



# GCSMP MONTHLY NEWS

*The official publication of the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Mounted Posse & Drill Team*



## Let There Be Light!

After voting for approval on the cost for repairs the lights to the arena are back in action! Jerry Lehmann, Tom Ayers and Jimmie Callaway got the job done so that our members can once again ride with confidence. With these repairs allowing for nighttime riding please remember to ride responsibly and please shut everything off when you are finished, to include returning the keys to the hook. We cannot thank our members enough for working together to get this taken care of.

*What's in this newsletter:*

- \*PLAYDAY UPDATES
- \*DRILL TEAM UPDATES
- \*PARADE DATES
- \*MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
- \*NEW MEMBER WELCOME



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## Event Dates:

**13 April**

**11 May**

**22 June**

**27 July**

**3 Aug**

**\*\*Please mark these dates on your calendar as volunteers will be needed to work the events.\*\***

## Playday News

- The March event was cancelled due to rain and for the safety of the riders, the board did not want to risk injury to our riders or horses.
- The April and May playdays were enjoyable and we were happy to see those that were able to come out and volunteer, these events are successful because of you.
- Keep reaching out for sponsors, see Alice or Rosemary for copies of the sponsor sheets.
- Please consider posting flyers around town advertising the playday. Rosemary Williams has many copies for distribution or email us at [gcsmp tx@gmail.com](mailto:gcsmp tx@gmail.com) and we can send you a copy.
- Rules will be posted on Facebook as a reminder of what to expect. Please share on your personal page to help get the word out.

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# Drill Team Highlights



## *Upcoming Events:*

**ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE - LIVE OAK**

**5/18**

**VIRTUAL DRILL RECORDING 5/19**

**JUNE PLAYDAY - 6/22**

## Results of the Virtual Drill

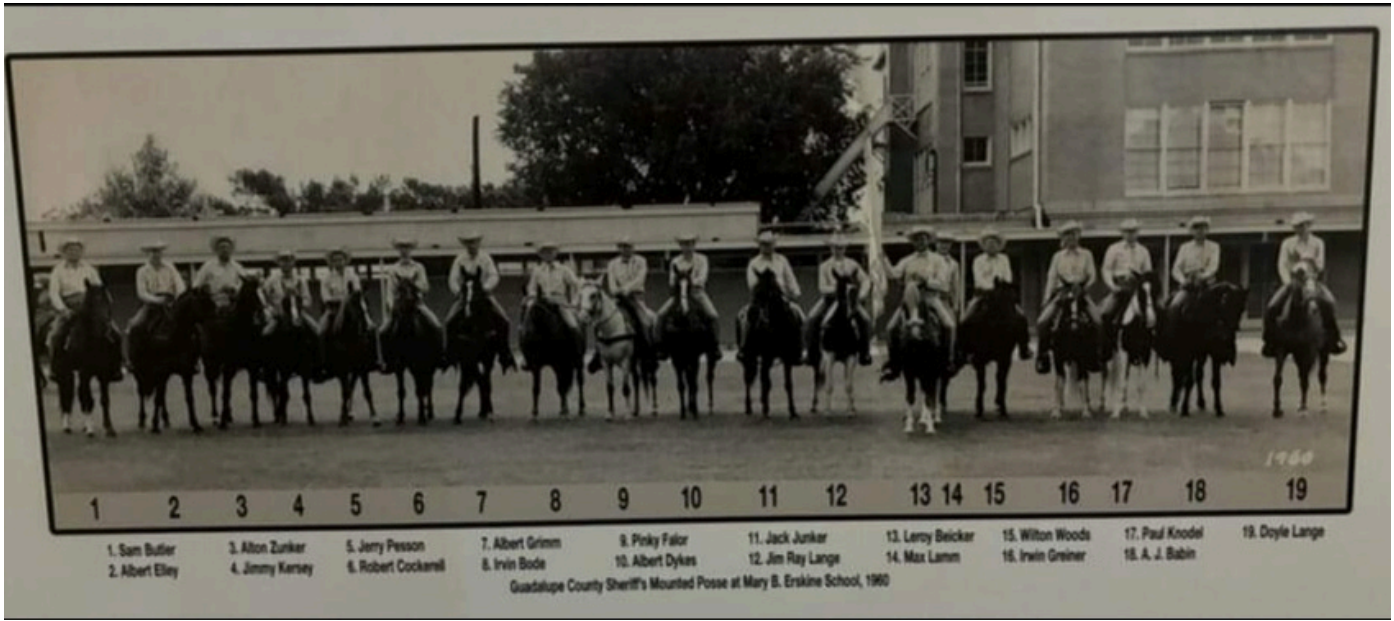
At the end of March, the GCSMP Drill Team filmed their first virtual drill as a team. With the majority of the members being new to the sport it was submitted under the novice division. The team placed 5th and learned so much through this process. After reviewing the feedback from the judges, the team is working hard to improve for the next round of filming. The evaluations were essential for taking this next step as they are providing steppingstones for how the team plans to improve for each new round.

The results are also in for the Quad teams that competed on 14 April. With so many new riders the GCSMP was able to have two teams submit their own custom drills. The GCSMP Bandits, consisting of Ashley Bergeron, Adilynn Caraway, Madison Fowler, and Savara Lerma placed 3rd overall and The GCSMP Pink Ladies which included Jody Kotski, Tasha McCurdy, Barb Welsh, and Rosemary Williams brought home 5th.

The next virtual competition will be May 19th and the GCSMP Drill Team looks forward to showing their improvement with each new drill.

## New Riders Welcome

As this year is focused on rebuilding, this is a reminder that new riders are welcome to join the team. New riders to drill will need to practice and learn the new patterns before being allowed to perform in the virtual drills and/or playday performances. The team is excited about the newest members that have been added to the ranks and reminds everyone that practice is on Monday nights at 7:00pm at the Posse arena.



## LaVernia Blue Bonnet Parade



Another parade in the books. On 6 April 2024, the GCSMP was there to represent!

We had family members walking the parade with us as well as riding in the truck to be our clean-up crew. It was great having the future members of our organization make such a strong appearance. The next parade is 18 May, we hope to see you there.

## Parade Opportunities

- Armed Forces Day Parade - 18 May
- Stockdale Watermelon Parade - 21 June
- Seguin 4th of July Parade
- Comal County Parade - 27 September
- Guadalupe County Rodeo - 13 October

**“IF YOU’RE NOT  
IN THE PARADE,  
YOU WATCH THE  
PARADE. THAT’S  
LIFE.”**

**— MIKE DITKA**



## Up for Discussion...

- Volunteers needed to work the playday.
- Parades coming up.
- Please notify Jody Kotski of any corrections to the publication that need to be made



## Welcome Wagon

The GCSMP would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

- Jerry Lehmann
- Kianna Thibodeaux



## Upcoming Meetings:

- 13 May 2024 - 7:30pm
- 10 June 2024 - 7:30pm
- 8 July 2024 - 7:30pm
- 12 August 2024 - 7:30pm

