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Captain's Post

Now is the time to look forward to our 2025 Muster at Heritage Village in New Braunfels.

Once again, as I have done for the last 21 years, I am preparing to attend the annual muster of the Texas Rifles. Half of my re-enacting experience has now been with this organization. I expect that some new future members will be attending for their first muster, which I hope will be the first of many and years of fellowship and memories to be.

I still recall that 2004 muster at Winedale, my first event with the Texas Rifles, camping in the meeting room, where we also held the stacking competition,

drill competition, auction and slide show of the previous year. Returning from Europe, it made a favorable impression on me and I found my new re-enacting home. It was also an introduction to the dynamic of the organization, as the meeting ran long into the afternoon after lunch. There was not only the schedule for the year, but also items pertaining to the organization of the unit, internal process, and authenticity discussion. I remember being in the set of comrades that won the stacking competition. I also made the finals of the drill competition, when a former captain of the Rifles, who shall remain nameless, calls out "I sure hope a member of the Texas Rifles wins this competition!"

I bring up this memory to illustrate a point about what we believe as an organization. We committed ourselves to accurately portray the people of the 1860s, being determined to have quality impressions, proficiency at military drill and skills, and learn about the past while doing so. This must be our appeal to new members.

It certainly cannot escape notice that we do need new members. The future of living history requires that we attract new blood into the organization and pass on the knowledge we have acquired. I suggest this should be our focus for the year 2025. At this point, this task is imperative to our survival as an organization.

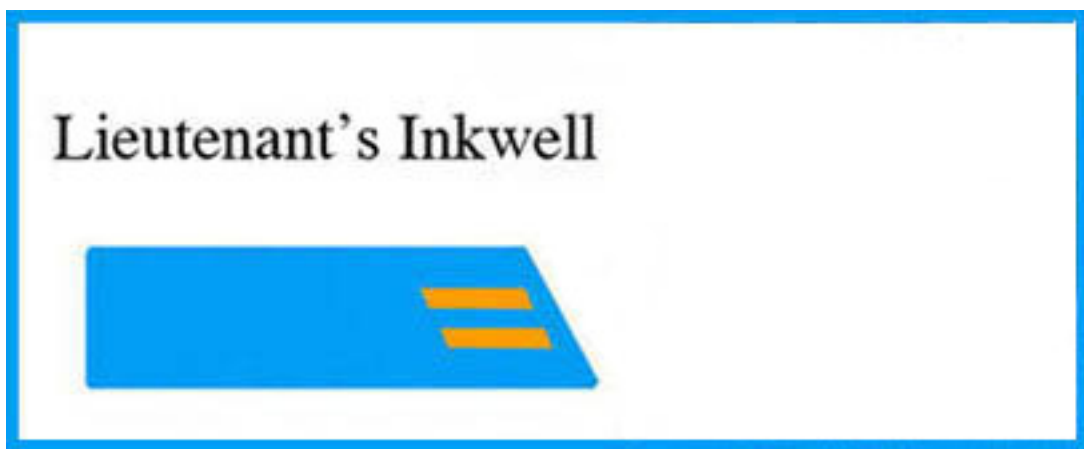
The conditions should be more favorable to our recruitment of new members. We are now entering the cycle of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. As the 200th Anniversary made living history popular, I expect the coverage of events starting in April will bring new appreciation to living history, and let us profit from that.

We have had donations from others (not even members) moving out of state, and one of our advantages should be our ability to loan gear to new recruits. Our experience now dictates the loan and return of uniforms and equipment at events, as we can't risk a new recruit not being equipped.

I want to have a good, solid transition toward our future and bringing in new members to the fold that will keep us going past our 50th anniversary as a group. We have already outlived most groups in the living history hobby. Let us add to and enhance our reputation.

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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**



2025 Annual Muster – Heritage Village New Braunfels

The site location is Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture, 1370 Church Hill Drive, New Braunfels, TX 78130 Website- <https://texashandmadefurniture.com/> This site will be the second turn to the right past the other historical park, which is next door and is not the site of the muster. After entering the site, drive all the way back and parking will be along the fence line.

The site coordinator is fine with folks bunking in there Friday as long as kit is covered during the day Saturday for our activities. There are restrooms at the front of the school house, and a small kitchen for our use. There is an open area for drill with a lightly wooded area for shade. The building is heated, and the weather looks fine with high predicted in the upper 60s.

Preferred uniform is Confederate, but wear what you have. Being here for the muster is the primary focus. The afternoon schedule will be modified to meet the circumstances of the day, but you should be back on your way home at a reasonable hour.

We can arrive late afternoon on Friday, set up camping, do our usual Saturday activities, set up camp again, and then depart Sunday morning before the site opens.

Based on those site limitations, I'm planning on the following schedule:

Friday 17 January after 4 PM arrival on site



Saturday 18 January

8 AM Breakfast

9 AM Annual Meeting

12 Noon Break for Lunch

1 PM Stacking

1:15 PM School of the Soldier

2PM School of the Company

3PM Class – Building an impression

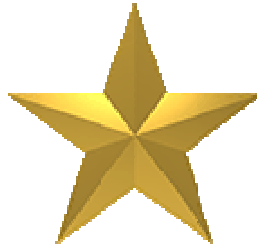
4PM Cartridge Roll

5PM Break for Supper

6:30 Auction

In the next days we need to discuss the meal plans – cook onsite or eat offsite. I have also built into the schedule the items we need to work on to maintain proficiency, and familiarize new members with some of the Texas Rifles culture.

At Prairie Grove in 2022, we did not execute a school of the battalion maneuver properly, and our unit does not make this mistake. We need to ensure our NCOs understand the roles they play in battalion maneuvers.



Let's try for a March 15th deadline for the next newsletter's articles so we can get one published for March 31st.

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

