



The Tyrants' Foe



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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Texas Rifles/13th US United Company,

As has been mentioned, I am stepping down as the Captain of the Texas Rifles/13th US United Company effective January 15th, 2022, in conjunction with our Annual Meeting and Muster. I managed to successfully, but stressfully, complete my move to Ashland, Virginia the week of December 13th, 2021. Initially, we had some warm weather, but it has turned frigid recently (lows in the teens). I'm certainly not in Texas anymore! Last Monday we had 4-6 inches of exceptionally wet snow that pulled down tree limbs and knocked out power. Fortunately, Brooke & I were only without power for 7 hours, unlike the great Texas freeze last Spring.

I'll not reiterate my feelings about being so far from the unit and all my family and friends in Texas other than to say I miss all of you already and look forward to the unit coming East for events (Eastern or Trans-Miss). With luck & when I get some more vacation time built up, I'll be able to come West for an event or two.

I know I'm leaving the unit in good hands, but I want to encourage anyone who's able, to consider stepping forward and helping to fill the unit leadership positions and working your way up through the ranks. We are a democratic unit, electing officers every year, and the tradition of Captains serving 2 years (sometimes extended to 3) has kept our unit progressive, knowledgeable, provides members the chance to experience different roles in a Civil War company, and makes us one of the premier companies in the South-Central US.

For numerous reasons, my plan to attend the 2022 meeting/muster has fallen through. I greatly regret missing the opportunity to see everyone and personally handing over the reins to our new Executive Board. Lt. Attaway has very kindly agreed to step up and take care of the planning and details for the meeting.

Before leaving for Virginia, I handed off the TR flag, Captain's stuff, and all the company loading supplies to 1st Sgt. Doug (Frenchy) Davis. He's not going to be able to make the meeting, but I'm hoping the flag and Captain's stuff do. It is time for some cartridge rolls. We have plenty of powder and caps, but need them assembled into cartridges & arsenal packs. The cartridge rolls are always fun, usually including lunch and a war movie in the background while we work. I encourage you to attend. You'll enjoy it and it ensures cartridges are available for events.

Fortunately, events are beginning to be scheduled again, giving us more opportunities and choices for getting into the field. I've listed the events I am aware of below and marked the ones that are Red River Battalion (RRB) events given to me by Colonel Yokubaitis. Events marked below as Max Effort indicate they are RRB Max Effort events. Whether or not one of our events is Max Effort or not will be determined at the meeting.

When a RRB event is listed as "consolidated RRB company or mess, this simply means that these are not full battalion events (i.e. 2-4 companies attending), but if enough RRB members attend to make a functional company, then all the RRB attending will be formed into a consolidated company with a command structure determined by the RRB staff. If too few RRB members attend to form an independent company, then one or more messes will be formed and we'll consolidate with another group at the event.

EVENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

January 14-16 – Texas Rifles/13th US United Company Annual Muster & Meeting (The George Ranch, Richmond, TX) – Unit Max Effort Event (Confederate & Federal Impressions).

January 22 - Battle of Galveston Ceremony (Federal Impression)

March 11-13 - Battleground 1863 (Camp Mabry, Austin, TX) - max **RRB** effort (impression TBD)

April 8-10 - Pleasant Hill, LA. For the **RRB**, this is a Federal campaigner/progressive company or mess (depending on numbers). The unit will be separate, but associated with the mainstream event (this is the same weekend as Fort Blakely).

April 23-24 – Camp Mabry Muster Day, Austin, TX - 19th Century Living History with **RRB** (impression TBD)

April 29-30, May 1 – Battle for Jefferson, Jefferson, TX (impression TBD)

It looks like the **RRB** will attend one of the two following events:

1) May 20-22 - Resaca, consolidated **RRB** company in 20th Tennessee campaigner/progressive adjunct with Brian Crater (Confederate impression?).

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2) June 10-12 - Pea Ridge - consolidated **RRB** company or mess to join campaigner/progressive Confederate adjunct

October 7-9 - Perryville - consolidated **RRB** company or mess to join campaigner/progressive Confederate adjunct

Dec 2 - 4 - Prairie Grove – **RRB** Federal adjunct possibly with 24th Missouri &/or Western Alliance units

Hopefully the current uptick in Covid (again) will not cause another rash of cancelations. Regarding cancelations, I've heard rumors that Jesse Jones is no longer going to have a Civil War component for its Homestead Heritage Day and that the Powder Mill event isn't being held (at least not in 2022). Rion is a volunteer at Jesse Jones and can probably provide much more information on this at the meeting.

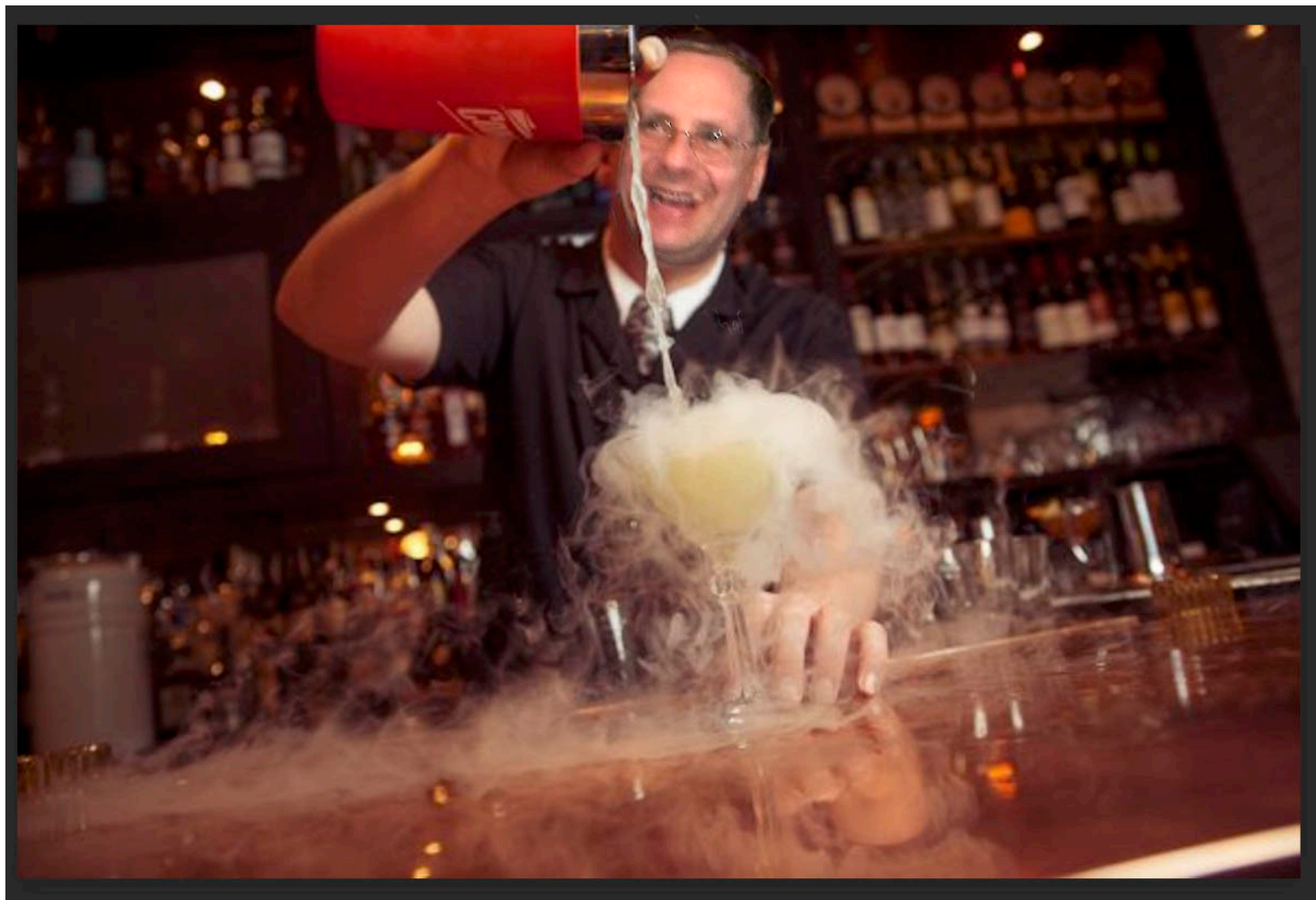
Anyone aware of other events not listed should bring them up during the business meeting. If you know you can't make the meeting, send the event info to someone attending or blast email them to the group. In addition to the events listed above, we can certainly host one or more events of our own. The Fort McKavett event we hosted in 2021 was a great success and I want to thank everyone again who attended and made the event memorable. We can also host our own civilian event sometime during the year (McKavett is also a great event for civilian participation). In addition to regular events and cartridge rolls, we can start doing movies (at a theatre or someone's home) and live fires again. Cartridge rolls, movies, and live fires are a great way to get with the guys for a fun time between events.

I want to express my appreciation to everyone in the group for allowing me to serve in leadership roles multiple times. Without reservation, I can proudly say I am a member of one of the best groups in Civil War Reenacting. As my final act, I want to recognize all of those that have served on the Executive Board, as Treasurer or on committees, for their hard work and dedication to maintaining and improving the Texas Rifles, now the Texas Rifles/13th US United Company. I'd also like to thank the members of the 13th US for being great allies and opponents over the years and for joining with the Texas Rifles to keep the history and traditions of both units alive as a stronger united group.

Finally, I want to thank Rick (The Crow) Hall for continuing to edit and publish this newsletter which keeps us all informed and helps us learn things about the Civil War and our hobby in general.

For the last time,
Your Humble Servant
Capt. Don L. Tucker
The Texas Rifles/13th US United Company

Don, you will be missed by all of us! Wishing you the best in your new adventure! Rumor has it that you are taking over an old historic tavern in Virginia! You are seen here practicing making your specialty drink for the Texas Rifles when we come visit.
-The Crow





Lieutenant's Inkwell

I believe that I can speak for most of us in saying we had expected most of the Covid related restrictions to have passed into history at this point, but such is not the case. As of this writing I have asked the members to let me know if the preference is for an outdoor meeting at the George Ranch for Muster. Or to conduct the Muster via email as we did in 2021. Currently email is the preferred method.

What follows is a list of possible events for consideration as or 2022 Schedule:

January 22: Battle of Galveston commeration sponsored by the SUV.

March 11-13, Battlefield 1863, Camp Mabry, Austin: This event is hosted by The Texas Military Forces Museum and Company B of the RRB. This will be the battalion muster and is a good chance to work together before our traveling events for the year. Federal & Confederate impressions as directed to each company.

March 26-27: Goliad at Presidio LaBahia Texas Revolution.

April 8-10, Pleasant Hill, Louisiana: RRB max effort, RRB to form a Federal Battalion at the mainstream event on actual ground.

April 23-24, Ft. McKavett Imprisoned on the Frontier – 1861 confinement of Federal Troops in Texas

April 23-24, Virginia Terrible Swift Sword: Rear Rank Productions national event.

June 10-12, Pea Ridge, Arkansas : RRB to form one or two companies for the 15th Arkansas CS campaigner adjunct with Shuster's Tigers.

June 17th, Smithville AR, invitation event

October 7-9, Perryville, Kentucky: RRB MAX effort; RRB to form one or more companies to join the Western Alliance CS campaigner adjunct battalion on the actual ground.

October 22, TMD at the George Ranch.

Dec 2 - 4, Prairie Grove, Arkansas: RRB to form one or more companies to join the Western Alliance US campaigner adjunct battalion on the actual grove

Keeping History Alive
Lt. Tommy Attaway



Infantry Regiments of the Old Army

In portraying units of the 18th Century Army, it should be realized that the until of yesteryear may not have a link to the unit sharing the same or similar designation today. The Army went through a series of expansion and contractions after the War of 1812, and the War of 1861-1865, so that regiments disappeared from the rolls, and were added later as a new incarnation of the Regiment. What follows is a quick guide to the pre 20th Century Army Infantry.

1st Regiment – established in 1785 as the First American Regiment, became the First Sub Legion in 1792, again the First Infantry from 1796 until 1815, when renumbered as the 3rd Infantry.

2nd Regiment – established in 1791 and became the Second Sub Legion in 1792. Again the Second Infantry in 1796, and then consolidated with the First Infantry in 1815. A new Second Infantry was formed in 1815 from the 6th, 16, 22,23, and 32nd Regiments.

3rd Regiment – Established in 1792 as the Third Sub Legion, and became the Third Infantry in 1796. Disbanded in 1802 and reformed in 1808. In 1815 was consolidated with the 2nd, 7th, and 44th Regiments to form the new First Infantry. A new Third Infantry was formed in 1815 by the consolidation of the 1st, 17th, 24th, 28th, and 30th Regiments.

4th Regiment – Originally organized as the Fourth Sub Legion, became the Fourth Infantry in 1796. Disbanded in the reductions of 1802 and brought back in the expansion of 1808. Surrendered to the British in 1812, consolidated in 1815 into the new 5th Infantry. The new Fourth Infantry was formed in 1815 from the 12th, 14th, and 20th Regiments.

5th Regiment – Originally formed in 1800 and disbanded in 1802. Formed again in 1808. In the 1815 consolidation, it was combined with the 18th and 35th Regiments to form a new 8th Infantry, which was disbanded in 1821. The new 5th Infantry was formed in 1815 from the 4th, 9th, 13th, 21st, 40th, and 46th Regiments.

6th Regiment - Formed in 1800 and disbanded in 1802. Then formed in 1808 and in 1815, the 11th, 25th, 27th, 29th, and 37th Regiments were combined with the Sixth to form the post war Sixth Infantry.

7th Regiment – Briefly existed until disbanded in 1800, then brought back on the establishment in 1808. In 1815, consolidated with the 2nd, 3rd, and 44th Regiments to form the new First Infantry. The new Seventh Infantry created in 1815 from the 8th, 19th, 36th, and 38th Regiments.

8th Regiment – A War of 1812 Regiment, consolidated after the war, and the post war Eighth disbanded in 1821. The Regiment returned in 1838.

9th Regiment – A War of 1812 Regiment, consolidated after the war and then reformed in 1847. Disbanded in 1848 and formed again in 1855.

10th Regiment - The War of 1812 Regiment was consolidated after the war and the Tenth was formed again in 1855.

11th Regiment – Served in the War of 1812 and consolidated in 1815. Served briefly in the Mexican War and disbanded. Reformed in 1861 as a three battalion Regiment. In 1867, the second and third battalions became Regiments 20 and 29. In 1869, the 24th and 29th Infantry were consolidated in to the 11th Infantry.

12th Regiment – Served in the War of 1812 and consolidated in 1815. Served briefly in the Mexican War and disbanded. Served briefly in the Mexican War and disbanded. Reformed in 1861 as a three battalion Regiment. In 1867, the second and third battalions became regiments 21 and 30.

13th Regiment - Served in the War of 1812 and consolidated in 1815. Served briefly in the Mexican War and disbanded. Reformed in 1861 as a three battalion Regiment. In 1867, the second and third battalions became regiments 22 and 31.

14th Regiment - Served in the War of 1812 and consolidated in 1815. Served briefly in the Mexican War and disbanded. Reformed in 1861 as a three battalion Regiment. In 1867, the second and third battalions became regiments 23 and 32. In 1869 the 45th Infantry (a Veteran Reserve Corps unit) was consolidated into the Regiment.

15th Regiment - Served in the War of 1812 and consolidated in 1815. Served briefly in the Mexican War and disbanded. Reformed in 1861 as a three battalion Regiment. In 1867, the second and third battalions became regiments 24 and 33. In 1869, the 35th Infantry was consolidated into the Regiment.

16th Regiment - Served in the War of 1812 and consolidated in 1815. Reformed in 1861 as a three battalion Regiment. In 1867, the second and third battalions became regiments 25 and 34. 1869, the 11th and 34th Regiments were consolidated into the 16th.

17th Regiment - Served in the War of 1812 and consolidated in 1815. Reformed in 1861 as a three battalion Regiment. In 1867, the second and third battalions became regiments 26 and 35. In 1869, the 44th Infantry was consolidated into the Regiment.

18th Regiment - Served in the War of 1812 and consolidated in 1815. Reformed in 1861 as a three battalion Regiment. In 1867, the second and third battalions became regiments 27 and 36. In 1869, the 25th Infantry was consolidated into the Regiment.

19th Regiment - Served in the War of 1812 and consolidated in 1815. Reformed in 1861 as a three battalion Regiment. In 1867, the second and third battalions became regiments 28 and 37. In 1869, the 28th returned to the Regiment and resumed its identity as the 19th Infantry.

21st Regiment - Served in the War of 1812 and consolidated in 1815. Formed from the 12th Regiment in 1867, and the 32nd Regiment was consolidated in to the Regiment in 1869.

24th Regiment - Served in the War of 1812 and consolidated in 1815. Formed from the 15th Regiment in 1867. Was consolidated in 1869, the 38th and 41st Regiments (US Colored Troops) became the new 24th Infantry.

25th Regiment - Served in the War of 1812 and consolidated in 1815. Formed from the 16th Regiment in 1867. Consolidated in 1869, with the 18th Regiment and reformed from the 39th and 40th Regiments (Colored Troops).

As we see from the convoluted history, a portrayal of a specific unit at a place and time may have little or no relationship with the same numbered unit at another time and place. However, after the 1869 consolidations, the Army remained stable until the War with Spain started the next round of expansion and the reforming of regiments in the Infantry above the number 25.

Lt. Tommy Attaway



FALL IN! ATTENTION COMPANY! QUIET IN THE RANKS!

On January 9, 1861, a Union mercantile ship, the Star of the West, is fired upon as it tries to deliver supplies to Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. This incident was the first time shots were exchanged between North and South, although it did not trigger the Civil War.

When South Carolinians seceded from the Union on December 20, 1860, they demanded the immediate withdrawal of the Federal garrison at Fort Sumter.

President **James Buchanan** refused to comply with this demand but was also careful not to make any provocative move. Inside the fort, Major Robert Anderson and his 80 soldiers needed supplies. The Buchanan administration decided to dispatch a civilian ship, the Star of the West, instead of a military transport, in order to keep tensions from flaring.

The Star of the West left **New York** on January 5, 1861. After the ship was en route, Secretary of War Joseph Holt received a dispatch from Anderson saying that the garrison was safe and supplies were not needed immediately. Anderson added that the secessionists were building gun emplacements overlooking the main shipping channel into Charleston Harbor. Holt realized that the ship was in great danger and a war might erupt. He tried in vain to recall the Star of the West, and Anderson was not aware that the ship continued on its way.

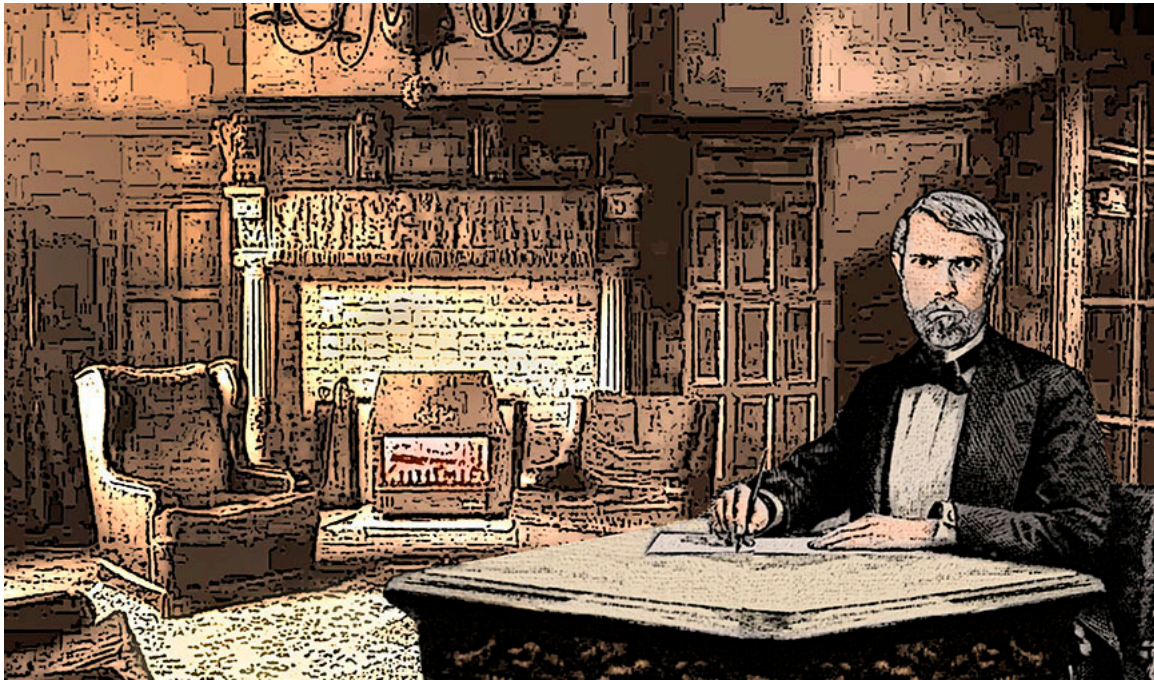
On the morning of January 9, Star of the West captain John McGowan steered the ship into the channel near the fort. Two cannon shots roared from a South Carolina battery on Morris Island. They came from gunner George E. Haynsworth, a cadet at The Citadel in Charleston. The shots represented the opening salvo of the war. More shots were fired, and the ship suffered a minor hit. Anderson watched from Fort Sumter but did not respond in support of the ship. If he had, the war might have started on that day.

The incident resulted in strong talk on both sides, but stopped short of war. The standoff at Fort Sumter continued until the Confederate attacked in April, triggering the Civil War.





To Tyrants Never Yield!



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the making of this edition of the Tyrants' Foe Newsletter. Without you it could not exist. Deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is scheduled for midnight March 31, 2022 – The Editor

