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MARCH was a busy month. Members gave presentations to 11 classes at 5 schools ranging from Headstart to University level and to three civic groups. We also participated in four other activities ranging from the KMOS Fundraising Festival to a live fire demo at the CMSU range.

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS (Currently 8 vets, 5 recruits, 3 ladies, 1 musician):

John Viessman, HCR 71, Box 16, Vienna, MO 65582. John's a veteran who's been reenacting unattached. He's served with many of us before.

Robert D. Rhodes, 204 S Smith, Windsor, 65360 is a recruit who signed up on March 10th at Windsor. He's got some original items.

Steve Yoakum, 729 Idlewood Ct, Columbia 65203 was recruited by Lt Koffman. He has an Enfield, Colt Navy, Kentucky rifle, & should fit into my clothes.

Jim Keown, 2000 Robin Terrace, Columbia, 65203 is another command recruit. He'll need everything.

EQUIPMENT LIST: If you haven't filled one out, please do so by the next meeting. I'm going to put together a data base so we can easily tell who has what gear & who would be a source for borrowing clothes.

EVENT POLICY: We agreed that we would endeavor to camp as a separate integral unit at all events. We will not field an officer unless we have 11 soldiers on the field. We will rotate who we fall in with for battle.

EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS: Dave Kesinger has come up with some water barrels, & I've discovered that my old wine barrel will hold water, too. All we have to do is figure out how to get the water OUT of the barrels. I've got prices on Yakima Tents: an A tent is \$91.90, delivered (no poles/pegs), money order or certified check. Yakima Tent & Awning Co, PO Box 391, Yakima, WA 98907.

MEETINGS: Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 17th, 7:00 PM at Charlie Riggs'.

Our Spring Muster & Drill is Sunday, April 22nd, 1:00 PM, at my place. See the next page for more info on what to expect/bring.

BATTLES: The schedule is attached. Let's all try for a MAX EFFORT at Carthage, June 30/July 1. The impression is State Guard, so period civilian clothes & arms are VERY appropriate. Make sure that Windsor, October 20-21, is on your calendar - we're the sponsors! Macon, July 14-15, would be another nice, centrally located place to show up in strength. We've contacted sponsors for all events through July.

SPRING MUSTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND, 1:00 PM

WHERE: Our First Annual Spring Muster, Drill, and School of Instruction will be held at the CEDARCROFT FARM Bed & Breakfast, Warrensburg (Bill's house), located Southeast of Warrensburg. From Warrensburg, take Mo 13 south to Y, East on Y 4.0 miles to driveway. From Sedalia, take US 50 west to Rt D, D south to Y, west on Y 6.3 miles. From Windsor, take WW north to D, D north to Y, west on Y 6.3 miles. From Clinton, take Mo 13 north to Y, then east 4.0 miles.

WHEN: Come as early as 10:00 AM for a picnic lunch (bring a covered dish) at 11:30. Drill starts promptly at 1:00 PM.

DRESS: Wear your uniform if you have one; if you don't, wear whatever you have that you hope will pass. Veterans bring extra uniform parts so we can check sizes & fits on our recruits.

WEAPONS: Plan to drill with your 3-band if you have one; if you have a Hawken, a shotgun, or revolver, bring it (them) for authenticity and safety check. Also, bring any edged weapons you'd like to carry.

SCHEDULE: Drill will not be continuous - expect reasonable breaks. Drill will be conducted rain or shine - plenty of room in the barn.

10:00 AM to 11:30: arrive, look around, have gear checked, talk about what's needed & potential sources.

11:30 - 12:30: picnic lunch.

1:00 PM: Manual of arms instruction.

2:00 PM: Drill & facing instruction, w/o arms.

3:00 PM: Drill under arms.

4:00 PM: Firing practice.

5:00 PM: Camp closes, consumption of beverages in non-authentic containers OK.

REFERENCES: Recruits should have received a drill primer & manual of arms primer. Read them - you'll still be confused, but you won't be able to claim absolute total ignorance.

NOTE: EXPECT MEDIA COVERAGE! (and civilian visitors).

1990 ANNOTATED SCHEDULE
as of 4/11/90

Symbols: * means battle
? means not firm
means non-5th Mo event for info only

April 14 (Sat): Windsor Easter Parade, 10:00 AM. Ronnie.

April 21 (Sat): MCWRA Board meeting, Jefferson City (Bill)

April 22 (Sun): Spring Muster, Drill & picnic at Cedarcroft Farm, 1:00 PM
(arrive from 10 AM on, picnic at 11:30).

April 28 (Sat): Whiteman AFB Community center. Travel/tourism show. Drill,
Manual of arms, recruiting. No live ammo, generic reb. Bill.

? May 5-6, Hermitage, MO: Pomme de Terre Rendezvous. Drill, LH. Will be
black powder live fire competition, mountain men, etc. Generic reb, good
recruit op. Bill.

* May 18-20, Battle of Champion Hill, MS (1863 Vicksburg campaign). MCWRA max
effort. Missouri portrayal of Bowen's Div charge. We are preregistered. For
info on the battle, see March ARGUS. Event info, see Bill.

June 2 (Sat): Joplin, benefit LH to restore historic house.

? June 2-3 (S/S): Clinton Fescue Funfest: recruiting camp & parade
or Holden Carrie Nation Days.

June 3 (Sun): Honors at Higginsville for Children of Confederacy.

June 9 (Sat): Warrensburg old courthouse. Provide honors at non-reenactor
period wedding. Bill.

* June 16-17: Battle at Grand Island, NE

? June 17 (Sun): Keytesville. Picnic & rededication of refurbished Sterling
Price statue. Color guard & honors.

* Jun 23-24: Lecompton KS. MCWRA action, prewar confrontation.

* June 30 - July 1: Battle of Carthage, MCWRA MAX. 1861 action when State
Guard whipped Siegel's troops. Action both days, amenities.

* July 14/15: Macon. MCWRA event. 2 battles, parade.

* July 14/15: Honey Springs OK. Battle of Honey Springs.

* August 4-5: Athens. State sponsored Battle of Athens, MCWRA event.

? August 11 (Sat): Wilson Creek Battlefield. Moonlight tour, NPS sponsored.

September 15 (Sat): Warrensburg Fall Festival, drill demo & recruiting booth.

* September 22-23: St Charles. Nice battle on riverfront. New date.

* September 29-30: St Joseph. Battle w/ tactical.