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BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL.

Joseph T. Wilson, late of the 2nd Reg't. LA Native Guard Vols. 54th Mass. Vols. Aide-de-Camp to the CiC, *The Black Phalanx: African American soldiers in the War of Independence, the War of 1812, and the Civil War* (Hartford: American Pub. Co., 1890), p.34 "Battle of Bunker Hill – Peter Salem shooting the British Major Pitcairn."



Continental soldiers ca. 1780 in diary of Jean-Baptiste-Antoine de Verger, officer of Comte de Rochambeau's allied French army in American Revolution – the white uniform of the black soldier on the left is not, in fact, a French Caribbean soldier but from Rhode Island. Note the hunting shirt and American long rifle in the center between the musket armed soldiers at left and artillery man on the right.

www.slaveryimages.org Jerome Handler & M. Tuite, VA foundation for the Humanities/ University of Virginia Library – A.S.K. Brown Military Collection, Brown University Library.

--February is Black History Month.

African folk tale: To celebrate his wedding, the prince of the realm invited all of the farmers, weavers, fishermen, boat-builders, warriors, drummers and other subjects and their wives to his nuptial celebration—price of admission? One calabash of home-made palm wine. The wine was emptied out into a huge vessel and distributed to the guests for the toast to the

couple. The guests toasted the health and happiness of the pair, and then spat out *water* instead of palm wine. Everyone had the same idea: “A single calabash of water will not be noticed in the huge keg of palm wine...” Since water was what people had brought, it was water that they drank.

Moral: How is it that people voluntarily complied with the \$10 range fee for guests *before* the policy went into effect, and now neither guest lien-releases nor 10-dollar range-use-fees appear in the box...? Hmm? The cold and wet inclement weather has stopped people from coming out to the range...? Maybe.



Prolonged rains have flooded out the 385meter range, and as a result, the Sunday 25 Feb. 2018 *BPCR silhouette shoot is CANCELLED.*

*On Saturday 17 February, there was a center-fire match! Things were a bit slow getting started, but in the end we had a good turn out and some mighty impressive shooting on display!

February 17 Scores

Youth 17 and Under

First Place	Jenah Broesche	100 yards	248
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Ladies

First Place	Jami Broecshe	100 yards 241	200 yards 237
Agg. 478			
Second Place	Susan Beardsley	100 yards 208	
Agg. 208			

Hunters Class (manually-operated)

First Place	Philip Keil	100 yards 236	200 yards 229
Agg., 465			
Second Place	Cliff Denny	100 yards 241	200 yards 221
Agg.. 462			

Military Service Rifle

First Place	Jonathan Keil	100 yards 247	200 yards 226
Agg. 473			

Second Place	Leo Broesche	100 yards 236	200 yards 212
Agg. 448			
Third Place	James Grove	100 yards 225	200 yards 188
Agg. 413			

Open Rifle

First Place	Roger Higginbotham	300 yards 234	400 yards 242
Agg. 479			
Second Place	Mike Michalczak	300 yards 204	400 yards 229
Agg. 433			

All rifles were equipped with scopes
All shots were off the bench



Members and AMLGC amigos! Have you sent in your lien-release? And your check for \$125 or \$150 dollars? Remember we need both!: Importantly, with membership capped at 200 members for insurance reasons, there are limited spaces available... Please see the updated AMLGC website or Facebook page for the appropriate forms.

Saturday 10 February there was a *smooth-bore musket match*. Two teams of four or five, including men and women participants, blazed away at a variety of targets including pigeon boards, tiles, and other difficult-to-hit targets with cap-lock muskets and at least one very cantankerous flintlock. Team A won, and Team B came in second. There was one unfortunate minor injury—a “cook off” as musket powder was poured down the barrel of a good and hot musket barrel ignited on some smoldering fouling, resulting in singed fingers. This serves to reinforce the need for constantly applied good safety practices—“never, never, never sweep the muzzle of your muzzle-loader...keep it pointed away from yourself at all times.” Lots of fellowship and a good time had by all, even the unfortunate with the burned fingers. The subsequent day’s muzzle-loading team rifle musket event slated for Sunday 11 Feb. did not work out due to persistent rain, humidity, and numbing (OK, by Texas standards!) cold. Get yer skirmish on! Next skirmishing event in April!

Sunday 18 Feb 2018: Work party!

We had a good turnout for the work party. The skirmish cage was cleaned out and re-arranged to store the black powder cartridge silhouettes, while the 385-meter target stands for those silhouettes were dug in and cemented in. The right hand stands do have nuts welded to the back to take target frames for shooting paper. All is ready for the black powder cartridge silhouette matches to come!—Weather permitting, of course. Thank you to everyone attending for all your hard work and thanks to Ian Strauss for the update and photo! Also a big thanks to Ron Ijans who brought our

his big 'ol John Deer™ green tractor to help move the berm back. Very highly appreciated.

AMLGC still needs fill dirt free of stones and debris to complete work on the planned bullet stops/ berms projected to separate the 100-yard line from the 200+ yard lines. Once that is completed, we'll have a much more convenient separation of the two that can use their own cease-fires and range commands without having to screech and yell or resort to the infernal Range Safety Officer's bullhorn. Keep top eye open for free fill dirt in large quantities!

FEMA trailers... If anyone has a line on these U.S. Gummint-surplus trailers, the BoD would be mighty interested... Provided they can be had for cheap. All kinds of storage possibilities.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mark your calendars!

Texas X-Center Chunk Gun Championship

The Ed Kana Memorial Texas Chunk Gun State Championship for 2018

Friday 30-31 March through Sunday 1 April 2018 at the Greenwood Gun Club, Brazoria, Texas.—sponsored by Greenwood Longrifles, NMLRA Charter Club. 341 N. Shanks St. Clute, TX 77531.

9th through 11th March—"Frost on the Cactus" shoot at Brady.

Sunday 4th March—Bench shoot with patched round ball at 50 & 100 yards.
4-H Club shoot at 2pm.

10 March—RANGE CLOSED until NOON—4-H Club Shoot

11 March .22lr—any type of sights "poker match...As in Texas *hold 'em*" rules explained later.

17th March—"Wearin' o' the Green" and another RANGE CLOSURE until NOON—4-H Club Shoot.

25th March—Black powder cartridge rifle match.

7th & 8th April—2-day club silhouette shoot.

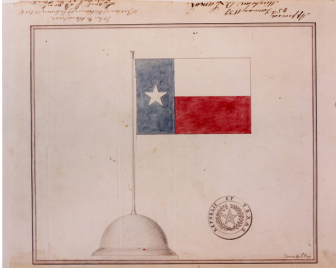
14th and 15th April—Civil War skirmish.

23 February through 6 March—13-day siege of the Alamo.

REMEMBER THE ALAMO!

2 MARCH 1836—2 MARCH 2018:

CELEBRATE TEXAS INDEPENDENCE!



TSLA—FLAG AND SEAL.

Did you know? According to James V. Woodrick, *Cannons of the Texas Revolution* (2017), p. 87, it now appears that there were *two* cannons at González (the Come and Take It! 6-pounder) and 24 Texian cannons at the siege and Battle of the Alamo? Citing Richard Range, it seems that the south gate “lunette” had two brass 6-pounders—one of them the “Come and Take It!” gun—the opposite internal south gate defenses two iron 3-pounders, the southwest bastion the largest iron 18-pounder, at least three unmounted iron tubes, probably 4 and 6-pounders, a 12-pound caronade/gunnade in the west wall as well as the so-called 9-in. *pedrero* of iron, a 16-pounder and 9-pounder on the northwest bastion, 1 6-pounder and 2 9-pounders—all iron—on the unfinished north wall defenses (where William Travis died), possibly two swivel guns on the northeast portion of the walled enclosure, a brass 6-pounder facing northeast on the old cattle corrals, another swivel gun—possibly a huge blunderbuss—on the long barracks, a small 2-pounder between the main courtyard and the Chapel, up to three brass 4-pounders in the Chapel (now Shrine of Texas Liberty) atop the so-called *Fortín de Cos*, and a single 4-pounder of brass mounted in the palisade behind the defensive *abatis* where the Tennessean riflemen were emplaced.

Feb Scores

Rifle A Class

1 st	Dennis Rich	155	1x
2 nd	Clif Denny	148	1x
3 rd	Mike Lowe	130	

B Class

1 st	Rich Beardsley	138	1x
2 nd	John Burke Sr	124	
3 rd	John Moore	107	

C Class

1 st	Deirdre McDonald	80	
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Pistol A Class

1 st	Dennis Rich	84	1x
2 nd	Clif Denny	81	

3rd John Burke, Sr. 70

B Class

1st Mike Lowe 80

2nd Ian Straus 68

3rd Greg Delk 62