



# The Tyrant's Foe

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## Captain's Post

**Our first issue of the 2023 newsletter is much delayed, but our editor who has taken on the task will no doubt get us back on track.**

**We had our muster at a location we had not previously visited as the Texas Rifles for some time. Very pleasant atmosphere created by those who built it and a superb setting. The existing officers were returned to office for another year.**

**This year, the spring events turned into a bust. It seemed the needed coordination and cooperation just couldn't take place. However we did have one special event take place – the commemoration of the 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry assault of**

19 May 1863 at Vicksburg which earned the Regiment its honorific. Having now worked with the Regular Army's 1-13 IN, the expectation is to do the event in a better form next year on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Next, we participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at the Houston National Cemetery, as we have done previously. Everyone was very helpful and we played a key part of the ceremony with the opening volley, and the final salute.

Our next event will be at Ft. McKavett and we have already gotten a volunteer (not a member, but heard about the event) who will portray the post QM SGT. We are setting the stage for an excellent weekend that is an event we organize and conduct, and this will be my focus for the next eight weeks.

In fact, we may be gaining a good reputation with the Texas Historical Commission, as the director for the Landmark Inn State Historical Park has invited us to participate in their Pioneer Days program (1840s to 1940s) which was the time the Inn was in operation. The dates are 20 and 21 October, which makes this event a nice substitute for Texian Market Days. Hopefully, Castroville will not be too much of a drive.

Another reminder to subscribe to the listserv in order to engage in the email conversations like we used to do with the Yahoo! Group. From the email address you want to get the messages sent to, send an email to [listserv@texasrifles.org](mailto:listserv@texasrifles.org) and put the following in the body of the message:

Subscribe TXRIFLES-L your name

Your name as first and last, which is how the list matches a person to an email address.

Example –

To: [listserv@texasrifles.org](mailto:listserv@texasrifles.org)

Subject:

subscribe TXRIFLES-L Tommy Attaway

Keeping History Alive



## Lieutenant's Inkwell

It has been a long time since I have been an elected member of the executive board.

Now that I have gotten myself into this, I have been thinking a lot about the hobby. When I rejoined the ranks as a private, I never thought I would be an officer again. I sold or gave away some of my officer kit. Now I have to build my officer's impression again, and I find myself thinking about the things I will need. This is very much like a lot of our members who are building their own impressions. Of course I am fatter than I'd like, so I have been in touch with John Keahey and Frank Marek about new uniform pieces for my impression LOL!. Anyone else looking to upgrade or replace gear or uniforms should also think about contacting these fellows. They make great uniforms and clothing. I am also considering what I can do to create my Tex Rev impression. Like many of you, we have the same issues and expenses. What do I really need? Talking to experienced members can be very helpful in deciding just what to purchase.

There are lots of things we used to do in the company that we have let slide over time. One is the numbering of our gear. Each man is assigned a company number. This goes on his haversack, canteen, and knapsack. This is a very practical touch to add to our impression. Coming back from a canteen run with fourteen canteens is way easier if each canteen is numbered. The same thing goes with our other gear. Finding one's own gear in camp is easier if everything is numbered. We can easily do this at a cartridge roll. All it takes is a bit of time to assign a number to each man, then we stencil on the numbers , easy 😊

My period glasses are in need of an update. My vision has changed since I got these lenses. It is time for an update for me. How about your eyewear? Is it time to update them and get good vision in the field? Are your glasses period correct? How about footwear? Mine are shot and I need new brogans. How are your shoes? Is it time for a new pair or a repair? Maybe new heels or soles? Is your mess gear in good shape? Do you have a half dozen small ration bags for bringing items in your haversack? They are easy to make and very inexpensive to buy. Think about adding some to your kit in order to hide your medications, wallet ,and keys in your haversack.

It has been a long time since we have been able to go to events. Now we have some events coming up ,and I look forward to seeing everyone. Let's enjoy the hobby and try to have the most authentic impressions we can. We will rebuild the company numbers and enjoy the hobby the best we can. Whether we are at a living history event or a fullfledged battle let's enjoy each other's company sitting around the ole campfire.

Lt. Chris Strzelecki





## **1SG's Rants**

Happy Summer everyone. Hope everyone is staying as cool as possible this summer. With the (hopeful) end of summer coming up on the horizon our thoughts are turning to some vents in the fall. Our first event coming up is our garrison event at Fort McKavett with the dates of September 3 and 4th. This event is always a good time and the fort is a beautiful place to hold an event and still have some more period correct (modern) comforts. Please sound off if you'd like to attend or need any gear for the event. Tommy as usual, will have some great scenarios out together and our cookstaff will keep us well fed.

The next event is our annual Veterans Day Ceremony and Parade on November 11th in downtown Houson. More details will come out as we get closer but it's a good ceremony.

With that, I'd like to thank Jim Richardson for taking over the newsletter and many thanks to Rick Hall, aka The Crow for his many years of prime newsletter duties. Jim, looking forward to your newsletters.

Final thought, I have recently come into a large collection of civilian gear (mostly for females). I didn't want it to get thrown out and if anyone would like to take ownership I would appreciate it.

If you're not on it, please check out our Texas Rifles Facebook page.

Best regards,  
Joey Alamia 1st Sergeant



## **Recruiting Duty**

**Let's make Ft.McKavett a great event this year! We need to make a good effort to invite someone to come with us. The unit does have loaner gear. This is a really good first timer's event. This is also a good event for the ladies.**

**There are a few opportunities for recruiting assistance coming up as well.**

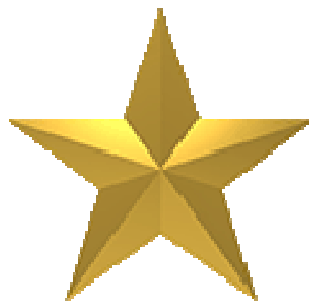
**Saturday, 14 October- Boonsville Days in College Station, TX- table/ camp display**

**Saturday, 21 October-Texan Frontier Days- George Ranch, Richmond, TX- Tex Rev event display**

**Saturday, 11 November- Veterans Day Parade, TBA**

**If anyone has a referral interested in the Texas Rifles, contact:**

**Jim Richardson @ 832-673-8393, Houston**



## Memorial Day Pictures











**Thanks to all who contributed for this newsletter and apologies for the unpolished look (its my first time) but it will get better. Please send any pictures (especially you regular contributors).**

**Many many thanks to the Crow for his many years of making a great newsletter! Your work will be missed.**

**Lets shoot for an August 25th deadline for the next newsletters articles so we can get one published for September 1st and get back on a quarterly schedule.**

**Please email me at [joseph.a.alamia@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.a.alamia@gmail.com) with any and all articles. I'd love to start a book review/recommendation section if someone would like to contribute (preferably Civil War or Texas Revolution related).**

**Stay cool out in this heat and lets start getting a head count and rides coordinated for McKavett!! As always sound off with any issues and questions.**

**Joey**

