

THE MESSENGER

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A
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CONTENTS: This issue contains the minutes of the June 26 meeting, an updated event schedule plus updated event details, a planned attendance roster, and event reports on some recent activities.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 24th, 6:00 PM at the old Johnson County Courthouse Museum, 300 N. Main St., Warrensburg. Drill will start at 6:00 PM, the meeting at 7:00. Bring your musket for drill. To find the meeting, take Business 50 West to Carlyle Van Lines, turn South, & go about 1/2 mile.

EVENT SCHEDULE: Look at the event schedule & details and be prepared to let me know which ones you think you can attend. There is nothing wrong with attending only one day of an event if you cannot make both; it's better to see half an elephant than none at all. Also, don't let a lack of gear stop you. The Veterans carry lots of extra gear to loan to our new recruits, but we need to know to plan tentage, etc.

OTHER EVENTS: We've been asked to do honors in Jefferson City for Gen M.M. Parsons, who was killed by Juarista guerillas in Mexico in 1865. This is state SCU sponsored and in an area we've not recruited. Please mark Wednesday, August 15, on your calendar.

COMPANY RESOURCES: We still have bumper & window stickers, plus company powder. Anyone entitled to half a can from Carthage can buy the other half can for \$2.50 donation. Get your powder reservations in early, since some Yanks may buy out all the excess at Macon!

CHAMPION HILL REPORT: Bill, Bob K., Charlie & Kathy represented us, and we significantly outnumbered the 3rd. Highlights included the spectator bitten by a snake (non-poisonous) & a 'gay & happy (from mint juleps)' contraband who must have been color blind - he couldn't tell us from the Yanks. Maybe he was trying to buy ice cream from Bill, who was breaking in his all-white uniform.

WARRENSBURG WEDDING REPORT: We had a nice arch of sabers for the wedding, & the preacher looked good in Rev. Beckner's clothes. Unfortunately, the kids went & rented themselves some really farb outfits, leaving us with no input but ourselves & the preacher's clothes. Too bad - they could have given us the money spent on the rental & looked a lot better. \$50 donation wasn't what we'd hoped, but not bad.

GRAND ISLAND REPORT: Kathy spent a night sleeping on the museum floor to miss the tornado that missed Grand Island, found herself thrown in jail, was bound & gagged while riding the train, and ended up being photographed en deshabille. Bill learned some new drill commands from the 1st Texas out of Colorado (good thing - we used one at Carthage). We had more troops on the field (1) than the 2nd (KC area folks) & 3rd combined. We'll have to go back sometime.

KEYTESVILLE REPORT: It sounds like we played 'Mighty Mouse' at the honors for Gen Price's statue (Here we are to save the day!). The skirmish assn types were late, farb & in short supply. Only problem was, that our fearless leader that day didn't find out the schedule in advance, so had no idea what to do when the speaker called for the color guard. He used the reenactor's panacea - fire off a few rounds & everyone's happy. Quick thinking, Ronnie!

LECOMPTON REPORT: David & Kathy aren't talking much about this one, except that there was a big crowd. Kathy is looking for a chance to count coup on John Maki, but he's too slippery. Her big public service stint - running off some girls who thought the battlefield a good place to practice their softball.

CARTHAGE REPORT: We had a good event at Carthage. We showed up as a viable unit, performed with reasonable discipline on the field (better than the 9th Texas!), kept a clean camp (except for language), and found a cook (Todd should know better than to volunteer). Six of our recruits saw the elephant & we found a couple of potential transfers. We also learned some lessons in what not to do at the Windsor event.

Vignettes from Carthage: Larry & Barbara Shanks show real talent - they certainly influenced the site selection for our camp toward the only good shade trees in the Confederate Infantry area. Our 1st Sgt had quite a weekend - misread his clock & got us up at 5:30 Saturday; we returned the favor on Sunday & dragged him off to church to listen to Rev Beckner's admonishment of the troops. Ronnie also sawed his barrels off - wonder what Freud would say about that? Ronnie's high point of the event was spending all Kirk Powell's money getting him outfitted at the sutlers'. Kirk & Don Roberts didn't realize that elephant watching would get so hot - the safety officer says TAKE PRECAUTIONS FOR THE HEAT. Don thanks the Yankee medics for their kind attention. George showed off his famous legs when cooling off in the Spring River - did anyone get a daguerrotype? When Sandra went back to the Yankee camp to retrieve a canteen, the bluebellies held her hostage until she swore allegiance to the mule thieves of the 7th Cav, MSM. Kathy was busy stirring up trouble and exercising horses - still want a sidesaddle, Kathy? Dave K & James Delcour went blue on Sunday but they must not have been issued those infamous Yankee bulletproof clothes; they improved Reb marksmanship by taking early hits. I guess turnabout is fair, because Ray Woods & a rookie Yank fell in with us. Thanks also to Gaylen Goldsberry of the 2nd Mo, who chose us to guide him to the elephant. Don Melot & Robert Rhodes (II) witnessed the pachyderm on Saturday - I think Don was in shock because I remembered his name. Bob K learned another disadvantage of high rank during the extended Present Arms - you can't hook your sword over your belt buckle like you can the musket.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD June 26, 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 4 Veterans, 7 recruits, & 1 non-combatant. Guests attending were Barbara Shanks & Keith Daleen.

No objections or corrections were made to the minutes of Jun 5th as posted in the MESSENGER.

The treasurer's report was approved. Expenses in June include postage & operating supplies; income is dues & powder reimbursements. We received a \$50 donation for the wedding on June 9th. Our net cash available less advance is \$191.52 less \$76.25 advanced for powder.

Members discussed uses for the available cash. No decision will be made until the next meeting.

Ronnie Lee discussed the status on the Windsor event. Excellent progress on the detailed list of things to do was reported. He has 290 preregistrations already, the site negotiations are on track, chicken donations are firm (but the steer fell through), and 25 porta-johns are committed.

The event schedule was discussed. It appears if 10-12 people will be at Carthage; tents & transport are lined up. Macon turnout looks slightly less. The 3-5 preregistration for Athens looks good. Information on Belleville will be added to the EVENT DETAILS sheet.

Ronnie requested maximum attendance at Windsor July 4th. Todd & Ronnie will furnish tents, Dave the Jefferson Barracks tape, & Bill other tapes. 8:00 AM was the show time. committed are Bill, Charlie, Dave & Todd.

Bill requested everyone plan on the Warrensburg Fall Festival on Saturday, Sep 15th (8-5).

The Warrensburg Community orchestra could not mesh their schedule with ours. Bill will talk to the Whiteman Area Community Council on July 5th.

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 Carthage since the proposed design wasn't available for the meeting.

George recommended that everyone join the Johnson County Historical Society in appreciation of the use of their facilities, and also to strengthen our voice should the Society be interested in sponsoring a Warrensburg event in 1992. Give Bill your tax-deductible dues of \$5 per calendar year on behalf of the Society.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, July 24th, 6:00 PM drill, 7:00 PM meeting at the Old Courthouse in Warrensburg.

5TH MISSOURI INFANTRY, CO A
EVENT ROSTER

NAME	GRI	LEC	CAR	MAC	ATH	STC	STJ	BLV	WIN	PRG
KOFFMAN	N	N	Y	Y	D	P	P		Y	
LEE	N	N	Y	M	D				Y	
WAYNE	Y	N	Y	Y	P	M	D	D	Y	P
RISGS	N	N	Xy	Y	D	P	M	D	Y	
CONNER	X	N	Y	Y	D				Y	
BALLMAN	X	N	Y	M	D				Y	
KESINGER	N	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y	
VISSMAN	N		N	M	N					
DELCOUR	N		Y	P	P					
KEDOWN	N			N						
KINSEY	N	N	Xm	D	N	Y	P		Y	
MELQT	N	N	Y1	M	D	D	D		Y	
POWELL	N		Y1	D						
RHODES	N	N	Xy	M	D				Y	
RHODES II	N		Ym	M	N				Y	
ROBERTS	N		Y1	P						
SHANKS	X		Y	Y					Y	
SHERRER	N		N	Y	N					
WOODY	N									
YOAKUM	N	N	N	Y	N	P	D		D	
MOORE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y	

KEY: Y is Yes (will or did attend)
P is probable, M = maybe, D = doubtful, N = No
Blank means no commitment received.
X means said M, P or Y, but could not attend.

FIFTH MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A (CSA)

EVENT DETAILS

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 will set it up after arrival. We'll also maintain a recruiting table when the camp is open. Info doesn't list amenities. Food will be raw foodstuffs. Impression is generic Reb, circa 1862.

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. Don't have much information. It will be generic Reb, lots of nice amenities including fancy dinner & a river boat ball. Those who've attended really like it. To get there, I-70 to St Charles, use either exit 228 or 229. This is a major metropolitan area.

BELLEUILLE, IL, Oct 6-7. They're redoing the battle of Belmont far from its original location. This is a St Louis suburb, near Scott AFB, & has \$20,000 budget for event. 200 acre site, meals, medals, powder, straw, wood, 50,000 spectators expected. Confederate infantry commander will be Layne Chartrand of the drilling 11th Miss. Impression is early war, reasonably well equipped, fully authentic, 2 or 3 band muskets.

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, Co A (CSA)
1990 ANNOTATED SCHEDULE
as of 7/4/90

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

? means for info only

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

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

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

August 15 (Wed), 7:00 PM: Jefferson City. Provide honors at memorial for Gen M.M. Parsons, killed in Mexico in 1865. Special meeting afterwards. State SCU sponsored.

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

* **September 22-23: St Charles.** Nice battle on riverfront. Two battles, parade, fashion show, dinner/ball, powder issue. See June CAMPAIGNER. Have not received requested info back yet.

* **September 29-30: St Joseph.** Battle w/ tactical. Haven't received pre-reg package yet.

* October 6-7: Belleville, IL. Reenactment of Battle of Belmont (November 1861). Battles both days. See EVENT DETAILS.

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

* November 2-4: Cabin Creek, OK is CANCELLED. Funding for film fell through.

* December 1-2, Prairie Grove, AR. Traditionally a good event, several actions. Haven't received pre-reg info yet.