

THE MESSENGER

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A

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CONTENTS: This issue contains the minutes of the July 24 meeting plus an annotated Windsor task outline. You'll also see an updated event schedule & event details, the latest planned attendance roster, & some event reports. Since some folks want to sing, the words to "The Bonnie Blue Flag" and one verse of "Dixie" are included."

PROMOTIONS: Congratulations to **CAPTAIN** Bon Koffman and to **CORPORAL** Todd Conner. See what happens when you miss a meeting, Bob?

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 28th, 6:00 PM at the old Johnson County Courthouse Museum. This is **NOT** the one with the statue of Old Drum; this one is located on Main St. Take business 50 west to Carlyle Van Lines, turn South about 1/2 mile. Bring your musket for drill.

SPECIAL MEETING and graveside honors, Jefferson City, August 15th (Wednesday). The honors are at the grave of Gen. M.M. Parsons, who was killed by guerrillas in Mexico after his service to the Confederacy. After the honors, we've been invited to hold a get together at the home of Robert L. Hawkins, III, commander of the SCU in Missouri. He has a superior collection of CW memorabilia and art. We need to arrive about 6:30 to 6:45 PM. There are 3 graves, we'll fire a volley at each. Wear shell jackets & blue pants if you have them, 3-band rifles preferred. We'll need battle flag & first national; whether we use both depends on how many of us are there.

DIRECTIONS: US 50 east, past all the stop lights in Jeff City. Take the Clark Ave exit, turn left (north). Go one block to 'T' intersection (McCarty St), turn left (West) about 50 yards to the cemetery. It's just west of the National Cemetery. See the map, attached.

WINDSOR FUNDRAISING: Ronnie wants several tents and folks at the Windsor craft show, September 1st (Sat), to promote the event & help raise funds by selling T-shirts, caps, & sponsorships. Need a good turn-out. Also, we'll take quick tours of the proposed battlefield in Bill's new 4WD truck.

NEW MEMBER: Let's welcome Gaylen Goldsberry, 8317 Walmer, Overland Park, KS 66212. 913-381-1693. He joins us from the 2nd Mo.

USED GEAR: Ronnie has some used clothes & accoutrements available (from a member of 2nd Mo. who got out). See him for sizes/prices.

MACON REPORT: An outstanding turn-out for the 5th. We had 70% of our fighting men there one or both days, and on Sunday we were the biggest Reb infantry outfit on the field (for a while). We made a good impression by our handling of our own problems (& by the way the problems stayed in character), as well as by our organized rout. Three more recruits saw old Jumbo.

FIFTH MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A (CSA)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD July 24, 1990

Vignettes from Macon: Bob Koffman was swearing he'd sleep in his own tent, but one look at the wall in the commander's line & he was in it. Todd earned another log tote for harassing the 1st Sgt - maybe as a Cpl he'll lay off (but I doubt it). Speaking of the 1st Sgt, he was in at a reasonable hour Saturday night; George was the latecomer. It didn't matter though, they all got their 6:30 reveille to our choir practice (Was there really a sheep in camp, Kathy?). Kathy caught two escaped horses, earning her own verse of "Bringing in the Steed" (complete text in a future issue). Saturday's battle was boring & the crowd really didn't get very close, so the boys decided to spice things up a bit for themselves and the crowd. Our skedaddle into the crowd on Sunday sure drew attention, wish I'd had a camera to get Bob, Ronnie, & John Kinsey's expressions! Speaking of Bobs, the infamous 'Gay Bob' doll was absent - will he be at Athens, Dave?

The monthly meeting was called to order at the Old Courthouse Museum by President Charlie Riggs at 7:10 PM. Those attending included 6 veterans, 6 recruits, 3 non-combatants & a musician. No guests were present.

Recruit Larry Shanks, having met the requirements of the By-laws and recommended by his sponsor, was accepted as a Veteran.

The minutes & treasurer's reports were accepted. We have about \$70 available in excess of debts & projected operating costs. The purchase of a company tent was ratified. The Organizational Officers were authorized to purchase needed equipment if a good deal presented itself without going through the membership, provided that 2 officers consented, funds were available, & the authorization must be renewed after the next election of officers. The Secretary was directed to write a letter to the Chief of Security Police requesting donation of ammo cans for company use.

EVENT ROSTER

CHECK YOUR STATUS. IF IT'S INCORRECT OR NOT FILLED IN, LET BILL KNOW. WE USE THIS TO PREREGISTER FOR EVENTS. SOME EVENTS REQUIRE PREREGISTRATION TO GET A POWDER ISSUE!

NAME	GRI	LEC	CAR	MAC	ATH	STC	STJ	BLV	WIN	PRG
KOFFMAN	N	N	Y	Y	N	P	P		Y	
LEE	N	N	Y	Ym	D	M	M		Y	
WAYNE	Y	N	Y	Y	P	P	N	M	Y	P
CONNER	X	N	Y	Y	N	M	M		Y	
RIGGS	N	N	Xy	Y	N	P	P	N	Y	
BALLMAN	X	N	Y	Ym	N	M	M		Y	
KESINGER	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	P		Y	
SHANKS	X		Y	Y	Y	P	M		Y	
VISSMAN	N		N	M	N					
DELCOUR	N		Y	Xp	M					
GOLDSBERRY			Y	Y	D	D	Y		P	
KEOWN	N			N						
KINSEY	N	N	Xm	Yd	N	Y	P		Y	
MELOT	N	N	Yl	Xm	D	D	D		Y	
POWELL	N		Yl	Xd	N	D	D	D	P	
RHODES	N	N	Xy	Xm	N	M	M		Y	
RHODES II	N		Ym	Ym	N	M	M		Y	
ROBERTS	N		Yl	Yl	N	M	M		P	
SHERRER	N		N	Y	N	M	M	M	P	
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.

An extensive discussion of the Windsor event followed. The absence of Windsor Chamber of Commerce representatives was noted. Several members of the Company will attend the Windsor Chamber meeting on July 25th. The items covered in this discussion are attached.

The Event Schedule was discussed. It appears that 3-5 will attend Athens, and that about 10 should be preregistered for both St Charles & St Joseph. Belleville & Prairie Grove head count will be taken at the next meeting.

Other appearances were discussed. All members were encouraged to attend the Honors presentation to be held in Jefferson City on August 15th. More data will be obtained before the Messenger is printed. The Warrensburg fall festival is on schedule. Ronnie Lee requested a maximum turnout on September 1st, Saturday of Labor Day weekend, at the Windsor Crafts show near the arena east of town, to promote the event.

The rank structure was reviewed. After discussion, it was voted to promote the Field Commander, Bob Koffman, from 2LT to Captain. It was also decided that we need a Second Corporal. Those eligible are the Safety Officer & the Quartermaster (Conner & Riggs). Charlie Riggs withdrew his name from consideration, & Todd Conner was selected 2nd Corporal.

No further information was received on the hat/t-shirt design. We have 4 decals left.

The next meeting date was set for August 28th, 6:00 PM, at the Old Courthouse Museum, Warrensburg.

FIFTH MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A (CSA)

EVENT DETAILS

ATHENS, MD, Aug 4-5. We preregistered 4-5 plus 1 lady. Located about 240 miles from Warrensburg via I-70, US 54, US 61, & MD 81 in NE corner of state. Consider stopping at sites of Centralia & Palmyra massacres en route if you have time. Event is 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 Springfields & 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, MD, Sep 22-23. We preregistered about 10, but don't have much information. It will be generic Reb, lots of nice amenities including fancy dinner & a river boat ball. They expect lots of cannon. The field is a riverfront park right adjacent to the old historic downtown area, with lots of antique stores, the 1st State Capitol, touristy sites. 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. For Motel Militia, Bill suggests Boone's Lick Trail Inn (Bed & Breakfast), 1-800-366-2427 or 314-947-7000.

ST JOSEPH, MD, Sep 29-30. I really have no information except what is in the Campaigner. The official sponsor is Shelby's, Kevin Wells talked for it at the MCWRA meeting in Feb (Sonny's not involved). We were told that there was no response to my query letter because no one was in charge of that. If everything comes off as they are advertising in the Campaigner, it could be a good event. I'll preregister about 10. Look for more details if they ever get around to sending them out.

BELLEVILLE, IL, Oct 6-7. I preregistered 8. They're redoing the battle of Belmont far from its original location. This is a St Louis suburb, near Scott AFB, & has \$50,000 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. Side events include Ladies' tea, formal ball.

PRAIRIE GROVE, ARK, Dec 1-2. Take US 71 south past Fayetteville, AR, then US 62 west to Prairie Grove. This is original battlefield, where Blunt & Herron faced Hindman & Shelby in Dec 1862. Confederates held the field, but retired southward after dark. Event includes 2 skirmishes Saturday, battle on Sunday, around restored buildings. Impression is Trans-miss, fairly well equipped, bring your overcoat. We have to preregister individual names on their form by Nov 1. Amenities include BREAKFAST rations, all normal (no powder). Town is supportive, with decent cafe's.

WINDSOR MISSOURI REENACTMENT
STATUS & DISCUSSION - JULY 24, 1990

I. Fundraising:

1. Amount raised to date/vs estimated need: NOT REPORTED
2. Accounting for income/expense: NOT REPORTED
3. Additional sources to contact: NOT REPORTED
4. Plan sale items such as T-shirts, etc. Acquire & begin sale by early Sep. T-SHIRTS, CAPS, OTHER ITEMS MADE, SOME SOLD. MORE TO BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY.
5. Plan concessions, sell rights or agree to share of take. NOT REPORTED

II. Site acquisition

1. Agreement negotiating status: AGREED. \$1 RENTAL PENDING.
2. Insurance obtained: GEORGE REPORTS PROBLEM IN DETERMINING WHAT WINDSOR REALLY WANTS/NEEDS.
3. Traffic control arranged: NOT REPORTED
4. Site plan for battle/camps/parking prepared: REB COMMANDER TO RIDE AREA 7/25 & LOCATIONS TO BE PICKED.[delayed]
5. Emergency medical service arranged (standby ambulance): NOT REPORTED
6. Visitor parking/access/transportation arranged. NOT REPORTED

III. Commissary. CHARLIE RIGGS, LARRY SHANKS TO BE COMMITTEE, WORK WITH WINDSOR PEOPLE.

1. Plan menus for 5 meals
 - A. Sat breakfast. RONNIE REPORTS FOOD TO BE DONATED.
 - B. Sat lunch. RONNIE RPTS WOMEN GRP TO PREPARE.
 - C. Sat dinner. RONNIE ASKING ODD FELLOWS TO PREPARE.
 - D. Sun breakfast. SEE SAT BRKFEST.
 - E. Sun lunch. NO ACTIONS YET.
2. Obtain food donation commitments for above
3. Estimate purchase requirements

IV. On-Site Amenities

1. Firm commitment for water buffaloes. JOHN KINSEY WORK WITH GUARD. SUGGEST FARMER WAGON.
2. Firm commitment for Porta-johns: CITY WILL RENT 10, PUMP ONCE.
3. Obtain hay. RONNIE WILL PROVIDE.
4. Obtain straw KATHY CHECKING SOURCE.
5. Obtain firewood. RONNIE WILL PROVIDE, NEEDS LABOR.
6. Obtain horse feed. DONATE WINDSOR CO-OP.
7. Obtain watering troughs. RONNIE THRU CO-OP.
8. Obtain viewing stands. RONNIE WORK THRU RODEO ASSN.

V. Site preparation: WORK OUT AFTER RIDE AREA. RONNIE/BILL.

1. Locate & layout camps (Fed/Reb, Inf/Cav/Art/civ, sutler)
2. " " parking areas
3. " " access roads
4. " " battle fields
5. " " visitor/spectator control points
6. " & place sanitary facilities
7. " " Registration booth
8. " " Informational signs
9. " Non-authentic concession area
10. Arrange mowing of camps, spectator area, parking
11. Arrange transport for delivering raw foodstuffs, horse feed, etc. to Quartermaster & by Quartermaster to units.

VI. Printing:

1. Identifying buttons for sponsors
2. Souvineer programs
3. parking permits
4. Pre-registration list for issuing food, chances in drawing, etc. RONNIE WILL PROVIDE BILL LIST OF PREREGISTRANTS SO CAN PREPARE.
5. Posters for town: RONNIE COLLECTED MONEY FOR HIS POSTERS.

VII. Plan prepared meals

1. Food cooking/preparation
2. Set up facility/tables/chairs
3. Plan clean up

VIII. Plan scenario & activities

1. Obtain Commanders: COMPLETE.
2. General plan for battle scenarios. AFTER RIDE SITE.
3. Plan other activities, such as dance, honors, parade, drawings, AFTER RIDE SITE.

IX. Publicity: SANDRA & KIRK WILL RUN COMMITTEE. RONNIE WILL PROVIDE LIST OF UNITS PARTICIPATING.

1. Prepare media list
2. Prepare publicity schedule
3. Prepare & issue news releases

X. Final Site activities

1. Place water, wood, porta-johns, straw, hay.
2. Arrange manning for registration booth. TODD/KATHY IN CHARGE.
3. Plan site cleanup after event.

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, Co A (CSA)
1990 ANNOTATED SCHEDULE
as of 8/1/90

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

* **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.

August 20 (Mon), 8:00 AM: Security Police change of command, WAFB. John Kinsey invites us to join him as he assumes command of the squadron. He needs to know in advance to notify gate, plus the date could be changed, so call him if you're thinking about going.

September 1 (Sat): Windsor craft show. Set up tents, promote Windsor event & raise funds. Contact Ronnie.

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 & EVENT DETAILS.

* **September 29-30: St Joseph.** Battle w/ tactical. Pre-reg info doesn't discuss impression, etc.

* 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. See EVENT DETAILS.

A Couple of Poems by

A Soldier's Mama

Mud goes back and forth,
like a wide-spread Mama
humming and rocking...
like it's going to be okay child,
when the sergeant
gentley smoothes the golden hair
drooping like a sad child..
suddenly taken away from the front door
of the battle...
glittering and waiting
like a push-me-pull-you toy,
everyone wants
and reaches for
when the cannons hit
at the little boys
reaching for the wide-spread Mama,
who they think they see
when the sergeant yells,
"dig another grave boys,"
under the cradle soft mud.

The Taste of Too Much

Shiny eyes and a nostril as
big as an apple..
I could taste in hunger
from too many beans and
not enough water,
but the enticement
of that red fleshy horse,
suddenly there...
coming at me,
gave me the feast
of reaching like I was grabbing
for Grandma's special apples...
the reins,
the sword,
a black strap,
but it all was the best
I ever reached for,
so inviting,
as if there was the whole tree
falling on me,
and the apples...
bounced, thudded, and
rolled on and on away from me,
but I remember only the sigh
of that red fleshy horse
giving up its rider
to my jerking and twisting...
for the sweetest tasting
apple of victory,
when I knew the old cavalry colonel
ached just like I did once...
when Grandma warned that
her apples would make me sick...
for a long time...

MUSIC: Ronnie wants to sing as we march, but nobody knows the words. Here's some of the words to a couple of old favorites, suggest someone learn each verse & everyone learn the choruses:

EVERYMAN'S DIXIE: (more verses later)

Southrons hear your country calling
Up lest' worse than death befall ye!
To Arms, to arms, to arms & Dixie.
Let the Beacon fires be lighted,
Let all hearts be now united, (To Arms)

CH: Advance the Flag of Dixie, Hurrah, Hurrah,
For Dixie's land we take our stand, to live or die for
Dixie.
To arms, to arms & conquer Peace for Dixie,
To arms, to arms & conquer peace for Dixie

THE BONNIE BLUE FLAG:

We are a band of brothers, & native to the soil,
Fighting for our liberty with treasure, blood & toil.
& when our rights were threatened, the cry rose near & far
Hurrah for the Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single star.

CH: Hurrah, hurrah, for Southern Rights Hurrah,
Hurrah for the Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single star.

First brave South Carolina nobly made the stand,
Along came Alabama & took her by the hand.
Next swiftly Mississippi, Georgia & Florida
All raised on high the BBF that bears a single star.

Ye men of valor gather round the banner of the right,
For Texas and fair Louisiana join us in our fight.
Davis our loved president & Stephens statesmen rare,
So rally round the BBF that bears a single star.

Here's to brave Virginia, the Old Dominion State,
Who with the young Confederacy at length has linked her fate
Impelled by her example, now other states prepare
To hoist on high the BBF that bears a single star.

Cheer boys cheer, now raise a joyous shout,
For Arkansas and North Carolina now have both gone out.
And let another rousing cheer for Tennessee be given,
The single star of the BBF has grown to be eleven.

Here's to our confederacy, strong we are and brave
Like patriots of old we will our heritage to save.
And rather than submit to shame, to die we would prefer
So cheer for the BBF that bears a single star.