Texas Heritage Museum Annual Membership Form

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Medal of Honor Memorial Brick Campaign

If you sign up for a membership with the Texas Heritage Museum today, you may also sponsor a brick at a special low price of $75. Using the space below, tell us what you want your brick to say. Please limit to 15 characters per line and three lines per brick. If you decide to purchase more than one brick, please attach additional information to this form. Those wanting to buy a brick without a membership may do so at the regular price of $100.

☐ Yes, I would like to sponsor a brick.

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The Texas Heritage Museum's mission is to explore Texas and Texans during wartime and how those experiences affect us today.

Texas Heritage Museum is proud to help with historic preservation and education by being a member of the following organizations:

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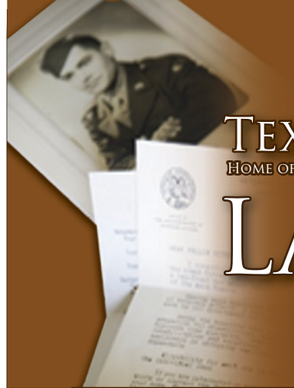

Texas Heritage Museum
Home of the Official State Medal of Honor Memorial to Native-Born Texans

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Letter from the Director

Dear Friends of the Museum,

I am proud to tell you about the Texas Heritage Museum's exciting spring semester. The museum hosted its second annual membership banquet on Feb. 25, with 78 in attendance. Service awards were presented to Tom Sale, art instructor, and Kathleen Miller, history instructor, for their collaboration with the museum's collection and their numerous courses taught in the museum theater. Dr. Edmund Louis Burnett was also recognized for his service in writing *Civil War Letters of Louis Lehmann*, the 46th Hill College Press publication.

Media 13 film company filmed the pilot episode of their new documentary series entitled "Museums of the Heartland." Lindell Singleton, the chief creative officer for Media 13, visited more than 25 museums to find the perfect museum for the pilot's production. The Texas Heritage Museum made it to the final 13 and was then selected as the number one spot for the pilot. The "Museums of the Heartland" local premiere was held at the Texas Heritage Museum on Feb. 7. The pilot episode will be released regionally for broadcast in the near future.

The Historical Research Center's hours have recently been cut back due to the state's budget shortfall. The new hours are Thurs., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Fri., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We continue to actively seek new ways to improve the fulfillment of the museum's mission. Together we are enhancing your experience – the Texas Heritage Museum Experience.

Thank you for your support of the Texas Heritage Museum at Hill College.

Sincerely
John Versluis
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Director THM

History Trails Trip Explores Trails Throughout Western U.S.

The 2300-mile course trip covering trails, forts, Native American and pioneer history across Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado was a great expedition. In total, 11 (four were THM members) blazed across the Great Plains and experienced history in the making. Along the way, "students" were immersed in the rich history of the American cowboy, Native Americans, pioneers, fur trappers and U.S. troop outposts. The class participants had an exciting time, and hopefully more THM members will join the adventure next June. Details of the next expedition will be released this fall.

Inside Bent's Fort Colorado Territory 1835

Historical Research Center Volunteers

Marshall and Wagner Nors from Abbott are taking time from their busy summer schedules to volunteer in the Historical Research Center. The brothers have assisted in compiling Civil War research, shelving books in the library, and scanning original documents from the 1855 to 1865 era.

Both are athletes, Marshall is a starting defensive end on the Abbott ISD football team and Wagner placed third in regionals for the Hubbard Wetcats' swim team. They are active in FFA, exhibiting cattle in shows around the state, and working on the family farm.

TEXAS HERITAGE MUSEUM
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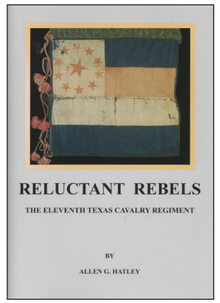
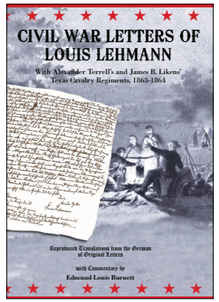
Hill College Press Explores Variety of Topics

The American Civil War was a momentous event, a defining episode in the history of the United States that continues to be, 150 years after it began, one of the most studied, debated and talked about periods of the nation's past. Scholarly writing has mainly evolved from early post-war polemics over the causes of the war and apologetics of the actions taken by both sides to topics aimed at understanding the deeper, long-range meaning of the conflict for America and the nature of the mid-19th century society of the North and the South in local environments. Attention has tended to focus on individuals, units that went off to war and the impact of the war on the home fronts. The war continues to be an important subject of study in universities across the land and the number of books and articles published every year exceeds that of any other single subject in American history. In part to that end, Hill College Press has, since 1964, published books at the rate of one annually, many of which have concentrated on Civil War subjects relating to the experiences of Texans and military units formed in the state to aid the Confederacy and to protect the frontiers.



Among recent works of HCP still in print is a summary history printed in 2006 about the Texas Eleventh Cavalry Regiment by Allen G. Hatley. Titled *Reluctant Rebels*, it is the story of a regiment that was formed from counties in north Texas that voted against secession and then fought for the southern cause across the South for the duration of the war. Another book, by Edmund Louis Burnett titled *Civil War Letters of Louis Lehmann*, focuses on the experiences of the author's great-grandfather, Louis Lehmann, as a soldier in Alexander Terrell's and James B. Likens' Texas Cavalry regiments in 1863-64 and his service in the southeastern coastal region of Texas and Louisiana. The story is told in letters Lehmann, a German immigrant to Texas, wrote to his wife on their farm near Brenham and includes the author's valuable and insightful commentary. These works represent the HCP and Texas Heritage Museum's commemoration of the Civil War.



Other important recent works of HCP available are *Ki'tikiti'sh: The Wichita and Associated Tribes in Texas* (2008), by Earl H. Elam; and *Governor Bill Daniel and the Second Liberation of Guam* (2010), by David B. Gracy II. The first is a summary history of a group of sedentary Native Americans, speaking the Wichita language, who migrated into north central texas in the mid-18th century from north of the Red River and subsisted in farming villages until forced to relocate in 1859, under U.S. protection, on a reserve in present-day Oklahoma. The Indians were loyal to the federal government during the Civil War. The second is a book that concentrates on the leadership of a prominent Texan who was governor of the U.S. Territory of Guam in 1961-63, tracing the events of his administration and evaluating the man and his controversial but positive role in ending the lingering effects of Japanese control of the island during World War II and of U.S. Navy dominance for many years after the war.

Hill College Press (continued)

Finally, in progress with publication planned for 2012 is a World War II subject, a Texas soldier's account of the Allied invasion of Southern France in 1944 and his service with a reconnaissance company of the 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, a unit of the Texas 36th Infantry Division and the U.S. Seventh Army. As the war came to an end in May 1945, Sergeant Rufus Lester Leggett was with a "Texas Posse" that took into custody in Austria the second ranking Nazi official, Hermann Goering. Leggett later retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army and wrote the book which emphasizes his experiences and the military maneuvers and operations of

the Seventh Army in France.

The Gift Shop at THM has recently joined Amazon. Visit the shop online at www.amazon.com to view and/or purchase any of the books previously mentioned.

Historical Research Center Welcomes Visitors

Researchers are using books from the military history collections of the late Jerry Ponder, William Thomas Manchester and Clay Daniel Curnett. These informative books were generously given this spring by their families.

Whitney resident Brown Holden, has been volunteering in the Historical Research Center. He has made great progress indexing original document files and shifting books to accommodate the three new collections.

The Historical Research Center hours have been cut back due to the state's budget shortfall. The new hours are Thurs., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Fri., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Holden

Galleries & Collection Adds Exhibits

New exhibits were added and updated during the spring semester:

- Seven Flags of Texas exhibit, in the lobby.
- The Burnet Flag which was the first official adopted flag of the Republic of Texas
- Korean War exhibit
- Museum Theater Art exhibit depicting Texas military history from 1855 through 1945.
- Curatorial lab exhibit showcasing new donations accepted into the collection.

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Museum Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Historical Research Center Hours

Starting Aug. 15
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In the Know

From Sept. 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011, the museum had 4100 visitors and 367 visitors conducted research.