



**TEXAS CIVIL WAR MUSEUM
CELEBRATES FIRST YEAR**

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Fort Worth—The Texas Civil War Museum will celebrate its first anniversary in January with a number of special exhibits and additions to its permanent collection.

Among the special attractions will be a limited showing of Gen. Robert E. Lee's General Order No. 9, his personal farewell to his troops signed April 10, 1865, the day after the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse. There were only 13 original copies of the order known to exist, and public displays of the document are rare. The document will be on display from Jan. 16-Feb. 3. In addition, the display will contain Gen. Lee's spur, a lock of hair and two letters written in 1848 and 1870.

The museum has recently added several new permanent exhibits, including two hand grenades and one of only two remaining torpedo mines. This mine was taken from Mobile Bay.

Recently, the 240-piece J. Frank Brezick Collection was donated to the UDC Texas Confederate Museum Collection by Norman Winkelmann of Houston. In February parts of this collection, which contains a number of military armaments, will begin to rotate on exhibit. Another new permanent exhibit will contain military band instruments.

The Ray Richey Collection just acquired personal artifacts belonging to Confederate General Jeb Stuart. These artifacts, including his pocket watch, spurs, compass and a lock of his hair, will be part of the permanent collection.

The Judy Richey Victorian Dress Collection will rotate its exhibit to display more than two dozen little girls' dresses from 1860-1900. The dress collection has been one of the more popular exhibits since the museum opened.

The Texas Civil War Museum is a non-profit museum started by Texas oil and gas businessman Ray Richey, who has one of the largest private Civil War artifact collections in the world. Since the museum opened on Jan. 25, 2006, more than 20,000 visitors have come from 46 states and 31 different countries.

The museum's operating hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Admission prices are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students ages 7 through 12. Children 6 years and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Group and active military discounts are available.

The museum is located at 760 Jim Wright Freeway North in Fort Worth. Information about the museum can be obtained by calling 817.246.2323. Much more information is available at the museum's Web site, www.texascivilwarmuseum.com.