



# The Texas Army

The State of Texas Official 1836 Ceremonial and Reenactment Group  
Membership Application

Membership is open to all interested adult males at least 16 years of age. The original Texas Army was made up of male volunteers. Although women and children played a vital role in the settlement of Texas and the winning of Texas independence, they were not members of the Army and Ranging Companies. Women and children are welcome in camp and in their appropriate support roll; they provide a wider educational opportunity to the public. Both Hispanic Americans (Tejano) and Afro-Americans (freemen and slaves) did participate in the Army.

Unlike the Army of 1836 Texas, all members of the Texas Army may obtain the rank of Colonel upon completion of certain requirements. Today, the Texas Army is composed of Colonels and Enlisted men. Today's Texas Army is a sanctioned ceremonial group of the State of Texas, reactivated from the original 1836 Texas Army by Gov. Preston Smith in 1969. Each Colonel's commission is signed by the sitting Governor of the State of Texas. A background check and/or vetting will be performed prior to becoming a Texas Army Member. No felony arrest convictions permitted for application.

The Texas Army is composed of men from all walks of life including, active and retired Military, Doctors, Clergymen, Salesmen, Law Enforcement, Teachers, Engineers, and Businessmen. We're a diverse group, much as our predecessors were, with a common goal to preserve Texas History.

## Requirements

1. The applicant must become knowledgeable in the clothing, weapons, and life skills of the period (1835-1836). The applicant must wear appropriate clothing, and his weapons must be appropriate for the period (1835-1836) with no plastic hardware and in good working order. Safety is of the highest importance. Before each event an inspection will be conducted on weapons and blank cartridges.
2. Applicants must attend at least 3 events for evaluation, before progressing to a minimum of 5 events, which are necessary for advancement from Enlisted to Officer.
3. Advancement-Marksmanship Qualification. Applicant for Officer must be proficient with his black powder rifle or musket. Along with safety awareness and practice, an applicant must show his ability to use his muzzle loading weapon with fixed sites, as our forefathers did, by shooting 5 pure round lead balls in succession onto a 9-inch paper plate target at 50 yards, standing and unsupported. At least two Colonels in the Texas Army must witness the Qualification.
4. Upon successful completion of the above requirements, the Applicant will provide a Resume Bio pertinent information about himself with part of the Bio showing his activities associated with 1836 Texas History reenacting. Knowledge of Texas History is a must. Also included with the Resume will be a one-time \$150.00 donation to the Texas Army "War Chest" for Texas Army events.
5. Complete the application below and either mail or e-mail the document to Col. Tony Montez (see address below). After the application is received and approved, you will receive notices of Texas Army events (Texas Army Calendar), newsletters and other important Texas Army information.

*NOTE: Applicants will need to be sponsored by a Texas Army Officer.*



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## Application

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Prefix      First Name      Middle Name      Last Name      Suffix

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Address      Apt/Suite Number

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City      State      ZIP Code

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Home Phone      Mobile Phone      Work Phone      Extension

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E-mail      Spouse's Name (*optional*)

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Driver's License Number (including State)      Date of Birth (*MM/DD/YYYY*)      Texas Army Sponsor/Mentor

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List any Black Powder experience you have.

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List any skills or crafts from the period you can demonstrate.

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List any Living History or Historical affiliations you have.

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List any Fraternal Organizations affiliations you have.

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Signature      (MM/DD/YYYY)

## Submission

Complete the above form and send it to...

### Postal Mail

Texas Army Registrar  
Colonel Tony Montez  
16101 Hudson Rd  
Santa Fe, TX 77517

### Email

[colmontez2@gmail.com](mailto:colmontez2@gmail.com) & [application@texasarmy.org](mailto:application@texasarmy.org)



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## **TEXAS ARMY CODE OF CONDUCT**

This Code of Conduct is made and entered into by and between all Colonels and Recruits, both current and future, of the Texas Army, on the terms and conditions set forth below.

**WHEREAS**, in order to establish the sanctity, reputation and perpetuation of the Texas Army, the Colonels of the Texas Army have determined it is both desirable and appropriate for the Texas Army to require all Colonels and Recruits to agree to, sign, and faithfully follow an established Code of Conduct, and in all ways hold themselves and other Colonels and Recruits accountable for, adherence to, and faithful compliance with the Code of Conduct.

### **General Code of Conduct for All Colonels and Recruits**

1. A Colonel or Recruit will always act in the best interest of the Texas Army and its members, never acting, speaking, writing, or otherwise presenting themselves in any public manner that doesn't promote the wellbeing and betterment of the Texas Army. Members shall strive to be courteous, civil, polite, friendly, enthusiastic, and positive at all times when interacting with other Texas Army members or members of the public.
2. A Colonel or Recruit will never, in any manner whatsoever, denigrate, disparage, or otherwise convey an unfavorable impression of another Colonel, Recruit, or the Texas Army itself, to any member of the Texas Army or any third party or parties.
3. A Colonel or Recruit will never act in a manner that would be self-serving, giving the appearance of being self-serving, or by seeking some advantage or circumstance that would place other members at a disadvantage or that could cause embarrassment to the Texas Army or its members.
4. A Colonel or Recruit will conscientiously promote, enable, and assist other Colonels and Recruits in both individual and group activities of the Texas Army so as to create a positive, cooperative, cohesive, and productive environment for the operations and activities of the Texas Army and its members.
5. A Colonel or Recruit must announce any known conflicts of interest or potential for financial gain that may result from some vote, agreement, direction, policy or other action being considered by the Texas Army. If the conflict of interest or potential for financial gain is highly controversial or of critical nature, the Colonel or Recruit should abstain or recuse themselves from the discussion, action, or vote under consideration.
6. A Colonel or Recruit will not address grievances in public but may pursue any grievances or complaints solely within the procedures established in the Texas Army By Laws, and will agree to abide by any direction, policy, or ruling resulting from those procedures.
7. A Colonel or Recruit will strive to present themselves, their clothing, equipment, and campsite as accurately as possible in a historical context and shall attempt to educate themselves with the history of the Texas Revolution and Republic of Texas era in order to interact with members of the public in a more informed manner.



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## **Additional Code of Conduct - Colonels serving on General Staff or other Positions of Authority**

In accordance with the Texas Army By Laws, and in order to properly manage, serve, and direct the activities of the Texas Army, and to establish a reasonable and orderly chain of command, some Colonels may be elected to serve one or more terms in various General Staff positions or, from time to time, appointed to serve in other positions of authority as may be required to further the purposes of the Texas Army. These positions carry not only additional duties and authorities, but they are also subject to the following additional provisions of the Code of Conduct.

1. Colonels elected to the various General Staff positions, or appointed to other positions of authority, will hold themselves to the highest possible standards described in the General Code of Conduct in order to set a high example for all Colonels and Recruits of the Texas Army.
2. Colonels in these leadership roles will perform the duties assigned to them in the By Laws of the Texas Army faithfully, promptly, and courteously. They will seek help when help is needed and will ask for advice when necessary or appropriate.
3. Colonels in these leadership roles are often called to officially represent the Texas Army in the public eye and therefore, to the greatest extent possible, must be reasonably available to officially represent the Texas Army at official Texas Army activities, non-Texas Army events, public functions, or other events or activities related to the Texas Revolution and Republic of Texas era.
4. Colonels in these leadership roles must recognize that the Colonels and Recruits are the backbone of the Texas Army and show them all due respect and courtesy. Colonels in these leadership roles serve the needs of the Texas Army and its membership...not the other way around.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, *the undersigned has executed this Agreement on the date below, thereby indicating his solemn promise and giving his word of honor to abide by all the provisions of this Code of Conduct.*

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Commission Rank and Signature

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Date

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Printed Name



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## Recommendations:

### Reading

If you would like to start learning about what gear, weapons, skills and crafts you can use, visit the following online resources:

#### **The Texas Army**

Official Web Site

<http://www.texasarmy.org>

#### **Early History of Texas**

Living History Information

<http://www.earlytexashistory.com>

#### **Texian Legacy Association**

<http://www.texianlegacy.com>

### Clothing

For period sewing patterns, consider the following resources:

#### **Dixie Gun Works**

<http://www.dixiegunworks.com/>

#### **Jo-ann Fabric and Craft Stores**

<http://www.joann.com/>

*(with retail stores across the nation)*

Ready-made clothing, dresses, and Rendezvous clothing/accessories can also be found at the following:

#### **Crazy Crow Trading Post**

<http://www.jas-townsend.com>

#### **James Townsends and Sons**

<http://crazycrow.com/>

Recommended clothing includes:

- 18<sup>th</sup> Century Camp Work Shirts

- Texian Palm Leaf Hat

- Felt hat Blanks

- Pants

### Weaponry

Weapons must be 1836 or prior design, Muskets or Rifles (flintlock preferred), or full stock percussion. Consider the following resources for your weaponry needs:

#### **Cabela's**

<http://www.cabelas.com/>

*(retail stores in select locations)*

#### **Davide Pedersoli & C**

<http://http://www.davide-pedersoli.com/>

*(high-quality replicas)*

#### **Dixie Gun Works**

<http://www.dixiegunworks.com/>

#### **Middlesex Village Trading Companie**

<http://www.middlesexvillagetrading.com/>

#### **Loyalist Arms & Repairs**

<http://www.loyalistarms.freeservers.com/>