Texas Heritage Museum
Annual Membership Form

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☐ Patron $100 ☐ Benefactor $250

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Please make check or money order payable to Texas Heritage Museum. For your convenience, we also accept VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER & AMERICAN EXPRESS.

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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:

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

Lasting Legacies
Newsletter

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Letter from the Dean

Dear Friends of the Museum,

The Texas Heritage Museum (THM) is gearing up for a fantastic year in 2014. It is very exciting to announce that THM will be celebrating its 50th year of operation of the Historical Research Center, Hill College Press and the museum this upcoming September. Further information will be forthcoming regarding the semicentennial museum celebration this upcoming September.

We at THM would like to take a moment to thank those who have served our country, as well as those left behind. If you have a loved one you wish to honor, please keep the Medal of Honor walkway at the Texas Heritage Museum's "Official State Medal of Honor Memorial to Native-Born Texans" in mind. We encourage all to visit the museum and the memorial at any time

I am proud to announce the largest preservation digitalization project ever undertaken in the Historical Research Center. The Civil War unit capsule histories, comprised of every Confederate and Union unit and consisting of over 32,000 documents, will be digitized and indexed so the documents will be accessible on the computer. This will make the documents in the research center more accessible to the patrons.

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

Sincerely,
John Versluis
Dean THM

Texas Heritage Museum Annual Holiday/New Year Sale

They're here! The holidays are quickly approaching. The THM Gift Shop is here to help by offering from now until January 31, 2013 a 15% discount on all our fabulous gift shop items. Just a friendly reminder the museum will be closed December 13th - January 5th. You will find mugs, stuffed animals, old time toys, bingo games, dog tags, picture frames, scented candles, unique chess sets, not to mention fun books for kids and books on cooking, military engagements and Texas history. Museum patrons and Hill College faculty and staff will receive this 15% discount in addition to their membership and/or Hill College employee discount.

The Gift shop is anticipating the release of two beautiful honor coins showcasing the Texas Heritage Museum, Hill College and The Official State Medal of Honor Memorial to Native-Born Texans, which should become available for purchase during the week of December 9th. We look forward to seeing you.

Deloris (Rica) Acevedo

Our newest addition to the museum staff is a native Texan, a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin (B.A. English, Spanish minor), and a third generation descendant of a Hillsboro family. She most recently worked for the Baylor University School of Music, where her colleagues regularly collaborated with the Hill College Music Department and contributed to the Performing Arts Series. She has travelled extensively throughout the U.S., Europe, Canada, Central America and Mexico, always visiting as many museums as possible along the way. Hillsboro has been Rica's home for the last seven years and she is committed to living here for the remainder of her life.

When asked about her new position Rica stated, "When I was offered this position, I felt like I'd won the lottery. Not only do I get to spend my work days in one of my favorite environments, but now I have the opportunity to contribute to the Hillsboro community and to Hill College in so many ways."

TEXAS HERITAGE MUSEUM
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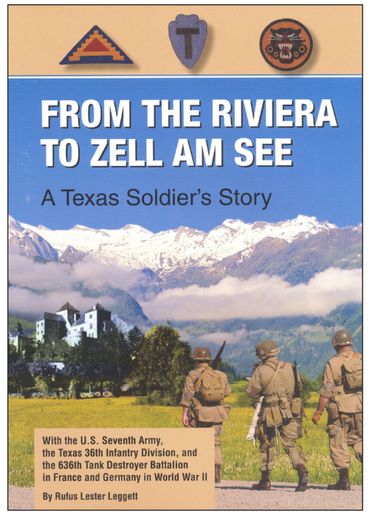
New and Upcoming Publications

On July 22, the 47th imprint of Hill College Press was released: *From the Riviera to Zell Am See*, by Lieutenant Commander Rufus Lester Leggett, a native Texan, as introduced, formatted, and revised by the editor of the press. It is a narrative story with commentary of Leggett's memories and later research of his experiences in World War II with the Texas 36th Infantry Division. A hard-cover consisting of 545 pages and many maps and photos, it is available for sale in the Texas Heritage Museum.



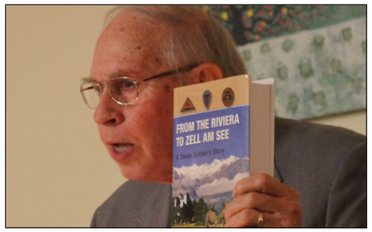
The next publication of HCP will be *More Texas Burial Sites of Civil War and Reconstruction Era Notables*, a monumental and laborious work by three of the authors of a volume concentrating on Civil War burials of officers and prominent people. It is a follow up to a volume by them published in 2002. James A. Mundie, Dean Letzring, and John Luckey have visited all 254 counties in Texas and have done extensive research putting together brief biographical data with photographs of tombstones of more than 1,050 "notables." The tombstones are mostly those of officers of the Blue and the Gray who are buried in Texas and a few civilians who were prominent in some capacity in the state during the period of the Civil War and the Reconstruction Era. The work is made possible in part by a substantial grant from the Summerlee Foundation of Dallas. It will be published in two volumes, with data and images formatted alphabetically, A-Z, and with an extensive Appendix and Bibliography that should be of significant use for researchers of the period. The work will be released in 2014. It will be one of the contributions that the Texas Heritage Museum is making to the ongoing national Sesquicentennial collection of scholarship and projects denoting this important period in the history of the United States.

Membership Banquet a Success

The Fourth Annual Membership Banquet with the Hill College Alumni in attendance was held November 7, 2013 in the Hill College Cafeteria.

Prior to the banquet, an Open House was held in the Texas Heritage Museum showcasing The Cold War Civil Defense Hospital exhibit from Johnson County, The Light Crust Doughboys, the longest running band in the history of recorded music, and the World War I heavy machine gun and the World War II submachine guns exhibit in the Weapons Gallery.

A presentation was made by Dr. Earl Elam, Editor and Historian of the Hill College Press, on the 46th book published by the Hill College Press, *From the Riviera to Zell Am See,* A Texas Soldier's Story by Rufus Lester Leggett.



John Versluis, Dean of the Texas Heritage Museum, Kathleen Miller, History Instructor, and Phil Lowe, Coordinator of Visual and Performing Arts and Music Instructor, gave a presentation on the annual Hill College student history course trip. This year the class traveled through Civil War Battlefields. The course that they took this past summer was entitled "Battles, Surrenders & Assassinations".

Several Texas Heritage Museum service awards were presented to honor Hill College employees and community members. Dr. Sheryl Kappus, President of Hill College, was presented a U.S. flag flown over the Texas Heritage Museum's Medal of Honor Memorial to Native-Born Texans in her honor for her tenure at Hill College.

Dan Shaffar was presented a U.S. flag flown over the Texas Heritage Museum's Medal of Honor Memorial to Native-Born Texans in his honor for his volunteer service at the Texas Heritage Museum.

Rick Bailey, Johnson County Commissioner, Precinct 1, was presented three autographed Hill College Press books in appreciation for his contribution of the Cold War Civil Defense Hospital items for our new exhibit.

Art Greenhaw, a member of the Light Crust Doughboys, was recognized and honored by Joe Shaughnessy, Hill College Librarian, and Eve Bowen, Hill College Library Services Assistant, for his contribution of the Light Crust Doughboys collection housed in the Hill College Library.

Door prizes were given at the conclusion of the program and Hill College Press books were offered for sale.

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

Historical Research Center Hours
Thurs., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fri., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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In the Know
From September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013 the Texas Heritage Museum had 5747 visitors and 198 visitors in the Historical Research Center.