

THE MESSENGER

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A

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CONTENTS: This issue contains the minutes of the June 5 meeting, an updated membership list, an updated event schedule plus event details, a sutler list, and other unit news.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 26th, 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.

EVENT SIGN-UPS: To help us plan attendance, please review the event list. Those who missed our last meeting have a post-card in this package. For each event, circle Y if you're positive you'll make it, P if you think you'll probably attend but aren't sure, M if it's a maybe, D for doubtful, N if you definitely cannot. Remember that **CARTHAGE, MACON, & WINDSOR** are our **MAX EFFORTS**. This means that we expect all members to attend or to have a darn good excuse. We'll be happy to try to outfit new guys with extra clothes.

OTHER EVENTS: Those who can't go to Grand Island, please note the Keytesville information in the minutes. A free picnic is included, & it's important to honor Gen Sterling Price with real reenactors, not just Skirmish Assn people. Please also note the July 4th encampment at Windsor. We need to raise money & awareness for our event there!

SUTLER LIST: One or more of our veterans have had good luck with the following sutlers. You can deal directly with them or have Charlie Riggs, our Quartermaster, order for you. There are many other reputable sutlers.

C&D JARNIGAN, Rt 3, Box 217, Corinth MS, 601-287-4977 (7:00 AM-4:30 PM). Largest single manufacturer. High quality heavyweight wools, leather. Sometimes slow & can mess up a rush order. Prices very competitive. Ask Bob Koffman or Bill Wayne.

FALL CREEK SUTTLERY, PO Box 92, Whitestown, IN 46075, 317-769-5355. A complete line sutler. Ronnie Lee has dealt successfully with them & they will support our Windsor event.

OLD SUTLER JOHN, PO Box 714, Westview Station, Binghamton NY 13905, 607-775-4434. Full line sutler, Todd's had excellent luck with him.

CRESCENT CITY SUTLER, 17810 Hwy 57 N, Evansville, IN 47711, 812-983-4217. Full line sutler with an excellent catalog. Some items aren't as good quality as Jarnigan, but generally OK. Bill's dealt with them, as has Charlie.

YAKIMA TENT & AWNING, PO Box 391, Yakima WA 98907. The best source for tents. An 'A' tent is \$91.90 delivered, a wall tent \$146.90, but you must prepay using cashiers check or money order. Quick delivery.

UNIT PUBLICATIONS: If you don't have all of the following, let Bill know: By-Laws, Recruit Guide, Uniform Guide, Drill & Manual of Arms Guide, Safety Guide, Bibliography. If you haven't sent in your size/equipment list, please do. We need to be able to match sizes between veterans & recruits.

POWDER & BUMPER STICKERS are available through the unit. I'll hold your can of powder @ \$5 each; a small round MCWRA window sticker is \$2.25 plus a SASE.

FIFTH MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A (CSA)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD June 5, 1990

The monthly meeting of the 5th Mo Inf, Co A was held at the Old Johnson County Courthouse, Warrensburg. The meeting was attended by 6 Veterans, 4 recruits (including Brian Woody who joined just before the meeting), 1 musician & 3 non-combatants. Guests attending were Keith Daleen of the Shelby Camp, SCV, and Mark Moser of the Windsor Chamber of Commerce.

No objections or corrections were made to the minutes of May 8th as posted in the MESSENGER.

The treasurer's report was approved. Checks written included MOWRA dues. We also purchased 25 pounds of Ffg powder for resale to members. Cost was \$4.25/lb. Money was advanced by the treasurer since no cash was available. Our net cash available less advance is \$39.98.

Guest Keith Daleen told members about the rededication of Gen Price's statue at Keytesville at 1:30 PM on Sunday, June 17th. Keytesville is 11 miles east of Brunswick on US 24, north of the river. Those members not going to Grand Island are encouraged to participate. We will have at least 2-3 there, possibly twice that. Charlie Riggs is designated as contact point; anyone not at the meeting who wants to attend get the details from him.

Guest Mark Moser discussed the status on the Windsor event. A detailed list of things to do has been prepared. Funds currently raised are \$619; \$200 must be sent to the MOWRA to cover insurance. Critical items on the list include site acquisition, obtaining firm commitments for Commissary & meals, & obtaining firm commitments for water & porta-johns.

The event schedule was discussed. Pre-registration has been sent in for everything but LeCompton & Carthage. Based on show of hands, we'll register about 3 for LeCompton & 12 for Carthage. Other events are as described on the EVENT DETAILS sheet.

Bill updated members on the wedding on June 9. It appears that there are plenty of sabers, but a shortage of people to man them. Keith Daleen volunteered to assist. Those committed are Bill, Charlie, Dave & Todd. Ronnie is uncertain due to family. We'll try to outfit some recruits to fill in enough saber spaces. Show time is 1:00 PM.

New appearance requests were discussed. A majority thought that helping the Community Orchestra at Warrensburg play the 1812 overture would be fun, but there was little interest in supporting the International Wrestling Festival. Members voted to set up camp at Windsor on July 4th to assist event fundraising and recruiting.

Reports on the events of June 2/3 were given. Ronnie picked up 1 new member and 3 more interested persons at Clinton, with possibility of several members of a gunfighter group wanting to broaden their impressions. At Holden, we made excellent media contacts, but little recruiting interest. The Higginsville honors were very much enjoyed by all.

Other business included discussion of how to accept new recruits as vets. It was decided that no test other than personal observation and recommendation by the Sponsor would be used once the By-law rules were satisfied.

Powder & bumper stickers are available to members for a contribution. It was decided to press on with the hat/T-shirt logo as described with decision at a future meeting.

Next meeting date was set for Tuesday, June 26th, 7:00 PM at the Old Courthouse in Warrensburg. Again, there will be an optional 'FARB' drill at 6:00 PM. Bill Wayne, Sec/Treas.

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1990 ANNOTATED SCHEDULE
as of 6/6/90

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

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. See EVENT DETAILS.

June 17 (Sun): Keytesville. Picnic & rededication of refurbished Sterling Price statue. Color guard & honors. Contact Charlie Riggs if attending.

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

* **JUNE 30 - JULY 1: BATTLE OF CARTHAGE**, MCWRA & unit MAX. 1861 action when State Guard whipped Siegel's troops. Action both days, amenities. Civilian impression/arms preferred, Enfields OK. See EVENT DETAILS.

July 4: Windsor. Recruiting/fund raising camp at 4th of July celebration. Contact Ronnie.

* **JULY 14/15: MACON**. MCWRA event, 5th Mo MAX. 2 battles, ceremony honoring CW vets. See EVENT DETAILS.

? July 16: Warrensburg. Assist community orchestra in sound effects for 1812 overture.

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

? 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. One battle, parade, fashion show, dinner/ball, powder issue. See June CAMPAIGNER.

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

* **OCTOBER 20-21: WINDSOR**. 5th MO MAX, 1862 MO impression. This is OUR event.

* November 2-4: Cabin Creek, OK. Filming related. Writing for info.

* December 1-2, Prairie Grove, AR. Traditionally a good event, several actions.

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EVENT DETAILS

GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, June 16-17. We pre-registered 4-5 men, 1 lady. Located at Stuhr Museum, Grand Island (about 350 miles), via I-29, IA/NE 2, I-80. Battles on Sat/Sun, Candlelight Sat. All meals provided except breakfast, which we must cook from provided raw foodstuffs. Freebies: 1 tin caps/soldier, train rides. No information provided on impression, so assume generic reb. Break camps 3:30 PM Sunday.

LECOMPTON, KANSAS, June 23-24. We haven't registered anyone yet. Located west of Lawrence via I-70 & US 40, about 50 mi from KC. Event portrays Ft Titus battle in bleeding Kansas. Freestaters attack a camp/blockhouse of pro-slave forces & pretty well whip them. Impression desired is Civilian mid 1850's. Shotguns & civilian rifles & revolvers preferred. Enfields are acceptable, but they'd rather not have them. NO WEAPONS FROM LATER THAN mid-1850's. Action both days. Further details have wandered off.

CARTHAGE, MO, June 30 - July 1. This is a unit MAX EFFORT. Will preregister based on 6/5 meeting. Location is just East of Carthage, on Mo 96, about 130 miles from Warrensburg. Battles on both days based on actual 1861 action, with low casualties (about 3-4%), lots of yelling. Understand there will be no resurrection call on Saturday, so wounded will be "treated" by medics. Impression is State Guard, which means civilian, possibly with bits of uniform, but no Confederate grey. Weapons include muskets of CW or earlier pattern, shotguns & hunting rifles (but prefer no Hawks). Prefer Max war cartridge boxes, canteens, haversacks; also hunting pouches & powder horns appropriate. See Western Campaigner for amenities (expect food issue/we cook).

MACON, MO, July 14-15. Unit MAX EFFORT. Located at Long Branch State Park, on lake, west of Macon. Macon is about 150 miles from Warrensburg via I-70 to Columbia, US 63 north. We preregistered 10-12 military, 3 civilian. Activities include parade & honors in town on Saturday, 2:00 PM battle, Sunday 1:00 PM battle. Tentative candlelight if reenactors want to do it. We've been asked about doing special honors in nearby town Bevier for LtCol R.S. Bevier of the 5th Mo. We can set it up after Macon ceremony/before lunch, in lieu of drill, or after battle. Info doesn't list amenities, but lead to believe there will be prepared meals.

ATHENS, MO, Aug 4-5. We preregistered 4-5 plus 1 lady. Located about 240 miles from Warrensburg via I-70, US 54, US 61, & MO 81 in NE corner of state. State DNR sponsored on original battlefield. Amenities include full rations, powder, caps, straw, wood, etc. Event includes Saturday tactical demo in full east of river gear, Sunday portrayal of Athens battle. Saturday night dance will be old time music, not period. Battle had 1200 poorly armed rebs vs 330 home guard with Springfield & bayonets. Neither side had uniforms, except officers & some feds. Rebs described as barefoot, shirtsleeves, & some bareheaded, mixture of pants including Fed skyblue. Weapons prefer shotguns/hunting rifles, but Enfields acceptable w/o bayonets. NO FEDERAL ACCOUTERMENTS except canteens. Expect heat, but depart about 2:30 Sunday.

ST CHARLES, MO, Sep 22-23. Package just arrived & will be covered in next issue.