

## Flags Unfurled: More Historic Banners

If the landmark exhibit on historic Texas flags at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston doesn't quench your flag fever, visit the following locations to see more inspiring banners.

One of the most notable flags on display—a rare 1839 Lone Star flag of the Republic of Texas—draws history buffs to Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historical Park near Brenham where it's displayed at the **Star of the Republic Museum** (936/878-2461; [www.starmuseum.org](http://www.starmuseum.org)). The museum also displays a historic 28-star U.S. flag.

At least through May, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Texas Division, has 13 flags from its Texas Confederate Museum Collection on view in Sugar Land at the **Museum of Southern History** (14070 Southwest Fwy., behind Southern National Bank, 281/269-7171). One featured banner, known as the Magnolia Rangers flag, remains one of the oldest Confederate flags in existence.

The **Texas Heritage Museum** at Hill College in Hillsboro (112 Lamar Dr., 254/582-2555 ext. 256) exhibits three Confederate-era flags with Texas connections: the Confederate first national flag carried by the 6th Texas Infantry, a Trans-Mississippi battle flag of the 12th Texas Cavalry Regiment, and an ornate Sibley's Brigade flag never used in battle.

Austin's **Texas Military Forces Museum** (Building 6 at Camp Mabry, 2200 W. 35th St., 512/465-5659) has more than 40 historic flags exhibited on a rotating basis. Dating from the Civil War to World War II, key flags include those of Troop E, 10th Texas Cavalry (Civil War), plus regimental colors of the 142d Infantry Regiment (WW I) and the 112th and 124th Cavalry Regiments (WW II).

After the MFAH exhibit, three flags on display will return to their repositories for public display.

NOTE: FACT-CHECK THE FOLLOWING WITH TURLEY AT PRESERVATION BOARD....DON'T KNOW IF FLAG WILL ACTUALLY MAKE IT BACK ON DISPLAY BETWEEN TIME EXHIBIT CLOSES AND SESSION ENDS.

At the **State Capitol** (ph) in Austin, the San Jacinto flag will hang behind the speaker's desk in the House of Representatives chamber when the legislature is in session. (The 77th legislature's regular session runs Jan. 9 to May 28, 2002.) After the session ends, a reproduction flag replaces the original to limit its exposure to damaging light.

At the **Fort Davis National Historical Site** in Fort Davis (915/426-3224), an 1885 "Buffalo Soldiers" Company G guidon will be back on display at the visitors center. At the **Houston Heritage Society** (713/861-8279) a Republic-era Texian flag will go up at the society museum.

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SIDEBAR RESOURCES:

**Star of the Republic Museum**, Ann Sims, Washington ([www.starmuseum.org](http://www.starmuseum.org));  
or Seneca McAdams (PR)

**The Texas Division United Daughters of the Confederacy**

Division Chairman, Mrs. Esther Sims, Texas Confederate Museum Collection  
Committee, Box 321, Tomball, Texas 77377-0321.

**Museum of Southern History**, Sugar Land (museum) or Joella Morris, dir.  
emeritus

**State Preservation Board** Re: the San Jacinto flag

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**Re: legislative session dates:**

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/capitol/legdates.htm>

**Texas Heritage Museum, Hill College**, Hillsboro, Buddy Patterson

**Texas Military Forces Museum**

Camp Mabry; John C.L.Scribner

Command Historian & Museum Director, [museum@agd.state.tx.us](mailto:museum@agd.state.tx.us)

512.465.5659 <http://www.kwanah.com/txmilmus/index.htm>

**Fort Davis Historical Site**, Susie McComb, curator asst.

**Heritage Society of Houston**, Wallace Saage