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# Major's Orders

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## Special Dates of Interest:

**6-7 October** GEC Meeting, Harrison, Arkansas.

**13-14 October** Ft. Griffin Living History Days, Albany, Texas

**14 October** Miss Lilly Langtry Celebration, Iraan, Texas

**20-21 October** SEC Meeting, College Station, Texas

**20-21 October** Ft. Stockton Living History Days, Ft. Stockton, Texas

**10 November** Veteran's Day Memorial at Fairmount Cemetery, San Angelo, Texas. 11:00 am.

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## Lt. Commander's Lowdown

October is here and Christmas decorations are in the stores. With this wonderful time of the season we get cooler temperatures and lots of events. As we speak, our Chapter Commander, David McMahon is headed to the General Executive Counsel meeting in Harrison, Arkansas with Adjutant James Putman and wives. Two weeks later we are headed to Collage Station, Texas for the Texas Society Executive Council meeting.

Coming events in October include the 4th Annual Miss Lilly Langtry Birthday Celebration in Iraan, Texas, sponsored by the Judge Roy Bean Camp #2298. This will be

held October 14, 2023 at the Alley Oop Park 4H Center. Details are on page 2.

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Chapter member Roy E. Fiveash receiving his 5 Year Certificate from Commander David McMahon.

## Prisoner of War Recognition

The National Society Daughters of the CSA Officer Corps have instituted a new program of recognition of any Confederate Veteran that was held as a Prisoner of War, 1861-1865. The NSDCSAOC has graciously opened this recognition to any MOS&B member in good standing. Available is a nicely done certificate and a lapel pin. Lineage to your Confederate Prisoner is required with proof they were a POW. The fee for the

'Certificate' is \$25 and the pin is \$31 (includes shipping). The application can be found on their website: [https://nsdcsaoc.org/forms/dcsaoc\\_pow\\_recognition\\_application\\_pin\\_order\\_form.pdf](https://nsdcsaoc.org/forms/dcsaoc_pow_recognition_application_pin_order_form.pdf)



## Dick Dowling Society, Davis Guard Medal

Texas Society Commander and Dick Dowling Society Trustee had a special purpose in his visit to our September Chapter meeting. With him came the presentation of the Davis Guard Medal to David McMahon, our Chapter Commander, for continuous and faithful service to the preservation of the southern way of life.

Commander McMahon was honored to receive this award that symbolizes the defense of the South. Lt. Dowling's 47 men company, The Davis Guard, staunchly defended Sabine Pass from an numerically superior force of 4 Union gunboats, 11 transport boats and 4000 plus soldiers in a brilliant display of artillery fire that turned back the yankee invader at a con-

siderable loss to the Union and without one man of the Davis Guard lost.

Congratulations to Commander David McMahon.



## 4th Annual Miss Lilly Langtry Birthday Celebration



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Miss Lilly Langtry Birthday Celebration**  
Judge Roy Bean Camp  
4H Center, Alley Oop Park, Iraan, TX  
October 14, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

You are cordially invited to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Miss Lilly Langtry Birthday Celebration.  
**Menu:** Brisket, fried catfish, potato salad, fried potatoes and hushpuppies, green beans, creamed corn, green salad, dinner rolls and desserts. (All food items are homemade!).

**Program:** West Texas Author, Ben English. Former Scout Sniper and Counterintelligence Team with the United States Marines and Texas DPS Officer. Mr. English's published books include; *Yonderings*, *Destiny's Way*, *Out There: Essays on the Lower Big Bend*, *The Uvalde Raider* and *Tales of the Texas Highway Patrol*.

**Live Auction**  
Please RSVP, [Judgebean.scv@gmail.com](mailto:Judgebean.scv@gmail.com), no later than October 7 or call Bob Hazelwood at (432) 302-0553. You may pay at the door.

\$25.00/individual or \$40.00/couple and \$20.00 for each additional guest: No. Guests: \_\_\_\_\_  
RSVP Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The 4th Annual Miss Lilly Langtry Birthday Celebration will be held October 4, 2023 at the 4H Center within the Alley Oop Park. This event is sponsored by the Judge Roy Bean Camp #2298.

Home cooking and a program featuring West Texas author Ben English are on hand. Time will be from 7:00 to 9:30 pm.

Contact Bob Hazelwood at 432-302-0553 or you can RSVP [Judgebean.scv@gmail.com](mailto:Judgebean.scv@gmail.com) by October 7th.

Cost is \$25.00 for an individual, \$40.00 for a couple and \$20.00 for additional guest. You may pay at the door.



## Ft. Griffin Living History Days

The past will come to life at Fort Griffin State Historic Site on October 13-14, 2023, as living historians gather to portray life



at the fort and nearby Wild West town as it was in the 1870's. You're invited to join us from 9 am to 4 pm both days

for exciting demonstrations, education, and authentic frontier history.

Admission is free during this event! If you are a teacher, home school parent, or school administrator wishing to have your students

attend our 2023 program, please contact Eric Abercrombie by email or phone at 325-762-3592. 1701 N. U.S. Hwy. 283, Albany, TX 76430 .



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Also there are two Living History Day events scheduled. One is at Fort Griffin north of Albany, Texas, the other is at Fort Stockton, Ft. Stockton, Texas. Details for both are in this issue.

Our quarterly meeting in September had a surprise award presentation and those in attendance who had not received their Service Certificate, were presented their certificate. We had two special guests, Texas Society Commander, George Williamson and Chapter 318 Commander, Michael Gonzales in attendance. Lt. Com-

mander Steve Melton gave an interesting program about the Eidson family serving in the Confederate Army.

Coming up in November there will be a Veteran's Day Memorial service at Fairmount Cemetery. This year the event will be held on Friday, November 10, 2023 at 11:00 am. Anyone wishing to participate with period correct uniform, (American Revolution, War of 1812, Texas Revolution, Mexican-American War, War Between the States, Indian Wars, Spanish-American War, WW I, or WW II) please be present by 10:30.

December will bring "Christmas at Old Ft. Concho" where we will hold our quarterly meeting at 1:00 pm, December 2, 2023, by the Co. H, 7th Texas Infantry tent .

Get out and enjoy yourself at any of these events and activities. Come by and say "Hi" or come and participate with those that are there.

Until next time,  
Semper Fidelis  
Deo Vindice  
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## Ft. Stockton Living History Days

Historic Fort Stockton invites you to its annual "Living History Day" event which is held on the 3rd weekend in October (20-21). The festivities include something for everyone from re-enactors celebrating our vibrant military history, army laundress and cannon firing demonstrations, cavalry drills, Native Americans and Tipi's, Texas Camel Corps, 1800's baseball, Texas Wildlife Trailer and chuck wagon. Come out and listen to stories of cowboy poets, enjoy fiddle music or try some old west cooking. Bring the family out for an educational and fun experience-we call it Living History Day. Admission is free.



## Dues Renewal Time

October brings Fall to our door steps, cooler temperatures and Halloween. It also brings the time for renewing "dues" for 2024. Everyone should have received their "Dues Invoice" in the mail. A 'standard' form was sent via email to those with email addresses.

Standard dues are \$67.00 - \$45 for National, \$10 for State, and \$12 for Chapter. Life Member's dues are \$22, (State and Chapter). Dues will be considered "Past Due" December 15th. If you have not received your Dues re-

newal, please contact Commander McMahon. 325-374-3070

Let's have 100% Retention y'all.





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## Military Order of the Stars and Bars Pledge



*We, the posterity of the Officer Corps and civil officials of the Confederacy, do pledge ourselves to commemorate and honor the service of leadership these men rendered in the cause of the fundamental American principles of self-determination and states' rights and to perpetuate the true history of their deeds for the edification of ourselves, our society and for generations yet unborn.*

## From Our Meeting



Present at our meeting. (L-R) Mack Johnson, David Johnson, Chapter 318 Commander Michael Gonzales, Texas Society Commander George Williamson, Commander David McMahon, Steve Melton, Adj. James Putman and Roy Fiveash. (Right) Steve Melton's presentation on the Eidson family.

