

THE MESSENGER

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CONTENTS: This issue contains the minutes of the August 28 meeting plus an updated event schedule & event details, the latest planned attendance roster, some event reports, & an updated roster.

VETERANS: Congratulations to Larry Shanks (July meeting) and Don Roberts & Steve Yoakum (August meeting). To get upgraded to Veteran status so you can vote at the November elections, make sure you get your two events in.

FLASH: Ronnie Lee has advised me of his intent to resign as Vice-President, effective immediately. He also intends to turn over responsibility for the Windsor event to the Company; however, he intends to retain the position of First Sergeant. His official letter will cite inability to devote adequate time to the position due to family matters (i.e., custody of three young daughters). Ronnie also indicates his dismay with the unruliness endemic to our monthly meetings. His efforts in developing the Windsor event are much appreciated.

WINDSOR UPDATE: We have a new battlefield, and we're going to need lots of volunteer effort to improve low level crossings, lay out battle, camp & parking areas, cut & haul firewood, haul hay & straw, & open some fencerows. Please tell CHARLIE or BILL what you can do & when you're available to help!

NEXT MEETING, NEW DATE & PLACE: Tuesday, September 18th, 7:00 PM at the Odd Fellows lodge in Windsor. Park on MO 52 east of the 4-way stop (Junction 2). The lodge is upstairs; look for the entry with the permanent shelter awning. Come at 6:00 for a tour of the battlefield.

NEW MEMBER: Let's welcome Jim Robertson and Keith Daleen. Jim is editor of the Columbia Tribune & saw the elephant at Athens. Keith is commander of the Warrensburg SCV camp; we've been working on him since Lone Jack.

GEAR FOR SALE: Ronnie still has some used clothes & accoutrements available (from a member of 2nd Mo. who got out). See him for sizes/prices. Charlie also has some gear & accouterments available (and don't forget that Judy sews shirts).

JEFF CITY honors got us lots of good coverage and cemented our relationship with the SCV. Now, if we'd only get some recruits from the area.

SEPTEMBER Goings-on: Don't forget the Warrenburg Fall Festival on Sep 15th. Those from Columbia might consider the Keytesville skirmish with the 9th Sharpshooters. Lots of battles scheduled, so get your planned attendance in if you aren't current.

The monthly meeting was called to order at the Old Courthouse Museum by President Charlie Riggs at 6:50 PM. Those attending included 7 veterans, 3 recruits & 3 non-combatants. Guests present were Kent & Karmann Nelson of Crowley's Infantry and Keith Daleen of the SCV.

Karmann Nelson briefed us on what transpired at Crowley's meeting two weeks ago. It appears that Crowley's will strongly support all remaining 1990 events.

Recruits Don Roberts and Steve Yoakum, having met the requirements of the By-laws and recommended by their sponsors, were accepted as Veterans.

The minutes & treasurer's reports were accepted. Our bank balance is \$115.92.

Bill reported on the MOWRA board meeting. They discussed (to us) the status of probationary units. Our performance is viewed as satisfactory with the exception of what was deemed intemperate criticism of the organizer of the Macon event by one of our members. A key point brought up by the MOWRA president is that a little diplomacy in dealing with problems never hurts. Other units on probation were criticized for their field performance. Other items discussed without resolution included scheduling criteria, insurance, safety, & MOWRA history.

Windsor event update: Since Mark Moser of the Windsor Chamber of Commerce could not attend, Bill & George visited him on Monday. They reviewed the new location for the event, which is not as attractive as the Cooper place, but still is an excellent location. Mark had reported 2 meals covered; Ronnie reported another breakfast covered since Monday, & Charlie & Todd volunteered hams for Sunday lunch. The Air Force cannot provide water buffs or tents; the Chamber is making other arrangements for water & we'll work on the tent. All other aspects seem to be on schedule.

The Event Schedule was discussed. Information is contained on the Event Details sheet handed out with the agenda.

Other appearances were discussed. Ronnie Lee wants tents set up about 8:00 on September 1st at the Windsor Crafts show near the arena east of town. Bill reminded everyone of the Fall Festival Sep 15 in Warrensburg. There was some interest in the Homecoming parade on Oct 27th, but Bill will inquire further about it. Keytesville information for Sep 15 is for info for members in the Columbia area.

We reviewed the background of MOWRA Board nominees.

The Distinguished Reenacting Disk was presented to Capt Koffman for the Macon action. Everyone had a good laugh.

A draft hat/t-shirt design was viewed. We have 2 bumper stickers left.

The next meeting date was set for September 25th, 6:00 PM, at the Old Courthouse Museum, Warrensburg.

MOWRA ELECTIONS are coming up. To help you with your ballot, here's a review of the candidates:

For President Elect (who will serve as President in 1992) your choices are:

Bob Harrington, Capt of the new 4th MO Infantry out of Joplin. We don't know much about him, certainly have heard no negatives.

Russ Hautzenrader, commander of Landis' Battery. Promoted himself to Lt Col of Artillery, which makes him highest military rank in the state. He's a director at large of MOWRA now, but wasn't at most recent board meeting. Unit is rank happy.

Fred Norris, Sgt in Medical corps (the little red-headed fellow). Washed out of Crowley's for safety problems. I wouldn't put him as the executive type.

For Board Member (select up to 3 for three year terms):

Jack Grothe. Yank from St Louis area. Dave K says he's all right.

Janet Hussey. Editor of Western Campaigner & reb lady associated with Shelby's. A real contributor to MOWRA, at all the meetings. Currently a director.

Mac Sampson. Sgt in Landis Battery (unless promoted himself again). I've been told he was a source of dissension when in Crowley's, but get along with him OK.

Bill Wayne. 5th Missouri. Tendency to try to take over things, but a hard worker & management oriented. Lots of ideas for making MOWRA better.

Bob Harrington. Also nominated for Pres Elect (see above).

Jay Jackson. Best field commander I've served under, but haven't seen very much of him this year. Elected commander of Mo Brig in 1987, but hasn't given me much for ARGUS. Long time reenactor.

Larry Sapp. Collins Battery. Don't know much about him, wife is active in CLO.

Steve Harris: 4th Cav, US. OK individual, sells musket caps at very reasonable price at many events.

Henry Johns. Also 4th Cav, US (Lawrence KS). Played Sigel at the Carthage event.

Holly Turner. LUAS from St Louis area. Good friend of Kathy.

Kevin Wells. Shelby's cav. Sonny's son. Active reenactor.

CARRYOVER BOARD MEMBERS: Feds: 3 (1 ea inf, cav, musician), plus 1 Fed lady. Rebs: 4 (3 inf, 1 art). Plus, each unit has a vote. By area: SW - 4; St L - 1; KC/St Jo - 2; Cent Mo - 1.

WHEN VOTING: remember that the PRES ELECT and the BOARD really control the direction MOWRA will take. Try to pick the best people you can to vote for. You may vote for up to 3 board members, but a vote for only one or two shouldn't disqualify your ballot.

← CHANGED - SEP 18 AT WINDSOR
OLD TENTS WOOD

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PAID MEMBERSHIP ROSTER (8/28/90)

Ballman, George (Private)
105 Fairview
Warrensburg, MO 64093 816-747-9510

Conner, Todd (Corporal - Safety)
Rt 2, Box 112
Knob Noster, MO 65336 816-563-3472

Daleen, Keith (Recruit - 8/28/90)
410 10th St Terrace
Warrensburg, MO 64093 816-747-2740

Delcour, James (Recruit - 5/8/90)
Rt 3, Box 421
Warrensburg, MO 64093 816-747-2651

Goldsberry, Gaylen (Recruit - 7/13/90)
8317 Walmer
Overland Park, KS 66212 913-381-1693

Keown, James (Recruit - 4/6/90)
2000 Robin Terrace
Columbia, MO 65203 314-874-0594

Kesinger, Dave (Private)
Rt 3, Box 263
Warrensburg, MO 64093 816-429-1011

Kinsey, John (Recruit - 5/28/90)
755 Westover Rd
Whiteman AFB, MO 65305 816-563-5834
Family: Anne, Billy (9), Tommy (6)

Koffman, Bob (Capt - Field Commander)
2809 Jerome
Sedalia, MO 65301 816-827-5337

Lee, Ronnie (1st Sgt - Personnel)
600 W Florence
Windsor, MO 65360 816-647-2967

Melot, Don (Recruit - 5/21/90)
J-7 Mkt, Rt 70, Box 7738
Roach, MO 65787 314-347-2354

Noore, Kathryn S. (non-combatant, 3/2/90)
Rt 2, Box 92
Chilhowee, MO 64733 816-732-6497

Powell, F Kirk (Recruit - 2/20/90)
The Holden Progress, Box 8, 211 S Market
Holden, MO 64040 816-732-4115

Rhodes, Robert D (Recruit, 3/10/90)
204 S Smith
Windsor, MO 65360 816-647-5840

Rhodes, Robert D. II (Recruit, 4/22/90)
204 S Smith
Windsor, MO 65360 816-647-5840

Riggs, Charles (Private - Quartermaster)
Rt 3, Box 192A
Warrensburg, MO 64093 816-429-1448
Family: Judy (Noncombatant), Chip (musician)

Roberts, Don (Private)
Lakewood MHP Lot 56
Knob Noster, MO 65336 816-563-5914

Robertson, Jim (Recruit - 8/5/90)
4813 Salem Dr
Columbia, MO 65203 816-445-9731

Shanks, Larry (Private)
Rt 2, Box 140 AB
Clinton, MO 64735 816-885-2946 (H), 885-8100 (D)

Sherren, John (recruit - 6/2/90)
1504 S Water
Clinton, MO 64735

Viessman, John (Private)
HCR 71, Box 16
Vienna, MO 65582 314-422-3505 (H), 314-751-4523 (W)

Wayne, Bill (Corporal - Authenticity)
Rt 3, Box 130
Warrensburg, MO 64093 816-747-5728
Family: Sandra (non-combatant)

Woody, Brian (recruit - 6/5/90)
515A Laurel
Warrensburg, MO 64093 747-6190

Yoakum, M. Steve (recruit - 4-2-90)
729 Idlewood Ct
Columbia, MO 65203 314-442-7290 (H), 314-751-4804 (W)

WINDSOR SCENARIO & GUIDELINES

This event portrays a typical Confederate recruiting camp in Missouri in 1862. Such camps were set up by State & Confederate officers with a few enlisted personnel. The majority of the recruits would be civilians. However, after a year of bushwhacking and guerrilla activity, many civilians would have been able to pick up some military gear. In addition, a few regulars home on leave or discharged for age might be in attendance. Such a camp was set up by Col Vard Cockrell a few miles west of Windsor in the summer of 1862; those recruits comprised the main Confederate force at the Battle of Lone Jack. In addition, guerrilla cavalry units were plentiful.

By this point in 1862, there were several types of Federal units in western Missouri. Regular infantry and cavalry units from other states were present, as well as the Missouri State Militia and the Enrolled Militia (described as a sort of Home Guard). Most would be uniformed, but some pro-Union civilians and bushwhackers might also take part.

SCENARIO: The Federals discover a Confederate recruiting camp & attempt to break it up & capture the leaders. The recruits have been drilling a week or more, & should be competent in basic company maneuvers; if captured, they expect they'll be court-martialled & executed.

SPECIFIC UNIFORM GUIDELINES:

Confederate Infantry: There should be very few shell jackets, with most dressed in civilian clothes. Any period percussion weapons are OK, with shotguns, revolvers, and sporting rifles preferred over liberated Enfields. Captured Federal gear of all types is OK.

Federal Infantry: Sack coats and sky blue pants preferred. Units portraying home guards may be in partial civilian attire and should have older weapons.

Confederate Cavalry: Straight guerrilla impression. Lots of revolvers and shotguns preferred.

Federal cavalry: Regular cav impression. Local MSM units are documented serving with sabers & carbines in 1862.

Artillery: Mountain howitzers preferred. Full scale desired.

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE OF APPROPRIATE MATERIALS AND STYLES. Those who do their shopping at Aunt Polly Ester's need not attend. Eyeglasses must be in period frames.

FLAGS: Any flag may be displayed on company streets; however, event management will specify which flags may be carried in battle.

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! A # BY YOUR NAME SAYS YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR PROJECTED EVENTS.

NAME	GRI	LEC	CAR	MAC	ATH	STC	STJ	BLV	WIN	PRG
KOFFMAN	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	P	Y	Y	P
LEE	N	N	Y	Ym	N	N	Y	N	Y	M
WAYNE	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	M	Y	P
CONNER	X	N	Y	Y	N	P	P	N	Y	P
RIGGS	N	N	Xy	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	P
BALLMAN †	X	N	Y	Ym	N	P	P	D	Y	
KESINGER	N	Y	Y	Y	Yf	P	P	D	Y	D
ROBERTS, D	N		Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y	Y	P
SHANKS	X		Y	Y	Y	Y	P	M	Y	P
VIESSMAN †	N		N	N	N					
YOAKUM	N	N	N	Y	N	P	D	P	D	
DALEEN †	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	
DELCOUR †	N		Y	Xp	N					
GOLDSBERRY †	-	-	Y	Y	N	D	Y		P	
KEDWN †	N			N						
KINSEY	N	N	Xm	Yd	N	P	D	N	Y	D
MELLOT †	N	N	Y1	Xm	N	D	D		Y	
POWELL †	N		Y1	Xd	N	D	D	D	P	
RHODES †	N	N	Xy	Xm	N	M	M		Y	
RHODES II †	N		Ym	Ym	N	M	M		Y	
ROBERTSON †	-	-	-	-	Y					
SHERRER	N		N	Y	N	M	M	N	P	
WOODY †	-	-								
MOORE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	Y	P

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.

ATHENS REPORT: We turned out 5 men & one lady. On Saturday, we fell in with the 9th MO/9th TX; Sunday with Crowley's. Our new folks got to serve with an experienced, professional-looking outfit. The event included two battles & a ceremony.

VIGNETTES from Athens: Bill & Kathy tested out his new war wagon via the Massacre route - Centralia & Palmyra. Cooked too many beans on Saturday, so had them for lunch & supper both. One Fed officer was set upon by panicky ladies during the Reb attack on Saturday - was that Kathy's soprano shriek? When the Mudsills came at us Sunday with fixed bayonets, our survivors skedaddled for real. The camps were attacked by mounted gorillas Saturday evening (& that's not a typo, either!). Lots of opportunity to fraternize with Yanks & other units - did Kathy really braid Ray Woods' beard?

Comments from Fremont, NE: Kathy caused all kinds of trouble there. She locked a Yank in his own leg irons & ran off with the key down her decolletage. Retribution is promised for St Jo. Need any protection, Kathy?

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EVENT DETAILS

ST CHARLES, MO, Sep 22-23. NEW INFO: Saturday scenario will be Camp Jackson affair, so ladies will have opportunity to get shot down by Lyon's Dutch militia. Sunday expect rebs will attack in waves because of limited space. Understand they have a shortage of Feds, so this might be a good chance to bring your blue coat & commit atrocities. We preregistered about 10-12. It will be generic Reb, lots of nice amenities including fancy dinner & a river boat ball. 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.

ST JOSEPH, MO, Sep 29-30. UPDATE: Sponsors request 100% authenticity: secure anachronisms outside public eye or don't bring any (coolers are an anachronism). Infantry requires 3-band muskets, no knives or revolvers; otherwise impression is generic reb. No resurrection on Saturday. Overall Reb commander is Kevin Wells, who has limited command experience; infantry is John Beck of 9th IX. Registration Friday noon to midnight, tactical 9-11 AM Saturday, Sat battle 5:15 PM, Sun battle 1:30 PM. They furnish rations, straw, hay, wood, sanitary (no powder). Nice location, close to town near Mo Western football stadium. We preregistered about 10-12. To get there, take I-29 north out of KC, east on US 36 to Riverside Dr, north to Mitchell Ave, west to MWSC (or follow Missouri Western signs).

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, & claim \$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; understand may be some problem with Feds as it conflicts with Perryville. Impression is early war, reasonably well equipped, fully authentic, 2 or 3 band muskets. Side events include Ladies' tea, formal ball. Freeburg is 6 mi east of Belleville. To get there, I-70 thru St Louis to I-64, I-64 e to IL 159, IL 159 south to IL 15, IL 15 e to Jefferson Rd. Look for signs.

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 skirishes 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.

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, Co A (CSA)
1990 ANNOTATED SCHEDULE
as of 9/3/90

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

September 15 (Sat): Warrensburg Fall Festival, drill demo & recruiting booth. Set-up 8 AM to 4 PM, but need people mostly from 9:45 to 3:15.

September 15/16: Keytesville Sterling Price Days festival. Most activities on Sat, including drill, parade at 1:30, skirmish at 3:30. Serving breakfast & lunch. 9th Sharpshooters sponsoring!?

* **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.

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

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