

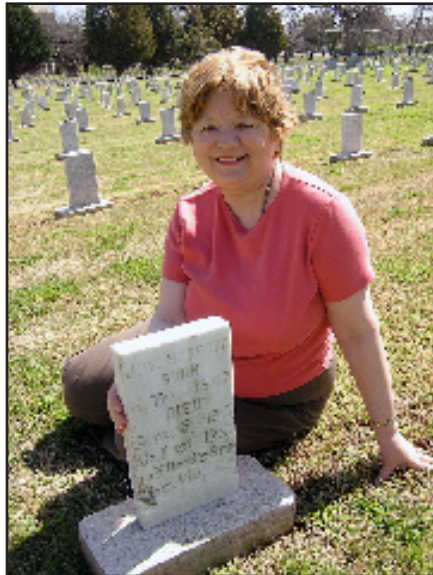


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Martha Hartzog at the grave of J.W. Norford, Co. I, 1st Texas Infantry, Hood's Texas Brigade, in Confederate Field at the Texas State Cemetery, March 2008

## FROM THE PRESIDENT . . . MARTHA HARTZOG

### Dear Members of the HTBAR:

Our beloved organization continues to make excellent progress. During 2007, we became entirely independent of Hill College. We are now incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas as a non-profit corporation and have applied for a 501(c)(3) non-profit status from the IRS (approval pending). Thanks to the sponsorship of Sam Hood, we have an updated website and we plan to add more information to this as the months go by. Please visit <http://www.htba1872.org/index.html>. We have included on this website a tribute to Col. Harold B. Simpson, the founder of the organization and a beloved figure in Texas history.

As many of you already know, Hill College is no longer going to sponsor an annual spring symposium devoted to the War Between the States. Also, the Austin Civil War Round Table has discontinued its fall Seminar. **The Hood's Texas Bri-**

**gade Association, Re-Activated is picking up this fallen guidon!** In partnership with the General Land Office of the State of Texas, we are planning a Fall Symposium for 2008 and will provide details as they emerge. Already we have several speakers lined up and the tentative focus of the day will be Texas in the War.

Thanks must go to our Counsel, Robert N. Jones, Jr., who has provided invaluable assistance with our progress. Rob is Director of Special Projects at the General Land Office, and many of you know him through his long involvement in Confederate organizations.

I hope you will plan to attend our general meeting on April 12th, at the Texas Civil War Museum outside Fort Worth. Details are provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

Welcome to all the new members and to those of you who have rejoined our ranks. We look forward to working together with you.

*Yours in Comradship, Martha Hartzog*

*Great granddaughter of Major W. H. "Howdy" Martin, Co. K, 4th Texas; Pvt. J. W. Allen, Co. G, 5th Texas; great great grand niece of Robert Martin, 3Lt, Co. K, 4th Texas, Paul Ripley, 1st Sgt., Co. E, 4th Texas, and Pvt. Napoleon Newton Ripley, Co. E. 4th Texas.*

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2007

- Incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Texas
- Submitted application to become a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the regulations of the IRS
- Revised the website
- Updated the By-Laws for submission to the membership
- Adopted a Conflict of Interest Statement as recommended by the IRS
- Initiated plans for an annual fall Confederate Symposium to be co-sponsored with the Texas General Land office in Austin, Texas

### APRIL 12TH, 2008 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Where: Texas Civil War Museum**  
<http://www.texascivilwarmuseum.com/>  
Registration: \$5 a person, payable at door  
**10 am** - Introductions  
**10:30 am** - Overview of Museum by Ray Richie, President and CEO of the Museum  
**Lunch:** Reservations will be made for the group at a local restaurant.  
**2 pm** - Conclusion of Business Meeting and tour of Museum (on your own).

### MUSEUM ARTIFACTS DISPLAYED:

- Canteen, Co A, 5th Texas,
- John Love 1853 Enfield,
- 1st TX Flag, Finial,
- 4th Texas, bullet hole in it
- 5th TX, Tin Mess Pan
- Gold watch, 4th TX, Thomas Anderson Wynne
- Ballot Box and Canvas Curtain used by Hood's Brigade, UCV
- Official Seal of Hood's Brigade UCV
- Gavel and Reunion Ribbon

### THE 4TH TEXAS BATTLE FLAG

While this famous flag is not on display, Mr. Richie will bring it out for a special viewing. The 4th Texas Battle Flag was used in the early part of the War. It was retired after Sharpsburg and sent to the Texas State Archives for safekeeping.

During Reconstruction it was feared it would be destroyed, so the veterans stole it, wrapped it in oil cloth and buried it along the banks of Barton Creek for 10 years. It was then dug up and used at the reunions until 1904, when it was given by the original Hood's Texas Brigade Association to the UDC. It is one of the flags made from by Lula Wigfall from her mother's silk wedding dress.

### PLEASE RSVP . . .

If you plan to attend the meeting, RSVP to Martha Hartzog at 512/447-3881 or [m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu) by April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**IF YOU STAY OVERNIGHT, TRY:**  
Best Western Inn and Suites, Lake Worth. 817-238-1199 Tell them you are attending an event at the Texas Civil War Museum.  
Reasonable rates are available.



Charles Wachter, great grandson of Major W. H. "Howdy" Martin, with the major's derringers at the 2007 meeting.

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**TREASURES FROM THE PAST**

If you would like to bring your ancestors' Civil War-era artifacts to the April 12th meeting, please do so. The membership would enjoy seeing and admiring your special family treasures.

**HTBAR OFFICERS**

- Martha Hartzog, *President*
- Ann Oppenheimer, *Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer*
- Jeanne Stovall, *Recording Secretary*

Robert N. Jones, Jr., *Counselor*

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Please send your \$20 membership dues to Ann Oppenheimer, Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer  
11 Dallari Court,  
San Antonio, Texas 78216

**HELP US CREATE AN ELECTRONIC DATABASE & UPDATE OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST. SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESSES!**

Send your e-mail addresses to Martha Hartzog at [m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu)

In this e-mail, please include your name(s), current address, and telephone number.

**IS YOUR ANCESTOR'S GRAVE MARKED? SEND US A PHOTO!**



**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS REVISION**

The board has been hard at work revising and updating the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association. If you would like a copy of the revisions prior to the meeting, please e-mail Martha Hartzog at [m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu) to request a copy.

*J.W. Allen's bronze government marker in Calvary Cemetery, Marlin, Falls County, Texas, placed by his great grandson, Charles W. Rush*

**THANKSGIVING FOUNDATION**

The Association extends its grateful appreciation to the Thanksgiving Foundation of Millerton, NY for its generous gift of \$1,000 in 2007, Mark C. Winmill and Thomas S. Peters, trustees.

**48 HOOD'S SOLDIERS BURIED AT TEXAS STATE CEMETERY**

Roster of Burials of Hood's Brigade Soldiers at Texas State Cemetery now received and will be added to the webpage.

**RICHMOND VIRGINIA CEMETERY PROJECT**

Hood's Brigade Association is assisting with the identification of Hood's soldiers buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond. If you would like to assist in this project, please contact us.

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