

THE MESSENGER

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A

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CONTENTS: This issue contains the minutes of the May 8 meeting, an updated membership list, an updated event schedule, and other unit news.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 5th, 7:00 PM, at the old Johnson County Courthouse Museum, 300 N. Main St, Warrensburg. If you've never been there, take Business 50 West to Carlyle Van Lines, turn South, & go about 1/2 mile. Come at 6:00 PM with your musket (no uniforms needed) for drill practice.

MAX EFFORT EVENTS: At our last meeting, we selected **CARTHAGE, MACON, & WINDSOR** as our MAX EFFORTS. This means that we expect all members to attend or to have a darn good excuse, such as an unavoidable prior commitment. None of these events will require shell jackets or Enfields, so it should be relatively easy to get outfitted. This also means that veterans will help outfit our recruits. Let's all get these events on our schedule.

OTHER EVENTS: Since we are a new unit this year, we need to try to attend as many events as possible, in force. Please look at your schedule & try to block out time for our Missouri events. It's perfectly acceptable to attend one day only. Members who can't attend meetings please write me & let me know what events you're planning on making so we can send in accurate pre-registrations.

CLINTON, June 2: We will be marching in a parade here, so we need everyone who can make it for the MORNING to be there. We'll do our best to outfit the out-of-town folks. Parade starts at 10:00, show time probably an hour earlier.

HIGGINSVILLE, June 3: We are invited to a free picnic as well as to do honors for a state convention of future SCV/UDC youngsters. This is a good opportunity to introduce them to reenacting as the ultimate means of honoring their ancestors. Need a good head count for the picnic.

NEW GEAR: Any member who wants Charlie Riggs (our Quartermaster & a former sutler himself) to pick up something from the sutlers at Champion Hill, call him as soon as you get this newsletter. He's leaving for Mississippi on Wednesday, May 16th. He expects to have a supply of muskets soon.

SPONSORS: Each RECRUIT has a sponsor appointed. You need to contact your sponsor whenever you have questions about what to buy, how to drill, etc. If possible, get together with him outside of normal drills or events and go through the Manual of Arms. To be accepted as a Veteran member of the unit, the Recruit must attend two events (one involving a battle), be recommended by the sponsor and voted on by the Veteran members. Write or call me if you need any other advice.

IF YOU'RE A RECRUIT, YOUR SPONSOR IS: _____

FIFTH MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A (CSA)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD May 8, 1990

The monthly meeting of the 5th Mo Inf, Co A was held at the Old Johnson County Courthouse, Warrensburg. Veterans attending were Charles Riggs, Ronnie Lee, Bill Wayne, Dave Kesinger, Todd Conner & George Ballman. Recruits attending were Larry Shanks & Don Roberts (new member). Non-combatant Kathy Moore attended. Guests were Tom Prater & James Delcour.

The minutes of the April 17 meeting were read & approved. It was agreed that the minutes would be posted before each meeting & would be read only in exception.

The treasurer's report was approved. Checks written included MCWRA dues & acquisition of the new cooking grate & accessories for \$75. Funds available are \$81.17. Copy paper, stamps, & MCWRA stickers were purchased.

Event Schedule was discussed & members signed the sheets for those events they planned to attend.

The Appearance Schedule was discussed. Arrangements for the Clinton- Holden situation on June 2nd were set. Crowley's members will also be invited to the event at Higginville June 3. We cannot do Knob Noster schools this year because of a scheduling conflict, & Bill asked for assistance if possible at Warrensburg 8th grade next week.

Bill reported on the MCWRA board meeting April 22. The primary item of discussion was the dismemberment of Bowen's Brigade, with Mike Rolwes retaining the name & most of the members merging with the 11th Miss, a non-MCWRA unit.

The Windsor event is coming along. George has located an inexpensive insurance policy to cover the landowner; however, Ronnie is negotiating for another larger site. Windsor Chamber has raised a total of about \$1800 so far. Pre-registration packages went out last week.

George & Dave indicated they wanted to do some research on tombstones & graves in the immediate area to obtain favorable publicity.

Charlie Riggs will pick up any orders of gear for anyone down at Champion Hill.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, June 5th, at the Old Courthouse in Warrensburg. While the meeting does not begin until 7:00 PM, members are asked to arrive as early as possible (about 6:00 PM) with muskets for drill practice.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Subsequent to the meeting, James Delcour joined the unit & signed up to go to Champion Hill.

Bill Wayne, Sec/Treas.

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, Co A (CSA)
1990 ANNOTATED SCHEDULE
as of 4/29/90

Symbols: * means battle, bold face in Missouri, all caps 5th Mo Max effort.
? means for info only

* 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): Clinton Fescue Funfest: Parade & recruiting camp, generic reb. All available to parade, then some go to Holden.

Jun 2 (Sat): Holden Carrie Nation Days, generic reb, set up LH camp..

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

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

* June 16-17: Battle at Grand Island, NE, Stuhr Museum. Railroad train, generic reb, about 350 miles.

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

* Jun 23-24: Lecompton KS. MCWRA action, 1854 prewar confrontation. Requires proper weapons for year. Limited number.

* **JUNE 30 - JULY 1: BATTLE OF CARTHAGE**, MCWRA & unit MAX. 1861 action when State Guard whipped Siegel's troops. Action both days, amenities. No resurrection 1st day. Civilian impression/arms preferred, Enfields OK.

* **JULY 14/15: MACON**. MCWRA event, 5th Mo MAX. 2 battles, ceremony honoring CW vets. Possible side trip to town of Bevier to honor Col. Bevier. Guerilla war impression (civilian, shotguns preferred).

* 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.

* **OCTOBER 20-21: WINDSOR**. 5th MO MAX, 1862 MO impression.

* November 2-4: Cabin Creek, OK.

* December 2-4, Prairie Grove, AR.