

# THE TYRANTS' FOE

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TEXAS RIFLES

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### COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

Well, Summer is finally here. This month begins the season where our hobby slows down quite a bit in our part of the country. So, we've had to get in the habit of often making our own events to fill in until Fall.

So, our next event is the Annual Company Picnic. We set the date and location for the Picnic back in January during the Winedale muster. You'll find all the information you need for attending the Picnic in this issue.

I've received a lot of inquiries lately about the status of the Company's web page. All I can say right now is that it is in between servers. Work is ongoing. We hope to have it back up really soon.

There is one other event this month: the Campaign Event in Palestine. Information on this event is contained within. Anyone interested in attending this event should contact their regional director ASAP.

On another note, we had a correspondent on the ground for the BellMead event two weeks ago. Reports were extremely favorable, with a strong recommendation that the Rifles consider this local event for future attendance.

As you can see, this is a short issue; its main intention is to get the required picnic information to the membership. Most of our regular features are missing from this issue. That having been said, on with the rest of the newsletter!

To Tyrants Never Yield!

*Your Most Obedient Servant,  
James L. Bain, Capt.*

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### 1997: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

June 12-15	Palestine Reunion Campaign
June 28	Annual Picnic, Ft. Worth, TX
September 6-7	Old Washington, Arkansas
*September 12 - 14	Antietam, MD
September 27-28 (tentative)	Granbury, TX
*October ?????	Texian Market Days

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### PICNIC INFORMATION

The date for the Picnic has remained the same since January. Although the site has been changed slightly. Rather than a city park in Arlington, the picnic will be held a few miles further west, at the Lockheed Martin Recreational Association, in Fort Worth. LMRA has several advantages over a city park, such as more convenient and secure parking, a large kiddie pool

as well as an Olympic-size pool (provided with lifeguards), a playground, kiddie carnival rides, miniature golf, volleyball courts, covered picnic pavillion, etc.

We will be grilling burgers this year, rather than catering lunch, so the cost will be kept lower than in the past. Other than food, the only costs are what would be expected anywhere:

KIDDIE RIDES:	\$ .50 ea.
SWIMMING POOL:	4 yrs. & up - \$3.00 ea. 3 yrs. & under - FREE.
MINIATURE GOLF:	\$1.00 per game.

Rides & golf will be operating (weather permitting) from 1-6pm.

The following guidelines apply:  
NO GLASS CONTAINERS, ANIMALS OR FIREWORKS ARE ALLOWED.

BEER IS ALLOWED.

WE ARE NOT EQUIPPED WITH FIRST AID FACILITIES.

DO NOT PARK ON GRASS.

As usual, there will be fun activities for both kids, and adults, as well as a great time being together.

Site Fee (paid by Company) is based on attendance by members over age of 6 yrs. So, if your regional director has not already contacted you, please contact him ASAP, so we can make the proper arrangements.

LMRA is located on the southwest side of Fort Worth, within easy distance of I-20. A map, with directions is included in this issue.

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### LODGING

There are several hotels and motels located near LMRA. Names, addresses and phone numbers are listed here.

Hampton Inn 4799 SW Loop 820 (817) 346-7845	Hampton Inn 2700 Cherry Ln (817) 560-4180
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Best Western Inn 7301 West Freeway (817) 244-7444	LaQuinta Inn 7888 I30 W (817) 246-5511
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Green Oaks Inn Center 6901 West Freeway (817) 738-7311	Super 8 Motel 7960 I30 W (817) 246-7168
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Days Inn 130 & Las Vegas Trail (817) 246-4961	Royal Western Suites 130 & Las Vegas Trail (817) 560-0060
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West Freeway and I30 are actually the same road. The Hampton Inn on SW Loop 820 is right next to Hulen Mall, immediately off of I20, and is the closest to LMRA. The others are all situated in the same area (within sight of each other).



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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balance	@ 5/1/97	\$1,848.91
Total Cash Receipts		0.00
Total Cash Disbursements		<65.75>
Ending Balance	@ 5/31/97	\$1,783.16

*Ray Sigmund*

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**Shiloh: Well, what do you know about that?**  
by Mrs. Jan Batts, 19th Ala Inf Regt., Co. I

1. Great care was given to the logistical problems of converging a great many people in one place in a short period of time using roads that would not accommodate them.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
2. The only solution was patience.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
3. After movements were already underway, some who had previously been enthusiastic voted to call the whole thing off.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
4. On Thursday afternoon, the wind came up and rain began to fall.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
5. Thursday night was spent anticipating what would happen the next day, with particular emphasis on the effect of the weather.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
6. It was decided that the effort was worth the perseverance, but enthusiasm was on the wane in some quarters.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
7. Heavy storm clouds rolled in on Friday, and rain began to fall.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
8. A fierce thunderstorm with high winds hit the camp Friday night.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
9. An attack on Saturday was called off because of the weather, but skirmishes broke out anyway, precipitated by a Confederate cavalry sortie.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
10. It rained constantly on Saturday, drenching the army and making movement almost impossible for vehicles with wheels.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
11. Traffic problems were sufficiently severe that generals had to solve some of the difficulties personally.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
12. The weather cleared on Sunday, but the difficulties of the earlier storm severely hampered activities.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
13. The event was a learning experience on all sides.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
14. Most participants, rather than becoming discouraged and deserting, made plans to be better prepared in the future.

- (a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
15. Participants made their way back home, where it took days to recover from the experience.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
  16. The experience was more expensive than anticipated.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
  17. Participants immediately began to anticipate the next get-together.  
(a) 1862 (b) 1997 (c) both
  18. "This battle wouldn't have been fought if the weather had been the same in 1862 as it was in 1997."  
(a) true (b) false

**ANSWERS:**

Questions 1-17, both.  
Question 18 depends upon whether you believe "The Corinthian" Corinth, MS, which made that statement in the Sunday edition's account of the event.

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Submission of articles, letters, etc. from members are welcome for publication in The Tyrants' Foe, as space allows.

**Articles must be submitted no later than Weds., July 2nd to be included in the next issue of The Tyrants' Foe.**

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# LOCKHEED MARTIN RECREATION AREA

TEXAS RIFLES Picnic  
AT SITE #18

LMRA is 80 acres of fun and relaxation. There are picnic sites to accommodate groups of any size. 19 covered pavilions available for reservations. Several tables are scattered throughout the park for use by small groups on a first-come basis.

The pavilions are equipped with picnic tables, benches, BBQ grills, lights, electrical outlets, concrete and/or grass volleyball courts. Some smaller pavilions do not have volleyball courts. Restrooms are located in park. A large fenced playground is available for children. In addition, there are swings and slides throughout the park.

1-20 Picnic areas available for reservations

22 Restrooms

23 Tennis Courts

24 Ceramics

25 Miniature Golf

26 Swimming Pool

27 Texas-size BBQ Pit

28 Fenced Playground

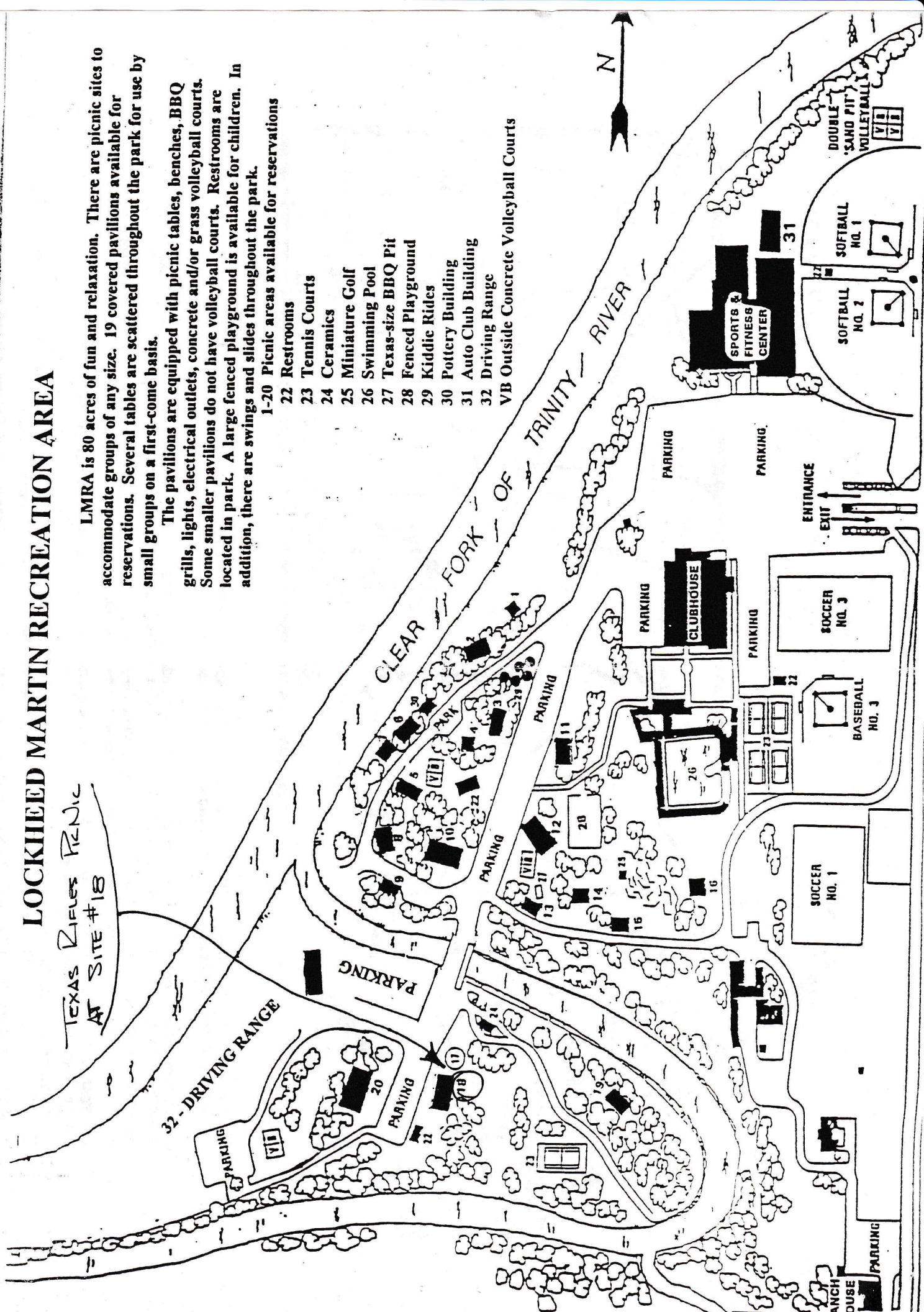
29 Kiddie Rides

30 Pottery Building

31 Auto Club Building

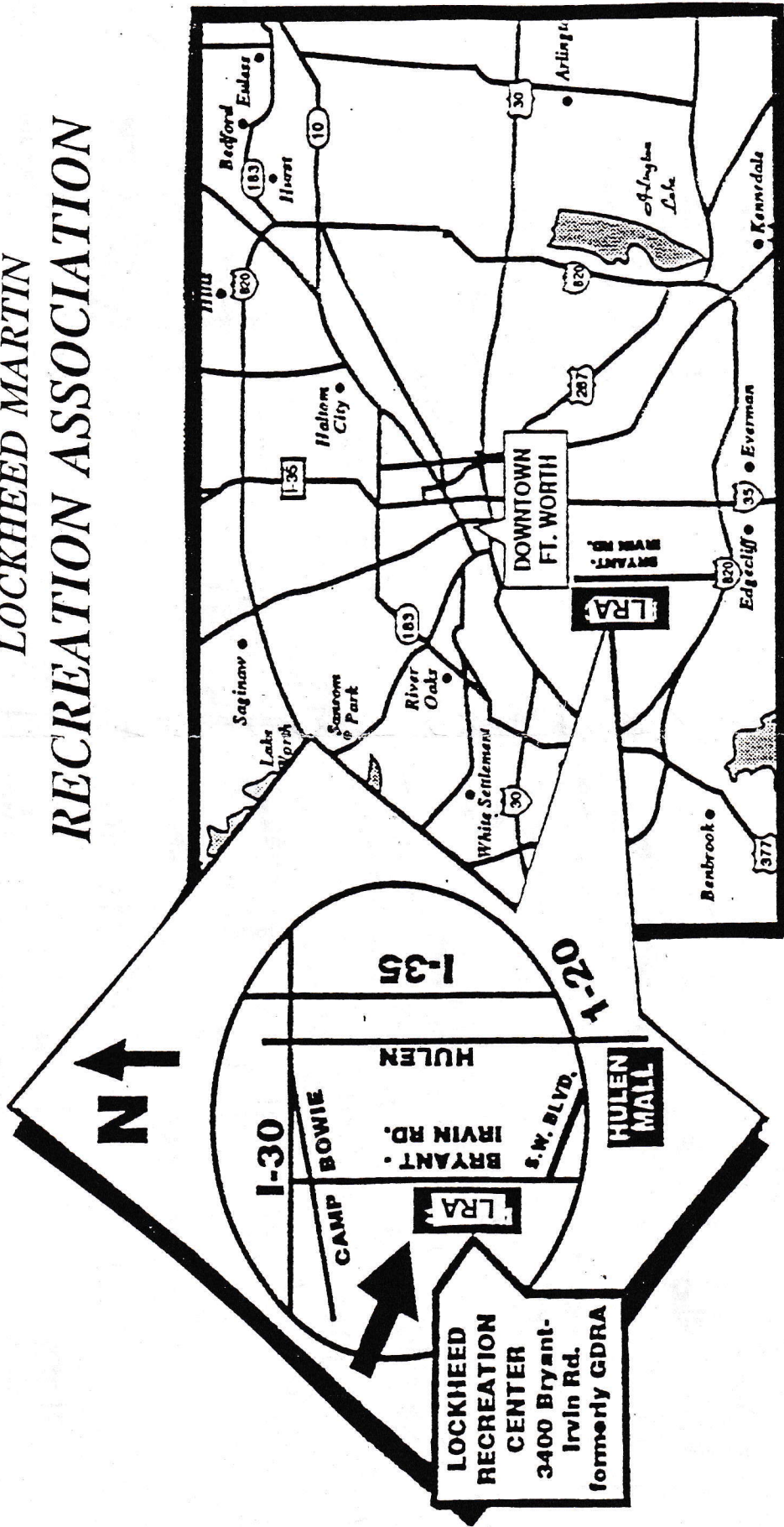
32 Driving Range

VB Outside Concrete Volleyball Courts





# LOCKHEED MARTIN RECREATION ASSOCIATION



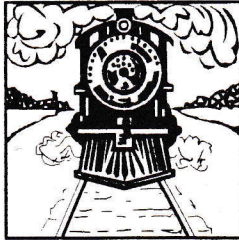
**LOCKHEED  
RECREATION  
CENTER**  
3400 Bryant-  
Irvin Rd.  
formerly GDRA

LRA is located at 3400 Bryant Irvin Road. That's .7 miles North of Southwest Blvd. and 2.2 South of Camp Bowie Blvd. For specific directions from your neck of the woods check below.

- From **NE East** take Airport Frwy West to Loop 820 South. Take Loop 820 South to I-20. Go West on I-20. As you near Hulen Mall, take the right lane onto Southwest Blvd. Exit Bryant Irvin Road. Turn right onto Bryant Irvin Rd. Go .7 miles. Turn left into LRA.
- From **NE West** take Loop 820 West to 35W. Go South on 35W past downtown to I-20. Go West on I-20. As you near Hulen Mall, take the right lane onto Southwest Blvd. Exit Bryant Irvin Road. Turn right onto Bryant Irvin Rd. Go .7 miles. Turn left into LRA.
- From **West of Fort Worth** (Weatherford, Azle, Alledo, etc...) take 820 South to I-20. Go East on I-20. Exit Bryant Irvin Road. Turn left on Bryant Irvin Rd. and go North 1.2 miles. Turn left into LRA.
- From **South of Fort Worth** (Burleson, Everman, etc...) take I-35W North to I-20. Go West on I-20. As you near Hulen Mall, take the right lane onto Southwest Blvd. Exit Bryant Irvin Road. Turn right onto Bryant Irvin Rd. Go .7 miles. Turn left into LRA.
- From **Arlington** take I-20. Go West on I-20. As you near Hulen Mall, take the right lane onto Southwest Blvd. Exit Bryant Irvin Road. Turn right onto Bryant Irvin Rd. Go .7 miles. Turn left into LRA.



# Palestine Reunion



April 30, 1997

Reenactors,

The Palestine Reunion (June 12-15) is having a final meeting at Day's Inn in Palestine, on May 10 at 12noon. We request that all units planning to participate send a representative, if possible, to come & present your request, concerns, & needs for the campaign, train ride, Battle, Reenactment, dinner, Reunion Ball, Ladies Tea Graveyard Dedication & Church service.

The campaign will gather at Robertson's Ranch after 4pm on Wednesday, June 11. The Federal Army (infantry, artillery, wagons & cavalry) will march to capture the Confederate supply train(i.e. Texas State Railroad). The Confederate army will attempt to defend & protect against the northern invasion.

The march begins at 9am on June 12, & will be approximately 6-8 miles each day. The camps will be in the Type II Public Land(Temple Inland Forest) on the Neches Rives (32,000 acres). Water, hay, & wood will be supplied. Two day's rations for units & animals must be supplied by each group. Extra troops may join on Thursday evening after 4pm.

Friday, at 1pm we will have a staged battle at the Railroad's Herring Crossing for railroad guests. The two armies will then load soldiers, artillery, wagons, & livestock on period steam engine vintage railroad cars to be transported to the 400 acre weekend encampment site, arriving at camp at approximately 4:30pm.

Saturday at 10am there will be a graveyard ceremony honoring the burial sites of thirteen unknown confederate soldiers in Palestine. A color guard and period singers will present the dedication.

Saturday, after the 2pm battle, we will board the train(4pm) & ride to the Palestine depot for dinner. The Palestine Reunion Ball will be held in the Historical Home District. This will include horse and carriage rides for reenactor couples. Period music by Sweet Song String Band.

Showers will be available prior to the Ball!

Sunday we will have a period Church Service with music provided by the North Texas Choristers Alliance & The Rev. Dan Bray will provide the sermon.

The closing battle will conclude the event on Sunday afternoon at 1pm.

For further information contact:

Roger Kiser  
707 Hollybrook  
Longview, Texas 75605

(work) 1-903-232-8204  
(after 6pm) 1-800-476-4502  
FAX 1-903-232-823

**CORRECTION FROM LETTER OF APRIL 14!!!**

Registration fee \$2.

Saturday nite dinner \$2

BALL is \$45. per couple and does include dinner! \$25 for singles

*This is a 4 Day event*

Advanced Notice of Attendance

**PALESTINE REUNION CAMPAIGN REENACTMENT AND BALL**

Other contacts

Dr Roger Kaiser, Longview - 1800 476 4502

Forrest Bradberry Palestine - 903 723 2814

Ed Furman Neches - 903 584 3288 (Subject to Change)  
Local Coordinator

June 12 - 15, 1997

**SCHEDULE**

will help us, and help preparation and coordination. Please Notify your Command

**REGISTRATION:**

Wednesday, June 11, 1997

4:00 p.m., Event registration opens for campaign. No one will register or enter before this time.

Thursday, June 12, 1997

8:00 a.m., Registration closes for campaign. Current Coggins and health papers (12 months) must be presented at registration for all livestock.

*Powder fee for Artillery Units*

**THE MARCHING:**

The campaign will consist of two days marching.

Friday, June 13, 1997

3:00 p.m., Capture of federal troops and placement of both armies on Texas State Railroad at Jarvis Switch for transport to reenactment battles.

4:00 p.m., Registration opens for reenactment battles. *Free water mill*

Saturday, June 14, 1997

8:00 a.m., All cars must be removed from camp. Site open to public.

8:00 a.m., Federal /Confederate Commanders call for all forces.

9:00 a.m., Drill.

10:00 a.m., Cemetery dedication, Cemetery, Palestine.

11:00 a.m., Ladies tea.

2:00 p.m., Staging begins for Scriptal title. Camp closed to public.

4:00 p.m., Texas State Railroad train to Palestine Depot. *if catered*  
Reenactors Dinner, Palestine Depot. *Bar B.Q. - may be free*

8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Reunion Ball - Palestine historical home district. Transportation to be arranged from depot to ball to camp. *2.00 MEA Tickets*

Sunday, June 15, 1997

8:00 a.m., Site open to public. *Working on Biscuits and gravy*  
*FREE BREAKFAST*

9:00 a.m., Church service begins.

11:30 a.m., Federal/Confederate Commanders' meeting.

1:00 p.m., Closing Battle.

Departure.

*FREE WATER, FIREWOOD, Hay*

*Buss transportation - Cemetery And Ball dedication Back to camp*

*Hotel Reservations*

*DAYS Inn - 1100 E. Palestine Ave - Hwy 79  
1800-944-1143*

*RAMADA Inn 1101 E Palestine Ave Hwy 79 E  
1800-657-1880*

*Best Western 1601 W. Palestine Ave  
903-723-4655 No Club*

*MAY BE Saber & Roses Wedding  
young couple from Palestine*

*Ball - will be outside -  
Finger foods served*

*Buggy Rides from Reagan Park  
to Historical Home - site of Ball*

*In case of Rain - Ball will Relocate  
to indoor area*



