



HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE ASSOCIATION, RE-ACTIVATED

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AUGUST 31, 2009

Dear Members and Friends of Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-Activated. We are happy to report that the brochure for the November 20-21, 2009 Seminar on Vicksburg, to be held in Abilene, is at the printers. Members will be receiving a printed copy via US Mail. However, a 2-page flyer in pdf is attached. You can copy this to your computer and print it out right away. If you want a higher resolution copy, let me know. This one is perfect to put on your websites. **Spread the word.**

We have an exciting line-up of speakers for the 21st, and **Don Frazier and the folks at Buffalo Gap Historic Village** are planning a wonderful evening for Friday the 20th, including a "Chuck Wagon" dinner, a tour by lantern light of the Village, and a chance to mingle with speakers. Please register as soon as possible. Note there is a deadline for hotel reservations at the MCM Elegante, where a special rate has been arranged.

Reservations go to Ann Oppenheimer, our Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer. See the flyer on the Vicksburg Seminar for her address.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We will need volunteers to help out with the Seminar Registration table and the HTBAR sales table. Let us know if you can help.

BOOKS FROM OUR MEMBERS: Members who have books to sell may sell them at the HTBAR sales table, but in return we may need your help in staffing the table. We will definitely need an inventory of the books you bring so we can keep a record of the sales.

TEACHERS ATTENDING: The Austin Civil War Round Table is sponsoring two teachers from the Austin area to attend the pre-event and the seminar. Thank you ACWRT!! We want to make sure that Texas teachers have the opportunity to learn more about this endlessly fascinating conflict.

OTHER NEWS:

We decided at our June 6 Muster to see if anyone has a **song** out there that would **commemorate the bravery** of Hood's Brigade and its soldiers. Put your musical thinking caps on! And let us know. If we have several entries, we will consider having judges and a real contest with a prize.

Also, we are considering printing up **t-shirts and/or briefcases** with the HTBAR logo on them— is there an interest out there for that sort of thing? The logo, plus the quote from Lee about the Texas troops cited below would make up the design. Again, give me your feedback. We don't want to embark on this and have the items languish in the many file boxes that clutter my house.

Ann Oppenheimer is moving forward with the project of **recording the graves** of the Hood's Brigade soldiers. This is an enormous task. Several of you have stepped up to the plate to help her out. Thank you. Especially we also need someone to volunteer to work at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. They have quite a bit of information there on burials, but will require many volunteer hours to work through the materials.

HTBAR Pins: HTBAR pin sales are being handled by **Ray and Liz Ashley** who will mail you your pins. You can still send in your money to me or Ann Oppenheimer. Thank you Ray and Liz!

PLANS FOR THE 2010 SEMINAR ARE BEGINNING: 2010 is the Centennial of the erection of the **Monument to Hood's Texas Brigade on the Texas State Capitol Grounds**. We are planning to have the event in Austin and want to strike a special commemorative pin for the occasion. Keep this on your radar.

I know I am forgetting to include many of the ideas and suggestions you have been sending me. Forgive me for that and keep reminding me.

Our HTBAR Seminar is the **only such state-wide seminar** to be held in Texas. Please support it by your presence. If you cannot attend, please consider a contribution to help defray costs. As we are a non-profit, contributions are tax-deductible, to the extent stipulated by the beloved IRS.

Thank you for your interest in this organization. I hope to see you in Abilene in November.

In Comradeship,

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