



# The Dispatch

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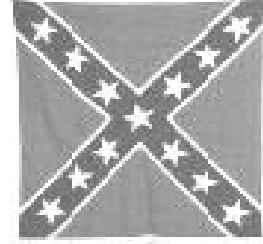
## 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry Regiment

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Fred Yokubaitis, Editor



## From the Colonel

Gentlemen,

I hope this long overdue newsletter finds everyone safe, warm, dry, and well rested from the holidays. If you're like me, it takes about a month to get back into the swing of things after the festivities during Christmas and New Year, and thus the delay in this edition.

I hope everyone enjoyed the events that closed out the 2005 season, namely Corinth and Plantation Liendo. Corinth had its ups and downs, but overall was a very successful event. The battalion's professionalism throughout the weekend, and especially during the assault on Battery Robinette, was noted by all commands on the field. My hat is off to the men off the Red River Battalion for its performance!

Liendo, as always, was a great way to finish off the campaign year and provided us with a great opportunity to visit with friends and make new lasting memories. One again the battalion was the envy of all the units on the field, and our impression of the 165<sup>th</sup> NY made the event. I would like to report that Capt. Bill "Flambé Fingers" Pecena is recovering well and is expected to continue to have full use of his hand.

We now find ourselves on the verge of a very busy spring campaign season, and there is much to report.

I attended the First Confederate Division meeting the weekend of January 28-29, in Nashville, TN. This meeting was extremely important to the ongoing operations of the Division. I am glad to report that the meeting was a huge success and resulted in two very important changes: the organization's name and structure.

The First Confederate Division will now be know as the Army of Tennessee, taking the name of the hardest fighting and most loved army in the Confederacy! If you are like me, this change was long overdue and one that instills a huge since of pride.

As to organization, Jack King, a very influential commander and long time veteran in the hobby, has bought his division of two brigades into the AoT. This gives the AoT two strong, well commanded, and motivated divisions. The AoT is alive and stronger than ever!

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## Upcoming Events

(See inside for detailed information)

February 18: Twiggs Surrender

February 18: Jesse Jones Park

February 25: Officer & NCO School

March 4-5: North Texas Irish Festival

March 5: Recruiting Event & Living History

March 10-12: A Fighting Withdrawal

March 17-19: Beaumont Ranch / Spring Battalion Muster

April 1: Drill & Confederate Symposium at Hillsboro

May 6: Drill

May 20-21: Bellmead Reenactment

June 2-4: Scottish Festival

June 10: Drill

June 25: Recruiting Event & Living History

## \*\* Important Reminders \*\*

### 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry Year 2006 Dues:

Year 2006 dues are currently being collected. Payment deadline is March 19, 2006. Dues are \$30.00 per family. Checks should be made out to '9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry'. Submittal of payment and Enlistment/Waiver forms by mail may be sent to:

Tom Corll  
2979 County Road 4935  
Kempner, TX 76539

### Old City Park Changes Name:

Old City Park has changed its name to Dallas Heritage Village. The park is now referred to as DHV when referencing drill locations on the schedule. The name change has already been implemented on the park signs. Make this known to any new recruits when referring to the park or giving directions.

### **Remember to check**

Battalion's Web Page: [www.9thtexas.org](http://www.9thtexas.org)  
For the latest Battalion news, event information,  
and message board.

## **2006 Event Information**

### **Twiggs Surrender**

**February 18, 2006**

**The Alamo, San Antonio, TX**

**Battalion Maximum Effort!**

- See the event flier in this issue for more information.

### **Jesse Jones Park**

**February 18, 2006**

**Humble, TX**

- Optional Event (hosted by The Texas Rifles).
- Living History.
- Mid-war Army of Tennessee or Trans-Miss impression.
- [www.hcp4.net/jones/jjpan-texas.htm](http://www.hcp4.net/jones/jjpan-texas.htm).

### **Officer/NCO School**

**February 25, 2006**

**Location and details to be announced**

### **North Texas Irish Festival**

**March 4 – 5, 2006**

**Centennial Hall, Dallas, TX**

- See the event flier in this issue for more information.

### **Recruiting Event & Living History**

**March 5, 2006**

**Savannah, TX**

- See the event flier in this issue for more information.

### **A Fighting Withdrawal**

**March 10 – 12, 2006**

**Land Between The Lakes, Dover, TN**

- Optional Event (hosted by the WIG)
- Western Federal impression
- [www.westernindependentgrays.org/LBL/lbl\\_home.htm](http://www.westernindependentgrays.org/LBL/lbl_home.htm)

### **Beaumont Ranch & Spring Muster**

**March 17 – 19, 2006**

**Beaumont Ranch, Grandview, TX**

**Battalion Maximum Effort!**

- See the event flier in this issue for more information.

### **Drill & Confederate History Symposium**

**April 1, 2006**

**Hill College, Hillsboro, TX**

**9<sup>th</sup> Texas Maximum Effort!**

- Drill / Living History / Recruiting Event.
- Mid-war Army of Tennessee impression.
- Cartridges needed for firing demonstration.
- Drill to start promptly at 9:00 AM.
- Free admission to lectures for all in period dress.
- Civilians in period dress welcome.
- Great book fair.
- See [www.hillcollege.edu/museum/](http://www.hillcollege.edu/museum/) for more information.

### **Drill**

**May 6, 2006**

**Location TBA**

**9<sup>th</sup> Texas Maximum Effort!**

- Mid-war Army of Tennessee impression.
- Drill to start promptly at 9:00 AM.
- Light marching order.

### **Bellmead Reenactment**

**May 20 – 21, 2006**

**Bellmead, TX**

**Battalion Maximum Effort!**

- Reenactment / Recruiting Event.
- Mid-war Army of Tennessee impression.
- [www.bellmead.com/html/civilre.htm](http://www.bellmead.com/html/civilre.htm).

### **Scottish Festival**

**June 2 – 4, 2006**

**Maverick Stadium, Arlington, TX**

- Recruiting Event.
- Mid-war Army of Tennessee or Zouave impression.
- [www.arlington.org/scottish\\_festival.shtml](http://www.arlington.org/scottish_festival.shtml).

### **Drill**

**June 10, 2006**

**Dallas Heritage Village, Dallas, TX**

- Mid-war Army of Tennessee impression.
- Drill to start promptly at 9:00 AM.
- Light marching order.
- Schoolhouse opens at 4:00 PM Friday for overnight stay.
- Office & NCO meeting in the schoolhouse at 8:00 AM.
- See [www.dallasheritagevillage.org/](http://www.dallasheritagevillage.org/) for park info.

### **Recruiting Event & Living History**

**June 25, 2006**

**Savannah, TX**

- Living History / Recruiting Event.
- Mid-war Army of Tennessee impression.

### **The Fourth of July at DHV**

**July 4, 2006**

**Dallas Heritage Village, Dallas, TX**

- Living History / Recruiting Event.
- Early-war impression.
- See [www.dallasheritagevillage.org/](http://www.dallasheritagevillage.org/) for park information.

### **Drill**

**July 15, 2006**

**Location TBA**

- Mid-war Army of Tennessee impression.
- Drill to start promptly at 9:00 AM.
- Light marching order.

### **145<sup>th</sup> Manassas Reenactment**

**July 21 – 23, 2006**

**Middletown, VA**

- Optional Event.
- Early war impression.
- [www.ceadercreekbattlefield.org](http://www.ceadercreekbattlefield.org).

### **North/South Alliance Meeting**

**July 29 – 30, 2006**

**Location TBA**

- Annual NSA Meeting for Battalion Staff.
- Attendance by all RRB staff is requested.

### **Drill / Officer and NCO School**

**August 12, 2006**

**Dallas Heritage Village, Dallas, TX**

- Mid-war Army of Tennessee impression.
- Drill to start promptly at 9:00 AM.
- Officer and NCO School 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
- Light marching order.
- Schoolhouse opens at 4:00 PM Friday for overnight stay.
- [www.dallasheritagevillage.org/](http://www.dallasheritagevillage.org/) for park info.

### **Fall Muster**

**September 9 – 10, 2006**

**Location TBA**

**Battalion Maximum Effort!**

- Mid-war Army of Tennessee impression.
- Garrison camp

### **144<sup>th</sup> Perryville Reenactment**

**October 6 – 8, 2006**

**Perryville, KY**

**Battalion Maximum Effort!**

- Mid-war Army of Tennessee campaign impression.
- Static camp
- <http://www.nsalliance.org/>.

### **America Goes to War**

**November 11 – 12, 2006**

**Dallas Heritage Village, Dallas, TX**

**9<sup>th</sup> Texas Maximum Effort!**

- Living History / Recruiting Event.
- Mid-war Army of Tennessee or Zouave impression.
- [www.dallasheritagevillage.org/](http://www.dallasheritagevillage.org/).

### **Plantation Liendo Reenactment**

**November 18 – 19, 2006**

**Hempstead, TX**

**Battalion Maximum Effort!**

- Reenactment / Recruiting Event.
- 165th NY Zouave impression.
- Garrison camp
- [www.11texascav.org/liendo/liendo.shtml](http://www.11texascav.org/liendo/liendo.shtml)

### **Drill / Holiday Party**

**December 9, 2006**

**Location TBA**

**Battalion Maximum Effort!**

- Mid-war Army of Tennessee impression.
- Drill to start promptly at 9:00 AM.
- Light marching order.
- Schoolhouse opens at 4:00 PM Friday for overnight stay.
- Office & NCO meeting in the schoolhouse at 8:00 AM.
- [www.dallasheritagevillage.org/](http://www.dallasheritagevillage.org/) for park info.
- Holiday party 6:00 PM to ???

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In addition, the AoT got back on track setting a five year schedule of national events, as well as looking to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary events, which are just around the corner. Thinking about those really gets me going!

Now, back to the home front.....

RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT!!! This is our battle cry for 2006. Everyone knows that our numbers in the 9<sup>th</sup> are down due to the economy and other problems affecting the hobby. In past years we have talked about our need to focus on recruiting, but have not fully followed through in our efforts. I'm happy to report that 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Jeff Gibbs has assumed the role of Head Recruiter, and he is highly motivated in accomplishing his task. We have no fewer than 6 recruiting events already scheduled for the first half of 2006, with more to come.

Jeff's job as Head Recruiter does not make him the only person in the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas responsible for recruiting. Jeff's job is to procure necessary recruiting supplies, find potential recruiting events, and follow up with people after the event, NOT to be the sole person manning the booth at a recruiting event! It is the responsibility of every member in the unit to take an active role in attending the recruiting events and help out with all related functions. I implore you to join Jeff in this endeavor by volunteering your time and efforts. The longevity of the unit is in your hands.

I would like to complement our parads in the 6<sup>th</sup> Texas for all their recent and ongoing recruiting efforts. Their hard work has paid off and their ranks continue to swell. Good job gentlemen!

Well, that's all my ranting and raving for this time. Please take notice of the upcoming events and do you best to make it out. Pack your kits, roll your rounds, and I'll see you in the field!

Your most obedient servant,

Col. Fred Yokubaitis  
Red River Battalion

# Twiggs' Surrender

## The Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas

### February 18, 2006

#### Schedule of Events

##### Saturday, February 18, 2006

7:30 – 9:30 AM On site registration  
11:00 AM Surrender Reenactment  
2:00 PM Surrender Reenactment

#### General Information:

This is a one day event hosted by the 6th Texas. The event reenacts the surrender of The Alamo, a pre-war Federal arsenal, to local Texas militia. The event allows for a great opportunity to interact with the crowd, as well as recruit. Come out and help support our battalion members! For more information visit the 6<sup>th</sup> Texas website at: <http://www.6thtx.org/Twiggs>.

#### Uniform and Equipment:

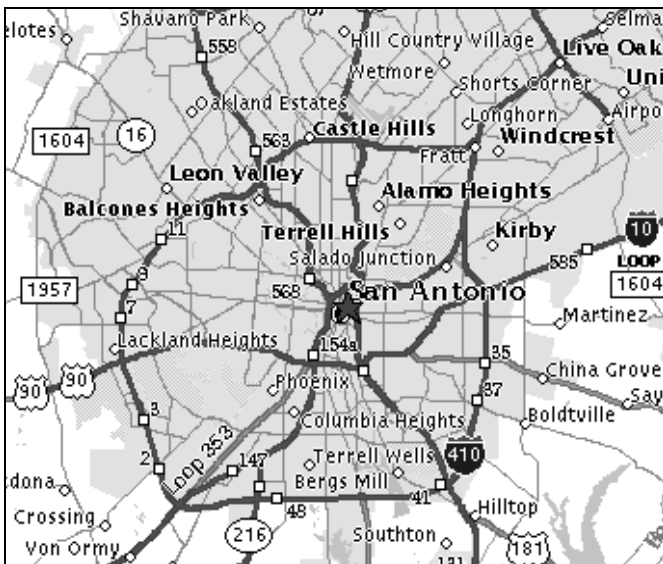
Our primary impression for this event is Western Federal and light marching order. If the only federal uniform you have is your 165<sup>th</sup> NY Zouave uniform please dress as militia or civilian. The easiest way to do a militia or civilian impression is to leave the Confederate shell jacket or frock coat at home and come with usual period trousers and shoes, and a shirt with either a period civilian coat or a vest. No Confederate kepis. Insignia of rank will be U.S. style and very rare among the militia. Federal weapons should be limited to Springfields and Enfields. Confederate weapons may include, in order of preference, shotguns and civilian rifles of the period, Model 1842 muskets, all other Springfields, and Enfields.

#### Event Guidelines:

On-site registration will start at 7:30 AM, and will end at 9:30AM. Event registration will be in the Alamo Plaza directly west of the Alamo mission. Weapons inspection and safety precautions will be strictly enforced. This is a non-firing event and **NO GUN POWDER OR CAPS WILL BE ALLOWED ON SITE.** All reenactors must register and have their weapons checked, have their dress approved, and sign a release agreement upon arrival. Also, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas have established certain rules and guidelines for reenactors who operate on their property (the Alamo). Each reenactor must make him or her self familiar with these and agree to abide by them. This will be part of the registration procedure.

#### Directions and Parking:

The Alamo is in downtown San Antonio a few blocks west of I-37 / US 281, west of the Alamodome, and at the east end of downtown. You can find parking at several commercial lots a couple of blocks north of the Alamo; or in the two parking garages at River Center mall. You can not park on Alamo Street next to the Alamo



# North Texas Irish Festival Recruiting Event

## Centennial Hall at Fair Park, Dallas, TX

### March 4-5, 2006

#### **Schedule of Events**

##### **Saturday, March 4, 2006**

10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Recruiting booth open.

##### **Sunday, March 5, 2006**

11:30 AM – 7:00 PM Recruiting booth open.

#### **General Information:**

The theme for this year's North Texas Irish Festival is Immigration. This event has always produced good recruiting results. The theme, as well as the high event attendance, will once again provide the 9<sup>th</sup> with an excellent recruiting opportunity.

The 9<sup>th</sup> will have a recruiting booth and a display at the event.

The display is associated with the event theme, featuring a pier and two ship's gangplanks, and information and history on Irish immigration along the top of the display. At the bottom of the planks will be stationed our recruiters, one Confederate and one Federal. The recruiting booth will resemble a draft/recruiting station of the period, similar to the one in the movie *Gangs of New York*.

Volunteers are needed to fill different shifts all day Saturday and Sunday. A shift will last approximately 4 hours. Shifts will run from 10-2, 12-4, and 2-6. A minimum of three people are needed for each shift.

Updates will be posted on the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas message board at [www.voy.com/34449/](http://www.voy.com/34449/). Visit [www.NTIF.org](http://www.NTIF.org) for more information about the 2006 North Texas Irish Festival.

#### **Recruiting Booth Co-coordinator:**

Jeff Gibbs will coordinate the recruiting booth at this event. Volunteers are asked to contact Jeff at (972) 841-2549, or e-mail him at [twutame@aol.com](mailto:twutame@aol.com), to set up a shift time.

#### **Uniform and Equipment:**

The time period for this event is mid-war. Both Confederate and Federal impressions will be needed. Confederate impression is the standard 9<sup>th</sup> Texas mid-war Army of Tennessee uniform; Columbus Depot jackets only, no Trans-Mississippi or civilian impressions. Federal impression is the 165<sup>th</sup> NY Zouaves uniform. Only full Zouave impressions, please. Those wishing to come in Zouave uniform are asked to please contact Jeff Gibbs if you would like to come as Zouave.

Volunteers are asked to bring interesting period items to display on the recruiting table. These items include guns, accoutrements, and any living history display items.

#### **Parking:**

Paid parking sites are available at sites around the park. Free parking passes are not available.

#### **Admission:**

Admission is free for all 9<sup>th</sup> Texas members in uniform.

#### **Amenities:**

Restrooms and food vendors are available on site.

#### **Directions:**

##### **From locations north of Dallas:**

Go south on US 75, exit onto I-30 east, then take Exit 47 (Second Avenue/Fair Park) and continue straight ahead to Fair Park.

##### **From locations west of Dallas:**

Go east on I-30, then take Exit 47 (Second Avenue/Fair Park) and continue straight ahead to Fair Park.

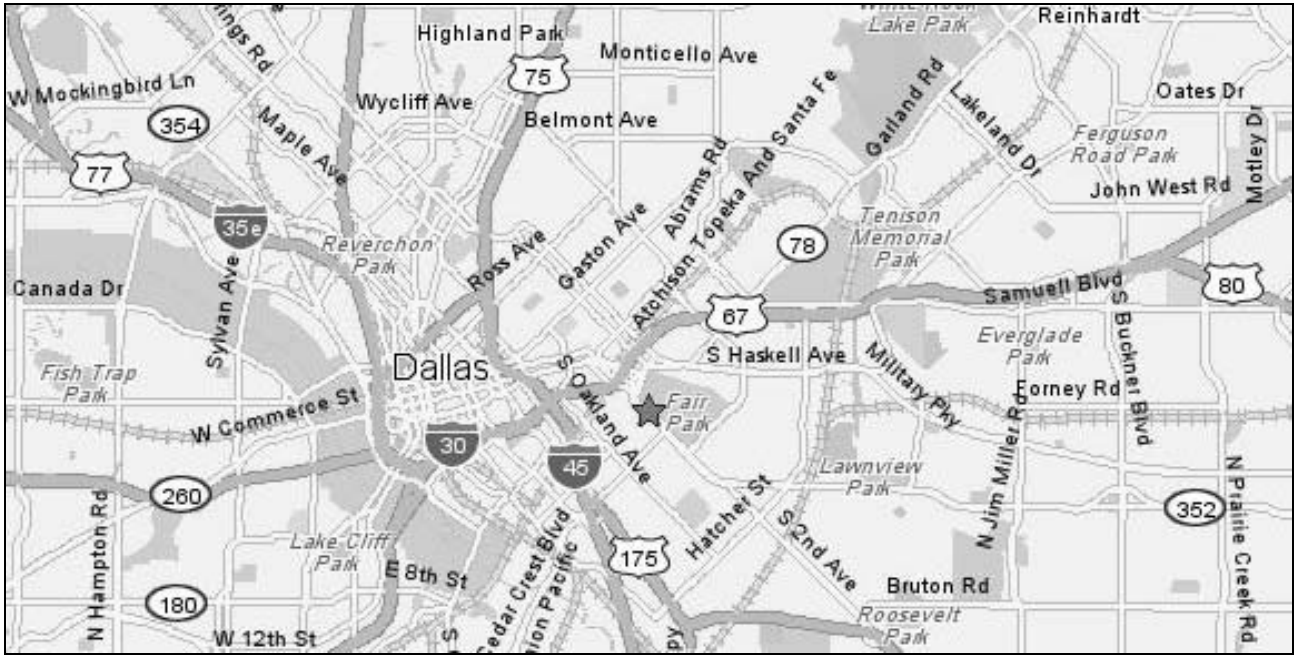
##### **From locations east of Dallas:**

Go west on I-30, take Exit 47C (First Avenue/Fair Park), turn right on Exposition and continue straight ahead to Fair Park.

##### **From locations south of Dallas:**

Go north on I-45, exit onto I-30 east, then take Exit 47 (Second Avenue/Fair Park) and continue straight ahead to Fair Park.

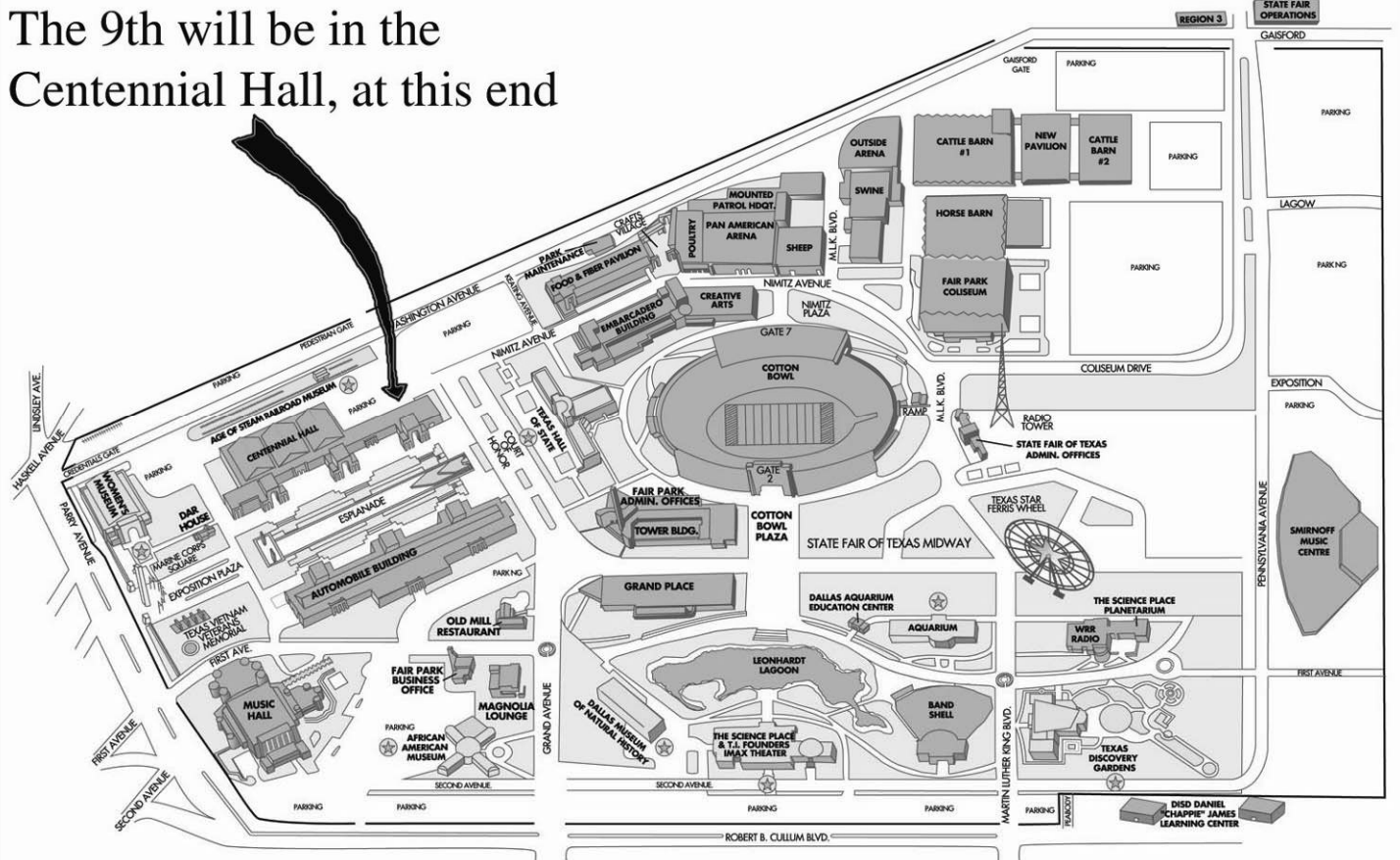
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# FAIR PARK

USE YOUR FAIR PARK PASSPORT AT THE LOCATIONS MARKED IN YELLOW.

The 9th will be in the Centennial Hall, at this end



CALL 214-670-8400 FOR MORE INFORMATION. 1300 ROBERT B. CULLUM BLVD., P. O. BOX 159090, DALLAS, TEXAS, 75315.

# Beaumont Ranch Reenactment & Red River Battalion Spring Muster

## Beaumont Ranch, Grandview, Texas

### March 17 - 19, 2006

#### Preliminary Schedule of Events

##### Thursday, March 16, 2006

12:00 PM Site opens for early setup

##### Friday, March 17, 2006

8:00 AM Arrival and setup  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM School Day demos  
8:00 PM Mandatory Officer/NCO Meeting

##### Saturday, March 18, 2006

6:00 AM Reveille  
6:15 – 6:30 Company formation / Roll call  
6:30 – 7:45 Breakfast  
7:45 – 8:15 Battalion formation  
8:15 – 12:15 Drill / Dues collection  
12:15 – 1:30 PM Lunch  
1:30 – 2:00 Battalion forms for battle  
2:00 – 3:00 Battle  
3:30 – 4:30 Weapon cleaning and instructional  
4:30 – 5:00 Retreat Formation  
5:00 – 7:00 Dinner  
7:00 – 8:00 Battalion meeting  
8:00 – 11:30 Battalion Fellowship & Follies

##### Sunday, March 19, 2006

6:00 AM Reveille  
6:15 – 6:30 Company formation / Roll call  
6:30 – 7:45 Breakfast  
? AM Church service  
8:15 – 9:15 Battalion formation  
9:15 – 11:00 Battalion drill / Dues collection  
11:00 – 12:15 Skirmish drill  
12:15 – 1:30 PM Lunch  
1:30 – 2:00 Battalion forms for battle  
2:00 – 3:00 Battle  
3:00 Final formation and strike camp

#### General Information:

This year the Red River Battalion Spring Muster will be held in conjunction with the Beaumont Ranch reenactment. Combining muster with a reenactment is a first for the RRB and was necessitated due to the busy spring schedule. Combining the two will make for a very active weekend of company drill, battalion drill, battles, and meetings, but ample time will be made available for rest, sutlering, and fellowship with parads.

Muster is considered a maximum effort event for the Red River Battalion. The importance of attending cannot be overstressed. As veterans in the battalion know, this is our opportunity to dedicate time honing our drill skills in preparation for all other events during the year.

The Ranch has scheduled a School Day for Friday and has asked for volunteers to help with living history and demonstrations. Volunteers may setup Thursday and stay overnight. Otherwise a Friday arrival time is suggested. Those that cannot make it out Friday night need to be in camp by 7:30 AM Saturday morning and are to report directly to their 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, company commander, or highest ranking NCO. Those that cannot be there for both days are strongly encouraged to attend at least one day, preferably Saturday.

Payment deadline of year 2006 9<sup>th</sup> Texas dues will be the Sunday at muster. If you have not yet paid dues, please come prepared to do so. After this date the 2006 Battalion Roster will be created. Those who have not paid dues will not be included on the new roster.

Several sutlers will be available onsite, including Frazer Brothers and The Haversack Depot. The battalion will also be conducting a yard sale. This will be open for all members to sell any of their new and used reenactment items. We will also be conducting the raffle drawing for the "Allatoona Pass" print. Please see the *Announcements* section of this issue for more information.

If you need more information about Beaumont Ranch or the reenactment, please contact them at (888) 864-6935, or visit their website at [www.beaumont ranch.com](http://www.beaumont ranch.com).

#### Agenda:

Instruction will include Manual of Arms, company drill, battalion drill and skirmish drill.

#### Event Registration:

The battalion adjutant has automatically registered the entire Red River Battalion roster for this event, as well as those civilians who completed a Year 2005 Civilian Registration Form. No further individual registration is necessary.

#### Uniform and Equipment:

Since we are going as Federal for the reenactment, and we are having Muster at the reenactment, the uniform for the event will be our 165<sup>th</sup> NY Zouave impression. In lieu of this, a generic Western Federal impression will be perfectly acceptable. Those without a Federal impression should feel free to wear their confederate impression. Regardless, all members should attend the reenactment/muster. Do not let your uniform status deter you from attending! As always, all modern items should be kept to a minimum and should be concealed in your shelter, stored in your vehicle, or left at home.

#### Tentage:

The bivouac for the weekend will be a garrison camp. A-frame tents, tent flies, and shelter halves are all acceptable forms of shelter for the weekend.

**Rations:**

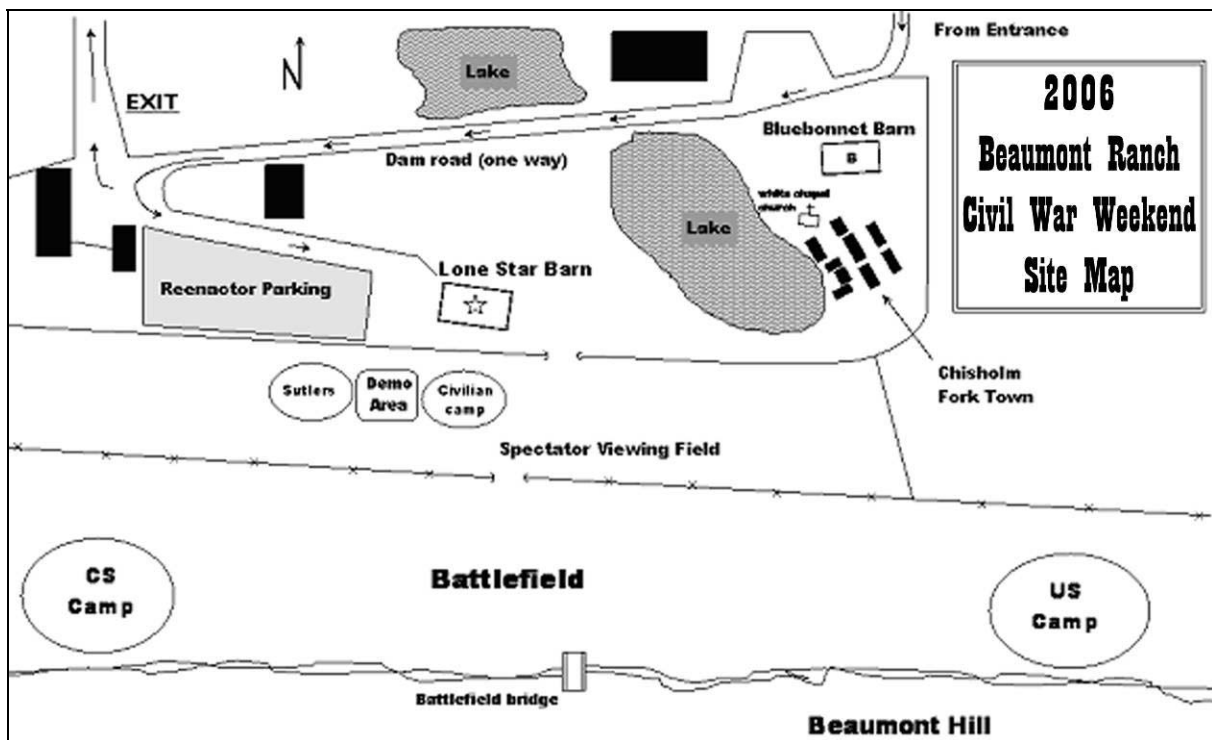
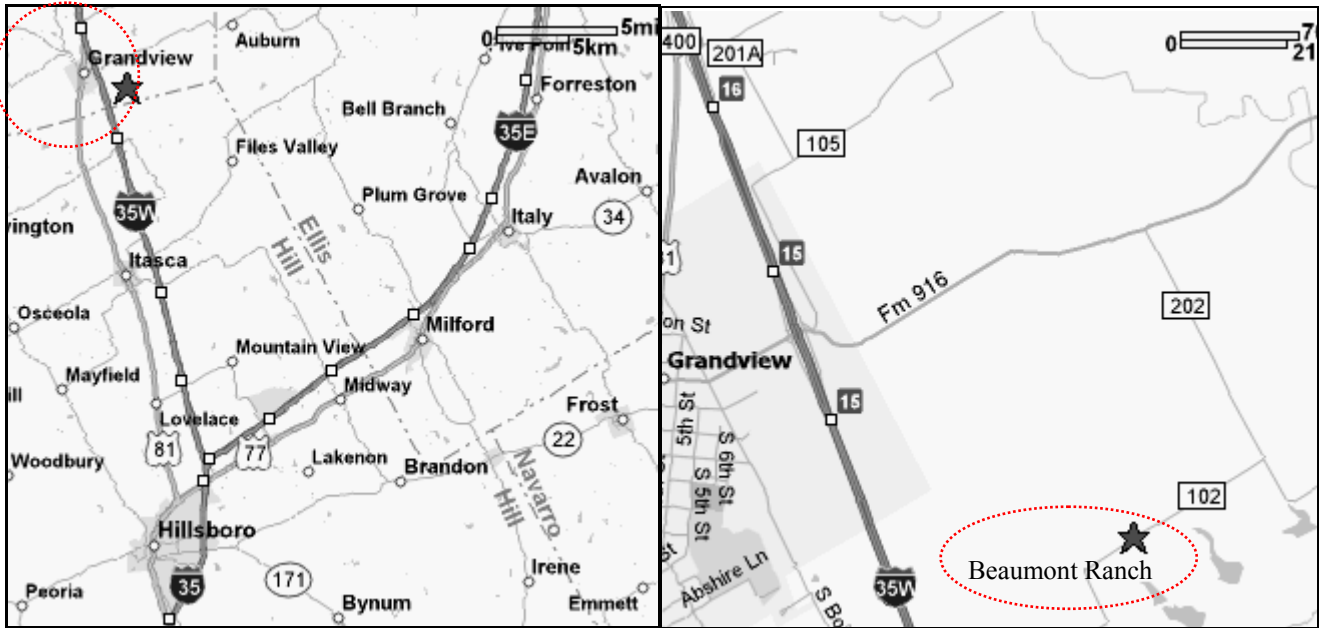
Everyone will need to provide their own meals during the weekend. No Rations will be provided by the battalion. Those wishing to practice cooking period food are encouraged to do so.

**Amenities:**

Water, firewood, hay, and restrooms will be available free of charge on site. The Lone Star Barn Restaurant at the ranch will be open for dinner Friday night. They will be serving an all you can eat fish fry and Mexican food buffet for \$10.00. A free meal is scheduled to be provided Saturday night by Beaumont Ranch.

**Directions:**

Take I-35W to FM 916, Exit 15 (in the vicinity of Grandview, TX). Go east on FM916 approximately 2 miles and take a right on CR202 (the first right). Go approximately 1 mile on CR202 and take a right on CR102. Beaumont Ranch is to the left. Follow the event signs to the reenactor entrance.





# Recruiting Event & Living History

## Heritage Fellowship Church / Diamond H Ranch, Aubrey, TX

### March 5, 2006

#### Schedule of Events

##### Sunday, March 5, 2006

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Church Service  
11:30 AM – 5:00 PM Recruiting and Living History

#### General Information:

Our former brigade commander, now Pastor Mark Griffin, has invited the 9th Texas to set up a recruiting booth and living history at the Grand Opening of the Heritage Fellowship Church and join in the festivities. HFC is highly advertising this event, thus providing the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas with a great recruiting opportunity. Services will begin at 10:30

AM and end about noon, followed by lunch and fellowship. During this time the visitors will have an opportunity to visit the Recruiting and Living History area. There is plenty of room for drill and weapon firing is permitted. **Admission is free!**

#### Recruiting Booth Co-coordinator:

Tom Stuart and Bill Pecena will coordinate the recruiting booth at this event. Volunteers are asked to contact either Tom at (972) 841-2549 ([TStuart@Epartnersolutions.com](mailto:TStuart@Epartnersolutions.com)), or Bill Pecena at (972) 771-3119 or (214) 747-2428 to set up a shift time.

#### Uniform and Equipment:

Our impression for this event is mid-war Army of Tennessee; Columbus Depot jackets, etc.

#### Amenities:

Restrooms and free parking are available, as well as a free lunch for all participants, including Mexican Food and Bob Looney's famous chili.

#### Directions:

Heritage Fellowship Church meets at the Diamond H ranch which is located at 15025 Fishtrap Rd., Aubrey, TX. Aubrey is just west of McKinney, TX. The ranch is directly behind the Savannah community, 1 mile north of HWY 380.

#### From Dallas:

Take the Dallas Parkway Toll Road north until it dead ends into HWY 380. Turn left (west) onto HWY 380 and proceed to FM 1385 (there is a large billboard at the corner advertising Savannah.). Turn right (north) and proceed to Fishtrap Rd, which is the next intersection. Turn left. The church is one block down on the right.

#### From Denton:

Take HWY 380 to Savannah (approx 12 miles). Turn left at FM 1385 (north). Proceed to Fishtrap Rd, which is the next intersection. Turn left. The church is one block down on the right.



## Announcements

### **9th Texas Infantry Year 2006 Dues**

Year 2006 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Dues are now due and need to be paid by our Spring Muster weekend, March 18-19, 2006. Dues are \$30.00 per family. Payment can be by cash, check, or money order. Checks should be made out to '9th Texas Infantry'. Dues payment **MUST** be accompanied by **CURRENT AND COMPLETED** Enlistment and Waiver forms. Forms are provided at the end of this issue of The Dispatch, as well as being available through the adjutant at drills and some events. Forms can also be found on the 9<sup>th</sup> TX website at [www.9thtexas.org/enroll.html](http://www.9thtexas.org/enroll.html). Those wishing to submit payment and Enlistment/Waiver forms by mail should send both to the battalion adjutant at:

**Tom Corll  
2979 County Road 4935  
Kempner, TX 76539**

Membership IDs will be mailed along with the next issue of The Dispatch, as well as passed out at muster.

### **General Mark Griffin Retires as Commander of the Mississippi Valley Brigade**

General Mark Griffin recently announced his retirement from command of the MVB, effective immediately. Mark is an active pastor and is in the process of establishing a new church in his community. His commitment to this calling has necessitated his retirement. During Mark's time in command he strived to increase authenticity in the brigade and strengthen the brigade's position in the First Confederate Division. As he has done in the past, Mark will undoubtedly succeed in his calling. Mark's leadership and commitment will be missed by all, however, I'm sure we'll occasionally see him in our ranks.

The MVB is temporarily under the command of Brevet General Tom Stuart. Tom will serve in this capacity until the new commander of the MVB is determined.

Below is a reprint of General Griffin's resignation letter.

#### *Headquarters of the Mississippi Valley Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Confederate Division*

*Camp at Denton, County December 12, 2005*

Letter of Resignation

Major General M. Moore,

After many months of consideration, I have decided to resign from my service in the Army of the Confederate States. The chief reason for this decision is a lack of time available to adequately serve the men under my command. My wife and I are heavily involved in starting a new church and this has required all of my spare time and resources. Additionally, certain events and circumstance that have developed over the last year have taken away my passion for reenacting. Simply put, I no longer carry the zeal necessary for this position. I learned, through the error of another, that resignation should not delay once this occurs. To do so only hurts the organization.

To the men who served under me so faithful, I extend my most profound appreciation. To rise to the rank of General was a great blessing and honor. I am grateful for their support and so very proud of their professionalism.

I greatly appreciate the support and hard work of my staff. I have often said that the shame of the collapse for the MVB is that such a wonderful staff should be lost. In fact, this is one of the principle reasons I have delayed my decision. I can not express enough how proud I am to have had such men to work with.

To you, General Moore, I express my heartfelt appreciation for your friendship. It was a pleasure to serve under you and it was my honor to support you as you advanced the cause of authenticity.

Finally, I would like to say that I am proud of the stance the Mississippi Valley Brigade has taken regarding authenticity. It is bitter-sweet as this stance has caused some to reject our cause and my leadership. Though I deeply regret this, I am not sure that I would act differently knowing the results. It was a principle that we believed in and one that I feel is vital. Some do not have the courage to stand for what is right in order that they will remain popular. I prefer the honor of the former and encourage our men to press that cause forward for future generations.

Your Obedient Servant,

Brigadier General M. A. Griffin (Retired)

## **Jeff Gibbs Takes Role of Head Recruiter**

First Sergeant Jeff Gibbs has agreed to take over the role of head recruiter for the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas. Jeff will be assuming the duties formally performed by Sergeant Steve Monroe. Many thanks go to Sergeant Monroe for his service as head recruiter over the past few years.

Jeff has already shown great enthusiasm and commitment for his new role, scheduling no fewer than six recruiting events in the first half of Year 2006. In addition, Jeff will still function as First Sergeant of Company F. It is asked that all members of the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas fully support Jeff in his new role by volunteering their time to help in all recruiting efforts.

## **143<sup>rd</sup> Corinth Event Articles and Pictures Requested**

The Editor is asking for articles on the 143<sup>rd</sup> Corinth event. The article may be from a first person viewpoint, but is not necessary. Anyone may submit an article. Pictures from the event are also requested for placement on the battalion website. Please send submissions to [fredy@ev1.net](mailto:fredy@ev1.net) or [Thomas.Corll@ctcd.edu](mailto:Thomas.Corll@ctcd.edu).

## **Battalion Reenactors Yard Sale at Spring Muster**

During our Spring Battalion Muster we will conduct a yard sale of new and used unwanted reenactment items and Civil War related items (i.e. books, videos). Any member wishing to participate may bring items to sell. Reenacting items should only be those that would meet our battalion standards and are still serviceable. No farby items, or pieces and parts of items. The main idea is to assist our new recruits with getting outfitted in an efficient manner.

Each item you wish to sell should be pre-tagged with a price and the name of the seller. All items will be placed in one area; probably a designated wall tent. A time will be given for only those NEW members with less than one year service in the battalion to go to the yard sale and have first pick. Another time will be given for ALL members of the battalion to purchase any remaining items. The battalion will collect the money and keep a ledger of who owned the item being sold. Capt. Corll will collect the money and ledger at the end of muster; divide up the money once he has returned home, and mail checks to individuals for the items sold. 10% of the sale of all items will go to the battalion fund. Any person participating in the yard sale will agree to donate this percentage to the battalion fund.

So, go through your closets, find those items that you are willing to part with, and help out our new recruits. In addition to helping fill our ranks faster, you'll help make some room for your future reenactment item purchases!

## **The First Confederate Division Undergoes Some Changes**

Several changes have recently occurred in the First Confederate Division. The most notable change is that the First Confederate Division is now the Army of Tennessee, taking the name of the hardest fighting and most loved army in the Confederacy! The name change is in response to the movement of the organization to increase historical authenticity.

The structure of the organization has also undergone some changes. The brigades of Willie Huckabee and Paul Flowers have withdrawn from the AoT, although some of their units have decided to stay. What remains of the old First Confederate Division will now be the 1<sup>st</sup> Division of the AoT and will be commanded by General Bill Rambo. To fill the void left by Huckabee and Flowers, Jack King, a very influential commander and long time veteran in the hobby, has bought his division of two brigades to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division of the AoT. This gives the AoT two strong, well commanded, and motivated divisions!

## **Raffle Drawing for "Allatoona Pass" Print Scheduled for Spring Muster**

The long awaited raffle drawing for the "Allatoona Pass" print, by Don Troiani, will be held at the upcoming Battalion Spring Muster. The drawing will be held Sunday afternoon. Those who have previously purchased tickets are reminded to bring their ticket stub to the drawing. Tickets are still \$5.00 a piece and can be purchased from Tom Corll any time up until the raffle drawing. All proceeds from the will be added to the money collected from the previously raffled prints and donated to the Mansfield State Park latter this spring.

## Articles

### *The Second Texas Infantry*

#### Part 3: The Battle of Corinth: Day 2 - October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1862

*By Pvt. Bill Graswich; Co. I, 9th Texas Infantry, RRB*

##### The Start of the Second Day

Around 4:00AM, a six gun battery of General Maury's commences to fire for one hour on the enemy's positions, with several shells landing in Corinth demolishing a few houses. The Federals commence an artillery duel which ends just about daybreak. The Federals do inflict some damage on the Confederate battery, but the battery was under orders to cease fire about that same time as well.

Upon the ceasing of the Confederate artillery, General Hébert's division was to advance against the Federal right wing, pivoting on its own right, and swing across and down the M&O Railroad. As soon as Hébert's attack should be heard, Maury's division was to advance; assaulting straight forward toward Corinth, and Lowell's division was then to assault Fort Phillips and Williams, on the south side of the M&C Railroad.

As Maury's guns cease-fire, the field becomes silent. There is no sound of Hébert's division moving forward, no sound of an attack from the Confederate left. General Van Dorn quickly sends a staff officer to find General Hebert with all possible speed and determine the cause of the delay. After two hours of a concerted and failed effort to locate General Hebert, General Hebert himself reports in person to General Van Dorn's Headquarters, indicating he is ill, and asking to be relieved from command that day. It is now 7:00AM, the temperature is already 94 degrees, and the sky bright and clear.

Command of Hébert's forces devolves to one of his Brigadiers, General Green. However, before Green can act in the capacity of commanding officer, he must become acquainted with the position of his different brigades to effectively direct their movement.

It is now about 9:00AM, and in front of Maury's Division, the skirmishers in front of Moore's and Fife's brigades have become engaged with those of the Federals. The duel lasts about an hour.

Colonel Rogers and the Texans begin to look about them and begin to appreciate the Federal defenses they are facing. In front of them lies a clearing about 400 yards wide, with felled trees creating a formidable abatis. Eastward, behind the abatis is Battery Robinette, which is an earthen wall six feet high, which is fronted by a five-foot deep ditch. This redoubt is armed with three 20 – pound siege guns. To the southeast of Battery Robinette, on a hill is Battery Williams, which is able train fire in front of Battery Robinette. This second battery has four 24 pounder siege guns and two eight-inch howitzers. Also on the crest of this hill is the 2<sup>nd</sup> US Light Artillery, with six field pieces trained also on the clearing.

Positioned about half way down the slope of the hill (locally known as White Horse Ridge) is the 47<sup>th</sup> Illinois Regiment is armed with Springfields. Manning the breast works that flank the two redoubts is the 43<sup>rd</sup> Ohio directly between the two redoubts, and the 11<sup>th</sup> Missouri placed about fifty yards directly behind Battery Robinette, lying down on the hill, with its right and left wings extending behind the 43<sup>rd</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> Ohio respectively.

To the right of Battery Robinette, behind breastworks is the 63<sup>rd</sup> Ohio. Slightly further north of these breast works and the 63<sup>rd</sup> Ohio, is located two batteries of the 8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin, supported by the 27<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry Regiment. And even further to the north of the 27<sup>th</sup> Ohio is the 39<sup>th</sup> Ohio, with its right wing facing north and at right angles to the left wing of the rest of the regiment and line.

Maury's division shortly will be ordered forward to attack what amounts to an armed cul-de-sac. Colonel Rogers dons an armed vest, and pins a short note to his uniform. He writes: William P. Rogers, 42 Years, Colonel, Second Texas Infantry Regiment, and the address of some friends. It is believed Rogers has been advised he has been accepted for promotion to Brigadier General. He will be acting in that capacity leading an assault force of the Sixth Texas (dismounted cav), Ninth Texas (dismounted cav) a portion of the Thirty-Fifth Mississippi Infantry Regiment and a company of the Forty-Second Alabama Infantry Regiment, along with the Second Texas. All recognize that this is going to be a tough road to travel. In a gallant manner, the leader of the Alabamians, Captain George Foster, challenges the Second Texans to a footrace for possession of Battery Robinette. No doubt, Captain Foster sought to embolden the hearts of those about to go forward into grave danger.

##### The Second Texas attacks Battery Robinette

A little after 10:00 AM, Colonel Rogers Brigade begins emerging from the woods to the west of Battery Robinette. The Federal skirmishers that had remained forward of their lines, quickly retreat and reform on their regiments. Roger's Brigade forms into columns of five lines of two companies each. Once formed, the Confederates begin to advance through the series of fallen trees the Federals have cut down. The Texans and others, pick their way through the abatis as best they can go over, under and around the trees, and advancing with as good an order as can be maintained, towards the common point – Battery Robinette.

Fortunately for Roger's men, some of the guns located beyond Battery Robinette are not able to continue firing towards this part of the field, due to having new targets which are threatening them directly. The Brigade continues its march forward and then comes into rifle range of the 47th Illinois. The guns in Robinette also now change their fire from canister to whole bags of buckshot.

The Confederates are having jagged gaps cut into their formation. As the Confederates get closer, the federal fire is taking a greater toll. Nearing the breastworks, on the right of Robinette, the 63rd Ohio fires a volley directly into the face of the Confederate columns. As the grayish smoke clears, there is about a ten-yard square mass of torn, struggling bodies and butternut clothes. Roger's Brigade deploys from columns into lines of battle and returns fire with little effect, shooting too low. There is about a five-minute exchange of fire at close range, which finally results in Roger's Brigade falling back in confusion.

## **The Federals feel confident they have beaten the Confederate attack for the day as Roger's Brigade withdraws.**

However, in some forty minutes time, Rogers Brigade has been partially realigned and again the soldiers are advancing on battery Robinette. However, there is a change of tactics. As the Brigade comes out of a low area in front of the Federals, the Confederates attack with a yell at the double-quick.

The Second Texas and the Brigade withstands another closely fired volley from the 63rd Ohio that scythes through the formation and leaves another great wave of harvested souls. The Brigade in turn fires rapidly into the 63rd Ohio, the Confederates aim is better now. However, after a moment of intense firing, the Confederates begins to falter and start falling back a second time. Rogers is riding a dark horse, as he has been since the start of the attack today. All the while Rogers has been urging his men forward. It is astonishing to both Federals and Confederates that such a prominent figure has not been shot down. Four color bearers have lost their lives so far this day. Two were killed on the first advance, and now two have been killed on the second attack. As the fourth color bearer drops the banner of the Second Texas to the ground, Colonel Rogers seizes the flag spurs his horse to the rear of his Brigade to rally his men.

In their midst, he forms them into a ragged line and asks if they are willing to follow him once more. With a yell of approval they respond. The order to advance is given yet again. Colonel Rogers is riding forward directly towards Robinette. He slows his horse's pace to keep pace with the advance of the men. The men begin to move forward at the double-quick. The ranks once again are being torn, but the men close up the open gaps as they advance. Their bayonets are fixed, as are those of the Federals. Rogers rides into the ditch around the fort, followed by the head of the column. As other Confederates come up, they scatter around either side of the fort. The right wing of the Second Texas runs into the determined front of the 43rd Ohio on the south side of Robinette. Hand to hand fighting ensues, but with their intensity, the Texans drives straight into the Ohioans, and the 43rd Ohio retreats leaving 53% of their number on the ground, including their brave Colonel J. L. Kirby Smith who is mortally wounded. The Federal light artillery at this point escapes to the rear.

The 63rd Ohio, north of the fort is also met with the bayonet and they too are driven back from their position with great loss.

Colonel Rogers climbs on top of the parapet and plants the Second Texas flag into the soil. Men leap down inside or crawl through the embrasures (gun ports), and attack the gunners savagely. Private William Bryan of Company C, Second Texas is shot through the head as he scrambles over the top. He dies instantly. Nevertheless, the determined Confederates push forward over, around, and through the earth works into Battery Robinette and drive the Federal gunners from their emplacements – killing or wounding thirteen of thirty of those who have manned these guns. Lt. Robinette is wounded as well.

Serious firing by the Federals on Battery Robinette has ceased for about 30 or 45 minutes. Standing upon the parapets of the redoubt, a group of about thirteen soldiers are speaking with Colonel Rogers and the gallant Captain Foster of the 43rd Alabama. As they look to the east they see marching towards them a large formation of blue coated Federals. It is evident that the Confederates of General Rogers Brigade are they themselves being counter attacked from the east. Two fresh regiments from the reserves in Corinth have massed with Stanley's 43rd Ohio, some men from the 63rd Ohio, and 11th Missouri and they are all heading straight for the Battery Robinette.

Colonel Rogers realizing their situation, takes a rifle ramrod given to him by a nearby soldier, and ties a white cloth to it, and waves it as to surrender. The approaching Union columns commence firing as they continue their advance. Either the advancing Federals don't see it, or will not recognize the Confederates surrender. At this point, Colonel Rogers tells the men around him: "The enemy refuses to accept our surrender. We will sell our lives as dearly as possible!"

With clarity and calmness, Colonel Rogers orders his men to fall back into the ditch outside, affording them some protection from the Federal firing. With his men on the other side, he gives the order to retreat. Rogers has his pistol in one hand and the Second Texas flag in the other, the remainder of the Second Texas around is near, and the Brigade starts its retreat backwards, returning fire on the advancing enemy.

The 11th Missouri has not fired a shot, the entire time as the Federals have been advancing. The soldiers of Missouri move forward at the double quick and take positions in the fort, on the parapet and around the sides of the fort, and commence firing into the withdrawing Texans and other soldiers. The Missourians are determined that the banner which has attacked them this day will not attack them again, and they concentrate their volley on this spot. Colonel Rogers carrying the flag is struck by eleven bullets and brought down instantly with about fifteen other soldiers around him (mostly Texans and Alabamians it is believed, including Captain Foster). The flag literally falls across his lifeless body. The withdrawing Texans recover the Second Texas flag and carry it away while the Federal infantry continue to fire at them from the vicinity of Battery Robinette.

The Confederate forces all along the line are in retreat. Captain Fly of Co. I is captured as well as Captain Goff of Co. K. Capt. John Mueller (acting Major) was killed twenty steps from Robinette by a discharge of grape from a 24-pounder. Captain Ed Daly shot through the thigh by grape at the breastworks requiring amputation of the entire leg.

The Federals however, exhausted from such heavy fighting, do not pursue. It is 1:00PM, Saturday, October 4th, 1862, and Corinth is still in Federal control.

Charles Evans, of the Second Texas survives the Battle of Corinth, and in fact survives the rest of the war. During and after the war he is the Second Texas Regimental biographer, having been with the Second Texas since her inception until her surrender. In 1897, he is asked to contribute to a book called "A Comprehensive History of Texas 1685 to 1897." the section on the Second Texas and he is interviewed by Dudley G. Wooten, the book's editor. He summarizes rather well:

*The loss of the Second Texas during these two days of fighting was about fifty percent in killed and wounded. This was a very heavy loss, but when the terrible odds are considered even this is not so much a surprise as that any escaped at all from that fearful cul-de-sac on the second day. Regarding Captain Foster's Alabamians – only eleven of 33 answer role call on October 5th.*

*The fire of the Texans must have been more deadly than that of the enemy, for the commanders of the two regiments they encountered, the 43rd and 63rd Ohio, officially reported that their regiments lost 50% and 53% respectively on the second day alone.*

*The remnant of the Second Texas, with the balance of General Price's corps, bivouacked about six miles from Corinth, on the Pocahontas Road, where the nearest water was accessible. Captain McGinnis of Company H, being the senior officer present, took command of the Second Texas.*

*It is but a matter of justice that history should record the name of Private Ben Weed of Company I, as the man who bore the flag of the regiment from the field where it fell from Colonel Rogers' lifeless grasp. Ben was only 18 years old at the time. Three weeks later, Ben died in the Texas hospital at Quitman, Mississippi of disease contracted while on the Corinth campaign.*

**An unabridged version of this article can be found on the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas website at [www.9thtexas.org/editorials.html](http://www.9thtexas.org/editorials.html)**

### ***Did You Ever Hear of.....***

*By: 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Stephen Chavez, Co. K, 6th Texas Infantry, RRB*

Did you ever hear of a very small action that took place just miles west of downtown San Antonio in the summer of 1861?

The so-called battle of Adams Hill took place on May 9th 1861, between Federal forces under Lt. Col. Isaac Van Duzer Reeve, and Texas troops under the command of Col. Earl Van Dorn. The site where this encounter took place was on a military road between El Paso and San Antonio just 15 miles west of downtown San Antonio.

The terms of surrender laid down by General Twiggs and Ben McCulloch just three months earlier, which called for all Federal forces to march to the coast where boats would evacuate them back to the northern states. Reeve, who proceeded from Fort Bliss to the Texas coast in accordance to these orders, had a force of about 320 men including companies B, E, F, H, I, and K and a small detachment from Company G being from the 8th United States Infantry. All of these companies had garrisoned various forts in west Texas and along the Rio Grande.

When Reeve's force arrived at Fort Clark, Reeve got word of Confederate forces capturing paroled Federal troops. But Reeve was not ready to disobey an order from General Twiggs, so he continued onward toward the coast. Texas troops in San Antonio got wind of this force marching toward the city, and thinking it was hostile, they began to organize a resistance.

On May 8th, Reeve camped his troops on the east side of the Medina River opposite Castroville. Around 12 am Reeve got a report that only confirmed his early reports of Confederate troops under Van Dorn making way to confront the his column. With this information Reeve, needing a better defensive location, pushed toward San Antonio. Upon the advice of Lt. Zenas Randall Bliss, Reeve halted the column on a high hill a few hundred yards from San Lucas Springs. On the hill were small buildings and corrals, along with the wagons Reeve brought, making a very defensible position. On May 9th 1861, at around 9 am, two officers representing Col. Van Dorn arrived under a flag of truce demanding the surrender of the Federal force. With no Confederate forces in sight and being in good position, Reeve quickly declined the offer of surrender.

Not long after that Van Dorn's force arrived in full, consisting of six companies of Col. Henry E. McCulloch's cavalry regiment, a squadron of state troops under the command of Lt. Col. John Robert Baylor, Capt. Edgar's battery of light artillery, and a battalion of infantry under Lt. Col. James Duff. All of these forces comprised some 1,370 troops and six pieces of artillery. Again Van Dorn's representatives gave Reeve an opportunity to inspect the Confederate forces. Lt. Bliss was sent to do the inspection, and he quickly returned and told Reeve of what they were up against. After reviewing what was left of his force, only 270 due to sickness, desertion, and stragglers, seeing that he was vastly out numbered Reeve promptly surrendered his force. Happy with the day's results, the Confederate forces retired and let Reeve march at his leisure under arms to San Antonio. When they arrived on May 11th, a Confederate officer was sent to recover all arms and public property and sent them off toward the coast.

Conflicting period accounts say this confrontation had taken place at San Lucas Springs or Adams Hill. Even though no shots were fired, the amount of men able to rally against this "hostile" force was amazing.

Adams Hill, if that is where the battle took place, is located in the southwest side of town. If you look on a San Antonio map you will find what looks like subdivision and a school on those grounds. Coincidentally, all the streets around Adams Hill are named after battles fought during the Civil War such Nashville, Fort Sumter, Cold Harbor, Port Hudson and Petersburg, just to name a few. If you ever have an afternoon in which you do not have anything to do, take a trip to Adams Hill and see for yourself, for what could have been a bloody battlefield right here in San Antonio. All you need to do is find the intersection of S. Ellison Dr. and Marbach Rd. Take S. Ellison Dr. south a few hundred yards from Marbach and you will find Adams Hill. Now if it occurred at San Lucas Springs that is a little further west, just outside the Bexar country line, if I'm not mistaken. Sounds like a field trip is in order here.

Source: Texas Handbook Online

[http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/AA/qka1\\_print.html](http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/AA/qka1_print.html)

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Remember, this is **your** newsletter!

# **9<sup>th</sup> TX / RED RIVER BATTALION** **YEAR 2006 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**\*\* EVENTS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSARY \*\***

## **February**

- 18 Twiggs' Surrender – San Antonio [BM]
- 18 Jesse Jones Park – Humble, TX [OPT]
- 25 Officer & NCO School

## **March**

- 4-5 Irish Festival – Centennial Hall, Dallas [LH, RE]
- 5 Recruiting Event – Savannah, TX [RE]
- 10-12 A Fighting Withdrawal – LBL, TN [OPT]
- 17-19 Beaumont Ranch & Spring Battalion Muster – Grandview, TX [BM!!]

## **April**

- 1 Drill and Living History at The Confederate History Symposium – Hillsboro, TX [9M, LH, RE]

## **May**

- 6 Drill (9:00 am) – Location TBA [9M]
- 20-21 Bellmead Reenactment – Bellmead, TX [BM, RE]

## **June**

- 2-4 Scottish Festival – Maverick Stadium, Arlington, TX [RE]
- 10 Drill (9:00 am) – DHV
- 25 Recruiting Event – Savannah, TX [RE, LH]

## **July**

- 4 The Fourth of July at Dallas Heritage Village [LH, RE]
- 15 Drill (9:00 am) – Location TBA
- 21-23 145<sup>th</sup> Manassas – Middletown, VA [OPT]
- 29-30 NSA Meeting – Location TBA [Battalion Staff]

## **August**

- 12 Drill (9:00 am / led by Corporals) – DHV  
Officer & NCO School: National Event briefing & 144<sup>th</sup> Perryville preparation (9:00 am - 5:00 p.m. / Officer & NCO attendance is expected!) – DHV

## **September**

- 9-10 Fall Battalion Muster – Location TBA [BM!!]

## **October**

- 6-8 144<sup>th</sup> Perryville – Perryville, KY  
[1<sup>st</sup> Confederate Div / BM!!]

## **November**

- 11-12 America Goes to War – DHV [9M]
- 18-19 Liendo Reenactment – Hempstead, TX [BM]

## **December**

- 9 Drill and Holiday Party – Location TBA [BM]

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### **KEY**

9M = 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Maximum Effort  
BM = Red River Battalion Maximum Effort  
DHV – Dallas Heritage Village (a.k.a. Old City Park)  
LH = Living History

OPT = Optional Event  
RE = Recruiting Event  
TBA = To Be Announced



# **GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> TEXAS INFANTRY**

Below are the general rules and regulations for the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry. Any member who violates any section or part of the rules may receive disciplinary action or dismissal. Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, suspension, probation or fatigue duties for minor offenses. It is the common practices of the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry command staff to dismiss members of the battalion by recommendation of his Company Commander and by formal order of the Battalion Commander. However, the Battalion commander reserves the right to refuse or revoke membership for violation of the rules or for insubordination.

The term "member" refers to individuals serving under arms that have paid dues to the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry or who are participating in a drill, muster or reenacting event.

## **General Rules and Regulations of Participation:**

- 1) Members shall obey the orders and commands of the officers and NCOs appointed over them.
- 2) Proper Military courtesy shall be observed at all times in the field.
- 3) Roll call and drill sessions, at events, are mandatory.
- 4) Report to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant upon arrival at an event.
- 5) Do not leave camp for any reason without notifying an NCO of your company.
- 6) Members should follow the instructions of Officers and NCOs of the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry **ONLY**.
- 7) No one under 16 years of age will be allowed to carry a weapon in the line. Young men under the age of 18 must have a signed parental release.
- 8) Boys from 12 to 15 years of age may participate as functioning musicians if they demonstrate the appropriate skill. A parent or guardian must accompany boys under 16.
- 9) Active members of the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry will participate in four drills and two events a year. Inactive members, who continue to pay dues, will receive a copy of the dispatch but will be placed in line at the pleasure of the Battalion Commander if they attend an event.

## **General Rules for Safety:**

- 1) Any member of the battalion can command the line to cease-fire if a dangerous situation arises that the leaders do not see.
- 2) Do not take a hit with a loaded musket.
- 3) Do not fix bayonets unless ordered to do so.
- 4) Never draw a rammer on the field.
- 5) No member will participate, in an action, without a full canteen of water.
- 6) No weapons will be discharged without clearance from a 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant or above. The Sergeant will take care to warn the camp or spectators.
- 7) No member will engage in hand-to-hand combat on the field, unless prearranged and choreographed by the Battalion Commanders of each side.

8) All line weapons are to be "three banded" percussion type muskets. No carbines, musketoons, civilian or Zouaves will be carried. Flintlocks and shotguns are only authorized by the Battalion Commander during specific events.

9) No loose powder is to be carried at an event. All cartridges should be wrapped correctly without the use of glue, tape or staples.

10) All Cartridge boxes will have tins to store rounds.

11) **Absolutely no live rounds will be carried onto the field by any member.** Violation of this rule will result in immediate dismissal from the unit.

12) No modern weapons will be carried into an event.

13) Drunkenness, substance abuse, or possession of controlled substances will not be tolerated, and will lead to dismissal from the unit.

14) Only Officers, the Sergeant Major and members of the mounted infantry company are allowed to carry pistols.

15) No swords, cutlasses, bowie knives or other edged weapons (other than bayonets) shall be carried by member of the line infantry. Officers and senior Non-commissioned officers may carry the appropriate period sabers.

16) Members who use their weapons for live fire **MUST** inform their company commander upon arrival to the event. These weapons must under go a thorough inspection to ensure that the muzzle is free of lead particles.

### **General Rules of Authenticity:**

1) Members' uniforms and equipment will conform to the guidelines of the battalion. Items not authorized by these guidelines will not be allowed.

2) Any member who has not met the authenticity guidelines (including proper head gear, shoes and glasses) after 1 year of service will not be allowed to participate in events until the guidelines are met.

3) All non-period items should be kept out of site at all times.

4) Modern flannel shirts, Dockers, jeans, suspenders or other modern clothing shall not be substituted for authentic attire, except by new recruits when necessary.

5) Only officers and mounted infantry are authorized to wear period leather boots.

6) Members should take care to purchase items from recommended sutlers or to seek the approval of their officers before buying uniforms and equipment. The officers of the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry reserve the right to not allow inferior or incorrect gear purchased from an unauthorized sutler.

**ENLISTMENT FORM  
FOR  
THE 9<sup>th</sup> TEXAS INFANTRY**

<u>Adjutant's use only</u> Paid: cash / ck# _____ Date: _____ Roster: _____ ID: _____
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Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$30 per year per family residing in one home. We consider college students "at home" for the purpose of dues. Though the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry strongly encourages the participation of wives and daughters in support of their husbands and brothers in the field, dues only cover, and are only required for, military participants. The 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry does not accept dues from civilian re-enactors who do not have a member serving under arms.

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**Acknowledgment of Regulations**

I, (print) \_\_\_\_\_, have read the **General Rules & Regulations for Members of the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry**, and agree to follow each of them. I understand that I am subject to disciplinary action and possible dismissal should I violate said rules.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of parent/legal guardian required if enlistee is less than 18 years of age.**

Parent or Guardian (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian (sign): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY  
FOR  
MEMBERS OF THE 9th TEXAS INFANTRY.**

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

NOTICE: THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT WHICH IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE RELEASE OF LIABILITY, BUT IS NOT INTENDED TO ASSERT ANY CLAIMS OR DEFENSES WHICH ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW. By signing this Release, you give up any right you may have to bring a court action to recover compensation or obtain any other remedy for any injury to yourself or your property or for any death however caused arising out of participation with the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry.

Reenacting can be a hazardous and dangerous activity, and events and activities related to or associated with reenacting can expose me to hazards and risks, both natural and artificial, which may result in harm, damage, personal injuries or death. \_\_\_\_\_ (INITIAL)

My participation with the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry is entirely voluntary and I understand that participation, involves hazards and dangers that can result in harm, loss, damage, personal injuries, or death resulting from, arising out of, or related to all such usage. \_\_\_\_\_ (INITIAL)

**\*\* READ CAREFULLY \*\* READ CAREFULLY \*\* READ CAREFULLY \*\***

I recognize the dangers involved in reenacting. I realize I am subject to injury from this activity and that no form of preparing can remove all of the danger to which I am exposing myself. I am aware of the safety policies of the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry and I assume responsibility in following them. \_\_\_\_\_ (INITIAL)

I acknowledge and understand that the Officers and NCOs of the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry will take every precaution to ensure my safety, however, that responsibility ultimately falls upon me. \_\_\_\_\_ (INITIAL)

In consideration of being permitted to participate with the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, personal representatives and assigns, I hereby assume all risks and waive, release and discharge forever the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry, its Officers, NCOs and members from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, or causes of action of any nature, whether known or unknown, for any harm, loss, damage, injuries or death, due to negligence or any other cause, resulting from, arising out of, or in any way related to my participation in any drill, muster, reenactment, living history or recruiting function. \_\_\_\_\_ (INITIAL)

I will obey and comply with all rules, regulations, or instructions of the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry and its Officers and NCOs, and I have a responsibility to ask questions and clarify any rules, regulations, or instructions if I do not understand, fully comprehend, or have any doubts about any rule, regulation, or instruction. \_\_\_\_\_ (INITIAL)

I have an obligation and responsibility to myself, as well as other members of the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry, to conduct myself in a safe and responsible manner, and I will NOT participate in any event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol or suffering from or experiencing any condition that might impair me. \_\_\_\_\_ (INITIAL)

I REPRESENT AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND EACH AND EVERY PROVISION AND THAT I AM SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of parent/legal guardian required if enlistee is less than 18 years of age.**

Parent/Guardian (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (sign): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# CIVILIAN REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE RED RIVER BATTALION

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Military Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Military Relation's Company: \_\_\_\_\_

The information provided herein will be used to assemble a list of affiliated civilians of the Red River Battalion and will be included as an addendum to the Red River Battalion Roster. An affiliated civilian is one who has an immediate family member serving in a military role with the Red River Battalion. The purpose of this list is to help expedite and simplify registration of battalion affiliated civilians for all events that DO NOT REQUIRE A REGISTRATION FEE. This list will ONLY be used for automatic registration for the aforementioned type events. As it is NOT the policy of the Red River Battalion to dictate the on-goings of its affiliated civilians, this list will serve NO other purpose in regard to civilian activities. Inclusion on this list is strictly voluntary and it is the responsibility of the eligible civilian to submit this form to the battalion adjutant on a yearly base. ONLY those who submit this form will be included in the automatic event registration process.

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Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (sign): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of parent/legal guardian required if civilian is less than 18 years of age.**

Parent or Guardian (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian (sign): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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<i>Plain jacket of undyed cotton jean</i>	
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