Texas Heritage Museum Annual Membership Form

☐ Individual $25 ☐ Family $35 ☐ Business $50
☐ Patron $100 ☐ Benefactor $250

Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____ Email:_____

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

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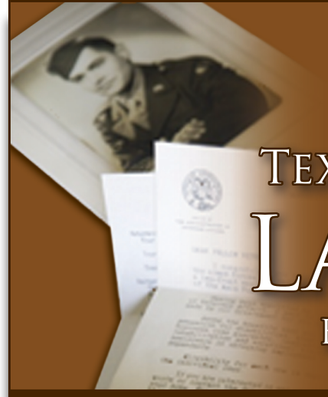

The Texas Heritage Museum newsletter

Lasting Legacies

First Edition Spring 2008

Letter From the Director

Dear Friends of the Museum,

The Texas Heritage Museum has come a long way since its creation more than 46 years ago. I am excited to lead the museum and further its mission for Hill College, regional communities and the state of Texas. We are actively seeking new ways to improve the fulfillment of the museum's mission, "To explore Texas and Texans during wartime and how those experiences affect us today." Together, we are enhancing an experience—the Texas Heritage Museum Experience. The proud heritage left to us by our ancestors is a legacy that must be preserved for present and future generations. Won't you consider museum membership and become a Friend of the Texas Heritage Museum at Hill College?

Becoming a Friend enables you to support our quality exhibits and programs.

As a member, you will receive the following:
- 10% gift shop discount
- Quarterly newsletter
- Invitations to members-only exhibit openings
- Invitations to special museum events exclusively for members.

As we strive to fulfill our mission, it is our intent to make the Texas Heritage Museum a vital asset to future generations so they will have a firm foundation upon which to build. The Texas Heritage Museum staff is conducting these affairs in a manner that will ensure your continued confidence and support. If you have not visited the museum recently, I invite you to stop by.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please return the attached form with your payment. Thank you for being a Friend of the Texas Heritage Museum at Hill College!

Sincerely,
John Versluis
Director
Texas Heritage Museum

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Director

Museum Unveils Medal of Honor Memorial

On Oct. 26, 2007, the Texas Heritage Museum unveiled its new Medal of Honor Memorial honoring native-born Texans who had the courage to go above and beyond the call of duty.

THM Medal of Honor Memorial

The memorial highlights Audie Murphy from Kingston, Tex., as the most decorated soldier of WWII, and Samuel Dealey from Dallas, Tex., as the most decorated sailor of WWII as well as 54 more native born Texans of singular courage and character.

The memorial encourages the remembrance of men and women of boldness and bravery, whether they be soldiers, sailors, airmen or marines who, through the force of will or an

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Museum Welcomes New Intern

The Texas Heritage Museum is pleased to announce that we have a new intern for the spring and summer. Tom D'Amore is completing his master's degree through the museum science program at Texas Tech with an emphasis on collections management and will be working at the museum through July 2008. He has had previous internships at the National Museum of the Pacific War, the Alamo, the Silent Wings Museum and the Buddy Holly Center in addition to a part-time job at the Museum of Texas Tech University. He is currently helping with accessioning and developing new exhibits. We are very happy to have him with us and hope to get much done while he is here.

Tom D'Amore

(from cover)

unexpected twist of fate, saved their comrades from the unforgiving savagery of war or inspired them to victory through unimaginable feats of sacrifice.

John Versluis said it best in his speech at the unveiling of the memorial... "America is eternally indebted to the families and friends of our servicemen who stood, and continue to stand, behind each of these heroes. It is never too late for us, individually and collectively, to say we recognize your loss, we respect your sacrifice, and we thank you."

If you or anyone else in your community would like to honor a loved one, the museum is holding a "Sponsor a Brick" program which allows for individuals to purchase a personalized brick to be used in the Medal of Honor Memorial. Please contact the museum at (254)582-2555 ext. 295 for details.

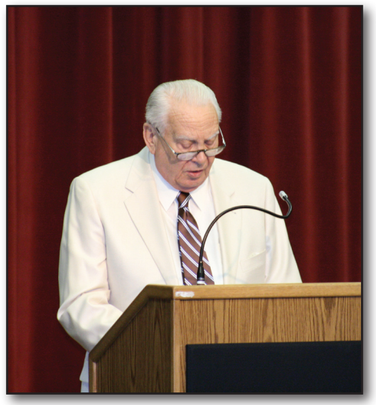
28th Annual THM Symposium Nears

The theme for this year's History Symposium will be *Texas and Texans at War: The Fragile Frontier 1835-1859.*

There will be five guest speakers covering topics including: Sam Houston, Artillery, the Texas Indian Frontier, the Mier Expedition...and camels? There will also be a speaker luncheon, book show and other vendors. The Texas Heritage Museum has something for everyone at the 28th annual symposium.

Reservations for the symposium can be made for $25 a person with the optional speaker luncheon for an additional $12 per person. This year, symposium CD's can be purchased for $15.

The event will be on Sat., April 5, on the Hill County Campus of Hill College in the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center.



Dr. James Pohl from Texas State University-San Marcos

If you would like more information or to make reservations, please call the Texas Heritage Museum at (254) 582-2555 ext. 295.

Hill College Press Continues to Grow

The Hill College Press was established in 1964, and has published, to date, 43 books and monographs. The press focuses on historical subjects relating primarily to Texans and the wars in which they fought and on subjects of regional importance in North and Central Texas.

The last two works published were *Reluctant Rebels: The Eleventh Texas Cavalry Regiment* by Allen G. Hatley and *They Were There: Texas Veterans Remember World War II* by Larue Harper Barnes.

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Hatley's work is the first history of the Confederate regiment formed in North Texas in counties that voted against secession. The regiment distinguished itself in battles from Pea Ridge in Arkansas in 1862 to the end of the war in the Carolinas in 1865. Harper's work focuses on 53 WWII veterans, most of whom were natives of Johnson County, Tex., and some of whom fought in all theaters of the war in Africa, Europe and the Pacific.

Dr. Earl Elam and Allen G. Hatley

Works in progress include a history of Wichita Indians on the Texas frontier and an account of Governor Bill Daniel's experiences as governor of Guam after WWII.

A few previously published works are available in the museum gift shop.

Museum Awarded MAP Grant

Texas Heritage Museum was one of only six museums in Texas awarded a National Museum Assessment Program (MAP) Grant through the American Association of Museums (AAM).

The program provides a confidential process of self-study, peer review and implementation supported through a cooperative agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and AAM. The museum programs at IMLS are the only federal programs solely devoted to assisting museums in carrying out their public service responsibilities.

The Texas Heritage Museum will be able to use MAP as a very valuable assessment in moving forward with its strategic plan and long-range goal of being accredited by the AAM.

What's New in Galleries and Collection?

If you have not visited the Texas Heritage Museum, you are missing out! The galleries and collection will take you on a journey through time where you can explore the Civil War, WWI, WWII and the Vietnam War through exhibits, artifacts, short films and personal stories of native Texans.

New WWI Case

Recently, a World War I case in the weapons gallery has been updated and now features artifacts and pictures from donors Frankie Wylie Head, Roland Tucker and Clyde Koehne, among others. Our next major exhibit project will be a section on the Texas Revolution.

There is always something new being added, so even if you have been here before, you have not seen it all.

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Museum Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 8 - 4:30
Fri. 8 - 4
June - Aug. Sat. 10 - 5
(galleries only)

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Share the Experience

Don't forget to visit our gift shop on your next visit. Whether you love history or just love Texas, we have great gifts for all ages.

In The Know

Did you know that 2,540 people visited the museum this year and 629 people used the Historical Research Center?