

# THE MESSENGER

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**CONTENTS:** Welcomes to new members, minutes of our first corporate meeting, a copy of the By-Laws, scheduling information, a Ladies' page, minutes from Co H organizational meeting, etc. In the future, we hope to have a full page for each of our companies (including the Ladies). Space didn't permit some short biographies of MSG leaders, as worked up by Associate Member David Gooden of Michigan.

**PERSONNEL:** Welcome to Jeff & Sue Pearman and family of Peculiar (transfers from Jackman's Cav), Jeff's brother Robert of Keytesville, Dale & Barbara Danforth of Blue Springs, Mark Moeller of Bland & Jim Hodge of Ft Leonard Wood (fought with us at Perryville). Dr. Robert Graybill of CMSU joins us as an Associate Member - his son came in from out-of-state & participated with us at the Quantrill funeral. Congratulations to new Veterans Mike Massey & Russ Swigart. We've lost some members who haven't re-enlisted yet, & we're following up right now.

**MEETING TID-BITS:** Thanks to Jeff Tucker for donating an art print as a door prize (won by Russ Chisam) and David Kesinger donated brass hat insignia (won by Jim Houk). Cookies were furnished by Sandra Wayne & Judy Riggs. We especially appreciate Jerry Lee's offer of his office for the meetingplace.

**ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS:** The By-laws allow a new company to be formed if it has 18 paid combatants, 9 of whom are Veterans. Since our eastern group had only 13 paid as of the meeting, they were unable to organize Company H as we had hoped. We fully expect that they'll have the requisite number in short order, which will cause some changes and additions in the positions elected. The minutes of their organizational meeting are included; note that they took almost three hours to fully discuss the matter.

**ELECTION RESULTS:** *Charlie Riggs* remains as President, *Bill Wayne* as Treasurer, and *David Kesinger* as Secretary. Co A Vice-President is *Steve Yoakum* and Ladies' Auxiliary Vice-President is *Debbie Bears*. **Field Officers** are: Regimental Commander: *Capt. Bob Koffman*. **Company A Staff:** Lieutenant: *Bill Wayne* 1st Sergeant: *Dave Bears* 2nd Sergeant: *Jerry Lee* Quartermaster Sergeant: *Kelly Siefkas* Corporals: *Charlie Riggs, Dennis Faught, Neil Block, Jeff Tucker*.

**NEXT MEETING:** Next regimental is likely to be held at Murfreesboro to make some adjustments if Company H is activated by then.

*Next Company A meeting* on Saturday, February 20th, 2:00 PM, at Charlie Riggs' place. Be prepared for drill (including firing) and a cartridge rolling party. If Company H reaches strength by that date, Co A will need to elect a Vice-President and two Corporals. The *Ladies' Auxiliary* will also hold a meeting on February 20th at Judy Riggs' house. To find the meeting(s), from Warrensburg, take MO 13 south to 'Y', east on 'Y' 6 miles to a gravel road 601 (look for our Civil War Camp sign), south on 601 about 150 yards to the first driveway on the right.

We'll also have a Board of Directors Meeting.

# Minutes of Company H Organizational Meeting

At 7:00 PM on Wednesday, Jan 13, an organizational meeting was held to consider creation of a new Civil War reenactment company of the 5th. Missouri Infantry Regiment. Those in attendance included Neil Block, Nick Davis, Dennis Faught, Kent Ford, Sam Hafley, James Keown, Mike Massey, Jim Robertson & Steve Yoakum, all current members of Company A of the 5th. Missouri Infantry Regiment.

Despite having a total of 20 potential members, there was reluctance expressed by many in attendance to split-out a new company as the members were happy with the structure and operation of Company A and desired to participate in a larger unit. It was also discussed as to how this potential move may be received by our friends and colleagues in Company A.

It was decided that should we form a new company in the 5th. Missouri Infantry Regiment that it be done initially for organizational purposes only, with the express intent to participate in all but local events as a part of Company A during 1993. There was concern expressed about both Company A and the potential new company being "top-heavy" with NCO's and/or officers and what options are available to keep that from occurring. There was also discussion as to the status of the new company with the MCWRA.

Following extensive discussion, it was moved and seconded to create a new company to be known as "Company H" of the 5th Missouri Infantry Regiment, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Company A Meeting, Saturday Feb 20th,  
2:00 PM at Charlie Riggs' place

It was moved & seconded that the following officers be elected: President: *M. Steve Yoakum* [i.e., Vice=president representing Co H in corporate structure]; Secretary/Treasurer: *Kent Ford*. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved & seconded that the following field officers be elected (with other responsibilities): 2nd. Lt/Pvt: *Nick Davis* (Ordnance); 1st Sgt: *Steve Yoakum* (safety); 2nd. Sgt./Pvt: *Jim Robertson* (Quartermaster); Corporals *Dennis Faught* (authenticity) and *Neil Block*. Motion carried unanimously.

Karen Dothage, Columbia Parks & Recreation Department, discussed with the members a planned civil war living history event schedules for Aug 21 & 22 at the Maplewood house in Columbia. The company voted unanimously to sponsor and support this event.

The members directed the President to relay to the members of Company A the reasons for the creation of Company H, their concerns and our most sincere desire for continued operations under the 5th. Missouri Infantry Regiment at the annual meeting Saturday, Jan 16, 1993 in Sedalia.

There being no further business the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Signed/M. Steve Yoakum/

We still have new & old  
T-shirts (\$10) & sweat shirts  
(\$15). Get yours now!

# LADIES' NEWS

The ladies met at the January meeting. We discussed organizational structure, set up committees and assigned a chairwoman for each committee. Since space is limited, we are just going to briefly cover major topics.

I have outlined below our committee structure. If you are interested in joining a committee, please give one of us a call.

Committees:

Authenticity: Debbie Bears, Cindy Lee, Julie Swigart, Kim Siefkas

The Authenticity Committee will guide and assist the other committees in their projects. I would like to propose that the Authenticity Committee serve as a governing board, if you will. The Committee will be responsible for revising clothing and camping gear used in the Civilian camp. Additionally, all other Committees must receive Authenticity approval for special activities and projects, fund raising, Children's manual, etc.

Activity: Pam Baker

The Activity Committee will coordinate activities and special functions at both reenactments and ladies meetings. We had several great suggestions at the meeting such as holding teas and dinners for the 5th Ladies at reenactments, quilting, etc.

Children's Kim Siefkas

The Children's Committee will be responsible for preparing a Children's Manual and planning activities for children. This will be a fun committee and we need a lot of assistance from you moms out there.

Public Relations Sandra Wayne

Sandra is the public relations guru for the 5th. She is doing a great job, every time I turn around someone has a camera or a tape recorder, I rest my case. She appreciates your assistance.

Recruiting Cindy Lee, Debbie Bears

We discussed assigning sponsors to ladies based on geographic location and their interests. The Committee will forward recruiting material to new recruits. Once a lady has joined, the Committee will play matchmaker and assign a sponsor. We intend to assign sponsors based on the newcomers location and interests. If she is interested in camping, she will be assigned a camp sponsor. We plan to draft guidelines to help the sponsors.

Kim Siefkas discussed the Ladies Seminar in St. Louis. She brought up the workdress versus camp skirt issue. We have copies of the seminar handouts that will be distributed at the February meeting.

Fire safety was emphasized. No lady will be allowed near the fire with a hoop. It is mandatory that each fire have a water bucket (filled, of course).

Authenticity in camp life was a major focal point of our meeting. The majority of our ladies use cast iron cookgear. Coffeepots are a problem and we discussed blackened granite coffeepots as an alternative. Cindy brought Meaking plates and bowls and discussed sources for glass.

**CORPORATE BY-LAWS:** The new corporate By-laws were adopted at the January 16th meeting; you may remove the copy enclosed in this Messenger and replace the old By-laws in your Member Guide or wait for a revision to the Guide.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES:** The events at Crane, MO & Ft. Blakeley AL are cancelled, and no interest was expressed in Champion Hill, Gettysburg or Glorieta Pass. We are still inquiring about Helena, AR on July 4th weekend. Meanwhile, we've rescheduled Spring Drill to May 14-16, and we'll have a cartridge party in conjunction with the next Company A meeting.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINES:** The check for Murfreesboro went in on Jan 24th (32 men, 6 ladies). If you hadn't committed to attend by that date, you'll have to pay \$10 at the gate. We have two other registration deadlines coming up quickly, as well: *Honey Springs by April 15 and Belmont by July 15*. If you want to attend these or any other events, please send in your intentions ASAP!

**SPRING DRILL:** We have tentatively scheduled our Spring Drill for the Battle of Lexington SHS, for the weekend of May 14, 15 & 16th. We'll set up camp either in the oval where the Federals normally camp or near the Anderson House, weather depending (can't drive onto wet grounds). They'll furnish straw, firewood, sanitary; we'll furnish food & warm bodies. The reason it's 'tentative' is the state requires insurance so we'll have to get the event on the MCWRA schedule. Nevertheless, this is a MAX EFFORT event for us; put it on your schedule!

**ACTIVITY REPORTS:** 10 men marched in the Inaugural Parade. We looked sharp with fixed bayonets at Shoulder Shift; 4 of us spent the afternoon at the State Information Center, home of the State Archives (including military records) doing largely unappreciated LH.

Drill at our annual meeting went well, with recruits and prospectives mixing with veterans. Twenty-two men marched through the slush moving by files, the flank, wheels & obliques, plus into line by company & on the right by files. 42 members and several guests attended; we made front page in the Sedalia Democrat.

#### Ladies News, continued

Martha discussed advance preparation for meals. Weather and public viewing are always considerations. Several food options are available. Food rations are generally available and can be obtained as a group. Individuals pulling rations will be responsible for distributing food to the remaining members of the group requesting rations. Another alternative is the military mess. The quartermaster must be informed of your intentions so he can pull your rations. The most dependable alternative is supplying your own rations. Period food and recipes should be used when the public is present.

New recruits need to contact either Sgt. Siefkas or their sponsor to reserve a tent. Only authentic tents will be open for public viewing; all other tents will be tied off. Bedding, carpets, feather beds, chamber pots and trunks were also discussed

.Many of you expressed an interest in joining the CLO. CLO dues are \$2 per year plus \$10 for the newsletter. Send your money to Diana Lindhorst, 4848 Rose Path Road, House Springs, Missouri 63051.

Prince Albert Pudding (Godey's 1864): Half a pound of bread crumbs, half a pound of sugar, half a pound of butter, six eggs beaten separately, juice of one lemon, rinds of two grated, one wineglass of brandy, four tablespoonfuls of any kind of preserves. Steam the pudding in a mould one hour and a half.

# *5th MISSOURI INFANTRY*

## 1993 RE-ENACTMENT SCHEDULE

Feb 6, Jeff City. MCWRA Quarterly meeting.

Feb 13, Eureka: Annual MCWRA Ball.

Feb 20, Warrensburg. Co A meeting & cartridge party, Charlie Riggs place.

**March 5-7 \* MURFREESBORO, TN.** Unit MAX EFFORT, National Event., See Event Details.

March 26-7 (Fri nite/Sat): Warrensburg, KOKO Expo recruiting op.

April 3-4 \* CRANE, MO: *CANCELLED!*

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 14-16, Lexington SHS: Spring Drill on state site.

May 30, Columbia: Memorial Day Parade.

June 5-6, Independence. LH at Civil War show.

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

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

June 26-7, Brownsville, NE: Local event, abt 175 mi.

**July 16-18 \* HONEY SPRINGS, OK.** MCWRA & 5MO MAX EFFORT on 130th anniversary near US 69/I-40 junction. Expect 1000+ reenactors in major battles. About 300 miles., Register by April 15th SEE EVENT DETAILS.

**Jul 31-Aug 1 \* CARTHAGE, MO.** Major event over 700 reenactors, battle demonstrations. 150 mi.

**Aug 7-8 \* ATHENS, MO.** Missouri Parks sponsored event on original site in far NE Missouri. Battles both days, 500+ reenactors. Abt 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, UNIT max effort..

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

**Oct 1-3 \* BELMONT, MO.** MCWRA & 5MO MAX EFFORT, Major event with battles (1000+ reenactors) near Charleston, MO. About 350 miles. Register to your CO by July 15th.

## 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.

**CAPE GIRARDEAU:** Local event on 1000 acres 1/2 mi. from Bollinger Mill SHS, promising food for 5 meals, powder for infantry, candlelight tour, 2 battles. Will have area historical area drive. Family can skip event & take nearby steam train ride. **To get there** from St. Louis: I-55 south to Exit 105, US 61 into Jackson, MO 34 west about 5 miles to site.

**SPRING DRILL, LEXINGTON:** This is our annual spring drill. Arrive Friday evening or Saturday morning & set up, alternate drill sessions with discussions or living history presentations. Continue drill on Sunday, break camp around 1:00 PM. State support under discussion. **to get there:** take MO 13 north to Lexington, go straight when MO 13 turns left downtown, continue to the site entrance.

**PLEASANT HOPE:** Site of small event in '92 wants to do it right in '93. Promise raw foods, prepared meals, powder/caps. Events include 2 battles, night firing, dance, candlelight, parade. Site is cramped, **to get there,** MO 13 south to Brighton (MO 215) then east & look for signs. If you reach the town of Pleasant Hope, you've gone too far.

**BROWNSVILLE, NE:** 2 battles, food for 5 meals, possible riverboat ride in 1860's riverport. To get there from Kansas City, I-35 north to Rock Port exit (US 1366), US 136 west across bridge to Brownsville.

**HONEY SPRINGS, OK:** Could be best event of year. TMR, who did bang-up job at Cabin Creek, will sponsor. Amenities include 1 lb powder/man, 130th Anniversary medal, food for 4 meals & 1 prepared meal. Registration opens Thursday, with night skirmish Friday, afternoon fight Saturday, 130th Anniv. battle on Sunday. Ladies events include tea, evening dance. No modern amenities nearby. Registration deadline through unit April 15th. **to get there:** US-71/71A to Carthage, I-44 to Big Cabin Exit, US 69 south to Rentiesville exit, follow signs.

**ATHENS:** Historic site of 1861 battle between Marty Green's State Guardsmen & Davey Moore's Home Guardsmen, with many original buildings. Generic action Saturday, historic Sunday, dance, candlelight, fashion show. Raw food for 5 meals, powder/caps for infantry, period crafts & vendors. **To get there** from Columbia,, US 63 no to Moberly, US 24 e to Palmyra, US 61 no to Wayland, US 136 w to MO 81, MO 81 no to 'CC', 'CC' east to site..

**URICH:** Living History event commemorates GAR encampments which have continued since 1870's. Raw foods, dance, candlelight, parade. This will be scripted day-long tour scenario, set mid-63. Camp for women & children, Fed provost force (inf & cav), mounted CS guerrilla raid. Best roles probably for women. **NO COMBAT!** **To get there,** Urich is between Clinton & Harrisonville on MO 7.

**FREDERICKTOWN:** Site of actions in '61 & '64, offers Sat & Sun battles, candlelight, fashion show. Raw foods for 5 meals, powder for infantry. **To get there** from St. Louis, I-55 so to US 67, US 67 so to Fredericktown (all 4-lane)..

**BELMONT:** Did such a great job at the infamous 'Bel-mud' in '91 that they got another. 2 battles, night firing, dance, candlelight, tea. Amenities include raw foods, 2 prepared meals, 1 lb powder/man. Very large, well done event. **To get there** from St. Louis, I-55 south to Sikeston, I-57 e to Charleston, MO 105 so to MO 80, MO 80 e to site.

# FIFTH MISSOURI INFANTRY, INC

Minutes of Meeting held January 16, 1993

Prior to the meeting, a series of work sessions to discuss draft By-laws and event schedules was held, along with a presentation on how to do First Person, by Dave Bears. These sessions alternated with drill periods.

The meeting was called to order by Charles Riggs at 5:00 PM, with 21 Veterans, 9 recruits & 9 non-combatants present. New members & guests were introduced, and Mike Massey & Russ Swigart were accepted as Veterans.

The By-laws as presented, discussed & revised in the work session were unanimously adopted. Dues levels were adopted as \$12 individual, \$20 family & \$ 8 associate.

In order to determine the number of companies which would be established, the dues paid roster was reviewed. Since the threshold for establishing a second company is 18 and only 13 paid members were assigned/committed to Company H, officers for Company A only were to be elected.

Election for Corporate Officers was held. Charles Riggs was elected President by acclamation. Dave Kesinger was elected Secretary by acclamation. Bill Wayne was elected Treasurer by acclamation. Separate caucuses were held by the Ladies' Auxilliary and Company A for selection of Vice-Presidents; Debbie Bears was selected Vice-President for the Ladies' Auxilliary and Steve Yoakum for Company A.

The Regimental Commander was elected by all Veterans: Bob Koffman was elected by acclamation.

Company A officers selected were: Lieutenant - Bill Wayne by acclamation. First Sergeant - Dave Bears & Steve Yoakum nominated, Bears elected by secret ballot. Quartermaster Sergeant - Kelly Siefkas by acclamation. Numbers justifying, an additional sergeant was elected - Jerry Lee by acclamation. Numbers justifying, four corporals were elected. Since only four nominations were received, Charles Riggs, Dennis Faught, Neil Block & Jeff Tucker were selected by acclamation.

Regimental Maximum Effort events were selected: Spring Drill, Murfreesboro, Honey Springs, Belmont & the Columbia living history event.

Other Business:

David Kesinger informed the members that he was looking into the possibility of the 5th working a concession stand during Royals or Chiefs games as a lucrative fund raiser.

Gaylen Goldsberry sought interested members to set up a living history display at KC's first ever Civil War relics, antiques & memorabilia show, Sat-Sun June 5-6 at the 4-H building, 4 blocks south of MO 291 & 23rd St, Independence. Enough interest was shown that Gaylen was directed to commit the unit to the event.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

A meeting of the old 5th Missouri Infantry, Co A was called to order by Charles Riggs immediately upon adjournment. Bill Wayne moved/Jeff Tucker 2nd that all the assets of the old unit be transferred to the Corporation. Carried unanimously & meeting was immediately adjourned.

## SPRING DRILL, MAY 14-15-16, LEXINGTON

# BYLAWS of the 5th MISSOURI INFANTRY - CSA

adopted January 16, 1993

## 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 18 combatants, nine 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 Board of 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' Auxilliary, 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 17 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 16 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: 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 safety and 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 January of each year. Elections will be conducted by secret ballot; nothing shall prevent the Board of Directors from establishing a system of voting by mail. 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 entire 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. 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 including any tax exemption determinations. 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 January. 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. The President shall appoint an Authenticity Committee of not fewer than three members.

#### 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 those voting at a meeting of the general membership, voting by secret ballot, 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.

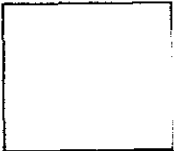
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Mar 4-6: 130th Anniversary Battle of Murfreesboro  
Mar 26-27, Warrensburg - KOKO Expo camp/fundraiser  
May 15-16, Lexington: Annual Spring Drill