

ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

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Lee Spencer White

Western Life Aficionado



Lee Spencer White is a seventh-generation Texan, author, independent historian, preservationist, and researcher whose life's work has been dedicated to safeguarding the legacy of the Texas frontier and the men and women who shaped it. Descended from Alamo Defender Gordon C. Jennings, who fought and died at the Battle of the Alamo, White has carried forward a deep personal and historical commitment to honoring

Texas's early cowboy and frontier heritage.

She is best known as the co-author of the award-winning book *Joe the Slave Who Became an Alamo Legend*, which brought renewed scholarly and public attention to overlooked figures of the Alamo era. Her expertise has led her to serve as a consultant for major media outlets including the History Channel, Deard Films, and the BBC. In 1993, she founded the Alamo Defenders Descendants Association (A.D.D.A.), and she has since organized the annual Alamo Remembrance Ceremony held within the Alamo Church, ensuring continued public education and commemoration of Texas's frontier defenders.

White is nationally recognized for leading the successful, multi-year effort to prevent the removal of the Alamo Cenotaph, the white marble monument designed in the 1930s by renowned sculptor Pompeo Coppini to honor the fallen defenders. From 2016 through 2020, she spearheaded grassroots activism, public protests,



extensive media outreach, fundraising, and legal action to protect the monument, mobilizing thousands of Texans to advocate for its preservation. Her efforts ultimately resulted in the Texas Historical Commission denying relocation requests, and in 2025 the Alamo Trust restored the Cenotaph to its original condition and held a formal rededication ceremony.

In addition to her work at the Alamo, White has participated in the preservation of other historic frontier sites, including the restoration of Captain Samuel H. Walker's gravesite. Her lifelong dedication to preserving Texas's cowboy, frontier, and Alamo legacy earned her the Daughters of the American Revolution "Women in American History" Award in 2021. Through scholarship, advocacy, and public service, Lee Spencer White has made enduring contributions to the preservation and understanding of the cowboy era and Texas history.