



The Tyrant's Foe

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Captain's Post

The summer pause has been concluded, and we can now look forward to our last events of the 2024 season.

We are but a few days from October 12th Living History Day at the site in New Braunfels, which is the German Furniture Museum that is part of the Heritage Village complex. On about 9 acres, there are assorted restored buildings from around the surrounding area, including an active blacksmith shop. Buildings date from 1850s to a 1930s schoolhouse that was modernized with central heat and a/c, bathrooms and a kitchenette. I hope that after meeting us at this event, the Director will allow us to use the site for our 2025 Muster location.

We have also registered for the Veteran's Day activity in Houston. More details to follow as the program is set.

The last event some individuals may attend in Prairie Grove, AR on the second weekend in December. While the weather may be a challenge, this will be an excellent opportunity for our newer members to experience an event of some scale (over 150 participants on each side), and we will be with the authentic Federals. This means we will be able to somewhat replicate the real experience of a soldier of the early 1860s. The state park is living history friendly, and we will be on the battleground of the event commemorated. Many of the scenes of the TV mini series of the 1980s, *The Blue and the Gray* were filmed there.

A couple of paragraphs from the last issue are worth repeating.

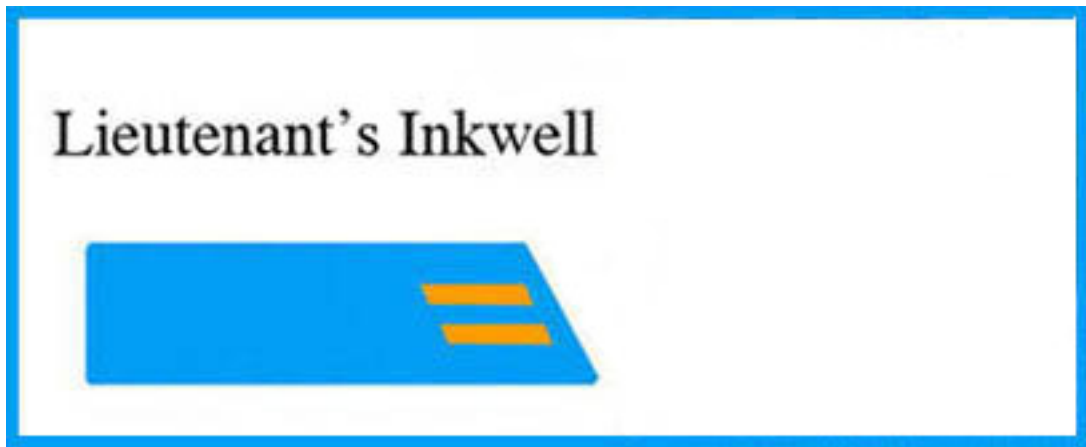
This brings me back full circle in thinking about our future as an organization. This organization has 37 years of its own history, thus lasting much longer than many other living history groups. In fact I can think of perhaps a dozen which have had our longevity. One of the reasons such groups can continue to exist is that they had the ability to continue after their founders had retired from living history. Most groups end shortly after the founder is no longer the group leader. As I look back, at the end of this year, I will have been on the board for 14 years, or over one third of our existence as an organization – while it has been a pleasure (mostly), it can't go on forever. As noted previously, we have two open positions. There has been interest in filling those positions, but those interested are not current members.

Dues are very reasonable, and are actually a very nominal amount of money because this hobby is expensive. Maintain your membership, please make a couple of events, enjoy the friendships you have made, and thereby ensure we have a future, so that others can connect to the past as we have done.

For my part, I am working to have us do things that can hopefully provide worthy experiences, and this is going to mean that we have to create the types of activities that that are worth the effort of attending. Let me hear from you.

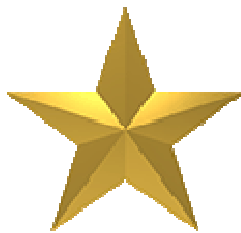
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Keeping History Alive



Lieutenant's Inkwell

Pending assignment





1SG's Rants

**Best regards,
Joey Alamia 1st Sergeant**



Recruiting Duty

**If anyone has a referral interested in the Texas Rifles, contact:
Jim Richardson @ 832-673-8393, Houston**



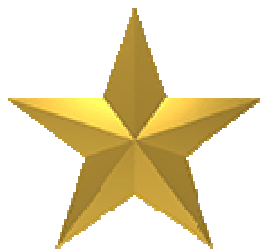
Living History – Heritage Village New Braunfels

The site location is Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture, 1370 Church Hill Drive, New Braunfels, TX 78130

The site coordinator is fine with folks bunking in there Friday as long as kit is covered during the day Saturday. There are restrooms at the front of the property. There is an open area for drill with a lightly wooded area for shady operations. The site director is a Gulf War veteran who is very friendly towards living history and reenactors. The living history program is Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. You are free to leave and return home and the end of the program.

As mentioned in my article, I want to get permission from the site Director for our use of the site as our 2025 Muster location, so I hope we make the best possible impression as to who we are and what we can do.





Let's try for a December 15th deadline for the next newsletter's articles so we can get one published for December 30th.

Please email me at 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).

Joey

