Saddlebag Newsletter

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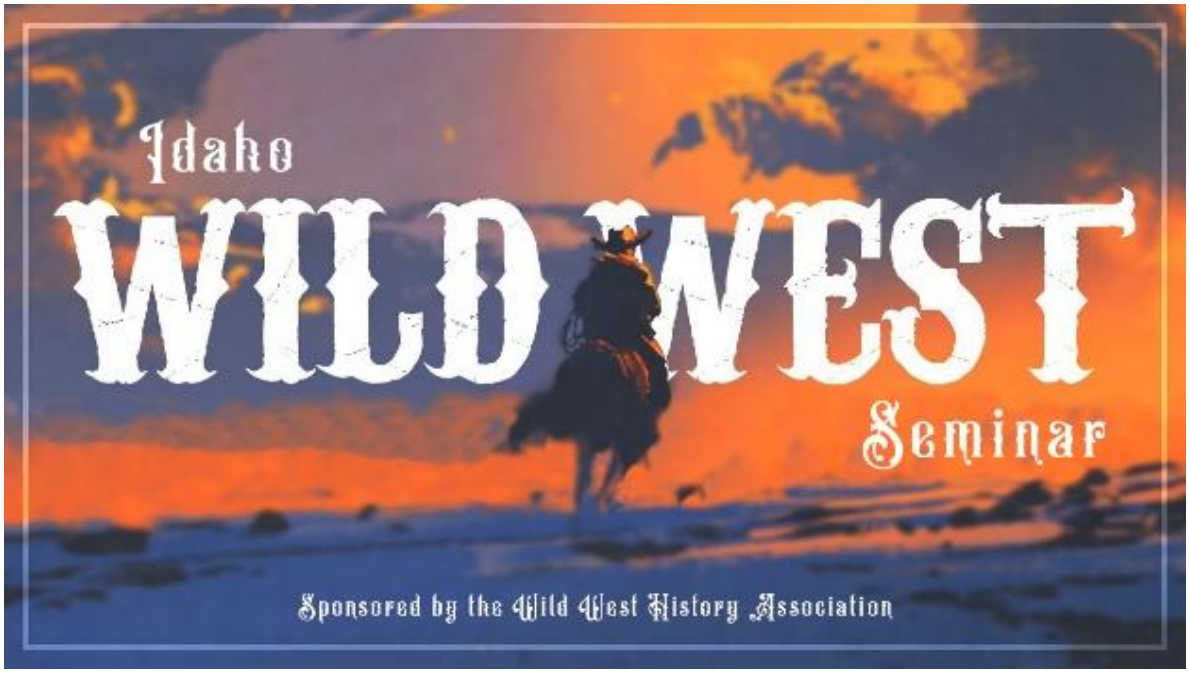
Welcome to the *Saddlebag* Newsletter. Here is the latest information from WWHA. Previously posted Saddlebag newsletters will be found by date further down this section in the list of available newsletters. All earlier information will be retained for reference.

If you have Wild West news, please contact the editor at the e-mail address shown at the top of the *Saddlebag* page. We reserve the right to include or not include any materials submitted to us.

March 8, 2023

WWHA Journal

The March 2023 issue of the WWHA *Journal* has been mailed; look for your copy to soon appear in your mailbox. The next issue will be June. It will feature the first of a two-part series by Richard "Dick" Derham on Dave Rudabaugh.



IDAHO WILD WEST - SATURDAY MARCH 11, 2023
9am-4pm - OWYHEE COUNTY MUSEUM
MURPHY IDAHO

AGENDA

9-9:40– Joe Hickey-Gun display and Gun Tales of the Wild West
9:40-10:15- Marie Clyne- Soiled Doves-Prostitution in the West
10:15 -10:30–Break
10:30-11:15- Bill Betenson- Butch Cassidy's Wyoming Train Robberies
11:15– 12:00- John Hendricks – Military Medicine, Care in the Western Theater
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00 -1:40 –Mike Youngman- Rube Robbins, Idaho Lawman
1:40-2:15- Jerry Schaefer-Doc Shores, Man Hunter of the West
2:15-2:45- Max Black- The Blue Lady of Arland
3:00 -4:00- Corey Clyne and the Fort Boise Garrison will demonstrate the use of an 1847 Pack Howitzer Military Artillery piece.

Final Installment in the Doc Holliday YouTube Series

WWHA's, Victoria Wilcox and Gary Roberts "Fireside Stories," nine-part YouTube series on Doc Holliday, was posted on March 1. This is a must see and a keeper for posterity. Our next episodes will feature Casey Tefertiller, John Boessenecker and more. Keep checking our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/c/WildWestHistoryAssociation/videos or, simply Google Wild West History Association YouTube.

~ Dates to Remember ~

WWHA Six-Shooter Awards Deadline for Entries – April 15th

Nominations for the 2022 Awards to be presented at the 2023 Roundup are due no later than April 15th.
See the criteria and where to send nominations on pages 4, 5, and 6 of the December 2022 issue of WWHA *Journal*

<u>Please note an address change for article nominations:</u>
Dennis Garstang, 6005 NW 103rd, Kansas City, MO 64154

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SAN ANTONIO ROUNDUP

July 12-15, 2023 - Menger Hotel

The Menger Hotel

**** Roundup Registration Form, see page 88 of this issue of the *Journal* ****

Speakers and Programs:

Steve LeSueur – "The Murders of Frank LeSueur and Gus Gibbons by the Wild Bunch"
Thomas Bicknell – "San Antonio's Fatal Corner" – John Boessenecker – "Frank Hamer"
Donna Harrell – "Peace and Tragedy: The Outlaw Younger Brothers Life in Texas"
Dave George – "Bet-A-Million Gates" - Kurt House – "Phil Shardein"
Mike Cox – "History of the Texas Rangers" – Harold Weiss – "Captain Bill McDonald"
Gary Ohls – "Showdown at Langtry, Texas, 1896" – Madison Harrell – "Matthew Caldwell"
Paul Marquez – "Juan Seguin" – Chuck Parsons – "King Fisher"
Victoria Wilcox – "Doc Holliday in Texas"
James Bailey – "Forensics of the Shootout at the Vaudeville"
Bradley Nevill – "O.C. Hanks" - Bill O'Neal – "Rip Ford"

Panel on Texas Rangers – Harold Weiss, John Boessenecker, Mike Cox, Chuck Parsons

"An Evening With…." Featuring one of WWHA's prominent historians

SPECIAL EVENTS:
Opening Reception at the Buckhorn Saloon
Six-Shooter Awards Luncheon
Gunfighter Members Luncheon
"Boots & Spurs" Banquet with the annual silent and live auctions and entertainment featuring Gunfighters and Gamblers, plus "The Gambler and Lady"

ROUNDUP NEWS

The 16th Annual WWHA Roundup is fast approaching, set for July 12-15, 2023, at the world-famous Menger Hotel in San Antonio. The Menger is taking guest room reservations now. Ask for "Wild West History Association" guest room rates for a considerable discount.

Address: 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205
Phone: (210) 223-4361

The Roundup registration form is now available on the WWHA website: www.wildwesthistory.org. The form may be submitted directly from the website to our treasurer, Jean Smith, or downloaded and mailed. Additionally, a copy of the registration form appears in the March WWHA *Journal* and may be copied and mailed with appropriate fees.

The Vendor form and information on selling or displaying at the Roundup may also be obtained on the website.

WWHA Roundup Auctions

One of WWHA's long-standing traditions are the silent and live auctions. Bidding for items in the silent auction take place Thursday morning through Saturday at noon. Items in the live auction receive only 'live' bids and are sold to the highest bidder during the Saturday night "Boots & Spurs" banquet.

For the auctions to be a success, WWHA depends on donations of items by the membership and the vendors. Items valued under $100 are placed in the silent auction while those valued at $100 and more are in the live auction.

Items for consideration for donation include: books, periodicals, jewelry and western-type collectibles, gift baskets, artwork, guns, knives, and original creations.

Last year, and for several years to come, the live auction will feature ten framed "first generation" copies of original photographs of Wild West/Old West/Frontier West characters from the Robert G. McCubbin collection. These "first generation" copies are the prime copies for display, being as close to the original as will ever be found. Most available copies on the market today are copies of copies of copies. These first generation copies are as crystal clear as can be obtained.

Please bring your donations to the San Antonio Roundup. Or, if you cannot attend the event, please send to Ruth McWhirter, Auction Chair, 1548 Pecan Ridge Drive, Collierville, Tennessee, 38013. Please notify her in advance of shipping at lilyruthmcw@gmail.com.

Editor Search

With the coming retirement of our long-time WWHA Publications Editor Roy B. Young taking place at the end of 2023, as announced in the March *Journal*, we have begun an "editor search."

All interested parties with a background in producing high-quality publications are invited to contact WWHA for particulars about the various responsibilities involved in the role of publications editor.

Contact:
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and Editor Search Committee Chair at:
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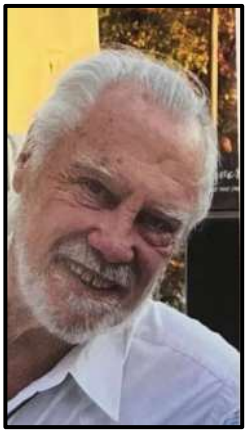
Death of WWHA Member Richard Edwin "Dick" Burdick



Once again, WWHA members are saddened to learn of the death of another friend, Richard Edwin "Dick" Burdick.

Dick was most often seen behind his vendor tables at national gun shows. He was an avid and renowned collector, expert, and dealer of western historical antiques. His gun collection was renowned around the world. Only one week before his death he was at the Las Vegas (Nevada) Gun Show, his typical affable self.

Born January 21, 1939 in Meeker, Colorado, he passed from this life on February 11, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Betty, son Randy, daughter Tracy Larie, daughter-in-law Lynne, and grandchildren Hayley, Hannah, and Kaden.

A Message From WWHA Member Michael Eberhardt

Some of you are familiar with what I refer to as my Medal of Honor "Killed/No Medal" project and have seen some of my research.

Convinced that there are more than just 13 soldiers victimized between 1862 and 1918 by the Army statutory interpretation that denied Medals of Honor to those who were killed or who did survive award date, I have launched a website that publishes my initial research regarding these 13 soldiers, but more importantly it is intended to encourage visitors to the website to furnish me with leads as to others similarly affected by the same incredulous Army interpretation until it was rescinded in 1918.

Finding these initial 13 was a bit of luck (my habit of reading footnotes in obscure articles helped) and some good detective work. And, as you can imagine, finding soldiers who DID NOT receive their Medals of Honor is a bit of a researching challenge. However, by using official documents often related to actual recipients or battles, proof does exist --- as evidenced by that cited in my research.

Special thanks to Dwight, Pat, Gayle, Bill and Jim for their encouragement. The website will be updated periodically as we see what kind of relief is in store for the 13 already identified.

Feel free to pass this email and website on to others, particularly those who might have leads. http://medalofhonorkillednomedal.com/

WWHA Tombstone Projects

Brown Bowen

WWHA continue to be involved in various tombstone projects, both placing new ones and repairing old ones.

Yesterday, March 8th, a group of four WWHA members ventured to the site of the grave of Brown Bowen and did a thorough "clean-up" of the neglected gravesite.

Those working on this project were: Chuck Parsons, Pam Potter, Eddie Lanham, Kurt House with the assistance of local historian Don Hoffman.

Frank Stewart/John W. Green

While the grave of Frank Stewart, alias of John W. Green, has been lost to time, the powers that be in Raton, New , have graciously provided a free plot in their city cemetery for a memorial marker to be placed in Stewart/Green's honor. The marker is being placed this month and plans are developing for a dedication ceremony. Stay tuned for further information.

Jeff Mynatt

The grave of Texas Ranger Jeff Mynatt has been located via a thorough records search and a new tombstone (no previous one was ever in place) has been erected in Palestine, Texas, to mark this multi-serving lawman, Texas Ranger, Deputy Sheriff in Texas, County Sheriff in Oklahoma. Plans are in the developing stages as Mynatt family descendants are being located.

Mark your calendars and join us for Celebrate Texas!

Join us for our Annual Celebrate Texas! March 17 & 18

We will start out Friday night with a VIP event with Wyatt Earp portraying Capt. Bill McDonald, Texas Ranger. Hear the story of one of the most prominent Ranger Captains of all time, who coined the phrase "One Riot - One Ranger"

Social Hour starts at 6:00pm with wine and hors d'oerves.
Ticket Price is $25.00 (Adults Only Please)
Call the FTRF Office 830-990-1192by 5pm on Wednesday, March 15th

On Saturday the grounds are open for Celebrate Texas! This is a FREE family friendly event. The gates to the Texas Ranger Heritage Center open at 9:00a.m. There will be an opening ceremony at 10:00a.m. at the Flag Poles and Bell Tower. Throughout the day, there will be Ranger Camps, Indian Camp & Tribal Dances, Pistol Packing Paula, Trick Roper Kevin Fitzpatrick and much more.

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