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TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION TO DISPLAY HISTORIC HOOD'S BRIGADE CIVIL WAR FLAGS

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AUSTIN—Seven historic flags last seen together in 1910 during the Hood's Texas Brigade monument dedication at the Texas State Capitol will be reunited for display Friday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, 1201 Brazos St.

The daylong display in the newly renovated building's lobby, across from the east entrance of the Capitol, is part of "Monuments and Memory," a two-day celebration and seminar commemorating the Hood's Texas Brigade monument's centennial rededication.

Five Hood's Brigade flags reside in the commission's permanent archives; two belong to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, one of several groups participating in the rededication, which takes place Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. on the Capitol's east lawn. Three of the five archived flags were flown by the 1st Texas Infantry, Hood's Texas Brigade. The other two were flown by the 5th Texas Infantry. Because of their age and delicate condition, the flags will not appear at the rededication, but visitors are welcome to view and take non-flash photographs of the framed flags in the Lorenzo de Zavala building lobby.

"Each of these flags has a fascinating physical history and a rich story, from the materials available for their construction to how and where they were flown, the damage they suffered and how they came to the archives," says TSLAC archivist John Anderson.

The 1st Texas Infantry's Lone Star flag, for example, was carried at Manassas and Antietam, where it was plucked from among the fallen soldiers by a Pennsylvania private. Some of the flags bear War Department numbers stamped on them after their capture by Union armies, according to Anderson, who will be among TSLAC archivists on hand to answer questions.

For more information about these and other historic flags, visit TSLAC's website at www.tsl.state.tx.us/treasures/flagsandmaps/flags/historic-flags.html. For information about "Monuments and Memory," organized by the Hood's Texas Brigade Association Re-Activated, visit hoodstexasbrigade.org or contact Ann Oppenheimer at oppysgirl@satx.rr.com. For media inquiries about that event, contact Martha Hartzog at m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu or call (512) 475-6928 or (512) 447-3881.

Photos:

1. Pre-conservation photo of Civil War flag carried by the 1st Texas Infantry, Hood's Texas Brigade (silk Texian Lone Star variant)
2. Pre-conservation photo of Civil War flag carried by the 5th Texas Infantry, Hood's Texas Brigade (silk Lone Star and Bars, Confederate 1st National variant)

Credit: Texas State Library and Archives Commission

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