



Help the Texas Military Forces Museum...

## Honor Our Confederate Veterans

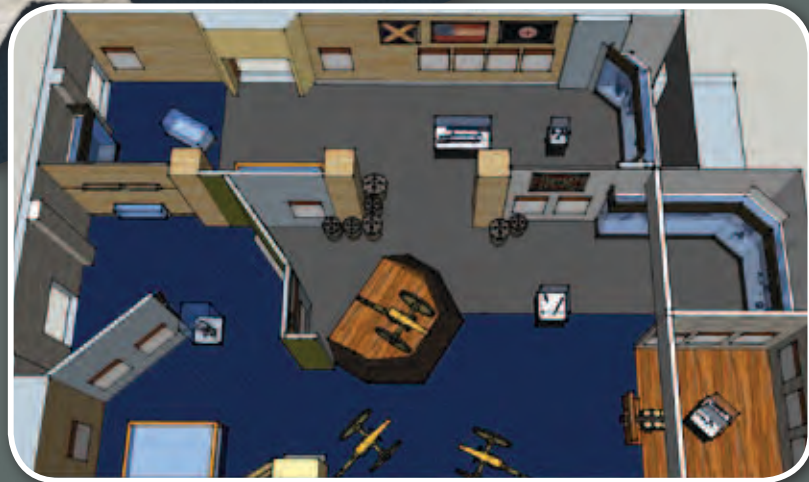
**150 YEARS AGO**, a historic struggle raged across the North American landscape. The War Between the States remains the single greatest conflict ever fought in the Western Hemisphere and a seminal moment in the life of our state and country. More than 620,000 Americans laid down their lives for their beliefs in that titanic struggle – including 25% of the male population of the South.

As our nation marks the 150th Anniversary of the War Between the States, in too many places, **LITTLE IS BEING DONE** to honor the men who charged across its battlefields, endured its prison camps, or manned its ships and forts. The Texas Military Forces Museum, however, intends to highlight the service and sacrifice of Texans who fought for the Confederacy, and by extension, all those who served alongside them.

## LOCATED AT CAMP MABRY IN AUSTIN,

the Texas Military Forces Museum is the official museum of the Texas National Guard. Charged with telling the story of the militia and volunteer units of Texas as a state and republic, as well as the history of the Texas Army and Air National Guard, and Texas State Guard, from 1903 to the present, the museum opened a brand new 4,800-square-foot exhibit in 2011 to tell the story of the Texas Military Forces in the Cold War and War on Terror.

Now we are turning our attention to the 19th Century and the War Between the States.



Plans for an impressive exhibit gallery to tell this important story include:

- An interactive computer display that allows visitors to vote for or against the secession of Texas in 1861
- A recreated earthwork protecting a 6-pounder field piece
- Accurate dioramas of the battles of Galveston, Sabine Pass and Palmetto Ranch
- Two original flags of the 10th Texas Dismounted Cavalry
- A dozen full scale reproductions of some of the most notable battle flags carried by Texas troops during the war
- Uniforms, equipment, weapons, saddles, period newspapers and more.

In addition to period photographs and drawings by soldiers and correspondents, the exhibit will also utilize the extraordinary talents of famed artists, Don Troiani and Rick Reeves, both of whom have graciously agreed to allow the museum to incorporate their paintings into its exhibit panels.

The mission of the Texas Military Forces Museum is to tell the soldier's and sailor's story. As is the case with all our subject matter, the focus of the exhibit will be on relating the experience of the men who fought the war and what they went through in camp, on the battlefield, in the hospitals and prison camps.

# Won't You Help Us Tell This Magnificent Story?

We know the story of the War Between the States and the men and women of the South who lived it are near and dear to your heart. We know that you highly value the true lessons of our past and feel that the saga of valor, endurance and sacrifice created by Confederate soldiers, sailors and marines is a story that deserves to be told and preserved. Like you, the Texas Military Forces Museum wants to celebrate the record made by Texas and Confederate soldiers on the battlefields of that great conflict and honor all those Americans who passed through our nation's most fiery trial.

The price for this extraordinary exhibit is approximately \$200,000. The Texas Military Forces Museum operates on an extremely small budget – an amount vastly reduced in budgets cuts during the last legislative cycle – and therefore relies on the Texas Military Forces Historical Foundation to raise the money required to undertake exhibits and programs. The TXMFHF, a 501 (c) 3 organization, has already made some substantial progress in funding this exhibit, but about half the amount needed is yet to be obtained.

Therefore we are asking for your help in raising the remaining \$100,000 needed to complete this exhibit. All contributions to the TXMF Historical Foundation are tax deductible and will be acknowledged by letter, in the museum's newsletter and in a special panel in the exhibit itself. Contributors will be invited to an exclusive advance tour of the new exhibit as well as its grand opening. Possibilities for major sponsorship are available and our Foundation is happy to discuss these with you or your organization.

Contributions can be made by cash, check, credit card, debit card or money order. To contribute online, please visit [www.texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org](http://www.texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org) and click on donate now and capital campaign. You can also drop off your donation at the museum or mail it to:

Texas Military Forces Museum  
PO Box 5218  
Austin, Texas 78703

Checks should be made out to TXMFHF.

*Thank you for helping us honor the memory  
of those who wore the gray and inspiring today's  
soldiers and airmen with their spirit.*



## Exhibit Topics

*Twiggs' Surrender*

*Texans to Arms!*

*Wilson's Creek:*

*Texans' First Battle*

*Fort Donelson to Shiloh*

*Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove*

*Gaines Mill to Sharpsburg*

*Corinth and Perryville*

*Sibley's New Mexico  
Campaign*

*The Battle of Galveston*

*Battle for the Bayous*

*Suffolk to Gettysburg*

*Vicksburg is the Key*

*Chickamauga to  
Chattanooga*

*The Battle of Sabine Pass*

*The Campaign for Atlanta*

*The Wilderness to  
Petersburg*

*The Red River Campaign*

*Riding with Forrest*

*Battle for the Rio Grande*

*The Final Campaigns*

*Cotton and the Blockade*

*The Home Front*

*Texas Yankees*

*Germ and Bullets:*

*Civil War Medicine*

*Defending the Frontier*

*Supplying the Armies*

# YES!



*I want to help honor the Texas and Confederate soldiers, sailors and marines who fought in the War Between the States.*

My tax deductible donation is enclosed. Please keep me informed of the exhibit's progress and plans for its grand opening.

*Sign me up as a...*

- *Sergeant: \$20*
- *Lieutenant: \$50*
- *Captain: \$100*
- *Major: \$250*
- *Colonel: \$500*
- *Brigadier General: \$1,000*
- *Major General: \$1,500*
- *Lieutenant General: \$2,500*
- *Full General: Greater than \$2,500*
- *Other:*

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