

THE MESSENGER

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**CONTENTS:** Drill, minutes, schedules, etc. Our news-of-the-month is back & we have some Tid-bits from camp & field.

**PERSONNEL:** Welcome to Randy Isam, who marched with us at Bee Creek. Jim Price of Columbia is a descendent of Gen. Sterling Price. Dennis Faught from Jeff City. Our newest Veteran is Kent Chastain.

**EVENTS:** Thanks for assistance at Jeff City on May 11th to Sgts Wayne & Conner, Corp Yoakum, Pvts Roberts, Roberts, Robertson & Tucker, and civs Horton & Rowe. We did some good drill & talked to lots of people, a few of whom may be hot prospects. May 15th was a big day for presentations to schools. Bill did the annual appearance for the Warrensburg 8th Grade, while John S, Larry, David K & Charlie worked on the Clinton schools. Gaylen reports he gave his first school presentation to Excelsior Springs. Don Melot marched in the Harry's Hay Day parade (as a Yank). We had fifteen men, a prospective recruit, a non-combatant & a lady dressed for the Columbia airshow, plus got a few hot prospects. Bill, Todd & Mary Ellen did the annual presentation to the Knob Noster schools at Knob Park.

**FLASH:** Shoal Creek (Liberty area) is ON. See EVENT DETAILS for info.

**WILSON'S CREEK:** There is still time to sign up, but it'll cost you \$7.50 if you haven't already. This is BIG! If you miss it, you're CRAZY!

**MCWRA NEWS:** We almost lost Janet Hussey as editor of the Campaigner in response to rather intemperate and sarcastic remarks about the newsletter in a letter commenting on the LBL tactical. I know how difficult it is to put out a monthly newsletter, having done ours for a year, & her subscription list is 650 issues to our 40-50. It is unfortunate that MCWRA President Dave Smith's opening remarks from the last meeting had not yet been printed in the Campaigner (note the June issue). The Yanks at Pea Ridge were solidly behind Janet, repudiating the letter writer's comments.

**NEW EQUIPMENT:** We recently purchased a Springfield with bayonet & scabbard for company use. Our gear includes 1 'A' tent, 1 wall tent, cooking gear, a water barrel, musket & bayonet. As we grow, we may need to look into more tentage (a fly for the HQ tent?), as well as additional water barrels.

**FUND RAISING:** We agreed to have a bake sale & to raffle off a revolver (for \$1 donations). Tickets for you to sell will be ready shortly. Let Bill know how many you want to sell - see the minutes for more info..

**NEXT MEETING:** Back in Warrensburg, on Saturday, June 29th. We've agreed to host the Old Courthouse Museum from 1:00 to 5:00, including a LH camp & periodic drills. The meeting will start either at 5:00 or when the visitors clear out, whichever is sooner (not earlier than 4:00). To find the Old Courthouse Museum, take Business US 50 west of MO 13, turn south at the Carlyle Van Lines warehouse (Main St), go to the next stop sign, & look. (Get onto Business 50 from MO 13, or, coming from the west, US 50).

DRILL FACTS, by the 1st Sgt

Last month I bragged about being right on a maneuver, so this month I need to confess an error (brought to my attention by Gene Dressel of the 11th MS). On skirmish drill, it is the FRONT RANK 2 who stands fast, with the front rank 1 moving ten paces right, rear rank 1 five paces right & onto line with the front rank men, rear rank 2 five paces left & onto line. That means you rally on the front rank 2 when rallying by fours. This is the way you were trained; my documentation was wrong.

A Drill Quiz for the expert (and novice, too):

1. On a LEFT FACE, who stands fast?
2. When marching by the left flank (i.e., in column of 4's inverted, or with the short end in front), can you still get into line of battle using the command: BY COMPANY INTO LINE? How?
3. If you're marching forward in line of battle and you hear the command: COMPANY, RIGHT ABOUT, MARCH, what do you do?
4. You're told to REFUSE THE FLANK. What is this, why do you do it & how do you do it?
5. When coming onto a battalion line, does the Captain halt us on the line or two to three paces short of it?

ANSWERS:

1. The front rank 2 stands fast. The front rank one steps to his left; rear rank 1 moves to the left of the rear rank 2.
2. Of course you can, but the trick is to be in NORMAL line of battle. In this case, the LEFT GUIDE continues straight ahead, the next file (left end file) goes at double quick to the guide's RIGHT, and the remaining files fill in to the right. The line of battle should look just as it did before you did a left face and started off.
3. Face about and march the opposite direction.
4. I can't find this in Hardee's. It's used to defend against a flanking attack. The company on the threatened flank is directed to about face, then wheel until at the proper angle to face the threat, then to face about toward the threat.
5. School of the Battalion, #419 ff says that we'll halt 3 paces short of the line, the guides will be set on the line, then the Captain will command RIGHT, DRESS & we'll advance to the marked line.

May, 1861 -- M.E.Rowe

Civil War is upon us with all its horrors. The Administration at Washington attempts the subjugation of our Southern brethren. Whatever the consequences may be, a fearful burden of blame must rest on the heads of those who have broken the faith, violated the compact, and subverted the government. Having forced open conflict at Fort Sumter last month, Abraham Lincoln called upon the States to furnish troops for the suppression of the so-called insurrection. Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas refused to work his bloody will on their fellow Southerners. Their stars now shine on the banner of the Confederacy. Public sentiment in Missouri still favors a peaceful reconciliation of the Union UNDER THE CONSTITUTION. If such is to be denied us, however, MISSOURI WILL FIGHT. This was demonstrated last month in the citizens' seizure of arms and munitions from the Liberty Arsenal, as well as in the mass meeting of thousands in Kansas City to declare for Southern Rights. The enemies of our liberties are also active. Frank Blair and his henchman Capt. N. Lyon have mustered into federal service an army of Dutchmen (the Home Guard) from St. Louis and environs. When General Frost's brigade of State militia gathered at Camp Jackson to muster and drill pursuant to the lawful orders of State authorities, they were surrounded by an overwhelming force of Lyon's Dutchmen, forced to surrender their arms, and marched off to the city as prisoners. A large body of citizens gathered to witness the spectacle. Expressions of outrage --and it is alleged, objects of more substantive nature-- were hurled at the Dutchmen, who then opened fire on the citizenry, killing some 28 and wounding many others. More violence followed, and it is reported that some 10,000 persons have fled the city. Hundreds of Lyon's Dutchmen now patrol the streets, holding St. Louis hostage. Elsewhere in the State men of Southern sentiment have struck to prevent a like occurrence. Illinois newspapers report hundreds of Union men driven out of Missouri now entering that State. Dr. Lieber of Liberty Township was arrested under the terms of the stringent new militia law for attempting to organize a Union company in that neighborhood. Union men have been driven from several towns along the railroads. General Sterling Price, now in command of the State troops, orders officers and soldiers to afford all protection in their power to the person and property of citizens without reference to their political principles. In a further effort to preserve the peace, he has recently concluded an agreement with Gen. Harney, commanding federal forces, to divide areas of responsibility and to disband the State troops recently mustered to defend the capital.

FIFTH MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A (CSA)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD May 26, 1991

The meeting was called to order by the President at 5:35 PM at Steve Yoakum's residence in Columbia. In attendance were veterans Wayne, Conner, Riggs, Yoakum, Geo. Ballman, Goldsberry, Kinsey, Kisner; Recruits Tucker, Chastain, Faught & B. Roberts; non-combatants S. Wayne, Horton, D. Bears & McClintock. Guests included Gaylen Goldsberry's family.

Recruit Kent Chastain, having served a minimum of 90 days probation, attended two major functions (1 involving battle) & meeting the minimum equipment standards, was accepted as a Veteran

The minutes as published in the last Messenger were accepted. The secretary briefed on letters from Debbie Thompson reporting her new address & job in the Silver Dollar City complex; Paul McClintock reporting that he could obtain certain bulk food for Wilson's Creek at a substantial discount (referred to Quartermaster acting for the Commissary). A problem relating to editorship of the Western Campaigner will be covered in the Messenger.

8The Treasurer reported a bank & cash balance of \$219.21, & expected additional administrative expenditures of \$100. The check to purchase the Springfield rifle has been written. Members voted to freeze non-administrative purchases as a reserve until additional funds could be raised. George Ballman the reported on fundraising ideas:

a. Sandra Wayne reported a need for uniformed pickets at a family reunion on June 22nd, & stated that the reunion fund will donate up to \$100 to the company. This offer was accepted, with Todd, Charlie, John K., Gaylen & Kathryn volunteering.

b. A concession stand at a major event such as the WAFB open house was suggested. After discussion, it was decided that the short lead time, need to have up-front capital, & the cost risk involved preclude that idea for 1991.

c. Charlie offered the use of Warrensburg Wal-Mart for a series of bake sales, which he will arrange on the schedule upon his return from Europe. He reports that we should be able to clear around \$100 from such a sale; a further advantage is the recruiting opportunity provided. It was generally agreed that the work (& the cooking) must be spread around the company.

d. George proposed that we give away the Springfield for a \$1 donation drawing. Bill suggested that tickets could be sold at the bake sale as well. Further discussion indicated that a revolver would probably get more interest among civilians. The \$1 ticket is a standard price. It was suggested that this be done through SCV, which is an IRS approved non-profit group.

To expedite matters, Bill offered that the Adams Reunion Fund would donate a revolver & up to \$40 as discussed above. To prevent the appearance of conflict, 5th Missouri members will not be eligible for the drawing. This proposal met with unanimous approval.

The event schedule was discussed: Bill & possibly 1 or 2 others will attend Pea Ridge. Bill reported that Shoal Creek was still on, and that those who'd rather attend it should let him know ASAP (it appears that we'd likely have 6-8 people). Those active in local SCV will attend the Nevada Bushwhacker days & meeting & take info for possible recruiting opportunities. The group agreed to support the Johnson County Courthouse Museum on June 29th, but we will not do anything as a group on July 4th. Cole Camp is considering 2 generic & 1 historic battle, & has about 200 registered so far. Everyone who has not done so was encouraged to sign up for Wilson's Creek. Based on adequate interest & commitments, we agreed to do the Warrensburg Fall Festival on September 14th.

Bill reported on his May 4th meeting with the group in Linn County. He noted that the unit they wish to portray is actually Company K of the 2nd Inf, and that they will have a lot of training to do to meet our (& MCWRA) standards. The group is concentrating on building a treasury & doing local events this year; Bill suggested that they would probably do best to work to our standards & fall in with us at events throughout the year so we could take a good look at them. The report & position taken was unanimously endorsed by members of the 5th.

The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Warrensburg living history appearance on Saturday, June 29th at the Old Courthouse Museum in Warrensburg: details to be published in the Messenger.

The meeting concluded at about 7:00 PM. Social hour continued until 8:00.

St. Louis, MO, May 28, 1861. An American Zouave Regiment, to be commanded by Col. Morgan L. Smith, is forming here. An Irish brigade is also filling up rapidly. It is understood that Gen. Harney has authorized immediate organization of Union Home Guards at Hannibal, St. Joseph, Kansas City, and Springfield. All State troops have left Jefferson City except two companies who remain as a body guard to the governor.

Todd & Kathryn are selling riding lessons. Are you going to make them fire off Tika, Todd?

## EVENT DETAILS

**SHOAL CREEK**, Liberty, MO, June 15-16. Per Pat James on 5/19, still on. Sat & Sun battles, food for Sat only (prepared meal Sat PM). Camping in open. Looking for people to galvanize. Contact Bill ASAP if you're planning on attending.

**BROWNVILLE**, NE, June 22-23. Non-MCWRA event in Missouri river town just across from Rock Port. Battles both days, plus night fire. Food for 2 meals Sat, fish fry Sat PM, brunch on Sun. Larry Geiger, 308-382-2229.

**COLE CAMP**, July 13-14. MCWRA & 5th Mo MAX. Preregistration due by June 1st. We'll get one meal, raw foods, beer garden, partial powder issue. We'll need as many as possible to arrive early to help direct reenactors to their camps, work registration, etc. This is OUR event!

**WILSON'S CREEK**, August 9-11. The BIG EVENT for 1991. We'll need our blue shirts for our State Guard impression, but should have a generic reb available for 2 of the battles. They'll furnish basic amenities only, no food or powder. We will bring food as a unit, and everyone who attends will be asked to contribute a pro-rated share. Since there are 4 battles, bring lots of powder. We preregistered 25 men, 5 ladies; anyone else will cost \$7.50. More details on fights in later issues.

**LEXINGTON**, September 20-21. Will be an excellent event. We'll camp close to Anderson House, but arrive early to prevent delays such as we had at Weston - no vehicles into camp! Saturday skirmish through town, Sunday battle, absolutely first class candlelight on Sat PM. Usual foodstuffs, state DNR amenities, even some indoor plumbing. Just up the road, too!

**BELMONT**, Mississippi County, Oct 25-27. MCWRA MAX. Looks like best of the year as far as amenities, etc. All meals prepared, shuttle across river to Columbus KY. Masked Ball SAT nite, Battles Sat & Sun, candlelight tours & night fire demo. Sat afternoon tea & fashion show for ladies. To get there: I-70 to St Louis, I-55 past Sikeston to Mo 80, Mo 80 east to site. About 170 miles from St Louis. OUR DEADLINE: Aug 15!

### MAILING LIST UPDATE:

**Changes:** Don Roberts to: 708 Deer Brook Dr, Knob Noster, MO 65336. 816-563-5914

Debbie Thompson to HCR 6, Box 4636, Reeds Springs, MO 65737

Jim Robertson to 2418 Lynnwood Dr, Columbia, MO 65203. 314-874-5711

Paul McClintock's unlisted phone is 314-442-1246

**ADDITIONS:** Dennis Faught, 502 Shepherd Hills Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65102. 314-636-8336. {S-Robertson}

Randy Isam, Rt 2, Box 181, Udall, KS 67146. 316-782-3320 {S - Goldsberry}

Jim Price, 113 West Blvd N, Columbia, MO 65203. 314-442-5281 {S - Yoakum}

**TID-BITS:** Charlie Riggs, it is said, was released from the army because he oversees more than 10 slaves (ask Todd & Kathryn). He was last seen boarding a blockade runner for Europe. It is expected that he'll be back in time to route the Dutch at Cole Camp.

George is out of the roofing business & into the sewers, working for the City of Warrensburg. He's advocating a change in the sanitary practices - says we ought to quit putting the sinks upstream of the water supply. Can't imagine why.

Mary Ellen will return to the 1820's for much of the summer. Can't find a non-conforming, pro-southern character she feels comfortable with. We'll see her for some events, though. The half-breed Creek refugee (burned out by jayhawkers) she did for the Knob schools was convincing.

Steve Yoakum tells me he's building a new house; Jim Robertson also moved. Appears Boone County has some refugees, too?

EVENT ROSTER

Symbols: \* means battle, **Bold Face** MCWRA sanctioned or max effort, ALL CAPS 5th Mo Max effort, \$ - 5th Mo local commitment, ? - Participation questionable.

CHECK YOUR STATUS. IF IT'S INCORRECT, LET BILL KNOW.

\* June 15-16, Liberty. Shoal Creek park Battle/LH. Still on: See EVENT DETAILS.

June 15, Nevada. Bushwhacker days & SCV meeting/picnic. Good place for those not going to Shoal Creek. Contact Keith or George.!

June 22 (Sat). Need 5 pickets for Adams Reunion at Cedarcroft (Bill's place). Federal gear preferred. Fundraiser for company, contact Bill to commit.

\* June 22-23, Brownsville, NE (along river). Battle & LH. See EVENT DETAILS.

\$ June 29 (Sat): LH & meeting at Johnson County Courthouse Museum, 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

July 6. Warsaw. Need 2 CS & 2 US to help dedicate flagpole near dam. Evening only, see Bill.

\* JULY 13-14, COLE CAMP: MCWRA MAX. OUR EVENT, see EVENT DETAILS.

July 20, Joplin. Benefit LH for historic house.

\* AUG 9-11, WILSON'S CREEK. 130th Anniversary national event. See EVENT DETAILS.

Aug 16-18, Lone Jack. Annual commemoration, LH.

Sep 7-8, Salbeta, KS (50 mi W of St Joe). LH, skirmish. Limited space.

\* Sep 14, Warrensburg. Fall Festival LH, demo.

\* Sep 21-22, Lexington, 130th Anniversary battle, state sponsored. See EVENT DETAILS.

\* Sep 28-29, St Charles. Annual battle. Will use Goldenrod showboat for dinner/dance.

Sep 28-29, Kansas City. Wornall House camp, LH.

Sep 28-29, Amsterdam, MO. Camp & LH.

\* Oct 5-6, Roscoe. Battle & LH.

Oct 19-20, Arkansas Post NM (50 mi SE Pine Bluff). LH.

\* Oct 26-27, Charleston, MO. MCWRA MAX, 130th Anniversary battle of Belmont, original site. See EVENT DETAILS.

NAME	RANK	TAC	DRL	WES	CCP	WLC	LEX	ROS	BEL
KOFFMAN	CPT	N\$	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
WAYNE	1SG	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	?	Y
CONNOR	QSG	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
RIGGS	CPL	N\$	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
YOAKUM	CPL	?\$	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	?	o	Y
AGEE	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BALLMAN, GE	PVT	Y\$	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	.	Y
BALLMAN, GR	PVT	Y\$	.	Y	.	Y\$	.	.	.
BEARS	PVT	.	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	o
CHASTAIN	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	.	.	.
CUNNINGHAM	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DALEEN	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	.	Y
FAUGHT	rec	-	-	-	?	Y\$+	.	.	.
GRIFFIN	rec	-	-	-	.	.	.	.	.
GOLDSBERRY	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	o
HAWKINS, III	rec	-	-	-	.	Y\$	.	.	.
HAWKINS, B	mus	-	-	-	.	Y\$	.	.	.
HAWKINS, R	rec	-	-	-	.	Y\$	.	.	.
ISAM	rec	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	.	.
KEOWN	rec	.	.	.	Y	.	.	.	.
KINSEY	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	?	?	?
KISNER	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
MELOT	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	o
POWELL	PVT	.	Y	Y	.	Y\$	.	.	.
PRICE	rec	-	-	-	.	.	.	.	.
RIGGS, C	MUS	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROBERTS, B	rec	Y	.	x	.	Y	.	.	.
ROBERTS, D	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
ROBERTSON	PVT	Y\$	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	o	Y
ROUSH	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	o
SHANKS	PVT	o	x	Y	.	Y\$	Y	Y	.
SHERRER	PVT	o	Y	x	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	o
THOMAS	PVT	N\$	.	Y	.	Y\$	.	.	.
TUCKER	rec	-	-	-	Y	Y\$+	Y	Y	.
VICK, A	rec	-	Y	.	.	.	.	.	.
VICK, R	rec	-	Y	x	.	.	.	.	.
VIESSMAN	PVT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WELLER	rec	.	x\$	.	.	.	.	.	.
WOODY	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(nr committed)		7	21	20	20	28	16	12	10

KEY: Y is Yes (will or did attend), ? is questionable, o = No, . means no commitment received. N means said Y, but did not attend. TAC=tactical, DRL=drill, WES=weston, CCP=Cole Camp, WLC=Wilson Creek, LEX=Lexington, ROS=Roscoe, BEL=Belmont

NAME	RANK	TAC	DRL	WES	CCP	WLC	LEX	ROS	BEL
AGEE, B	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BALLMAN, K	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BEARS, DEB	civ	.	.	.	.	Y\$	.	.	.
HORTON	civ	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
McCLINTOCK	civ	.	.	.	Y	Y\$+	Y	.	Y
RIGGS, J	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROBERTSON, D	civ	.	x	.	Y	Y	Y	o	Y
ROUSH, M	civ	.	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	.
ROWE	civ	.	Y	x	o	Y\$	Y	?	o
SHANKS, B	civ	.	.	Y	.	Y\$	.	.	.
THOMPSON	civ	.	x	.	.	.	.	.	.
WAYNE, S	civ	.	Y	.	.	.	.	.	.

Independence, MO, April 30, 1861. A Company of 65 men over the age of 45 organized in this city today, armed and equipped with all the necessities of warfare for the defense of their firesides.

Possible 1992 events:

March: Elkhorn Tavern 130th

Late April: Butler

Late July: Glasgow

Mid-August: Lone Jack 130th

Mid-Sept: Pilot Knob

Early Dec: Prairie Grove 130th

Others Interested: Windsor, Nevada, Warsaw?

Jefferson City, MO, May 15, 1861. The Northern Methodist Church was stoned on Sunday night by a crowd of drunken men and boys and the windows smashed. The members of the Southern Church immediately made up a subscription to repair the damages, and expressed ~~the~~ disapprobation of the act.

Gaylen, as a member of the Chaplain corps, would prefer that we drop the "Catfish" sobriquet - & just when I was beginning to remember it. His son Phillip drilled with us at Columbia.

If you can't remember new member Dennis Faught's first name, just call him 'Barefoot' - we couldn't outfit him with shoes at Columbia.

George made another sorry spectacle of himself on picket duty at Columbia, harrassing Miss Kathryn, sleeping, stealing food, etc. His platoon sergeant finally had to restrain him in irons until the captain could come back & deal with him.

Bill represented us at Pea Ridge & really enjoyed a laid-back event. Got to talk a lot of MCWRA politics, work with TMR & 9th TX, walk some of the ground my great grandpa fought over, & pick lots of ticks. A new twist for reveille: a rooster intended for the pot escaped his fate, but I assure you that the next one sounding off at 5:30 AM after a late night will taste the axe. Learned just how 9th TX regimental structure operates; will describe as space allows, but suspect it's not for us.

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