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# General Orders

## *Boisaubin's Brigade*

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**MAY, 2022 MEETING**  
Thursday, May 19, 2022

Rudi Lechner's Restaurant  
2503 South Gessner Road  
6:00 (or sooner) Dinner  
7:00 Program Begins

E-mail reservations are preferred. Please E-mail Barry Brueggeman at [bgbrueg@aol.com](mailto:bgbrueg@aol.com) or call 281 480-1130 by 6 pm Monday, May 16, 2022

\*\*\* Reservations are Required \*\*\*

There is no cost for dues-paid members.  
\$10.00 charge for visitors.

## The HCWRT Presents Mike Movius Speaking on:

**“Civil War Round Tables: A Story of Adjustment and Change”**

Mike Movius' talk will provide an introduction to the CWRT (Civil War Round Table) Congress, his reasons for forming it, and the organization's goals and objectives. He will examine the rise and fall of the CWRT movement, including its beginnings in Chicago back in 1940 and what has occurred since then. Mike delves into his thesis as to why CWRTs fail, and will explore in full detail a “white paper” written on the subject. He will examine the

“elephant in the room,” most notably the generational gap of younger members, and looks at ways of mitigating that phenomenon through target marketing. Finally, Mike will discuss what the future might bring to the CWRT movement and conclude with a video commercial regarding the CWRT Congress' upcoming conference in September.

An audiovisual presentation by Mike will offer some interactive parts to demonstrate his thesis. Additionally, a copy of the aforementioned white paper will be available through a QR code provided during the evening's discussion. The evening should be both enlightening and fun!



Mike Movius

## About Mike Movius

Michael J. Movius is the founder and president of the CWRT Congress and former president of the Puget Sound CWRT in Seattle. Mike is a fifth generation Washingtonian, holds an undergraduate degree from the University of

Washington, a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in organization development from The Evergreen State College, and a master's certificate in project management from Villanova University.

He led several organizational renewal projects while in the Governor's office, including the merger of four agencies that became the Washington State Department of Health. Mike was the staff director for the Governor's Economic Development Cabinet and led the research and development office for the Washington State Patrol. He was the CIO for one of the largest school districts in the country and managed multi-million-dollar projects for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle.

Mike's TEAMS program for traffic law enforcement received national recognition from the Kennedy School of Government and the Ford Foundation. He also received the State Patrol's Award of Honor for valorous conduct in a SWAT team multiple hostage rescue situation, the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, and the BSA Alumnus of the Year award.

Mike is married to his wife Denise, has two Eagle Scout sons, and resides in Olympia, Washington.



## **PRESIDENT'S PRESS**

*By Gene Boisubin*

The eighth meeting of the HCWRT's Annual Campaign was held on Thursday evening, April 21, 2002, with 28 attendees gathering to hear Professor Lorien Foote from Texas A&M University present "Slack Sheet, Free Fights

and Bloody Heads: Honor and Manhood in the Union Army." Dr. Foote always gives an engaging and highly informative presentation and this was no exception. Among the learning points was that "honor" at that time was viewed not primarily as a personal attribute, but how you were regarded and judged by your peers. In addition, we again learned that compiling histories which depend upon regimental records and log books are usually much easier when researching the Union Army as opposed to the Confederate Army, since most of their records were destroyed during the great Richmond fire at the end of the war. An insightful question and answer period followed her presentation.

Our speaker for May will be Mike Movius, who will present "Civil War Round Tables: A Story of Adjustment and Change." Mike is the consummate expert on Round Tables in America and founder of the Civil War Round Table Congress. He is also the former President of the Puget Sound Round Table in Seattle, Washington. Mike's specific topic is much more extensively addressed on page one of this newsletter. As a tradition, we will also continue our popular quiz and book raffle. Because of the current stable nature of COVID in Houston, we will continue to make personal masking optional. Also **please let Barry Brueggeman know of your attendance for the next meeting by 6 pm Monday, May 16.**

## **2022-23 SPEAKERS SCHEDULE** **ANNOUNCED**

*By Keith Altavilla, Vice President and Programs Chair*

As we finish a 2021-22 Campaign that saw us return to in-person meetings, the Programs Committee is happy to announce the schedule for the upcoming 2022-23 campaign. This is a strong lineup, and one we are especially proud to note comes in large part from scholars and authors right here in Texas. These are prominent and accomplished speakers, many of whom are well known to us, with a few new faces as well.

Starting the year in September will be **Chris Mackowski**. The co-founder of the popular "Emerging Civil War" website and managing

editor of the Emerging Civil War Series from Savas Beatie, Professor Mackowski will be presenting *The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson*.

In October, **Catherine Clinton** returns to us from UT San Antonio to present *Mary Lincoln: A Life*, her engaging biography of the Union's First Lady.

Vandiver Award recipient **Edward Cotham** comes in November, this time to present his work *Sabine Pass: Thermopylae of the Confederacy*, about the Confederate stand on the Texas-Louisiana border.

December will see the return of **Brian Matthew Jordan**, professor from Sam Houston State. He will present to us *A Thousand May Falls: An Immigrant Regiment's Civil War*, tracking the experience of the 107th Ohio, a German regiment in the Eastern Theater. Jordan's book was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

We begin 2023 with another past Vandiver recipient, **Don Frazier** of Schreiner University. Dr. Frazier will look at *The Texas Hill Country in the Civil War*, examining the home front in Central Texas.

Texas A&M professor **Lorien Foote** joins us again in February. Her presentation, *The Yankee Plague*, looks at escaped Union prisoners in the Carolinas, and what their presence meant for the end of the Confederacy.

In March, **Jeffrey Hunt**, director of the Texas Military Forces Museum, joins us again to look at *Rappahannock Station*, another battle between Meade and Lee in the Eastern Theater during the fall of 1863, following Gettysburg.

Our final scheduled speaker, for April, is author and educator **Jonathan M. Steplyk**, who will present on his work *Fighting Means Killing: Civil War Soldiers and the Nature of Combat*. Using battles like Franklin, he considers what it meant for soldiers, both Union and Confederate, to kill, and potentially be killed, by their countrymen.

The May meeting is being held open to honor our **2023 Vandiver Award** recipient.

I want to thank the full Programs Committee, which included **Gary Chandler**, President **Eugene Boisaubin**, Immediate Past President **Mike Harrington**, and **Jim Godlove** for their assistance in finding names and assembling the schedule. All did excellent work throughout the

past campaign in helping to coordinate the arrival of this previous year's slate, rendering invaluable assistance throughout the year. There is a lot to like in this next campaign, and we hope you will be able to join us at these meetings!

## MAY QUIZ By Jim Godlove

Q: During the month of May, a battle occurred that featured the "Mule Shoe," the "Bloody Angle," and a "Lee to the Rear" episode. **Name the battle and the year.**



## BOOK RAFFLE By Donnie Stowe

Since we are coming to our summer break (so-to-speak); I've tried to make this an especially good raffle for the month of May. I'm doing that by starting the raffle with **JEB STUART** by John Thomason. This is special because it is one of the volumes that was



donated by Mark Troth from the estate of his father **Louis Dale Troth**. Dale was a member of the HCWRT in the 1990s and Mark is releasing some excellent books for our raffle. The second item in this month's raffle is a

book/DVD entitled **THE CIVIL WAR – A Visual**

## JEFFERSON SYMPOSIUM

**History** donated by our own Roland Bienvenu. Our third book this month is **THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC: GLORY ROAD** by Bruce Catton. This is volume two of Bruce Catton's Army of the Potomac series. The fourth selection is **GRANT – A Biography** by William S. McFeely. This book won the Pulitzer Prize for Biography & the Francis Parkman Prize of the Society of American Historians. The fifth book in this month's raffle is **1861: The Civil War Awakening** by Adam Goodheart. In this book, Goodheart introduces us to an acrobatic militia colonel, an explorer's wife, an idealistic band of German immigrants, a regiment of New York City firemen, a community of Virginia slaves, and a young college professor who would one day become president of the United States of America.

Once again, I would like to thank **Mark Troth** for the donation of approximately 70 books from his father's collection. Some of these volumes are softcover and others hardback – but all are in excellent condition.

The 11th Annual Civil War Symposium will be held on Saturday, August 6th, 2022 in Jefferson, Texas. The theme of this year's symposium is "Even More Trans-Mississippi Lore." The symposium, sponsored by the Jefferson Historical Society and Museum, will feature individuals who are noted authors, speakers, professors, and historians on various aspects of the Trans-Mississippi Civil War history, include Scott Dearman, Donald Frazier, John Goddard, and Bill J. Gurley.

Vendors and exhibitors will be present at the symposium, which will feature their traditional raffle of Civil War books plus a silent auction and a grand prize to be awarded.

Registration (which includes a catered lunch) is \$75.00 for adults and \$35.00 for students. On Friday evening, there will be a speakers' reception which will cost \$25.00 per person. The reception will provide an opportunity to meet and visit with the speakers and will include refreshments and musical entertainment.

For information on registration, contact the Museum at (903) 665-2775 or visit their website at [www.jeffersonmuseum.com](http://www.jeffersonmuseum.com). For information on Jefferson and local lodging, go to [VisitJeffersonTexas.com](http://VisitJeffersonTexas.com) or [Jefferson-texas.com](http://Jefferson-texas.com).

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*April speaker Dr. Lorien Foote and  
HCWRT President Gene Boisaubin*





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