

# THE TYRANT'S FOE

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### 1995: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

January 21- 22	Winedale Muster
February 25-26	Battalion Muster, Fort Washita
May 5-7, 1995	Pea Ridge, Arkansas
June 22-25	Tactical, Ft. Towson, Ok.
October 27-29, 1995	Battle of Nashville

### REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Tyler Region: As the year comes to a close, I must say that it has been an eventful year. Red River, of course, stands out as the premier event of the year, but events such as Memphis and most recently Prairie Grove were memorable, too.

Speaking of Prairie Grove, those of you who missed it missed a lot of fun. The weather could not have been better. Of the two battles I definitely enjoyed Sunday's the best. The Rifles formed the Color Guard. As we had lost a couple of members who had to start home early, I was asked to take a place behind the Colors. Once the battle was joined Ray Siegmund, Lee Chesney, Pete Evens, and John Bell (of the 12th Texas), and myself took turns dying throughout the battle. I enjoyed the experience very much.

Again, let me say what fun this year has been. I have never known a better bunch of people, nor had any better friends than I have found in the Rifles. Hope to see you at Winedale.

Dwight Hall

Houston: Since the last report several Houston members traveled to Prairie Grove, Arkansas. The threesome of John French, Brady Williams, and Chris Strezelecki braved the eleven hour journey in the history-moblie. We joined Pete, Ray, and Bruce on the company street. While at the event, Company G served as the Color Guard, and it was enjoyable. I would like to appeal to all Houston members to try to come to our events. There are always lots of reasons (family and work) which prevent us from serving in the field. When we have only six or seven in our company, however, we are put into other companies or assigned to duties other than riflemen and are denied opportunities to perform as skirmishers. Believe me, it is a lot more fun when we control our own destinies at events. So please try to attend the Winedale Muster as this will be your chance to help plan the year's events and maybe work things around your busy schedule.

There could be as many as four or five recruits at Winedale, and they will all be looking for clothing and equipment. So if you have anything to sell, please bring it to the muster. So many of you guys have been very helpful in helping me equip new people in the Houston Region, and I want to thank you for all your efforts!!!!!!!

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### COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

I would like to apologize for the tardy arrival of this edition of the Tyrant's Foe, but December was a rather strange and hectic month for me. On the 3rd and 4th I represented the Texas Rifles for the last time as captain; on the 17th I was awarded my doctorate; on the 30th I was diagnosed as a diabetic. Although I had fully intended to get it out on time, life got in the way.

Prairie Grove was good event for those members who were able to attend. Altogether, there were 15 Rifles present: 4 on battalion staff, 7 members of Company G, and 4 ladies. The weather was nothing like the event two years ago with its sleet and snow. It even got a little warm on Sunday afternoon. The gift exchange went well and the camaraderie was great. My only regret is that more of you couldn't have been there to fill out the rank and to share the enjoyment.

Well its finally official: you can call me Dr. Winders. My family and the Bain's watched me walk across the stage to pick up my diploma and receive my hood. Please let me know if you know of any openings for an underemployed history professor. The phrase, "Will teach for food" quickly jumps to my mind. I would like to stay in the area but who knows what the future may hold for me.

One thing I am sure of is that my life has taken a drastic change healthwise. I felt really bad for the last year or so and had marked it up to the rigors of graduate school. I often was tired, irritable, and barely had the energy to anything. Things got worse in December when other problems cropped up. Having several diabetics in my family I knew the symptoms and a trip to the doctor confirmed my suspicions. I have much to be thankful for, however. First, I caught it before any serious complications arose. Second, I can control it with medication, diet, and exercise. I have dropped my blood sugar level from over 360 to nearly normal in just the short time I have been aware of the problem and I am starting to feel like my old self again.

As you know, I am stepping down as captain of the Texas Rifles. This will sound like a cliché, but it really has been an honor and a privilege to command the company for the last three years. When I later look back on the my life that this will have been one of my most cherished accomplishments. Thanks to all those who gave me their support. I know under new leadership the Rifles will continue its role as the premier company in the hobby. Thanks again. You're the best group of people I know.

Your Ob't. Servant,

Captain Richard B. Winders

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By the time you read this report we will have already had our first Houston "Live Firing." We have about 200 Minie Balls and plan to fire some volleys, and have a shooting competition among ourselves. One of Pasadena's finest rifle ranges, "Rebel Arms," said we could show up in uniform, and do anything we like, except fire cannons. I'm sure we'll be talking about it at Winedale.

If you have any travel problems, remember to call me, I might be able to find you a ride to an event. I hope you all had a blessed and Happy Holiday Season.

Chris Strezelecki

## CIVILIAN DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We've come to the end of another year, and it seems like only a few months ago that we were starting the year. Prairie Grove was a mid-size event. Vicki Betts, Charm Suggs, Darla Benline, and myself were the Texas Rifles civilians who attended the event. Dana White had planned to attend but had to cancel at the last minute due to a family emergency. Hope your emergency worked out for the best, Dana.

Saturday night we were invited to share a meal of ham, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and hot cooked apples by the men of the Rifles. We gladly used our small stores of sugar, molasses, and white flour to make desserts to add to this meal. It was a very pleasant party with good company plus the added bonus of musical entertainment by the camp next to us.

The weather was mild--not too hot or too cold--although early Sunday morning it did get a little chilly. A fog moved in during the night making Sunday morning very damp. It gave everything a ghostly look as it lifted and drifted back over the military camp. First it was there like Brigadoon, rising from the mist then it was gone again. Overall, the weather could not have been better.

In closing, let me wish you all a Happy New Year. I also want to wish little Rankin Draa a speedy recovery after his last surgery at the first of December. We also found out again that the Eastland family was blessed again with the birth of a baby daughter back in October. See you at Winedale.

Rhonda Hall

## COMPUTER NEWS

Are any of the Texas Rifles On-Line with a computer service??? I have Prodigy and regularly communicate through the Historical Reenacting Bulletin Board. There are fellow reenactors who discuss a wide variety of Civil War events. Other services also have bulletin boards about the Civil War. So if you have a service lets try to visit, and if you don't, why don't you consider getting into the 20th Century. (That's a joke, get it?)

Chris NVFA77A

## BOOKS IN PRINT

The University of South Carolina Press has recently reprinted a classic study of the Southern homefront during the Civil War: *Ersatz in the Confederacy*. The work by Mary Elizabeth Massey originally appeared in 1952 and chronicled the effects of government policies on production and consumption of both necessities and luxuries throughout the South from 1861-1865. Massey details how Southerners coped with massive shortages created by the war. This book is a must for any reenactor--both male or female--who is seriously attempting to interpret Southern

History. ISBN O-87249-877-8, \$14.95

South Carolina Press also has a large offering of other Civil War titles, too. A catalog is available upon request.

University of South Carolina Press, Business Office/205 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC 29208

Toll-free orders: 1-800-768-2500

Toll-free fax: 1-800-868-0740

WINEDALE: 1995

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00 to 8:00	Reveille & Breakfast
8:00 to 9:00	Assemble the Company
9:00 to 10:00	Pay Dues & Other Bookkeeping Duties
10:00 to 12:45	Elections & Business Meeting
12:45 to 1:30	Lunch
1:30 to 5:00	Company Maneuvers
5:00 to 6:00	Dinner

Saturday Evening	Entertainment Regional Directors' Meeting Officer & NCO Meeting Executive Board Meeting
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### Sunday, January 23

8:00 to 9:00	Reveille & Breakfast
9:00 to 11:00	Inspection & Competition
11:00 to Noon	Fatigue Details
Noon	Last Remarks & Head Home

## MEALS

As in the past, we have asked the staff at Winedale to provide the following meals for us: Saturday--lunch & dinner, and Sunday--breakfast. There has been a slight increase in price.

Saturday	Lunch	\$5.00
	Dinner	\$7.00
Sunday	Breakfast	<u>\$4.00</u>
		\$16.00 total

## ROOM RATE

Winedale has dorm accommodations that we have traditional restricted to use only by the ladies. There has also been an increase in the room rate as well. The old rate was \$18.00 per person per night. The new rate is \$22.00 per person to night. We will assign the piano parlor for the use of Texas Rifle ladies who do not wish to pay the new rate.

## FLEA MARKET AREA

An area will be set aside so members can display items that members wish to sell. Bring only quality items to sell.

**BE ON TIME TO THE MEETING!!!!**

# MUSICIAN'S FIFE CASE

## UNCLE SAM'S SONG TO MISS TEXAS

(To the tune of Yankee Doodle)

The year 1995 mark the 150th Anniversary of statehood for Texas. This is a song from the Rough and Ready Songster, c1849. Although it is not a song from the Civil War, it reflects the pro-annexation attitude of Americans and Texans that many men and women may have heard while growing up.

Walk in my tall haired Indian gal,  
Your hand my star-eyed Texas,  
You're welcome to our White House Hall,  
Tho' Mexy's hounds would vex us;  
Come an' take some Johnny cake,  
with lasses snug an' coodle,  
For that an' Independence' make'  
A full blood Yankee Doodle.

Yankee Doodle is the word,  
Surpassin' all creation,  
with the pipe or with the sword,  
It makes us love our nation.

My overseer, young Jimmy Polk,  
shall show you all my nieces,  
An' in the cabinet we'll smoke,  
Until our eagle sneezes;  
If Johnny Bull's fat greedy boys,  
About our union grumble,  
I'll kick up sich a tarnal noise,  
"Twill make 'em feel quite humble.

### CHORUS

If Mexy, back'd by secret foes,  
Still talks of taking you, gal,  
Why we can lick 'em all, you know,  
An' then annex 'em too, gal;  
For Freedom's great millennium,  
Is working airth's salvation,  
Her sassy kingdom soon shall come,  
Annexin' all creation.

### CHORUS

### SUTLERS & SUCH

*Red River Campaign, Battalion T-Shirts.* On the front: "I DID NOT ATTEND THE BUTTERMILK FESTIVAL EVENT IN POKEVILLE!" On the back: "IT'S A RED RIVER THING, YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND [with the Regt. flag]. 100% cotton, gray with dark blue lettering. The shirt is available to all members who participated, even those who may not have been able to finish. Any profit from the shirts will go to the Battalion Fund. Cost is \$15 per shirt. Visa, MC, Money Order, and Cashier's Check only. To order, contact, Original T's 212 So. 17th St. Waco, Tx. 76701 817-753-7527.

*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 Ask for Alabama jacket in gray-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. Gray-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.]

*Ready Made Shell Jackets:* 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.

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Here is a compilation of events, members and recruits serving in the ranks this past year. The names are taken from my orderly book rolls and will almost certainly have some errors - apologies to those that are omitted or whose names are listed incorrectly or misspelled.

MIDDLE BOGGY (12-13 February): Jack Bell, Jeff Boutwell, Roy Boutwell, Trent Burfine, Peter Chin, Lee Chesney, Pete Evens, Ed Grandle, David Gray, Tom Heard, Scott Henning, Bob Huey, Jeff Hunt, Eric Knuepper, Mike Lucas, John Miles, Ray Siegmund, Kevin Stork, Robert Stripay, Chris Strzelecki, Phil Ulbrich, Bob Wetteman, Bo Jones, Trey Mangan, Andy McElhannon (present: 25)

SEGUIN MUSTER: Jamie Bain, Thomas Becker, Lee Chesney, Charles Dailey, Pete Evans, Brian Ford, Tom Heard, Cal Hill, Bob Huey, Jeff Hunt, Harold Johnston, Pvt. Lynch, Roger Sanchez, Ray Siegmund, Chris Strzelecki, Phil Ulbrich, Bruce Winders (present: 17)

RED RIVER (2-10 April): Lee Chesney, Pete Evans, David Gray, Tom Heard, Scott Henning, Cal Hill, Tom Hoelzel, Bob Huey, Jeff Hunt, Arnold Huskins, Harold Johnston, Rudy Krisch, Steve McNutt, Clayton Perry, Chuck Prack, Roger Sanchez, Robert Stripay, Chris Strzelecki, Phil Ulbrich, Gil Vollmering, Bruce Winders (present: 21)

MEMPHIS (27-29 May): Shawn Brian, Lee Chesney, Brian Ford, Mike Lucas, Larry McNay, Ray Seigmund, Robert Stripay, Gil Vollmering, Victor Yancy; Texas Filming (18-29 May): Pete Evans, Jeff Hunt, Kevin Stork, Scott Swenson, Phil Ulbrich, Bob Wetteman, Bruce Winders, Kevin Young (total: 16)

GRANDBURY (1-2 October): Bill Bates, Vic Boling, Pete Evans, David Gray, Tom Heard, Pete Hollyer, Bob Huey, Jeff Hunt, Lee Chesney, Andy McElhannon, Larry McNay, Ray Seigmund, Chris Strzelecki, Phil Ulbrich, Gil Vollmering, Bruce Winders, Victor Yancy (present: 17)

TEXIAN MARKET DAYS (22-23 October): Jaimie Bain, Michael Barret, Lee Chesney, Pete Evans, John French, David Gray, Tom Heard, Jeff Hunt, Pete Hollyer, Ed Jablonski, John Keahey, Marvin Schroeder, Ray Siegmund, Craig Sorrels, Robert Stripey, Chris Strzelecki, Phil Ulbrich, James Watson, Jeff Watson, Bob Wetteman, Brady Williams, Bruce Winders (present: 22)  
Skillet Lickers: Don Drachenberg, Otto Haardt, Dennis Hubbard, Joe Walker, David Waters (present: 5)  
(total: 27)

PRAIRIE GROVE (3-4 December): Lee Chesney, Pete Evans, John French, Ray Siegmund, Chris Strzelecki, Brady Williams, Bruce Winders (present: 7)

Thanks to everyone who made the effort to attend these events; thanks also to the very important civilian contingent and extra-company staff members whose names, unfortunately, are not included on my rolls. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve the Texas Rifles as orderly sergeant this year.

Phil Ulbrich  
1st Sergeant