

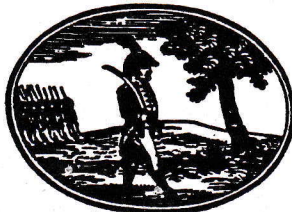


# THE STRAGGLER

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"To The Tyrants Never Yield!"



## COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

I was very proud to lead an exceptional company at the tactical at Land Between the Lakes in Kentucky. I believe if you ask anyone who went, he'll tell you that the weekend went as expected: Challenging, fun and realistic. Maybe not realistic in how we were told to take casualties - "Co. A needs to take two people out"... but in the grand tactical movements we performed. We were finally asked to do a lot (and I mean a lot) of skirmish drill. We even had the cavalry do what they should be doing ... working in concert with the infantry. Why, big kudos need to be given to the Confederate Cavalry. They beat up on big bad Carl! And not just once, several times! Even General Forrest would be proud!

The Texas Rifles and Moore's Battalion held their own and more! I had a major magic moment as our skirmishers drove the Federal skirmishers back. It was so gawld awful neat! The only way to describe our actions in skirmishes was that they were done with textbook efficiency. We were pushing them back so well I had to call up our second platoon and the rest of the battalion, so they could come and join the fight. The weekend had several very special moments. To the Texas Rifles men who were able to make it to Kentucky, a job well done!

A look on the calendar tells us it's about time for Pleasant Hill. Yes, a little journey eastward to Louisiana to fight the Yanks and sing a few around the campfire. I've enclosed a list of TR members that I told the people at Pleasant Hill are coming. If your name is not on that list then you probably will have to pay a \$3.00 charge to register. If you have not returned your release form, go ahead and take it with you to Pleasant Hill. I am sorry about these new headaches concerning this event, but TR management takes no responsibility when the event changes registration requirements after so many years.

I have had many members ask me if we would field a platoon of Federals for the battle. The answer is yes, if we have enough people. So bring your sack coats (even if you don't want to die a Yankee, maybe someone else will). The plan will be to be Rebels in camp and some of us to be Federals in the battle on Saturday and Sunday. I hope our platoon of Federals might skirmish the other platoon of Southrons in front of the big crowd on Sunday! The only thing I can promise the Federal platoon is that, you probably won't be inspected by ole D.D. and you will be farther away from the bag pipe strains of Amazing Grace! Now, don't all of you sign up at once.

Look forward to seeing you there - DRIVE CAREFULLY.

I have the honor to be your most obedient servant,

B. Gill Eastland

P. S. I should have the battle shirts with me at Pleasant Hill so you can pick them up.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



PLEASE LET YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR KNOW WHICH EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. THIS INFORMATION IS VITAL FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

PLEASANT HILL: April 12 - 14, 1991 at Pleasant Hill, Louisiana.

\* WILSON'S CREEK: August 9 - 11, 1991 in Missouri. More details to come.

THE TEXAS RIFLES 1991 HARVEST BALL: November 16, 1991 at the Driskill Hotel in Austin.

NOTE: An \* indicates a TEXAS RIFLES MAXIMUM EFFORT EVENT at which most of the officers and NCO'S will be in attendance. At the other events, attendance by TR members may be lower, and you may be on your own.

## TR TID BITS

### A GRIPE!

At the tactical in Kentucky last month, several Texas Rifles members were distressed to see repeated incidents of the use of modern forms of tobacco (i.e. cigarettes) in camp and on the march, as well as various persons drinking from Coke cans, and labelled modern canned goods visibly displayed in camp. Even though the public was not at the tactical, the authenticity guidelines should have been strictly adhered to - perhaps even more so than at a spectator event.

Proposed Solution: The company commander and/or the authenticity director should remind members en masse at each event of the authenticity guidelines. The guidelines should be enforced by NCOs and, primarily, through peer pressure by sponsors and other members.

### THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS: THE MOVIE

Filming on this movie is scheduled to begin in May near Ashville, N.C. A "camera company" of reenactors is needed from May - September at \$60/day plus motel accommodations and these people must be young looking, non-overweight reenactors without facial hair. Other reenactors (Ed. Note: including, I suppose, old fat, bearded people) will be needed in August and September at \$50/day, plus campground accommodations. Each reenactor must supply his own Brown Bess or Charleville musket. Call Scott Swenson for details if you're interested.

Period Brass Binoculars - \$85.00 - For Sale by Scott Swenson

### CAMP KITCHEN AT PLEASANT HILL

The Texas Rifles camp kitchen will be in operation once again at Pleasant Hill. Breakfast and Lunch will be served on Saturday and breakfast will be served on Sunday for a total of \$5.00.

## SEMINAR FOR THE SIXTIES—

(1860's, that is)

National experts on women's Civil War reenacting and participants from North and South gathered at Kentucky Dam Lodge March 15-17 for "Seminar for the Sixties—1860's, that is"). The Texas Rifles were represented by our own resident cooking expert Ana Draa and by Rhonda Hall and Vicki Betts who attended this most informative and well organized conference.

Juanita Leisch, author of *The Family Album: Ladies' Wear Daily*, kicked off the conference with "Fashion, Style, and Taste." She shared clothing information based on her extensive collection of cartes de visites and also brought original garments, pointing out key design and construction tips.

On Saturday participants chose from several workshops, including "A Bevy of Bonnets" with Beth Turza, "Hair, Beautiful Hair" with Ruth Ann Sherman, "Period Garment Construction" with Ruth Hendy, and "How to Run a Camp Kitchen for 50 People and Still Have Time to Visit Sutlers' Row" with Ana Draa. Interspersed were sessions on creating and building a first person impression, and Saturday night various scenarios were created by participants.

Sunday morning Sharon Moore and Luann Parrish demonstrated how to put up a wall tent in the rain (complete with rain!), how to insulate it and how to redirect water. Ruth Hendy, an Oklahoma health inspector, presented a very informative seminar on food safety in camp. Lana Weaver and Sharon Moore shared ideas on fund raising, both period and modern. Finally, Zebee Fortner, CPA, presented "Could I Claim This Hobby as a Dependent?"

Although all of the speakers were outstanding, an especially valuable addition to the seminar was the notebook of handouts, including sources of materials and bibliographies. Anyone desiring copies of any session's handouts should contact Vicki Betts, Ana Draa, or Rhonda Hall.

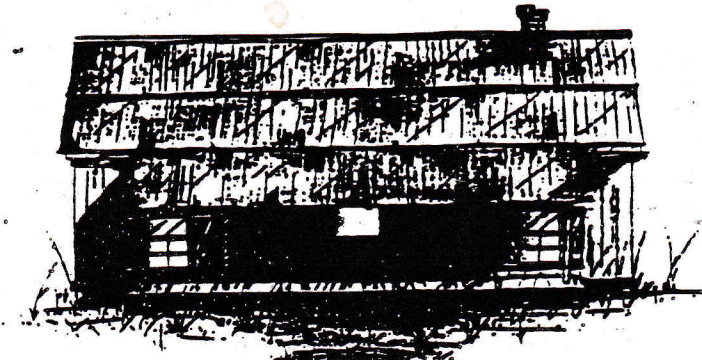
Response to the workshop was enthusiastic and tentative plans are already being discussed for future meetings. Ana, Rhonda, and Vicki greatly appreciate the support from the Texas Rifles which enabled them to attend. The knowledge they gained should help improve women's civilian authenticity in the future. The next time you see Ana, congratulate her for a job well done!

### *Prayer for Our Army*

*O God, the Lord of Hosts, be with the Armies of our Confederacy, overshadow them with Thy Love, shield them with Thy mercy, sustain them by Thy Power, succor the wounded, give deliverance to the prisoner, give Thy Peace to the dying, animate the souls of all with true courage, imbue them with Faith in their just Cause and a firm reliance upon Thee the God of Battles. Turn the hearts of our enemies from the lust of rapine & conquest and incline them to Peace & Justice or else enable us in Thy name & strength to drive the Invader & Spoiler from our Land. O! may Victory rest upon our Standards, and do Thou O Lord establish us firmly as a nation amongst the Kingdoms of the Earth in lasting Peace & Honour through Christ our Savior & Redeemer. Amen.*

--from "Journal of a Secesh Lady": The Diary of Catherine Ann Devereux Edmondston, 1860-1866. Edited by Beth G. Crabtree and James W. Patton. Raleigh: Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, 1979. Entry for December 19, 1862.

RED RIVER CAMPAIGN  
11TH ANNUAL RE-ENACTMENT, BATTLE OF PLEASANT HILL  
PLEASANT HILL, LOUISIANA  
APRIL 12-14, 1991



\*\*\* TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS \*\*\*

-----FRIDAY APRIL 12:           8:00AM   REGISTRATION BEGINS

SATURDAY APRIL 13:           8:00AM   OFFICERS CALL (UNIT COMMANDERS)

                                  10:00AM   PARADE IN TOWN (TRANS. FURNISHED)

                                  11:00AM   LADIES TEA, AND DRESS COMPETITION)

                                  1:00PM   SAFETY & AUTHENTICITY INSPECTION

                                  2:00PM   BATTLE OF SABINE CROSSROADS

                                  2:30PM   FIELD MEDICAL IMPRESSION

                                  4:00PM   EVENING MEAL (RE-ENACTORS ONLY)

                                  5:00PM   WEDDING CEREMONY

                                  6:00PM   ONE ACT PLAY OF "CO. AYTCH"

                                  7:00PM   PERIOD DANCE (RE-ENACTORS ONLY)

SUNDAY APRIL 14           8:00AM   OFFICERS CALL (UNIT COMMANDERS)

                                  9:00AM   MANDATORY FORMATION, (ALL UNITS)

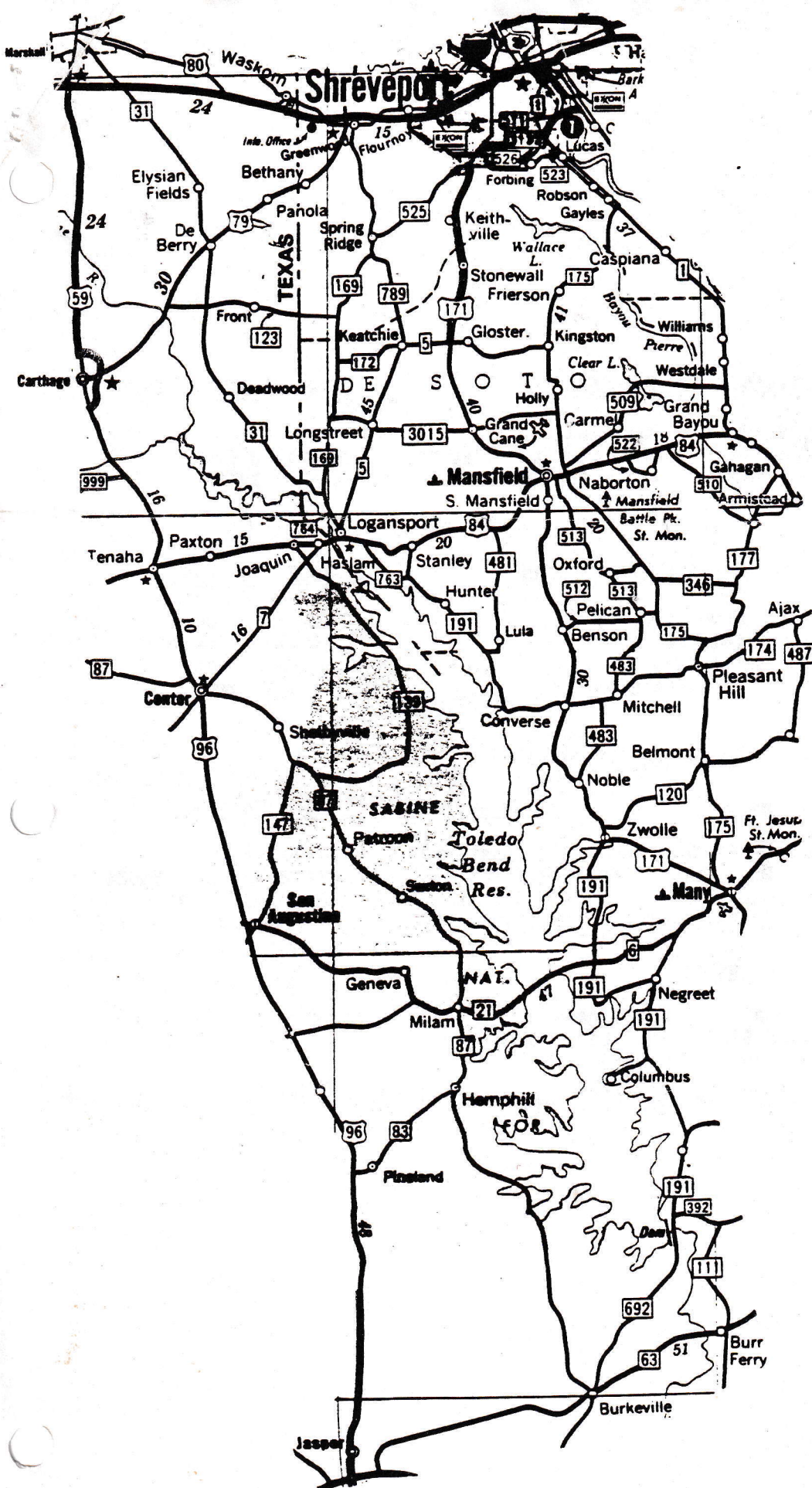
                                  10:00AM   CHURCH SERVICES

                                  1:00PM   SAFETY / AUTHENTICITY INSPECTION

                                  2:00PM   11TH ANNUAL RE-ENACTMENT OF THE  
  BATTLE OF PLEASANT HILL

                                  3:00PM   AWARDS CEREMONY (ON BATTLE FIELD)

\*\* CAMPS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SAT. & SUN FROM 10:00AM  
THROUGH 5:00PM.



Pleasant Hill is located north of Many, Louisiana, and south of Mansfield, Louisiana, on HWY 175. This map shows the various routes to Pleasant Hill so you can select the route best for your. Please consult a Texas highway map for the roads into East Texas where this map begins.

If your route takes you north out of Many, the turnoff to Pleasant Hill is just a mile or so north of town. It is easy to miss, so be watchful.

The reenactment site and camps are located a few miles north of Pleasant Hill on HWY 175, and the camp is visible from the highway. You must register at the old farm house at the entrance to the property. We are registered as the Texas Rifles. Come Friday afternoon if possible.

Pleasant Hill Attendees as of 1/25/91

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Gill Eastland      | 36. Hal Fair          |
| 2. Bruce Winders      | 37. Bob Fletcher      |
| 3. James Bain         | 38. Dennis Hubbert    |
| 4. Brian Bosworth     | 39. Phil Ulbrich      |
| 5. Erwin Bullock      | 40. Mark Wong         |
| 6. Mike Enger         | 41. Kevin Young       |
| 7. Don Frazier        | 42. Jeff Boutwell     |
| 8. Larry McVay        | 43. Tom Hoelzel       |
| 9. Charles Prack      | 44. Jeff Hunt         |
| 10. James Trainor     | 45. Daniel Morgan     |
| 11. Gil Vollmering    | 46. Larry Richardson  |
| 12. Robert Williams   | 47. Ray Siegmund      |
| 13. Mike Daley        | 48. Bo Richardson     |
| 14. George Eichenburg | 49. Kevin Stork       |
| 15. Robert Fair       | 50. Scott Swanson     |
| 16. Richard Freihofer | 51. Matt Breedlove    |
| 17. Don Gipson        | 52. Mitch Valdez      |
| 18. Deight Hall       | 53. Whitney Hillas    |
| 19. Larry McInahan    | 54. Joe Walker        |
| 20. Ashton Oravetz    | 55. David Waters      |
| 21. Geoffrey Wilbanks | 56. Darryl Windham    |
| 22. David Agee        | 57. Jay Whiddon       |
| 23. Jack Bell         | 58. Scott Henning     |
| 24. Mark Bryan        | 59. Vicki Betts       |
| 25. Vince Draa        | 60. Ana Draa          |
| 26. Mike Orachenberg  | 61. Jo McInahan       |
| 27. Ed Grandle        | 62. Katy Eichenburg   |
| 28. Otto Haardt       | 63. Rhonda Hall       |
| 29. David Hall        | 64. Sharon Locke Moor |
| 30. John Keahay       | 65. Kate Payne        |
| 31. James Martin      | 66. Ruth Kicklighter  |
| 32. Michael Moore     | 67. Lyndell Maxwell   |
| 33. Mike Powell       |                       |
| 34. Chris Strzelecki  |                       |
| 35. James Watson      |                       |

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