

THE MESSENGER

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CONTENTS: This issue contains the minutes of our banquet meeting, proposed by-law changes, the MCWRA minutes, & a schedule of events and appearances.

ELECTION RESULTS: Congratulations to our new slate of field officers!

Commander: Capt Bob Koffman
Personnel & Recruiting: First Sgt Bill Wayne
Quartermaster: Second Sgt Todd Conner
Authenticity: Corporal Charlie Riggs
Safety: Corporal Steve Yoakum

NEW MEMBERS: We have three new non-combatants: Mary Ellen Rowe, Rt 2, Box 708, Warrensburg (429-6195); Michelle Galloway, 105 Willa Ln, Windsor (647-3313); Debbie Thompson, PO Box 943, Warrensburg (747-1764). Welcome!

NEW VETERANS: Jim Robertson and Don Melot - Congratulations!

CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Christmas party will be held at Charlie Riggs' place on Saturday, December 15, 1990, at 6:00 PM. Bring 'finger foods' and your own beverages. Ladies have agreed to exchange blind presents, hand-made, of no particular value. To find Charlie's, go south of Warrensburg to 'Y' hiway, then east 6 miles to a gravel road (Look for the blue Clear Creek Sutlers sign at the corner), then south to the first mailbox (200 yards). Dress is modern & casual. Judy would appreciate a call (816-429-1448). See you there!

DUES NOTICE: Your dues for 1991 are now due. We need the money to start acquiring gear BEFORE the season starts, as well as to finance the newsletter and recruiting efforts. Send in your dues to Bill at the address above; remember, we require that everyone who dresses out must be an MCWRA member. For those who didn't attend the banquet, the dues notice is part of the banquet reservation form. Fill out the appropriate part, with your name.

RECRUITING: Now that we're in the off-season, it's time to recruit! When you get a potential recruit, get his/her name, address & phone to Bill, along with circumstances of recruiting and what the person's interests are. That kind of info helps personalize recruiting efforts.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting, which will include election of President and Vice-President, will be held on Tuesday, January 22nd, 7:00 PM sharp, at the Farm & Home Savings Building in Sedalia, located at the corner of 4th and Osage (1 block west of the Courthouse square). Be there at 6:00 PM to work with recruits we're trying for in that area. We'll also talk about the 1991 MCWRA event schedule.

ARTICLES for the Messenger: If you're wondering why we haven't had more event reports in the last couple of issues, it's because I need YOU to write some up for me. This newsletter is not intended to be a 1-man show; your contributions are highly encouraged, especially in the off-season.

FIFTH MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A (CSA)
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD November 17, 1990

The monthly meeting was called to order at the Whiteman Air Force Base Officer's Club by President Charlie Riggs at 8:00 PM, at the conclusion of the First Annual Banquet. Those attending included 12 veterans, 4 recruits & 11 non-combatants. Guests present included Mike Parks & Mark Moser of the Windsor Chamber of Commerce.

Recruits Jim Robertson & Don Melot, 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 & cash balance is \$267.20, of which \$260 is advance 1991 dues received. Expenses for the month were \$24 postage, copy toner & a rubber stamp, & a wall tent was purchased.

The Windsor Chamber of Commerce presented the Company a check for \$150 in reimbursement of expenses and in appreciation of our efforts. Sandra Wayne presented the Windsor Chamber of Commerce a media scrapbook containing the articles & news releases featuring the event. Additional presentations included pictures from Windsor to Bob Koffman & Bill Wayne. Rounds of applause were bestowed on Ronnie Lee for his efforts in starting the Windsor event & John Kinsey for setting up the banquet.

Bob Koffman reported on the MCWRA General Membership Meeting held that morning. The 5th Mo had 8 representatives there, the largest of any organization. The MCWRA is reviewing its bylaws and event rules & scheduling procedures under leadership of its new President, Dave Smith of the 4th Mo Cav (US). The 8th Ark Cav (CS) & 6th Kansas Cav (US), were admitted to probationary status. The 5th Mo Inf, Co A, was removed from probation and granted full voting status. We heard a presentation on the 130th Anniversary Battle of Wilson's Creek (which will be a major event with about 3-4000 muskets expected). Major items discussed included women & children's roles, authenticity, insurance & safety. Bill Wayne was selected acting MCWRA Secretary. Several members of the 11th Miss Inf wish to also be members of the 5th Inf to have a home in Missouri events.

Bill Wayne reported on the Crowley's 3rd Mo Inf meeting he attended, including their elections.

Upcoming events: The 5th Mo Christmas Party will be held at Charlie Rigg's on December 15th. There is interest in supporting a Brigade Spring Muster & Camp of instruction on April 6-7, near Harrisonville. We expect about 8 to Prairie Grove. Steve Yoakum discussed the 130th Anniversary Battle of Belmont on the original site next October, Bill discussed the 130th Anniversary Battle of Cole Camp in June, and Mike Parks advised that Windsor would like to shoot for an event in 1992.

Election of Field Officers:

Field Commander (Captain):	Bob Koffman.
Personnel (First Sergeant):	Bill Wayne
Quartermaster (2nd Sergeant):	Todd Conner
Authenticity Officer (Corporal):	Charlie Riggs
Safety Officer (Corporal):	Steve Yoakum

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, January 22nd, 6:00 PM recruiting/7:00 PM meeting & President/Vice-President election, at Farm & Home Savings, 4th & Osage, Sedalia. The approved 1990 MCWRA schedule will be discussed.

SUGGESTED BY-LAW CHANGES: After our first year's experience, a number of changes to our procedures & By-laws have been suggested. These will be discussed at the January meeting.

Article III: Add a requirement to vote on new members, or have a provision for refusing to accept new or renewal of membership, or terminating an individual's membership. Todd suggests, reason is to allow refusal or removal of unsuitable or disruptive members.

Article III: Add a category of membership for non-participants or for newsletter only. This could be done as a separate dues category under Article X, as well. Bill suggests, reason is to allow us to keep interested people informed of what we're doing, without requiring full membership.

Article III.1.a.: Change definition of Veteran to require attendance at 2 events a year to retain veteran status. Bill suggests, reason is to ensure that voting members have current knowledge of how officers-NCO's-candidates-recruits are performing in the field. Further reason is to ensure individual maintains safety and knowledge standards expected of a veteran.

Article V: Place all elections in January, or develop a method for absentee voting. Bill suggests, reason is that it may prove difficult to obtain a full quorum as we grow. Further reason is to make sure only those paid for year can vote on officers for that year.

SIDE COMMENTS: Dave Kesinger was saying he has disappointed with Reenactors Journal, but they keep publishing his cartoons. Guess he'll have to renew his subscription.

Nice THANK YOU notes received from Crowley's for our help at Rice-Tremonti House (\$1000 raised), Martin Warren elementary for a program Bill put on, and Holly Turner for a good time at Windsor.

The SHELBY CAMP, SCV (Keith Daleen, cdr), lost its newsletter editor recently when Bill Wood suddenly died. He's given us good coverage in the past.

MISSOURI CIVIL WAR REENACTORS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Membership Meeting Held Novemeber 17, 1990

The annual General Membership meeting of the MCWRA was called to order by President Steve Weldon at 9:45 AM on Saturday, Novemeber 17, 1990, at the Jefferson Library, Jefferson City, MO. Elected Directors present were Steve Weldon (Pres), Dave Smith (Pres-Elect), Jim Enderle (Treas), Don Strother & Rick Reed. Newly-elected Directors present were Bob Harrington (Pres-elect), Holly Turner & Bill Wayne. Continuing directors absent were Russ Hautzenrader, Michelle Yipe', Janet Hussey (reelected), John Hartley (heart surgery) & Mike Rolwes. Voting units represented included Shelby's Cavalry, Collins Battery, Landis Battery, ACWMA, Jackman's Cavalry, 9th Texas Inf, 4th Mo Cav, 9th Mo Inf, Battery I 1st Mo Lt Arty, Holmes Brigade & 3rd Mo Inf. Other units represented were the 5th Mo Inf, 6th Kansas Cav, 11th Miss Inf & 8th Ark Cav. This list may not be complete since subsequent review indicates that many attendees did not sign the roster.

The President addressed the progress of the MCWRA over the last ten years, emphasizing the influx of new people & the need to review policies and rules so the membership is aware of them.

Since the Secretary was not present, reading of the minutes was waived. The Treasurer's report was read & accepted. The balance as of 11/14/90 was \$4947.67. 1990 membership of 439 individuals & 115 families is up 59 individuals and 30 families over 1989.

Results of the Director's Elections were announced. Bob Harrington (4th Mo Inf) was elected President-Elect; At-large Directors elected were Bill Wayne (5th Mo Inf), Holly Turner (LUAS) & Janet Hussey (Shelby's). The gavel was passed to 1991 President Dave Smith by Steve Weldon, who assumed the position of Past-President.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Two Standing Committees were formed. The Event Scheduling Committee will be chaired by Bob Harrington and will include Bill Wayne, Kevin West, Scott Hughes & Steve Weldon. Their first meeting will be held at Prairie Grove, Ark, and they are charged with revising the event scheduling system to make it more timely and more responsive to the needs of both reenactors and sponsoring towns. The By-Laws and Policy Review Committee will be chaired by Dave Smith and will include Bob Harrington, Bill Wayne, John Beck, Doug Jacobs & Fred Norris. They are charged with reviewing the Corporate Charter and By-Laws for relevancy and recommending changes if needed. They will further review old minutes to determine what policies have been set in the past, review these policies, and codify them for ease of membership access. The first meeting will be held on January 12, 1991, after the Scheduling meeting; prior to that meeting, Dave Smith will review the minutes to identify policies and Bill Wayne will extract them for committee review.

2. Copies of the MCWRA Insurance policies have been obtained. Ron Talburt volunteered to review and translate them; he further volunteered to look into some sort of accident insurance for members to pay a portion of their deductibles should they be injured. Hal McNeal agreed to assist. Their report is due at the Jan 12th meeting.

3. Jim Enderle provided a quote for bumper stickers & decals. John Beck moved to purchase 500 of each at a total cost of \$635, Don Roberts seconded, carried without opposition. Fred Norris moved we continue to resell them at \$2 each, Greg Booth seconded, carried. John Beck suggested we look into copyright protection for the logo (note: this may have been done when the logo was adopted).

4. Hal McNeal reported positive feedback on religious services in the field and asked for more cooperation between completing breakfast and beginning church service.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Units starting probation: Ron Talburt requested Newton's 8th Arkansas Cavalry (CS) be accepted as a probationary unit, to be sponsored by Rick Reed and the 2nd Missouri Cavalry. Motion seconded by Bill Boemer, carried. Martin Hill requested the 6th Kansas Cavalry (US) be accepted as a probationary unit, to be sponsored by the 4th Missouri Cavalry (US). Moved by Steve Harris, seconded by Hal McNeal, carried after discussion of ability of proliferating small units to work together on the field.

2. Units to come off probation: The 5th Missouri Infantry (CS) petitioned to come off probation. Jim Enderle of the 3rd Mo Inf (sponsor) indicated support. Moved by Hal McNeal, seconded by Steve Weldon, carried.

3. Several items on authenticity and safety were discussed. (A) The policies on women in battle were reviewed because of an incident at St Joseph. The historic rationale for the rule against detectable women was addressed. No further action was deemed necessary at this time. (B). Children in camp have created a significant safety and authenticity problem. Every speaker recalled one or more problems at recent events. The general consensus was that each parent must be held responsible for supervising their children 24 hours a day and that unit commanders and NCO's, plus the Ladies' Associations, must enforce this requirement. This policy must be reemphasized in The Western Campaigner. (C) Age restrictions for camp & battle were discussed at length. The general policy has been no fighting under age 16, but many units routinely violate it. There appears to be no policy on level of participation by children as musicians, flagbearers, etc. In addition, policies on signed consents have not been enforced. Some speakers opposed ironclad no-exception policies because they discriminate against serious living history efforts by well-disciplined children. It was moved that this be referred to the Policies Committee, Don Roberts move, Scott Hughes second, carried. (D) General authenticity, especially in camps, was discussed. Some events & units have had authentic camp awards which stimulated interest in the problem. John Beck moved that the Editor of The Western Campaigner be asked to insert an article reemphasizing authenticity in the following areas: cigarettes, canned beverages, vehicles in camp, eyeglasses, wristwatches, modern food containers, & language. Seconded by Rick Reed, carried.

4. Other NB: (A) Stormy Cox of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation gave a presentation on the 130th Anniversary event to be held in 1991 and passed out supporting information. This event will be run like Franklin, IN, with registration fees and admission, with all profits to upgrade the Battlefield. (B) The Secretary of the MCWRA, Michelle Yipe', has verbally indicated that she does not believe she will be able to continue in the position. Bill Wayne is willing to assume the position. Steve Weldon nominated Bill Wayne as Secretary, (Acting until Michelle's status is confirmed), seconded by Bob Harrington, carried. (C) Bill Wayne announced that Cole Camp wishes to host the 130th Anniversary of that battle in June 1991. (D) LUAS representatives announced that the Ball will be held on February 16th, 1991, probably at the Capitol Rotunda.

5. To enhance scheduling events for 1991, it was suggested that the Scheduling Meeting be held in Jefferson City, at a site to be announced, at 9:30 AM on Saturday, January 12, 1991. Moved by Bill Wayne, Second by Holly Turner, carried.

6. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:12 PM.

Submitted by: Bill Wayne, Acting Secretary, Nov 19, 1990

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, Co A (CSA)
1990-91 ANNOTATED SCHEDULE
as of 11/25/90

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

* December 1-2, Prairie Grove, AR. Traditionally a good event, several actions. Generic Confederate impression, military weapons only. If you're going & don't have tentage arranged, contact me ASAP.

? December 8 (Sat), 6:00 PM. Crowley's Christmas Party, Jay Jackson's place, Missouri City. Covered dish, bring your own beverage, dress out & dance after dinner. For info of our former Crowley's folks.

December 15 (Sat), Christmas party at Charlie Riggs', 6:00 PM. See page 1.

January 12 (Sat), MCWRA scheduling meeting, Jeff City, 9:30 AM.

January 22 (Tues), Sedalia, Meeting & election of President & Vice-President for 2-year terms. See page 1.

February 16, Jeff City: Annual ball.

April 6-7 (subject to approval), Harrisonville: Missouri Brigade spring muster and camp of instruction, with Crowley's, possibly other units.

* **April 20-21, Weston.** 1st Battle of the year! No details available yet.

June 1-2, Pea Ridge, AR. Living history event, invitation only.

* **June 22-23, Cole Camp, MO** (probable): 130th Anniversary battle, original field. Look for both actual and generic battles. Our event.

* **Aug 9-11, Wilson's Creek.** 130th Anniversary battle, 4 battles, expect 3000 soldiers. \$5 registration fee, due before May 1st.

* **Sep ?, Lexington,** 130th Anniversary battle, state sponsored.

* **Oct 26-27, Charleston, MO** (probable): 130th Anniversary battle of Belmont, original site. Ferry across river possible.

Other Events Possible: Roscoe, MO (fall). Cabin Creek, Oklahoma. We'll know what's up by the next meeting!

OTHER EVENT: MOVIE - "Killer Angels" will be made in Gettysburg area in the summer. We've requested a package of info for the big scenes, to see if we can participate.