

# THE TYRANT'S FOE

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TEXAS RIFLES

No. 1

February 1994

### COMMANDERS DISPATCH

Another Winedale has come and gone. We had a good turn out but missed those of you who couldn't be there. Ample opportunity exists, however, for all of us to serve together in 1994.

The results of this years election are as follows:

Bruce Winders, captain  
Jeff Hunt, lieutenant  
Phil Ulbrich, 1st sergeant  
Rhonda Hall, civilian coordinator

The Rifles would like to thank Kay Wettemann, Vince Draa, and Jamie Bain for their service to the company.

I would like to thank you all for the honor you have bestowed on me by electing me captain for the third year. I take this responsibility very seriously and promise to work to make this a year a success.

Bruce Winders,  
Captain, Texas Rifles

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### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

ISSUE	DEADLINE	MAILING DATE
February	January 31	1st week of February
March/April	February 28	1st week of March
April/May	April 18	week of April 25
June/July	June 6	week of June 13
August	July 18	1st week of Aug.
Sept./Oct.	September 12	week of September 19
November	October 24	1st week of November
Dec./Jan.	December 5	week of December 12

Future newsletters will include these reports as regular features:

Captain's Dispatch  
Treasurer's Report (Lieutenant)  
Membership Report (1st Sergeant)  
Civilian Coordinator Report  
Authenticity Committee Report  
Regional Directors' Reports  
Battalion Representative Report

Any Texas Rifles member may submit reports or articles to the newsletter.

### 1994: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

We publish this schedule of events for the benefit of our members so they can make arrangements to attend the following event. A star indicates a maximum effort event.

*February 12-13	Boggy Depot, Oklahoma
*February 26	Texas Rifles Ball
March	Preparation March, Seguin
*April 2-9	Red River Campaign
*May 14-15	Granbury, Texas
May 27-29	Memphis, Tennessee
October 8-9	Camp Ford, Tyler
*October 14-16	Cedar Creek, Virginia
*October 22-23	Texian Market Days
*December 3-4	Prairie Grove, Arkansas

As you see, there is a gap between May and October. Be thinking of a time and place for a summer muster.

### DIRECTIONS TO ATOKA

I spoke with Witt Edwards of the Oklahoma Historical Society to find out the best way for persons coming from Texas to find Atoka. Take I-75 out of Dallas toward Sherman. At Dension I-75 becomes I-69: this road goes to Atoka. At Atoka, take Highway 7 west for five miles and you should be at the reactivation site. The number of the Oklahoma Historical Society is (405) 521-2491.

### THE TEXAS RIFLES'S BALL

The Texas Rifles's will be held on Saturday, February 26, in Galveston. A few tickets are still available and all members and friends are encouraged to attend. Discount rate on the hotel ended on February 5, but ball reservations will be accepted until February 18. Those who have register will soon be receiving a packet in the mail with more specific information. Don't miss this opportunity to visit with your friends without the distractions of mud, rain, heat, mosquitoes, &c. Plenty of food and dancing for all! For reservations, call Vicki Betts (903) 592-2368.

### CIVILIAN COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Here we are at the beginning of a brand new year. Let me start by introducing myself. I'm Rhonda Hall the civilian coordinator for the year 1994. Some of you know me already and for those who don't I hope to me you soon.

We had a good turnout for Winedale this year. We voted in four new civilians: Dana White from Austin; Alane Haardt from Rosenberg; Charm Sugg and Darla White both from Arlington. I know they will be a welcome addition.

I should be sending out a more detailed letter soon.

See you all at the Ball,  
Rhonda

## REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS

**EAST TEXAS:** After being a regional director for the grand total of 3 days, this report will be short and to the point.

If all goes well we will be planning cartridge rolling parties in the very near future. These will rely heavily on the good graces of the ladies of the region, simply due to the fact that we have a shortage of men. This is a situation that I hope to remedy in the future.

Hopefully by the time of the next newsletter there will be more to report.

Dwight W. Hall

**AUSTIN REGION:** The men and the officers in the Austin region have started in earnest to prepare bodies as well as minds for Red River. After the first of the year, we began marching a couple of miles in uniform with bedrolls or packs on the grounds of Camp Mabry. Others have taken the initiative and did some walking on their own.

A march was held on the January 27 at which Pete Evans, Lee Chesney, Call Hill, Bob Huey, Roger Sanchez, Jeff Hunt, and myself attended. We decided at that time to set aside each Thursday evening to gather at Camp Maybry to march a couple of miles, and afterwards, on occasion, to get together and make cartridge, or at least the tubes.

In closing, it is great to hear that Kevin & Lisa Stork are moving back to Austin. It will be nice to have Kevin back in the ranks. Also, with the return of Lisa, the civilian side of the Austin area has doubled in number. Now Dana White will have someone locally to talk to about civilian activities.

Ray Siegmund

**HOUSTON:** The Houston Region will meet at Chris's for a cartridge rolling party on Sunday, February 6 at 2:00. Call if you need directions. Bring rolled tubes and other supplies with you.

David Agee called and is planning on attending the Red River Campaign. New recruiting continues to grow. This week I got four phone calls about possible new recruits. (1) A friend of Robert Stirpay wants to go to Atoka. (2) A friend of Bill Bates called--he may be moving here from California--and he is looking for a unit to join. He has reenacted in California, although it was Federal Cav.!!!! I told him he was welcome anyway. He is a musician and is looking to either play the bugle or join up with a brass band. I mentioned the Skillet Lickers, but I didn't give any details. I wasn't sure if he was up or down to the Tannér Standards!! By the way his name is Roque. (3) David Gray's dad might be interested in going to Atoka. (4) Trent Burfine, at SHSU, has a potential recruit and they may also be attending the Atoka Muster/Battle. These folks may need some equipment, so dig through your stuff and see what you can spare for Atoka.

Lastly, the Houston folks have rented a van for the Atoka trip. If you have transportation problems, call me and maybe we can squeeze you in.

Chris Strzelecki

**METROPLEX:** After a leave of absence, Gil Vollmering has consented to serve as the regional director for the Dallas-Fort Worth area. We look forward to Gil's return to this post as his leadership has been sorely missed.

Members Jamie Bain, Bruce Winders, and Gil Vollmering

have been working on knapsacks. The seven ordered from the Austin region are nearly complete and should be ready by Atoka.

R.B.W.

## NON-PROFIT TAX STATUS

You may remember from Winedale 1993 that we voted to pursue non-profit tax status. No progress was made on this goal last year. Vince Draa, a lawyer by trade, has agreed to come to the rescue and oversee the project. We will keep you undated on developments.

## A WORD OF THANKS

During the last formation at Winedale, Capt. Winders hinted that he had expected me to make some type of farewell comments to the company. I have to admit that at the time, I just wasn't prepared for such a speech. Also, I wasn't convinced that a farewell would be all that appropriate. However, I would be greatly remiss not to express my gratitude to the company for allowing me to serve you for the past three years. It has been a profound honor to be your First Sergeant; and I am proud to have such an outstanding company to turn over to Phil Ulbrich's capable hands.

I have always been, and still am proud to count myself as a member of the Texas Rifles. There simply is no better group of men on the field anywhere; and the Texas Rifles Civilians provide a sterling example of what civilian reenacting can and should be at its best. It's going to feel a bit odd to be in the field, but not be in the ranks this coming year. I hope that in my new position that I can make all of you half as proud of me as I know you will continue to make me proud of all of you in 1994.

## NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

The list shows order of seniority of NCOs of the Texas Rifles.

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| 1. Gil Vollmering   | 5. Bob Huey      |
| 2. Erwin Bullock    | 6. Tom Heard     |
| 3. Chris Strzelecki | 7. Lee Chesney   |
| 4. Ray Siegmund     | 8. Eric Kneupper |

Assignments will be made on an event by event basis as per the By Laws.

## ATTENTION TO ORDERS!

Headquarters, Texas Rifles  
Johnson Creek, 16th Jan., 1993

ORDERS No. 2

The following responsibilities and duties are assigned to the various Non Commissioned Officers of the Texas Rifles.

1. Every sergeant must know and be able to instruct School of the Soldier, School of the Company, and Drill for Skirmishers. In addition, each must be familiar with general regulations pertaining to their office.
2. Every corporal must know and be able to instruct School of the

Soldier and be familiar with the general regulations pertaining to their office. In addition--due to the necessities our particular form of service--each corporal must be prepared to assume the duties of sergeants on short notice: hence, all corporals are strongly urged to learn School of the Company and Drill for Skirmishers.

3. The First Sergeant is responsible for the following:

- (a) He is designated Orderly Sergeant and will thus be charged with keeping all pertinent company records. These will included accurate list of those present at all events. To this end, he will cause the roll to be called at least three times a day.
- (b) He is responsible for overseeing details necessary for the general welfare of the company while on the march or in camp.
- (c) He is in charge of the company in the absence of company officers.
- (d) It is within his power to delegate certain authorities to other sergeants and corporals in order to assist him in the discharge of his duties.
- (e) He will drill the company upon order of the Captain.
- (f) He should be prepared to act as Brevet 2nd Lieutenant in the case an additional company officer may be needed or an absent company officer must be replaced.

4. The Second Sergeant is responsible for the following:

- (a) He will be designated Ordnance Sergeant and will thus be charged with the general upkeep of all ordnances in the possession of the company.
- (b) He will--with the consent of the First Sergeant--issue cartridges to the company and oversee the cleaning of muskets after firing.
- (c) He is responsible for any other duties assigned to him by company officers or the First Sergeant.
- (d) He will drill the company upon order by the Captain.
- (e) He is to assume the roll and the duties of the First Sergeant should that officer be absent.

5. The Third Sergeant is responsible for the following:

- (a) He is designated Quartermaster Sergeant and is responsible for locating and securing straw, water, and firewood (when provided) for the company.
- (b) In the absence of a Third Sergeant, he will perform the duties of the Commissary Sergeant.
- (c) He will--with the consent of the First Sergeant--oversee fatigue details.
- (d) He will drill the company upon order of the Captain.
- (e) He is to assume the role and duties of Second Sergeant should that officer be absent.

5. The Fourth Sergeant is responsible for the following:

- (a) He is designated Commissary Sergeant and is responsible for locating and issuing rations (when provided) for the company in the field.
- (b) He will--with the consent of the First Sergeant--oversee fatigue details.
- (c) He will drill the company upon order of the Captain.
- (d) He is to assume the role and duties of Third Sergeant should that officer be absent.

6. Corporals are responsible for the following:

- (a) They are responsible for the general welfare of the men in their squads.
- (b) They will oversee fatigue details.

(c) They will assist in the training of their squads.

(d) They will be available for any duty with may be assigned to them by the Captain, Orderly Sergeant, Ordnance Sergeant, Quartermaster Sergeant, or Commissary Sergeant.

(e) They will drill the platoons upon order of the Captain.

(d) They are to be prepared to assume the role and duties of sergeants should those officers be absent.

7. Non Commissioned Officers are charge with keeping the moral of the company.

8. Non Commissioned Officers urged to excel in the performance of their duties in order to set good examples for all to follow.

By Order of Captain R. B. Winders  
Commanding, Texas Rifles

Orders No. 6  
Head Quarter, Texas Rifles  
November 5, 1993

The company will advance to Atoka, Oklahoma, on February 12 & 13, 1994. All tentage other than shelter halves will be turned over to the quartermaster's department to be placed in storage. Lieutenant Colonel Swenson has ordered each man of the Regiment to bring only what he can carry (knapsack or blanket roll) during this campaign--all extra baggage is to be left behind. The men are to organized themselves into small mess and bring food that can be carried and cooked in the field. Furthermore, as the weather may be cold, each man is to acquire a warm pair of gloves and a scarf.

Captain R. B. Winders  
Commanding Texas Rifles

Headquarters, Texas Rifles  
Johnson Creek, 16th Jan., 1993

ORDERS No. 3

All Non Commissioned Officers and Senior Privates are to be able to perform as well as instruct the School of the Soldier. To this end, each is to obtain and study a copy of Hardee's Rifle & Light Infantry Tactics. The Captain stresses the importance of the paying attention to the precise "motions" laid down the Manual of Arms as this is the means of achieving perfection and standardization in drill.

By Order of Captain R. B. Winders  
Commanding, Texas Rifles

Order No. 1  
Headquarters, Texas Rifles  
January 26, 1994

Lieutenant Jeff Hunt will command the company in the upcoming action at Boggy Depot as Captain Winders will be in Brownsville on detached duty. Sergeant Vollmering will act as 2nd Sergeant. Lieutenant Hunt will assign other NCO positions based on company size, drawing from the NCO list.

Capt. R. B. Winders  
Texas Rifles

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Special Order No. 1  
Camp Winedale  
January 22, 1994

James Bain is hereby detached so he may accept the position of adjutant, 1st Trans-Mississippi Regiment.

Captain R. B. Winders  
Commanding Texas Rifles

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**KNAPSACKS**

We have received orders for 20 knapsacks as of Winedale. Construction is under way by members in the Fort Worth-Dallas Region. Some should be ready for issue by Boggy Depot. Although an effort will be made to supply them in order of purchase, priority will be given to the knapsacks of members who plan to make the Red River march.

**CARTRIDGES**

A discussion was held by the executive board and the regional directors on cartridges. It was decided that each member should prepare 80 cartridges for each event: 40 to be stored in the cartridge box and 40 to be turned in to the company ammunition chest. Due to the increasing cost of powder, those who arrive with no cartridges will be asked to pay an ammunition fee.

Regional directors will be contacting you soon to notify members of cartridge rolling parties.

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?**

It is time to renew your membership for 1994. Individual dues are \$18; family dues are \$24.

Members who fail to renew by March 1 will be dropped from the roll and will not longer receive the newsletter.

***DONT LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!!!***

Send your dues to:

Phil Ulbrich  
875 Walker Circle  
New Braunsfels, Texas 78130

**UNIFORM UPDATE**

Scott Swenson has provide the company with a current list of supplies of jean cloth. Remember, all new jackets for recruits and members are to be made from jean cloth as per the Texas Rifles Uniform Guidelines.

Jean Cloth/Shirt Material

Thistle Hill Weavers, RD #2 Box 75 Cherry Valley, NY 13320.

(518) 284-2729 Ask for Rabbit Goodey.

**Ready Made Shell Jackets**

Terri Parker, 738 Currey Rd. Nashville, Tenn. 37217 (615) 361-8765 Style to ask for is Alabama jacket in grey-brown jean. \$150 with hand stitching. 4-6 week.

Bruce Frazier, 5501 S. Lamar Dallas, Tx. 75215 (214) 428-5173. Jean shell jackets from QM Shop, \$125. 4-6 weeks if not in stock.

Grand Illusions, 90 E. Main St. Newark, De. 19711 (302) 366-0300. Trans-Miss. Dept. Shell Jacket, \$115. Top stitching, \$22 extra. Hand done button holes, \$5 each. 4-6 weeks.

Steve Abolt, 3927 Mattison Ft. Worth, Tx. 76107 (817) 737-7513. Alabama Pattern Jean Shell Jacket, \$165. Grey-brown jean, hand finished. Call for information on delivery time, usually 2-4 weeks. [Steve is a member of the Rifles. His work is excellent. Also does shirts, vests, and trousers. From War of 1812 up through Civil War.]

**Shirts / Trousers**

Mary Lou Wooten, Box 26 Smyrna, Ga. 30081 (404) 422-8245. Jean trousers, \$75 + \$3 shipping. Shirts, \$40 - \$45. No information on delivery time.

**Hats**

Dirty Billy Sutlery, P.O. Box 25 Detour, Md. 21225 (410) 775-1865. Scott recommends fur felt instead of wool. Billy can add correct sweat bands & hat liners.

Tim Allen, 1001 Spring Gate Rd. #3-D Baltimore, Md. 21228 (410) 719-0445. Slouch hats, \$65.

**Leather & Paper Goods**

Dixie Leather Works, P.O. Box 8221 Paducah, Ky. 42002-8221 (800) 888-5183. Sword belts, belts, wallets, buckles; labels, stationary, & other paper goods. Catalog is \$3. Many useful & unusual items.

**TIPS ON EQUIPMENT**

One of the differences between recruits and veterans is way each wears his uniform and equipment. We all have books fill with Civil War photographs in our libraries. Examine them for details and incorporate what you see into you impressions.

As Scott Swenson pointed out at Winedale, many of us wear our canteens and haversacks too low. This not only looks sloppy, its also is uncomfortable because they flap about and bang on your hip of thigh. Shorten your straps so these items hang at your waist or higher and they will ride much better.

The same goes for the cartridge box. Don't wear your cartridge box so low that you have to bend down to pull out a cartridge. Better yet, remove the sling and wear the box on your belt! Remember Hardee's Tactics cautions that "Whenever the loadings and firing are to be executed, the instructor will cause the cartridge box to be brought to the front." This can only be done if the box is on the belt.

## ITS A MESS

It is the goal of the Texas Rifles to portray troops on campaign. Bogy Depot and Red River will provide two excellent opportunities to put your skill to the test.

Cooking in the field can be an ordeal if you have not planned ahead. Small messes work best in the field: 4-6 members seems to be the best number. Organize your mess to include friends. Appoint someone as mess leader. This person will oversee the purchasing of food once the mess has decided on its menu for the event. Divide the chores so that no one has to do all the work and it will make for a happier mess.

It is important to have the correct equipment. [See Lord's Civil War Collector's Encyclopedia for correct style mess equipment.] These items are recommended for a 4-6 man mess: 1 small hand axe, 1 small frying pan (stamped, not cast iron), 1 large mucket with attached wire handle. Be sure to have cloth bags for storing food as well as a rag that can serve as a pot holder and dish towel. Take salt, pepper, and other seasoning as they can make the difference between a bland, tasteless meal and a flavorful feast. Divide these items among the members of the mess when marching.

Future articles will include recipes for mess cooking. For more information, contact Dave Stieghan 3007 Fairfax Drive Tyler, Texas 75701 (903) 566-2815 as he is extremely knowledgeable on the subject of Civil War messes.

## RED RIVER IMPRESSIONS

Thanks to Vicki Betts the Rifle have an actual unit to portray during the Red River Campaign. Identities will be assigned as soon as we have a complete list of those going on the march.

We will be Company G, 11th Texas Infantry. The company was originally enrolled by Colonel Oran M. Roberts in Smith County on February 10, 1862. Camp Lubbock, near Houston, was home for the company until May 1862 when it returned to Smith County (Camp Clough) for reorganization as Company G. Richard B. Long, the company's first captain, left and was replaced by J. L. H. Stillwell. In September 1862 the regiment left Texas and traveled to Camp Nelson near Little Rock. Returns after this date show the 11th Texas at various places in Arkansas and Louisiana. Mustered for inspection on February 29, 1864, Company G received the following marks: Discipline, good; Instruction, good; Military Appearance, good; Arms, good; Accouterments, good; & Clothing, common.

Brigade Commander: General Horace Randal  
Regimental Commander: Colonel Oran M. Roberts  
Company Commander: Captain George T. Walker

*Our thanks to Miss Vicki for all her hard work.*

## THE REENACTOR'S COMPANION

The latest edition of The Reenactor's Companion is out. Jeff has put together a excellent collection of articles that are a must if you are going on the Red River Campaign. The issue contains articles on the Bank's campaign, the 11th Texas Infantry, food &

life in Louisiana during the war, as well as other useful pieces. Contributors include Jeff Hunt and Vicki Betts. Contact Jeff if you would like a copy. Price \$2.00.

## ASK MISS VICKI

Vicki Betts had received several questions on matters of history: she has been hard at work finding out the answer. As the length of this newsletter will not allow all to appear at this time, this section will be carried over into the next issue.

1. How long should ballroom gloves be? Long gloves went out of style in the mid-1840's and did not reappear until 1864. Godey's always showed short gloves until one illustration in April 1864 and another in December, when glove lengths reached about 2" above the wrist bone on one illustration, with others still showing the short glove. An 1856 issue of Godey's declared that "white gloves for evening are always safest and strictly correct. Any delicate tint is admissible." In 1861 the fashion editor described kid gloves with two buttons and scalloped tops, stating that "kid gloves with double buttons are more fashionable than those with single ones. Light and delicate colors should always be worn with the best kind of toilet." Only in 1864 did peach and flesh-color buttons with three to five buttons appear for evening wear, and in 1865 "long gloves are again coming into fashion, some reaching almost as far as the elbow, and being fashioned with 6, 8, or even 10 pearl buttons. For the evening, long white gloves, trimmed with lace or swan's down, are once more seen."

2. Were red dresses considered the special marking of a fallen woman? A very good question, asked both at the St. Louis and the Sacramento seminars. The answer is no, according to Juanita Leisch, who wore a red polished cotton dress to the California meeting. I went back through my annotations of Godey's and Peterson's for 1855-65 and in 1861 Godey's included magenta, scarlet, and crimson, all varieties of red, among their suggested ballroom colors. Rose was one of the most popular colors for evening dresses, in silk, moire, or reps, and suited for ballgowns "for those whose evening dresses must do service throughout the full season." In 1864 Godey's described a crimson silk dinner dress (evening but with long sleeves) trimmed with black velvet and lace, and in 1865 the magazine listed a ruby silk dinner dress as being perfectly proper.

3. What would the nickname or term "huckleberry" mean in the mid-19th century? The word generally meant "a small thing," since the fruit itself is not much bigger than a BB. For example, "I once got within a huckleberry of being smothered to death" (1832), or "I could just barely write my own name, but to do this and write warrants too, was at least a huckleberry over my persimmon" (1834). It could also be a term of endearment, as in "If she were looking for a kind considerate, thoughtful husband, you were her huckleberry" (1906).

4. How popular were lace or crochet mitts? They were extremely popular in the 1830's and 1840's, but had gone out of style by the 1860's only to reappear around 1877. A stylish lady would probably wear short white or "delicately" colored gloves, usually kid.

5. When did the four-in-hand or Windsor tie become popular? have seen a painting of a stylish young man, probably British wearing a loose Windsor tie with a jeweled stickpin in 1852, but according to Collars, Stocks, Cravats: A History and Costume Dating Guide to Men's Neckpieces, 1655-1900, in Europe "th

sixties had seen the advent of the four-in-hand, but its real popularity began in the seventies, a popularity which it has never lost. It might be narrow, wide, or medium height." The same source said that in the United States "few four-in-hand knots are found until 1890, when they became popular. At first, they were large and thick, but by 1894 some were reduced to the proportions of those commonly worn during the first four decades of the 20th century." American Men's Wear, 1861-1982, by William Harlin Shaw showed photographs of Wisconsin, Kansas, and Minnesota men in the 1870's with four-in-hand ties.

In coming issues: Notched-collar vests, corduroy, sandalwood fans, and corrugated galvanized iron roofs.

### F.Y.I.

ON THE ART OF TOASTING AT PUBLIC DINNERS: "... there are certain toasts, given in a certain order, which are never to be omitted. The first toast is the the day celebrated, if it be a particular day. If not, what would be the second toast, 'The President of the United States,' always becomes the first. This toast is always received with applause, even if the party dining be politically opposed to him, because the toast is to the office, and not the man. The next in order is to the governor of the State; and the next is to the invited guest, if there be one. The last toast is always given to the opposite sex. . . . The regular toasts being through, volunteer ones are in order." Source: The Finger-Post to Public Business, N.Y.: Dick & Fitzgerald, Publishers, 1864.

ON 19TH CENTURY MORTALITY: "Do most of the infants born live to an advanced age? No. Of all the infants born, only half live to see their eighth year; but one third of the whole number live beyond their fourteenth year; and but a fourth of all that are born survive to thier twenty-first year; or in other words, three fourths of all mankind die before they reach adulthood." Source: Mrs. Jane Taylor, Wouldst Know Thyself! Or, The Outlines of Human Physiology, N.Y.: George Cooleidge & Brother, 1858.

### BLESSINGS & GRACES AT TALBES:

#### Before Meals.

Example #1. Father of mercies, pardon our transgressions; accept our imperfect services, and bless this bounty of thy providence to our use, and us to thy servie, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Example #2. We bless thee, O God, for coevering our talbe with plenty, and for the present opportunity of partaking of thy bounties. Nourish our bodies with these provisions at hand, and our souls with the bread of life, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### After Meals.

Example #1. For the daily blessing and bounties of thy hand; and for all thy present refreshment; and for all thy other mercies, both temporal and spiritual; thy holy name, O God, be praised, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Example #2. O god, for al thy mercies; for the food that supports our bodies, and the grace that sustains our souls; we bless and praise thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Source: A Manual of Family Prayer, New Haven, Conn.: S. Babcock, Publisher, 1845.

## 1994 ROSTER

An update roster will be mailed out in March after all dues are received. Please send any changes of addresses to me as soon as possible so it will be complete and accurate.

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### A SPECIAL THANKS

The Texas Rifles would like to offer our special thanks to Vince Draa who has served a editor of The Tyrant's Foe for the last two years. Overseeing an organizations newsletter can be a thankless task, and we wish to recognize him at this time the the important contributions he has made to the Texas Rifles.

Three cheers for Vince!!!

**THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE TYRANT'S FOE WILL BE MAILED DURING THE 1ST WEEK OF MARCH. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MARCH ISSUE IS FEBRUARY 28. READERS COMMENTS ARE WELCOME.**

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1994 DUES???**