



HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE ASSOCIATION, RE-ACTIVATED

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JUNE 22, 2009

The Muster in Waco was a great success! We had around 30 participants and every one turned up at **Oakwood Cemetery** for the fascinating tour led by **Joe Walker**. Dr. **Douglas Guthrie, Ray Black and Bobby Moon** also added information about the graves. **Judy Ostler** gave a memorable prayer for our ancestors and their bravery.

At the library, **Dr. Richard McCaslin** gave a brief overview of his new edition of Polley's Letters to Charming Nellie. And he dropped a bombshell: just the day before, in looking at Polley's post-war letters in the Chilton Collection, the long-never-before-revealed identity of "Charming Nellie" was matter of factly mentioned in one of the letters! Now Dr. McCaslin has an excuse for a 2nd edition and certainly for immediate follow-up publications on this topic.

Ellen Brown, Archivist at the Texas Collection, handed around irreplaceable artifacts from the Chilton Collection-- reunion pins, a large wooden key to a city, photos, and documents. There were questions and answers and elaborations on some of the wonderful and surprising details found in the Collection. The Association made a donation to the Texas Collection. Plans are underway to scan the fragile Minute Book of the early years of the original Association so that it can be put on a CD.

Our beloved **Peggy Fox** was there cheering us on. **Rick Eiserman** from Georgia flew in for the meeting and promised to give a presentation at a future muster on collecting Hood's Texas Brigade items. **Rob Jones**, Honorary Member and Counsel, spoke on the topic of giving to the Association to enable the work of historic recognition and preservation to continue. **Ray and Liz Ashley** volunteered to help with sales of the new Hood's Texas Brigade pin. And Ann Oppenheimer began to put together her committee for the documentation of Hood's Texas Brigade soldiers burials.

I'm sure I'm forgetting something, but as you can see, it was indeed a successful muster and we look forward to having more of them.

Please do not forget to put November 20-21 in Abilene, Texas, on your schedules for the Fall Seminar. More information will be sent out later in the summer on this event.

Cordially,

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