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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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Letter from the Director

John Versluis
Director

I am excited about this upcoming year at the Texas Heritage Museum. The 29th Annual Symposium will be on Sat., April 4, and this year's topic is "Texas and Texans at War: World War II." It has been six years since we have had a World War II symposium. By opening our symposium to explore all wars Texans were involved in serves our mission. For members, we have discounted the registration cost for the symposium.

I encourage you all to attend this very special event.

The Texas Heritage Museum membership has continually been growing. We currently have 55 memberships. If you have not joined, please consider becoming a friend of the Texas Heritage Museum at Hill College.

We are actively seeking 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,
Director, THM

29th Annual THM Symposium Scheduled for April

"Texas and Texans at War: World War II"
April 4, 2009

Everyone is encouraged to join us April 4, at the Vera Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center (PAC) on the Hill College Campus for the 29th Annual Texas Heritage Museum Symposium. This year's focus will be "Texas and Texans at War: World War II". The symposium agenda will kick off with a meet and greet with coffee and donuts, followed by guest speakers Dr. Archie McDonald of Stephen F. Austin State University, Dr. Earl Elam of Hill College and Celia Stratton of the 4th Infantry Division Museum. A question-and-answer session will wrap up the morning session and we will then break for lunch where you may choose one of our area restaurants or join us for a luncheon in the Hill College cafeteria (preregistration is required). Our lunch speaker will be Dr. David B. Gracy II of the University of Texas at Austin. After lunch, we will gather for our final guest speakers Dr. Kelly Crager from Texas Tech University and Dr. Joe Cheavens from Hill College. For more information about this year's symposium or to register, please contact us at: (254) 659-7750 or museum@hillcollege.edu.

New Mission Waco Team Member

The museum is pleased to announce our newest team member, Paula Ballard. Born in Hillsboro, Ballard has lived in this area most of her life with her husband Dennis. She has one daughter, Monica, and is the proud grandmother of two boys, Ryan and Zachary, who all live in Florida.

Prior to joining THM, Ballard helped with Section 8 Housing, a program that increases affordable housing choices for low-income families in Waco, Tex. Ballard will focus her efforts mainly in the Historical Research Center promoting the study of history and an appreciation of the past.

"I am excited to be here at Hill College where I can learn more about history and help out in the museum," Ballard stated.

Paula Ballard

We delightfully welcome Ballard to THM.

Works Still Offered by Hill College Press

Hill College Press is in its 45th year of operation. The goal of the press is to publish one work each year. Forty-four volumes have been published. The most recent title, circulated in November 2008, was by the editor of the press, Dr. Earl H. Elam, and is titled *Kitikiti'sh: The Wichita Indians and Associated Tribes in Texas, 1757-1859.* Copies may be obtained in the Gift Shop of the museum for $30 each plus state tax.

The 45th volume, to be published in 2009, is authored by historian David B. Gracy II. It focuses on the governorship of the territory of Guam in 1961-63 by "Governor" Bill Daniel of Texas. Gracy is the "Governor" Bill Daniel Professor in Archival Enterprise of the University of Texas at Austin. Information will be circulated when the book is available.

The current focus of the press is on historical subjects that relate to the mission of the Texas Heritage Museum, namely, to explore Texas and Texans during wartime and how those experiences affect us today. Attention is also given to works of outstanding importance in the history of North-Central Texas. Visitors to the Texas Heritage Museum are invited to view an exhibit of all previous publications in the foyer of the Museum. After a lapse of many years, Hill College Press will again offer for sale, copies of publications still available at the annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association in Austin, March 26-28. Writers with manuscripts that are compatible with the mission of the museum and the press are invited to discuss them with the editor at the meeting or to contact him at 254-659-7754 or eelam@hillcollege.edu.

Titles currently available:

Cry Comanche: The 2nd U.S. Cavalry in Texas, 1855-1861, by Colonel Harold B. Simpson (1979).

Brawling Brass: North and South: The Most Famous Quarrels of the Civil War, by Colonel Harold B. Simpson, 2nd edition reprint (1990).

The Autobiography of Wilburn Hill King: With the 18th Texas Infantry, edited by L. David Norris (1996).

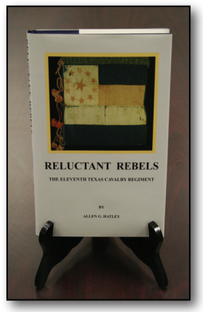
Hill College: An Illustrated History, by Odie B. Faulk (1996).

War Years, C.S.A.: 12th Mississippi Regiment, Major S. H. Giles, Q.M., Original Letters, 1860-1865, edited and annotated by Shepherd Spencer Neville Brown, Sr. (1998).

Touched by Fire: Letters From Company D, 5th Texas Infantry, Hood's Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, 1862-1865, edited by Eddy R. Parker (2000).

Reluctant Rebels: The Eleventh Texas Cavalry Regiment, by Allen G. Hatley (2006).

Kitikiti'sh: The Wichita Indians and Associated Tribes in Texas, 1757-1859, by Earl H. Elam (2008).



Reluctant Rebels

If you are interested in volunteering at the museum or research center, please contact Kendall Milton at (254) 659-7755 or Anita Tufts at (254) 659-7757.

Photos from Dr. Elam's Book Signing

Gift of Blanket by Local Tribe

Mayor Erwin, Dr. Elam, Gladys Walker, James Ross, Shirley Davilla & John Versluis

Dr. Elam signs a book for a museum patron

New Books Have Arrived at the HRC

The Historical Research Center has received several new editions to the library.

Concerning Texas History:

From Guns to Gavels by Bill Neal. How justice grew up in the outlaw west.

The Dansby Brothers of Cass County, Texas in the Civil War with Co. I, 3rd Texas Cavalry by Mervin Dansby Peters and George Marshall Peters. A story of two brothers who chose to fight in the Civil War, with transcriptions of their letters home.

Texas Civil War Artifacts, A Photographic Guide To The Physical Culture Of Texas Civil War Soldiers by Richard Mather Ahlstrom.

First Texas Navy by John Powers.

From Flour Sacks to Satin by Roberta Pipes Bowman. The story of a sharecropper family.

Italian POWs and a Texas Church by Donald Mace Williams. The murals of St. Mary's at Umbarger, Tex.

The Emerett Nicholson Papers and the Sharp, Nicholson, and Thompson Families of East Texas by Gilmer T. Woods.

Books relating to the Civil War include:

Oh for Dixie! The Civil War Record and Diary of Capt. William V. Davis of the 30th Mississippi Infantry, CSA compiled and edited by Joe and Lavon Ashley.

Capt. Ed Baxter & His Tennessee Artillerymen, CSA by Dennis J. Lampley Complete unit history written on Baxter's Company.

Music is in the Air at THM

There is a new museum exhibit on display in the entry cases of the Historical Research Center. The focus is musicians during the Civil War, and it showcases period artifacts, informative text panels and photos. The inspiration behind the exhibit is the Hill College Hood's Texas Brigade Brass Band, which has been directed by Phillip Lowe since 1982. The band plays music from the repertoire of the 26th North Carolina Regimental Band on reproduction Civil War instruments. This ensemble often performs at community and civic programs throughout the region. Please come by and visit the new exhibit, or contact the museum for more information.

Civil War Era Bugle

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Fri. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June - Aug. Sat. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
(galleries only)

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In the Know

Did you know that 932 people visited the museum this past quarter, and 56 people used the Historical Research Center?

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