bayou*. His most recent book, *Tempest Over Texas*, was released in 2020. Dr. Frazier's other work includes serving as co-author of *Frontier Texas*, *Historic Abilene*, and *The Texas You Expect*, as well as general editor of *The U.S. and Mexico at War* and a collection of letters published as *Love and War: The Civil War Letter and Medicinal Book of Augustus V. Ball*.

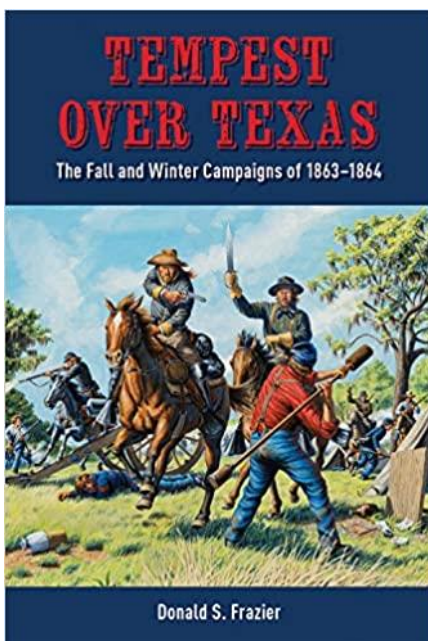


Don Frazier

In addition to his teaching duties, Frazier has been very involved in work on Civil War and frontier heritage trails in Texas, New Mexico, and Louisiana, and work on historical projects in Europe and Mexico. He helped design *Frontier Texas!*, a museum-attraction in Abilene, Texas. He is the writer and director for the video *Our Home, Our Rights: Texas and Texans in the Civil War*, a winner of the Mitchell Wilder Award for Excellence in Publications and Media Design from the Texas Association of Museums. *Come and Take It*, a treatment of the life story of Susannah Dickinson, is his first full length play.

Dr. Frazier is an elected member of the prestigious Philosophical Society of Texas, the oldest learned organization in the state, a Fellow of the Texas State Historical Association, and a Director-Scholar on the board of the Texas Historical Foundation.

In 1995, Dr. Frazier helped found the McWhiney Group, a Texas-based 501(c)(3) non-profit that operates an educational adventure enterprise, Bear Leader Tours; State House Press, a publishing imprint in consortium with Texas A&M University Press; and online education efforts. Frazier also managed the Buffalo Gap Historic Village as part of his non-profit portfolio. The McWhiney group currently sponsors the Anne Bailey Dissertation Prize through the Society of Civil War Historians and supports the efforts of The Texas Center at Schreiner University.



2020 VANDIVER AWARD RECIPIENT: DON FRAZIER

By Eugene Boisubin, Committee Chair

The Houston Civil War Round Table is honored that the **2021 Frank E. Vandiver Award of Merit will be presented to Don Frazier** at the May 20 meeting. Since 1982, the HCWRT has presented its highly respected Vandiver Award annually in recognition of an individual or an organization making a substantial contribution to the preservation of our Civil War heritage. Past recipients include a “Who’s Who” of Civil War notables.

Don Frazier’s acceptance talk at our upcoming May meeting will be the subject of his latest book, **“*Tempest Over Texas.*”**

The Vandiver Award is named for the late Civil War historian and former President of Texas A&M University, the University of North Texas, and Rice University, who also was one of the earliest members of the HCWRT.

The 2021 Vandiver Award Committee consisted of Gene Boisubin (Chair), John Stevens, Mike Harrington, Gary Chandler, Keith Altavilla, and Jim Godlove.



Don Frazier during 2017 field trip to Louisiana

COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Mike Harrington

If you missed our April meeting, you missed Stephen Kinnaman's terrific talk on the history of the USS *Merrimack*. At our May meeting, we will get back to the Civil War on land – in this case, the sacred soil of Texas. We could want for no better guide to the war in the Lone Star State than Don Frazier. One of our most popular speakers, Don combines erudition with a dose of folksy humor.

As is our custom, at the May meeting we will present the **Frank E. Vandiver Award of Merit**. Our Round Table has proudly presented this award each year since 1982. This year I will have the privilege of presenting the **40th Vandiver Award to our speaker, Don Frazier**.

Traditionally, our meeting in May concludes each yearly campaign. Due to the cancellation of our meeting in February, the Board of Directors elected to extend this year's campaign into June. At the June 17th meeting, we will vote on the slate of officers for the 2021-22 campaign set forth in Jim Godlove's report on this page. Unless I receive some strongly negative blowback from the membership prior to the June meeting, I propose to call for a vote at that meeting for all the nominees as a group and not individually. Specifically, as meeting chair I plan to ask those tuned into the meeting via Zoom to register any "nay" vote by so indicating in a Chat box. If I see no such vote within a minute or so, I will declare all the nominees duly elected by acclamation.

Once again, the HCWRT is pleased to present an outstanding list of speakers and varied topics for our upcoming 2021-22 campaign. We plan to have an article in the June newsletter to highlight the speakers' lineup and topics, so stay tuned!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

By Jim Godlove

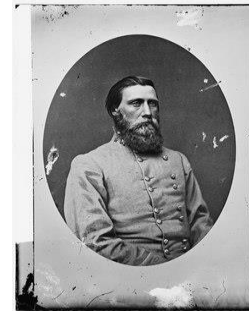
The HCWRT bylaws provide for a nominating committee of three members to nominate a slate of Officers and Directors for the

next campaign. This year's committee is comprised of Past President Jim Godlove (Chair), Gary Chandler, and Scott Wilkey. Due to COVID and HCWRT's Zoom meetings, the slate of candidates will be voted on during our June 17th meeting.

The nominees are as follows:

President:	Eugene Boisaubin
Vice President:	Keith Altavilla
Secretary:	John Stevens
Treasurer:	Barry Brueggeman
Directors:	Walker Agnew Roland Bienvenu Jim Godlove Scott Wilkey
Past President:	Mike Harrington

As indicated in Mike Harrington's column, our customary voting procedures on Officers and Directors will be modified to fit our unusual circumstances.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Walker Agnew

We are moving closer to the time when we will once again be meeting in person, but we do not yet know where and when our "live" meetings will take place. In the meantime, be sure to keep inviting friends to join us virtually. There are two more presentations remaining in this campaign, so think of whom you would want to include and extend that invitation!

A personal invitation is still the best way to get the word out. Let me know of any ideas you may have for the membership committee. My email address is walkeragnew@comcast.net.

Remember to log in early to the May meeting for our "fellowship period". See you then!

2020 - 2021 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN

May 20, 2021 Don Frazier, 2021 Vandiver Award Recipient: *"Tempest Over Texas"*
June 17, 2021 Lorien Foote: *"The Dogs of War"* (rescheduled from February 18, 2021)

2021 – 2022 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN

Sept. 16, 2021 Andrew Lang: *"In the Wake of War"*
Oct. 21, 2021 Caleb McDaniel: *"Sweet Taste of Liberty"*
Nov. 18, 2021 William MacKinnon: *"Before Fort Sumter: The Utah War Experiences of Union and Confederate Leaders"*
Dec. 16, 2021 Jeffrey Hunt: *"Meade and Lee at Bristoe Station"*
(Note: 3rd Thursday of December, not 2nd)
Jan. 20, 2022 Stephen M. (Sam) Hood: *"Patriots Twice"*
Feb. 17, 2022 James Ogden: *"Opening the Cracker Line and the Battle of Wauhatchie"*
Mar. 17, 2022 Timothy B. Smith: *"The Real Horse Soldiers"*
Apr. 21, 2022 Lorien Foote: *"Affairs of Honor in the Armies"*
May 19, 2022 TBD: *Holding for 2022 Vandiver Award Recipient*

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