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CONTENTS: Volume 4 (already) includes a report on Prairie Grove by Corp Faught, info on Murfreesboro, the annual review of events attended, a copy of the draft Regimental By-laws, & something written by an unknown Missourian in 1862.

MEMBERSHIP: No changes (that's not good!). Quite a few of you haven't sent in your dues yet, so please do so ASAP. Remember, if your dues ain't paid, you don't vote, can't get elected, & may cost your pard the chance to hold some rank (remember, some positions are only authorized if we have enough people on our rolls). ***IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID, YOUR ADDRESS PAGE IS OUTLINED IN RED.***

ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 16th: The annual meeting is combined with a drill & seminar, so we have time to get everything covered plus get off some of the rust before Murfreesboro. We'll alternate drill, discussion sessions on the new corporate By-laws, & a special seminar on how to do first person (by Dave Bears). The Ladies will also have the chance to get together & discuss things they'd like to do in '93. We start at NOON, with elections around 5 or 6 PM. Bring your musket, uniforms are optional.

To find the meeting: *Going south on US 65,* go across the railroad overpass & turn right at the next corner, then right again at the next corner. Go to Main Street, turn left until State Fair Blvd. *Going north on US 65:* Take the Main Street exit, then turn left & take Main Street west to State Fair. *From US 50 (east or west):* Turn north on US 65, take the Main Street Exit, turn left on Main Street to State Fair. Embree Electric is on the Northwest corner..

1993 SCHEDULE: The '93 event schedule is enclosed. We'll discuss the events at the meeting, and you should be ready to commit yourself then.

INAUGURAL PARADE: We need to be in place by 10:00 AM at the Truman Bldg. If you are going & haven't told me, do so as soon as you get this Newsletter (& let me know your travel [car pool] arrangements). I've requested about 15 parking passes, to include certain Cav types who also wanted to participate; you won't get to park within several miles unless I get you a pass before you go! Some of us will stay & do some LH/recruiting after the ceremony.

ELECTIONS: Under the corporate structure, all Veterans elect the Captain; each company elects a Lieutenant, two Sergeants, & a corporal for each 8 privates. A regimental First Sergeant & QM will be appointed from the company sergeants. Everyone will elect the President, Secretary & Treasurer; each Company (including the Ladies Group) elects a Vice-President. Please consider who would perform well in each position before you cast your ballots.

High Private: In addition to positions carrying rank, we recognize as 'High Privates' the most active & well-equipped Veterans. You must have been a member for a full year, have a full military impression including bayonet & tent, attend 10 events, including 3 of our 4 unit max efforts (Drill, Butler, Glasgow, Perryville). See the list of official event attendance; you may also count school & civic group presentation.

REPORT ON PRAIRIE GROVE, by Corp 'Barefoot' Faught

Sir, it is my honor to report that a small but brave detachment of Company A, 5th Missouri Infantry followed Capt. Koffman to northwest Arkansas December 5-6, to aid Gen. Hindman's efforts against the blue horde invading that state.

Our battalion was joined on the field by one from Texas, and our own Col. Beck was elevated to Division command, with command of 4th battalion falling to Lt. Col. Beckner. Capt. Koffman suffered a temporary reduction in rank for some unknown discretion [ed. note: could the truth about boll weevils finally be seeping out?], and along with Corps. Bears & Lee & Pvt Durrill, was assigned to bolster the depleted ranks of the 9th Texas. Sgt Riggs & I both found ourselves with Crowley's Clay County Company.

The first day's action opened amid a heavy snowfall with a lengthy artillery duel between our 3 guns and six federal pieces. When two battalions of federals attempted to take one of our guns, they were easily swept from the field before our relentless advance.

Sadly, as they retreated, the federals loosed a double shot of canister, decimating a large portion of our right flank. As I saw nothing of Corporals Bears & Lee or of Sgt Riggs when we formed for battle the following day, I can only fear the worst.

I was compelled to fall out of line to tend to a bloody flesh wound caused by a defective percussion cap, and as I made my way to the rear, was dismayed to see Lt Koffman's prostrate form in the snow. However, when the firing subsided, I was much relieved to see him rise unscathed (?), but no doubt suffering the early effects of the dysentery that would render him unfit for combat the following day.

My wound proved to be only superficial in nature, and I was anxious to return to the ranks the next day, after a comfortable recuperation in a Fayetteville hostelry under the proprietorship of a Mr. Bodett. I was also heartened to find Pvt Durrill had escaped the fury of the canister, having fallen a few moments earlier with a minor wound himself. We both rejoined Crowley's for another try at the Yanks.

Sunday's action was a see-saw affair, as we slugged it out toe-to-toe -- the yanks sometimes closing to within 20 yards. Unfortunately, we were compelled by heavy casualties to withdraw from the field, with 4th battalion providing a valiant rear guard action.

I am now somewhat disillusioned with service in Arkansas, and respectfully request permission to rejoin the Brigade in Mississippi.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a Christmas salutations from *Pvt John Kinsey* (with dues) *Pvt Larry Shanks* (without). It appears that Pvt Shanks has remarried, & he says to "please give to the Company my best - maybe see you next year". Pvt. Kinsey says "Just thought I'd drop you a note along with my membership dues. Judging from what I read in the Messenger, it sounds like the 5th is doing real well. I look forward to the day I will be able to take the field again with the 5th. Speaking of taking to the field, I am looking into organizing the reenactors stationed here in Hawaii. I do not have a good handle on how many are here, but I know that there are some. If nothing else, we will drill to keep our skills sharp and do some living history. I have already been asked to a local school and a scout troop meeting. I would appreciate any suggestions/ideas you might have since you organized & successfully launched the 5th. Anyway, all is well with us & we are getting ready for Christmas - seems strange doing that sort of thing in a T-shirt & cut-offs! I already miss the four seasons! Oh well, the fishing is great & I guess I have no right to complain about weather [ed note: damn right!]. You all take care and Anne & I wish all of you the best for the holidays."

NAME	RANK	P/Sbl	ko	lf	DR	dp	wc	BT	pt	RS	hg	bs	PH	jc	MA	VB	cn	hs	GL	LJ	KA	wd	ff	ht	kt	SC	PK	vr	ki	KY	CC	bq	ws	MC	DP	fb	PG	TOTAL
BECKNER, JIM	pvt	2/2	1	1	2
CONNOR, TODD	pvt	2/1	.	1	1	1	1	6
GOODEN, DAVID	pvt	1/2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
KESINGER, DAVID	pvt	2/1	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
KINSEY, JOHN	pvt	2/2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
INMAN, MARK	pvt	1/1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
MCKEE, RANDY	cp1	1/1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
WADE, MARC	pvt	2/1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

extra fall in combatants
MCKEE, KEN pvt 1 1

TOTAL COMBATANTS 1 11 7 32 6 10 35 4 9 11 13 12 4 24 12 19 14 35 18 16 10 12 3 12 0 23 0 2 24 11 23 15 1 1 30 6 466

BAKER, PAMELA	NON-C	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	dnd	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	1	1	.	1	.	1	.	11
BALLMAN, CATHI	NON-C	0
BEARS, DEB	NON-C	.	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	
BRIGGS, DIANE	NON-C	1	dnd	1
BURCH, LARA	NON-C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
CHISAM, BRANDI	NON-C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
DOUGLAS, TINA	NON-C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
GILGER, JEANIE	NON-C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	dnd	dnd	.	dnd	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
GOLDSBERRY, CHARLENE	NON-C	1	.	1	.	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10		
HARMS, NORMA	NON-C	dnd	.	dnd	0
JACKSON, JUDI	NON-C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
KERKSIEK, LORRAINE	NON-C	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
LEE, CINDY	NON-C	.	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	dnd	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21		
LINTHICUM, DONNA	NON-C	1
MCKAY, CONNIE	NON-C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	dnd	dnd	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
MORRIS, VALERIE	NON-C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	dnd	dnd	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
RIGGS, JUDY	NON-C	1	1	.	.	.	sut	.	.	.	.	sut	sut	1	sut	sut	.	sut	sut	.	.	.	.	sut	.	.	dnd	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	5	
ROBERTSON, DEB	NON-C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
ROUSH, MARTHA	NON-C	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	
SWIGART, JULIE	NON-C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
THOMAS, REBECCA	NON-C	1	1
THOMPSON, DEBBIE	NON-C	0
WAYNE, SANDRA	NON-C	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	dnd	.	dnd	.	.	.	.	1	.	dnd	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	5
YODER, KATHLEEN	NON-C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

NON-COMBATANT TOTALS 2 4 2 6 0 0 7 2 2 1 3 4 0 4 2 6 7 7 3 0 3 4 0 3 0 5 0 3 1 3 2 6 1 0 13 3

TOTAL PEOPLE 3 15 9 38 6 10 42 6 11 12 16 16 4 28 14 25 21 42 21 16 13 16 3 15 0 28 0 5 25 14 25 21 2 1 43 9 575

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bl=MCWRA Ball	hs=Historical Society	DR=Spring Drill	KA=Killer Angels
ko=KOKO Expo	wd=Wedding	BT=Butler	SC=Saint Charles
lf=Live Fire	ff=Warrenburg fall festival	RS=Resaca	PK=Pilot Knob
dp=Warrenburg depot parade	ht=huntsville execution	PH=Pleasant Hope	KY=Perryville
wc=Wilson's Creek Btn drill	kt=Keyesville parade	MA=Macon	CC=Cabin Creek
pt=Pomme deTerre	ki=King & I	VB=Vicksburg	MC=Mine Creek
hg=Higginsville CS Home	vs=Versailles	GL=Glasgow	DP=Doniphan
bs=Brat Sale benefit	ws=Warsaw heritage	LJ=Lone Jack	PG=Prairie Grove
jc=Jeff City (Hawkins)	bq=Quantril ceremony		
cn=Concordia	fb=fall banquet		

DRAFT BYLAWS - 5th MISSOURI INFANTRY - CSA, Inc.

ARTICLE I - TITLE: The name of this organization shall be the Fifth Missouri Infantry - CSA. It shall consist of such companies as may be established by the membership under the provisions of these By-laws.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE: The Fifth Missouri Infantry - CSA is a non-profit historical organization (living history), organized under the provisions of USC 501C(3). Its objective is to promote a better understanding of the critical era of American history variously known as the War for Southern Independence, the War Between the States, or the Civil War. Specifically, the unit will concentrate on depicting the pro-Southern Missourian in the pre-war era and during the war both as a regularly enrolled Confederate infantryman and as a guerrilla fighter. This objective will be accomplished by:

- A. Improving members' knowledge and understanding by discussion, readings, and viewing audiovisual presentations.
- B. Presenting accurate and authentic "Living History" demonstrations at encampments, skirmishes, battle re-enactments and other appropriate events in Missouri and other states.
- C. Giving historical presentations to schools and universities, civic groups and other public forums.
- D. Honoring the valor and sacrifice of the Confederate soldier by participating in dedications, memorial ceremonies, etc.
- E. Promoting study of the era by providing research grants or fellowships at Missouri academic institutions.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP: Membership in the Fifth Missouri Infantry - CSA (hereinafter called the Regiment) is open to any individual who subscribes to the principles of the Regiment and pays such dues as may be established by the membership. Each individual member will be part of a group of people who portray a unit (hereinafter called a Company) of the Regiment which meets the safety and authenticity standards of the Regiment.

A. A Company consists of at least 20 combatants, ten of whom must be Veterans.

1. A new Company may be established when membership in a geographically concentrated area exceeds these numbers and is approved by two thirds of the Directors or a Majority of the total membership; however, a new company shall not be accepted if it will reduce an existing company below the minimum standards for membership. A member may select company affiliation at beginning of each year & cannot transfer without the consent both companies until following year. A 'Provisional Company' may be established with the consent of

the Directors when it appears that it would be of assistance in furthering the goals of the Regiment. Officers of 'Provisional Companies' shall not be recognized in the field.

2. The Ladies' Auxiliary, should one be established, shall be considered to be a Company for all purposes under these By-laws except those requiring decisions by Combatants or Veterans.

B. All Individual Members must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Combatant membership is open to males, age 12 and above, who are individual members of the Missouri Civil War Re-enactors' Association (or who have otherwise obtained Reenactor's Insurance), and who meet the criteria established below as Veterans, Recruits, or Cadets. In addition to these criteria, anyone age 18 or younger must submit a parental release form for minors before participating in any event & must be accompanied by a legal guardian or provide a consent to treat power of attorney.

- a. Veteran: A veteran is authorized to carry and discharge firearms at events under the general supervision of the staff. Veterans must be age 18 or older, equipped to meet the minimum standards of the unit as determined by the Regimental staff, have attended at least three events (two involving simulated combat), have demonstrated proficiency in drill and safe use of weapons, have served a probationary period of 120 days, and be approved by a majority of the Veterans voting in a meeting of the company to which the individual belongs. Only Veterans may vote in elections for the Field Staff.

- b. Recruit: A recruit is a probationary soldier who may carry and discharge firearms only under direct supervision of a veteran. He must be age 16 or older and shall not be permitted to discharge firearms in ranks until proficient. Recruits may vote for Organizational Directors only.

- c. Cadet: A Cadet is a member age 15 or under who renders an authentic portrayal on the battlefield, such as musician, and who meets any minimum equipment standards for his specialty. In addition to the parental release form, Cadets must be sponsored at each event by a Veteran. Cadets may not vote at any election.

2. Non-Combatant: A Non-combatant is not authorized to carry a firearm at any event. This class of membership is intended for family members of Combatants and for other persons who wish to support the activities of the Unit without taking the field. Non-combatants who participate in events must adhere to authenticity requirements of the event and the unit. Non-combatants may vote for Organizational Directors only, or for any non-combatant leadership positions which might be

established.

3. Associate: An Associate Member is a reenactor affiliated with another unit or a non-reenactor; in either case desiring to support the Unit & receive its publications. Associate members may not vote, nor may they participate in the field unless they meet all requirements of the event sponsors, including Reenactor Insurance where applicable. Dues will be as established by the membership.

IV - ELECTIONS and VOTING: Organizational Directors and Field Officers shall be elected in November of each year. Elections will be conducted by secret ballot, delivered to a designated individual either personally or using the United States Postal Service, as determined by the Directors. Eligibility for voting is defined in Article III. B.

1. Organizational Directors are elected by the total Combatant & non-combatant membership.
2. Field Staff: Each Company in the Regiment selects its own officers, except that the Regimental commander will be elected by majority vote of the Veteran membership.

V - OFFICERS: There shall be two sets of officers, the Organizational Directors and the Field Staff. Individuals may serve on both staffs.

A. Organizational Directors: The Organizational Directors shall consist of the President, Secretary & Treasurer, plus a Vice-President for each member Company. The President shall serve a two year term, expiring at the end of even numbered years; the Secretary & Treasurer shall serve a two-year term expiring in odd numbered years. The Secretary & Treasurer positions may be combined with the approval of the Membership. Vice-Presidents shall serve one year terms. Directors will serve without pay, but may be reimbursed the necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in performing their duties.

1. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Directors & of the general membership. He shall execute all contracts, with the approval of the Board of Directors.
2. The Secretary shall maintain minutes of all Director and Membership meetings, causing them to be published in the organizational newsletter. He will maintain files of correspondence and the original copies of the Articles of Incorporation & any tax exemption determinations. He will maintain a repository for the minutes of Company meetings as submitted by each Company. He shall prepare an agenda for each meeting.
3. The Treasurer shall maintain all financial records of the Regiment. He shall sign all checks for Regimental expenses, as well as for expenses of

each company when such expense exceeds the 'petty cash' limits. He shall review & reimburse the petty cash funds issued to each company.

4. The Vice-Presidents shall preside over meetings of the Directors or the general membership in the absence of the President; if two or more Vice-Presidents are present, the one to preside will be chosen by mutual agreement, or by lot. Each Vice-President shall preside over meetings of his own Company. He shall be responsible for providing minutes of Company meetings and for providing documentation to support reimbursement of the Company petty cash fund; however, each Company may select one or more individuals to perform these functions.

B. Field Staff: The Field Staff shall consist of a Commander, holding the rank of Captain. The Commander may serve at higher rank whenever the event dictates. The Commander shall be elected by secret ballot vote of recognized Veterans for a term of one year, during the month of November. He may appoint a Color Bearer & a Sergeant Major or Adjutant from among the Company officers and NCO's if the size of the membership so warrants. The Commander has overall responsibility for the conduct of the Regiment at events. In his absence, he shall appoint one of the Company Commanders to fill his position.

1. Each Company accepted as a member of the Regiment is authorized a Company Commander with the rank of Lieutenant and 2 Company Sergeants. Each company may elect additional Officers and Sergeants, at a ratio not to exceed one officer or sergeant for each nine men serving at the ranks of Corporal or Private.

a. Each Company will select one Lieutenant. The Senior Lieutenant (based on continuous time served in that capacity under these By-laws) will be appointed first Lieutenant and all others will be Second Lieutenants. When companies are consolidated in the field, Lieutenant positions will be rotated on a voluntary basis with any disputes resolved by Seniority.

b. Each Company will select two sergeants, one to act as the first sergeant & the other to act as quartermaster. The Regimental & Company Commanders will meet with these sergeants to determine which will serve as overall Regimental First Sergeant & Regimental Quartermaster. The regimental Sergeants only will wear 1st Sgt & QMSgt stripes - all others will wear basic sergeant insignia. However, the Commander shall attempt to ensure that each Company's first sergeant shall have the opportunity to perform as a first sergeant.

c. Each Company may select two corporals, plus such additional corporals as are required by their membership strength, at a ratio not to exceed one

corporal for each eight privates. When company strength requires consolidation, the Commander will decide precedence among corporals.

d. When companies are consolidated on the field for strength considerations and an excess of officers & sergeants results, the Regimental Commander will select which officers and sergeants will serve in such positions, with the others serving as private soldiers.

e. Each Company may select additional sergeants and Junior Second Lieutenants as needed, with not more than one officer or sergeant for each ten men. These additional sergeants and officers will not serve in such positions in recognized events unless justified by the number of combatants attending and with the consent of the Commander.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS: An annual meeting shall be held at the Spring Muster. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. Each Company shall meet at least Bi-monthly.

A quorum at any meeting shall consist of at least 30% of the members authorized to vote at that meeting. At least 30 days notice must be provided for any meeting of the general membership.

The directors shall meet at least quarterly, with at least two weeks written notice. Directors may hold open meetings without prior notice at any event designated as Maximum Effort in the approved reenactment schedule. A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII - SAFETY: Safety is the paramount consideration at any event or drill. Each Company shall maintain a safety guide, which will include safety standards of the Missouri Civil War Reenactors' Association as a reference, & ensure that all members sign a form indicating their consent and familiarity at least annually.

ARTICLE VIII - AUTHENTICITY: In order to ensure authentic impressions at all events, the minimum required equipment for men shall include at least a percussion long arm, and trousers, shoes, and shirt made from period patterns and made of authentic materials. In addition, each Company must ensure compliance with the rules established by event sponsors. Each Company, including the Ladies' Auxiliary, may establish its own additional requirements with the approval of a majority of the Directors, but any such requirements established shall not restrict the voting rights of anyone equipped to minimum Regimental standards, nor should they be designed to restrict participation in reenacting.

ARTICLE IX - FINANCES and EQUIPMENT

A. Financial revenue of the Unit shall consist of dues, contributions, and funds raised by other

means.

1. Organizational Directors shall approve an annual budget for newsletters, recruiting, postage & director reimbursement. An amount sufficient to cover budget will be allocated from dues collected. Each Company will then be entitled to the remaining share of dues collected from its members.

2. Each Company may establish a petty cash fund for local expenses. The Treasurer will, upon submission of proper bills, reimburse this fund as long as funds allocable to the Company remain.

3. Additional allocations from other funds raised may be made on approval of two-thirds of the Directors. These funds may be used to meet special needs of each Company or of the Regiment as a whole, including but not limited to equipment purchases and donations to recognized historic preservation charities and educational institutions.

B. Title to all equipment obtained by the Regiment or any of its Companies remains with the Regiment. However, equipment assigned to or purchased on behalf of a Company cannot be reallocated from that company, as long as it remains active, without its consent.

C. Regimental Dues shall be established by the Board of Directors, payable prior to January 1 of each year. Individuals who desire membership in the Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association MCWRA will pay those dues through the Regiment at the same time. Special family membership rates may also be established. Dues may be adjusted as required by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Temporary assessments may be imposed by majority of the voting membership at any general membership meeting.

D. Each Company shall establish written procedures for the control of equipment & funds, subject to approval by the Directors.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS: These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the total membership, voting by secret ballot, by mail or at any meeting, provided that the intent to amend the By-laws and the substance of the desired amendment is announced through official publications at least 45 days prior to voting.

ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION: Should the Unit be dissolved, its assets will be distributed as required under Article 7 of the Articles of Incorporation, with preference given to Living History organizations or historical preservation organizations. Organizational equipment may be sold and the proceeds distributed as described above.

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY

1993 RE-ENACTMENT SCHEDULE

Jan 11 (Monday), Jeff City: Inaugural Parade & LH. See Event Details.

Jan 16, Sedalia: Annual meeting & early drill.

Feb 13, Eureka: Annual MCWRA Ball.

March 5-7 * MURFREESBORO, TN. National Event., See Event Details.

April 3-4 * CRANE, MO.: Local event SW of Springfield. Expect 200 reenactors, skirmish. About 150 miles.

April 17-18, Lexington SHS: Tentative Spring Drill on state site. followed by Confederate Memorial Day ceremony at Higginsville.

April 24-25 CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO. SEMO Univ sponsored, local event with skirmish. 300 miles.

May 8 IRONTON, MO. Living History only at Ft. Davidson Park. 220 miles.

May 30 (?), Columbia: Memorial Day Parade.

June 12-13 * PLEASANT HOPE, MO. Area event north of Springfield, 300-500 reenactors; battles involving all arms. About 90 miles.

June 19-20, Leocompton, KS: Small prewar event near Lawrence.

June 26-7, Brownsville, NE: Local event, about 175 miles.

July 16-18 * HONEY SPRINGS, OK. Major event on 130th anniversary near US 69/I-40 junction. Expect 1000+ reenactors in major battles. About 300 miles.

Jul 31-Aug 1 * CARTHAGE, MO. Major event with 700+ reenactors, battle demonstrations.. 150 miles.

Aug 7-8 * ATHENS, MO. Missouri Parks sponsored event on original site in far NE Missouri. Battles both days, 500+ reenactors. About 240 miles.

Aug 13-15 URICH, MO. Living History event only, SE of Kansas City. 40 Miles.

Aug 21-22, Columbia: LH in Columbia's Nifong Park. Recruiting Op for central MO.

Sep 18-19 * FREDERICKTOWN, MO. Local event with battles on US 67 SW of St. Louis.

Oct 1-3 * BELMONT, MO. Major event with battles (1000+ reenactors) near Charleston, MO. About 350 miles.

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EVENT DETAILS

MURFREESBORO, TN: We'll register based on count received by the meeting (registration fee of \$3). Impression is our 'generic CS' with military 2 or 3 band muskets only (no Zouaves) with bayonet. Revolvers by officers/NCO's only, knives tied down. Rolled cartridges only, don't bring ANY Minie balls. Vehicle access on Thursday, Friday (except 1:30 to 5:30) until Saturday 9:00 AM, two hour limit. Battles Friday, Saturday & Sunday at 2:00 PM each day, plus drill at 10:00 Saturday, Parade at 10:00 Sunday. Ladies' events include a bazaar at 6:00 PM Saturday with many period skills plus things to sell. Site is about 10 miles from town; we have a list of motels for those so inclined. We must furnish our own food, so you'll be expected to contribute a share toward the food (average \$6 to 10 per person).

to get there: I-70 to St Louis, I-64 to Mt Vernon, I-57 to Jct I-24, I-24 past Nashville to Murfreesboro.

An extract from the Mobile Register, 1862.

(for you new folks, the Army Argus was the Missouri Brigade's newspaper)

The following document, intended for the "Army Argus," while that paper was published at Corinth, having lost its way, has fallen into our hands. If its generalities hit anybody in particular, it is their fault, and those who are not hurt by it, who, we are sure, must constitute the great majority in the different classes enumerated, cannot fail to be amused by it, and perhaps instructed as to the errors into which they may be in danger of falling unsuspectingly.:

Military Catechism, by Col. T.C. J****

Scene - School-room - Class in Military Affairs stand up.

Question. What is the first duty of a Brigadier General? Answer. To swear by note.

Q. - What is the second duty? A. - To drink every day a large quantity of bad whiskey.

Q. - What is the third duty? A. - To be constantly astonished that these and other feats do not bring him a Major General's commission.

Q. - What is the first duty of a Colonel? A. - To put three stars on his collar.

Q. - What is the second duty? A. - To see that his regiment is never put to such useless work as drilling in the School of the Battalion.

Q. - What is the third duty? A. - To imitate the Brigadier Generals in a small way, especially in the fine arts of swearing and drinking.

Q. - What is the first duty of a Captain? A. - To forget all the promises he made to the boys when he was elected, and put on dignified airs in the presence of his old associates.

Q. - What is the second duty? A. - To get a finer uniform than his Colonel.

Q. - What the third duty? A. - To become the best poker-player in the army.

Q. - What is the first duty of an Adjutant General? A. - To become so huffish that every one will dislike to do business with him.

Q. - What is the second duty? A. - To fill his office with young squirts, as clerks and assistants, to look fiercely at visitors.

Q. - What is the third duty? A. - To perpetually intrigue for a higher position in the line, provided it is not attended with personal danger.

Q. - What is the duty of a regular aid? A. - To make himself important.

Q. - What is the second duty? A. - To make himself very important.

Q. - What is the third duty? A. - To look upon those gentlemen who, through patriotic motives, or admiration of his chief, volunteer to serve the country without compensation, in the capacity of an aid, as a sort of interloper that interferes with his importance.

Q. - What is the first duty of a Quartermaster? A. - A great Captain has laid down the three great duties of this officer. He says the first duty is to make himself comfortable.

Q. - What does he say is the second duty? A. - To make himself damned comfortable.

Q. - What does he lay down as his third duty? A. - To make everybody else damned uncomfortable.

Q. - What is the first duty of a Commissary? A. - To take all the delicacies provided in the army for his own use.

Q. - What is the second duty? A. - To share sparingly said delicacies with his friends, and never let them go into such vulgar places as the mouths of sick soldiers.

Q. - What is the third duty? A. - To be very particular to see that the requisitions for rations are in proper form - all the t's are crossed and i's dotted - when presented by soldiers who are sick or who have had nothing to eat for three or four days.

Q. - What is the first duty of a Medical Director? A. - To permit the sick and wounded to take care of themselves.

Q. - What is the second duty? A. - To learn the sick and wounded to be of little trouble to the medical department, and to this end to constantly ship those mortally wounded, or in extremis, to distant points, without attendants, and without anything to eat or drink.

Q. - What is the third duty? A. - To employ a good part of his time in cursing the physician, in charge of those distant hospitals, for letting so many of the sick and wounded die.

Q. - What is the first duty of a surgeon? A. - Under the names of drugs and medicines, to purchase a full supply of good liquors.

Q. - What is the second duty? A. - To cause all private cellars to be searched, and all the good brandies found their to be confiscated, lest the owners should smuggle them to the soldiers, give them away and make the whole army drunk.

Q. - What is the third duty? A. - To see that he and his assistants drink up all of said liquors.

Q. - What is the fourth duty? A. - To wear the largest amount of gold lace, and be always absent from the post of danger and of duty.

Q. - What is the first duty of a Chaplain? A. - Never to mention the subject of religion to the soldiers.

Q. - What is the second duty? A. - To preach to the regiment only once a year, and not that unless specially requested by the Colonel.

Q. - What is the third duty? A. - To grumble all the time about the smallness of his pay.

Q. - What is the first duty of pickets? A. - To go to sleep on their posts.

Q. - What is the second duty? A. - To wake up when the enemy's pickets invite them to come over and take a drink.

Q. - What is the third duty? A. - To be "driven in" upon the explosion of the first shell.

Q. - What is the first duty of an army? A. - To destroy as much private property as possible, particularly that belonging to its friends.

Q. - What is the second duty? A. - To parole all prisoners taken from the enemy who are known to have burned houses, stolen negroes or murdered women.

Q. - What is the third duty? A. - Always to act on the defensive and never to invade the enemy's territory however good may be the opportunity, although he may be ravaging yours all the time.

Q. - What is the first duty of the Government? A. - To fill all its important posts with Yankees and foreigners.

Q. - What is the second duty? A. - To deliver its chief cities without striking a blow.

(Catechism, continued)

Q. - What is the third duty? A. - Never to learn from experience.

Q. - What is the first duty of the Southern people? A. - To keep out of the army.

Q. - What is the second duty? A. - To make all the money they can out of the Government and the soldiers, as wars come seldom.

Q. - What is the third duty? A. - To surrender the entire trade in shoes and clothing - on which trade the army is dependent - to that patriotic class of men known as Jews, who are too conscientious to charge the government or the army a profit exceeding two thousand per cent.

Q. - What is the fourth duty? A. - To let success cause a relaxation of their exertions, and see in every little reverse the ruination of our cause.

That will do - take your seats.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION: If you're interested in preservation of our battlefields, consider joining the Association for Preservation of Civil War Sites (APCWS). APCWS acquires threatened portions of battlefields & turns the land over to parks for management. They fronted the money for the 40 acres recently acquired at Byram's Ford; they've also bought land at Spotsylvania, the Shenandoah Valley, Five Forks, Antietam, etc. You can reach them at 613 Caroline St, Suite B, Fredericksburg, VA 22401 (703-371-1860).

ROUND TABLE: A new Civil War Round Table has been formed in the KC area. CWRTs discuss aspects of the war, take tours of CW sites, and promote historic preservation. Gaylen Goldsberry is a member of the new organization & can tell you how to join if you're interested.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR INTENTIONS TOWARD ATTENDANCE AT THE LISTED EVENTS & RETURN AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

BATTLE REENACTMENTS:

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- Honey Springs, OK
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- Fredericktown, MO
- Belmont, MO

Write in 5 if it will take an act of God to keep you away, 0 if you wouldn't go even if the event featured the Second Coming. Use 1 through 4 to indicate your relative interest between these extremes. For event dates, look at the Schedule on another page.

Other events:

- Spring Drill
- Pilot Knob Living History
- Columbia Memorial Day Parade
- Urich, MO. LH event
- Columbia Living history

TID-BITS from Prairie Grove:

The snow & sleet brought more 'practical' uses for that expensive bayonet: digging the snow & ice from your heelplates, and knocking ice from frozen tents & flies.

Corporal Faught received an unexpected introduction to a young lady from Crowley's, nicknamed "Huggy", while warming himself at the fire.

There appeared to be much interest in the impending formation of a new company of the 5th.

We were treated to a rare sight during Saturday's engagement: dead cavalymen! Yanks, no less! Several of the outnumbered Federals were unhorsed - in the snow!

As sleet turned to large snowflakes prior to Saturday's battle, the battalion amused itself with Christmas carols, including a queer limerick about a red-nosed deer with few friends. The 5th's expertise in inverted drill might have come in handy when one company became inverted (twice) while defending against cavalry menacing the flank. Pvt John Durrill was the only member of the 5th with the intestinal fortitude (?) to camp under canvas overnight, the rest choosing to travel as "Motel Militia."

Safety tip courtesy of Sgt Riggs: If you lower the hammer on a cap rather than leaving it at half-cock, beware of catching the hammer on accoutrements when you raise the loaded weapon from order arms [ed note: this begs for more explanation!].

Turnout was good, considering the threatening weather. Our battalion appeared to be the largest on the field, with approximately 60 rifles. Spectator turnout, however, was abysmal. On Saturday, reenactors' families outnumbered the other spectators.

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DATES TO REMEMBER: January 11: Governor's Inauguration Parade, Jeff City.
January 16: Annual Meeting, Sedalia.
March 5-7: Battle of Murfreesboro