

THE MESSENGER

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CONTENTS: The season draws nigh! We have details on several events, a book review, minutes of Co. A, Ladies & Corporate meetings on Feb 20th, the platoon/section list, & some surprises. Make sure you review the schedule & event details.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS: Congratulations to Company H, which, having 19 paid members, was voted into existence by the Board on Feb 20th. As a result, *Steve Yoakum* is now Vice-President from Co. H and Corporals *Block & Faught* will be part of Co. H. To fill vacancies, Co. A elected *Bob Koffman* as Vice-President and *Mel Kisner & Larry Olson* as Corporals. *David Kesinger & Bill Wayne* will serve as secretary & treasurer, respectively, for Co A in addition to their corporate duties.

PERSONNEL: Welcome to *Mark Jordan* of Wentzville (Co H), *Darold & Cheryl Tilly* of Odessa (Co A), & *Mark, Mary, Chris, Justin & Alex Shuster* of Greenwwood (Co A). Congratulations to *Kevin Baker* on achieving Veteran status.

SPRING DRILL: MCWRA approved our Spring Drill at Lexington on May 14-16. Look for details next month & plan on being there!

MID MO CWRT: We've heard a lot about the new Civil War Round Table in Kansas City, but here's a coup by the established one in Jeff City-Columbia. They've got *Ed Bearss*, Chief Historian for the NPS, at a dinner meeting in Columbia, May 18 (that's a Tuesday) for \$15 a plate. *Jim Robertson* (Company H) is President of that fortunate group. If you want to attend, send in your \$15 before May 1st.

EVENT SIGN-UP DEADLINES: Right now, only 17 men have provided their planned ebvent attendance. Make sure you've committed yourself to your company by the signup deadlines for the following events:

- April 15th: Honey Springs & Carthage
- May 1st: Spring Drill
- July 15: Belmont

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Company A: Saturday, March 27, CMSU Multi-purpose bldg, Approx 5 PM (after drill demo)
- Company H: Monday, March 1st, 7:00 PM, Steve Yoakum's house.
- Ladies: Not scheduled.
- Board: Saturday, March 27th, Honcho's Restaurant, Warrensburg, approx 7:00 PM.
- Company A will tentatively hold a meeting at Embree Electric, Sedalia, on Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 PM drill/7:00 PM business.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Some of our Jackson County folks have set up a monthly living history at the Lone Jack battlefield park. They're scheduled for March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 21 & September 11. If you'd like to participate in one of these events, contact Jeff Tucker, Gaylen Goldsberry or Kelly Siefkas. Please note that the Aug 21 date conflicts with the Columbia Living History, which has an MCWRA sanction & which YOU voted to make a Unit Max Effort.

On April 24th, we also have the option of participating in the Whiteman AFB Travel & Tour show. The last time this was held, we recruited Don Roberts & John Kinsey; those not planning on going to Cape Girardeau are highly encouraged to attend.

We've been invited back to the *KOKO Expo* on March 27th, where we'll raise some money by raffling off a gift certificate at Cedarcroft Farm Bed & Breakfast. Last year, we signed up 3 active & 3 associate members at this event. We're negotiating a 4:00 PM drill & fashion demo, so Co. A can have a meeting immediately after the event. We'll set up Charlie's tent Friday afternoon, then man the booth 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Friday & 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Saturday. While some of us will be there the whole time, others can schedule in for 2-3 hour shifts, with the chance to see the other exhibits & maybe win someone else's door prizes. Contact Bill to schedule in a couple of hours.

BOOK REVIEW: Pea Ridge, Civil War Campaign in the West, by William L. Shea & Earl J. Hess.

This is the first comprehensive study of the Elkhorn campaign, describing activities down to the regimental level. It's the first book I've seen that tells what really happened to the 3rd Louisiana on the Leetown action & why the Confederate ammunition trains weren't up; it also has given me the maps I need to finally find my Great Granfather's gun position. The authors describe all phases of the battle in great detail & have done a tremendous amount of research. As a result of their research (or perhaps their research reinforced preconceived ideas), their analysis strongly favors Gen. Curtis & the Union leadership in comparison to Gens. Van Dorn, McCulloch & Price. Despite this tendency, the book is a worthwhile read. It's at the Trails Regional Library in Warrensburg, & possibly through other libraries.

I've also been loaned a copy of a short memoir of Wm. A. Ruyle, from Co C of the 5th. He was from Polk County (Bolivar is County seat). We'll have to go to Pleasant Hope, since Bud Marvin (3rd Cav), that event's sponsor, is the one who provided me the letter. I've read it through Corinth.

THE HAVERSACK: Reasonably priced videos of 1992 & 1993 reenactments (including participants at G'burg), filmed by reenactors for reenactors. Videos include camp life, drills, roll call, battle scenarios, fashion shows & candlelight tours. Bear Lee Productions (Debbie Bears - 597-3348, or Cindy Lee - 668-3635).

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Fifteen ladies attended the February meeting. Debbie summarized the Directors meeting including the 1994 Windsor and Lexington events, fund raising, and petty cash.

Kim Siefkas submitted a portion of the Children's Manual for the Authenticity Committee to review. Kim is going to contact Sandra Headrick to inquire about our participation in the Childrens' Clothing Exchange. The Company is going to purchase some childrens patterns for the pattern bank. Recruiting was discussed. We discussed assigning pairs based on geographic location and talked with the new members to gain a better understanding of their needs. All ladies are asked to review their Ladies Manual and submit changes to the Authenticity Committee.

The Activity Committee discussed upcoming events and activities. The ladies decided to make a friendship quilt. Pam is going to purchase fabric which will be distributed at the next meeting. Pam also brought parchment paper so the ladies could write letters for Murfreesboro. Connie is planning to meet with Lone Jack to discuss monthly camp outs. Ladies participation would be appreciated in this effort. Spring Drill activities were discussed. Debbie is going to contact DNR to see if we can hold a tea in the Anderson House. She is also going to contact Ms. Cohoon from the Hair Museum in Independence to see if she would be interested in giving a presentation. Other activities discussed for Spring Drill were a croquet match, cooking demonstrations, and soap making. Additional fund raising activities discussed included making and selling hard tack, preparing a period cookbook, calendars, and raffles.

The ladies discussed major purchases and decided to look at equipment that would enhance our living history demonstrations such as candle and soap making.

The ladies discussed the Boy Scout Jamboree and have committed to assist as a group. Debbie is going to contact Steve Lillard and request key roles and scenarios at Urich. The Clinton school presentation on May 19th was discussed. Debbie is going to contact John for additional information.

Julie is going to check on a first aid kit for the Civilian camp. Debbie suggested that everyone purchase a fire extinguisher for their tents.

The ladies are starting an article library. If you have any articles you would like to share, please forward a copy to Debbie Bears. If you have read any interesting books, we would like to hear about them. Please submit the title and author along with a brief synopsis.

Debbie brought a ratt and we discussed hairstyles. Pam suggested pantyhose stuffed with cotton as an alternative.

Our next meeting will be a show and tell. Please bring your clothes, shoes, hat, jewelry, etc. to share (we want good and bad examples). Please bring any period photographs you may have so we can review those. We are planning to devote the majority of the meeting to committee work. We are also researching the workdress versus camp skirt issue. Please bring any articles or documentation pertaining to this with you. Additionally, if you have any period needlework patterns that we could use on the quilt, please bring those also.

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY -COMPANY/PLATOON LIST as of 2/20/93

REGIMENT 70 42 23 4 1
 COMPANY A 48 29 16 2 1

note: V=Vet, R=recruit
 A=Associate(combatant), O=Other (e.g, Cadet)

NAME	RANK	C/P/S	STATUS	SPONSOR	V	R	A	O
CO A - 1ST PLATOON 27 15 11 0 1								
KOFFMAN, BOB	O CAPT	A1	V		1			
BEARS, DAVE	1SGT	A1	V		1			
SIEFKAS, KELLY	3QSGT	A1	V		1			
		STAFF			3	3	0	0
TUCKER, JEFF	CORP	A1-1	V		1			
GOLDSBERRY, GAYLEN	PVT	A1-1	V		1			
POWELL, KIRK	PVT	A1-1	V		1			
ROUSH, LOREN	PVT	A1-1	V		1			
WADE, RYAN *	PVT	A1-1	V		1			
DANFORTH, DALE	PVT	A1-1	R			1		
LINTHICUM, GENE	PVT	A1-1	R BEARS			1		
LINTHICUM, JAYSON	PVT	A1-1	R BEARS			1		
NINER, STEVE	PVT	A1-1	R SIEFKAS			1		
PEARMAN, JEFF	PVT	A1-1	R BEARS			1		
PEARMAN, ROBERT	PVT	A1-1	R DURRILL			1		
ROOT, SAM	PVT	A1-1	R BEARS			1		
SHUSTER, MARK	PVT	A1-1	R BEARS			1		
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WAYNE, BILL	1 LT	A2	V		1			
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BALLMAN, GEORGE	PVT	A2-1	V		1			
BALLMAN, GREG	PVT	A2-1	V		1			
SHERRER, JOHN	PVT	A2-1	V		1			
THOMAS, CHUCK	PVT	A2-1	V		1			
WADE, MARC	PVT	A2-1	R GR BALLMAN			1		
CHISAM, RUSS	PVT	A2-1	R SHERRER			1		
HOUK, JIM	PVT	A2-1	R SHERRER			1		
BECKNER, JIM	pvt	A2-1	AV					1
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KISNER, MEL	CORP	A1-2	V		1			
BAKER, KEVIN	PVT	A1-2	V		1			
CONNER, TODD	PVT	A1-2	V		1			
KESINGER, DAVE	PVT	A1-2	V		1			
MORRIS, TONY	PVT	A1-2	V		1			
ROBERTS, DON	PVT	A1-2	V		1			
SWIGART, RUSS	PVT	A1-2	V		1			
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LOESCH, JUSTIN	PVT	A2-2	V		1			
ZIMMERSCHIED, KEVIN	PVT	A2-2	V		1			
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DAVIS, NICK	O2 LT	H1	V		1			
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FAUGHT, DENNIS	CORP	H1	V		1			
DRESSEL, GENE	PVT	H1	V		1			
HAFLEY, SAM	PVT	H1	V		1			
HARDING, DOUG	PVT	H1	V		1			
ALLRED, ALLEN	PVT	H1	R YOAKUM			1		
HODGE, JIM	PVT	H1	R FAUGHT			1		
JARVIS, MATT	PVT	H1	R DRESSEL			1		
JORDAN, MARK	PVT	H1	R YOAKUM			1		
MOELLER, MARK	PVT	H1	R HAFLEY			1		
ROSS, JOHN	PVT	H1	R FAUGHT			1		
GOODEN, DAVID	pvt	H1	AV					1
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NAME	RANK	C/P/S	STATUS	SPONSOR	V	R	A	O
ROBERTSON, JIM	2QSGT	H2	V		1			
BLOCK, NEAL	CORP	H2	V		1			
FORD, KENT	PVT	H2	V		1			
KEOWN, JIM	PVT	H2	V		1			
MASSEY, MIKE	PVT	H2	V		1			
MEOLI, MIKE	PVT	H2	V		1			
ROBERTS, BOB *	PVT	H2	V		1			
HEIDGERKEN, JERALD	PVT	H2	R YOAKUM			1		
McKEE, RANDY	pvt	H2	AV					1
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5th MISSOURI INFANTRY

1993 RE-ENACTMENT SCHEDULE

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, Whiteman AFB Travel/Tourism show - recruiting op.

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. MCWRA 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: MCWRA 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. MCWRA Local event with battles on US 67 SW of St. Louis.

Sep 25-26, * ST. CHARLES, MO: MCWRA anual event at waterfront park..

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 Smyrna exit. Prereg should receive info from Btn.

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.

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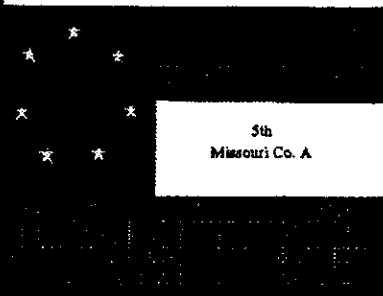
Missouri State Guard Leaders

December 1992



General Sterling Price (1809-1867)

"Our five year mission, to boldly go where no Southerner has gone before".



As the leader of the Missouri State Guard, Virginia-born Sterling Price became one of the principal forces in Confederate Missouri at the beginning of the Civil War. A lawyer and farmer in his adopted state, he had gradually entered politics as a state legislator and U.S. Congressman. During the Mexican War he was colonel of the 2nd Missouri and a brigadier general of volunteers. In the interwar years he served as governor and, as the secession crisis approached, he opposed separation but gradually altered his views. Accepting command of the Missouri State Guard, his assignments included: major general, Missouri State Guard (May 1861); command Missouri State Guard (May 1861-March 17, 1862); major general, CSA (March 6, 1862); commanding 1st Division, Trans-Mississippi District, Department #2 (April-May 1862); commanding the army (July 3-September 26, 1862); also commanding District of the Tennessee, Department #2 (July 1862); commanding corps, (Army of the West),

"WE ARE A BAND OF BROTHERS" Army of West Tennessee, Department #2 (October-December 1862); commanding corps, Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana (December 1862-February 27, 1863); commanding division, District of Arkansas, Trans-Mississippi Department (March 30-July 24, 1863 and September 25, 1863-March 16, 1864); commanding the district (July 24-September 25, 1863 and March 16-early August 1864); commanding Army of Missouri, Trans-Mississippi Department (September 18-December 1864); and also commanding Cavalry Corps, Trans-Mississippi Department (September 1864-early 1865). Meeting in June 1861 with Francis P. Blair and Nathaniel Lyon at the Planter's Hotel in St. Louis, he felt himself pushed into the Confederate camp. Leading the Missouri State Guard under Ben McCulloch, he fought at Wilson's Creek and then captured the Union garrison at Lexington. Unable to cooperate with McCulloch, he agreed to the idea of both of them serving under Earl Van Dorn and in such a setup fought in the Southern defeat at Pea Ridge. Appointed to a major generalcy in the regular Confederate forces from the date of the opening of the battle, he worked to transfer his men to that service. Transferred to the east of the Mississippi River, his forces arrived too late for the battle of Shiloh but took part in the defense of Corinth, Mississippi. He lost the fight at Iuka and again under Van Dorn took part in the unsuccessful attacks on Corinth. He maneuvered against Grant during that officer's drive into central Mississippi and then transferred back west of the Mississippi where he led the unsuccessful attack on Helena in an effort to relieve the pressure on Vicksburg which, ironically, fell the same day.

Commanding the District of Arkansas, he failed to hold Little Rock but the next year campaigned successfully against Steele's drive on Camden, taking part in the victory at Jenkins' Ferry. Placed in charge of a large force of cavalry, he was dispatched on a raid into Missouri in the late summer and fall of 1864. Deterred from an attack on St. Louis by Union reinforcements, he moved to the West and was finally defeated at Westport. After fighting a rear-guard action at Marais des Cygnes, Kansas, he continued his retreat back into Arkansas by a roundabout route. While the campaign had thrown a fright into the Union high command which felt this to be a dormant sector, it had not achieved any significant lasting result and had decimated Price's command. In the final months of the war there was a Confederate inquiry into the causes of the failure. At the war's close he moved into Mexico where he remained until the fall of Maximilian. The final year of his life was spent in St. Louis. To the end he had been popular with his Missourians who dubbed him "Old Pap."

(From "Who Was Who in the Civil War" by Stewart Sifakis)



Since the 1992 campaign season is just about over, and since I live too far away to have been able to attend the banquet, thereby not being able to give any type of report on it, I have chosen to spend these next few idle months doing a series of reports on some of the leaders involved in Missouri during the war. I hope you enjoy them.

Things to look forward to in 1993

1. Seeing if a certain private will be forced to eat a can of sardines.
2. Looking really close during the airing of "The Killer Angels" to see if you can spot any of us who were there during the filming.
3. Finding out if we really can do "On the Left by Files, Into Line."
4. Finding out what the hell "On the Left by Files, Into Line" really means.
5. Convincing Captain Koffman that Michigan really was invaded by the "yankee's" during the war.

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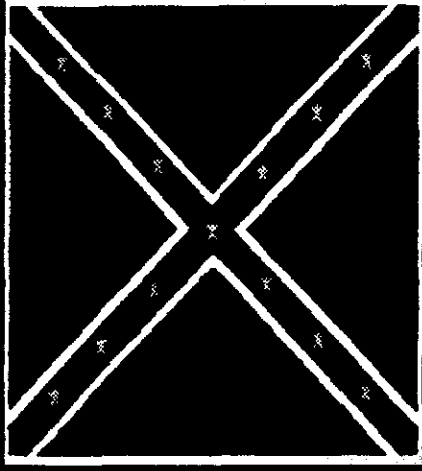
Leaders of the Missouri State Guard

James Cawthorn
(?-1861)

The battle of Wilson's Creek, although relatively small when compared to later engagements, was nonetheless devastating to the officer corps of the Missouri State Guard. Having joined up at the beginning of the conflict, Colonel James Cawthorn was commanding the 2nd (Cavalry) Brigade, 2nd Division during the early part of August 1861. At Wilson's Creek on the 10th he dismounted his troopers and held his position throughout the fight, mostly unsupported by infantry. His unit paid a price for this action - 87 casualties, including their mortally wounded commander.

James S. Rains
(?-?)

An active politician before the war, James S. Rains was made a brigadier general in the Missouri State Guard at the beginning of the Civil War but appears to have preferred to remain in state service when most of his command was



enlisted in the Confederate army. At Dug Springs he commanded the Guard's 8th Division. Commanding the 2nd Division, he fought at Wilson's Creek before resuming command of his own division in the actions at Lexington and Pea Ridge. Returning to Missouri when most of his command was absorbed into the Confederate army, he remained active in recruiting for the Southern army and commanded small forces when General Price invaded Missouri in 1864.

William Yarnel Slack
(1816-1862)

Lawyer and Mexican War captain, William Slack was made a brigadier general in the Missouri State Guard, the pro - Southern state forces

serving under Sterling Price. On July 4, 1861, General Slack was directed to assemble the units of the 5th District of Missouri together and a week later the command was designated the 4th Division, Missouri State Guard. Actually a brigade, Slack's command took part in the fighting at Carthage and Wilson's Creek where he was severely wounded in the hip. Considered to be Price's best brigadier, Slack was given command of the 2nd Brigade, Confederate Volunteers, of the Missouri State Guard on January 23, 1862. This command was composed of those members of the organization who had decided to enlist in Confederate service while others remained in state ranks. At the battle of Pea Ridge, on March 7, Slack was again wounded. Moved to avoid capture, he died exactly two weeks later. Possibly without knowing of his demise, the Richmond authorities appointed him a brigadier in the Confederate army on April 17, to rank from April 12.

From "Who Was Who in the Civil War" by Stewart Eskin



Hope your Holidays were happy: From your Michigan connection.

I hope to see all of you at Murfreesboro.

For those of you who own a computer pick up "No Greater Glory", its a great way to fight the War for Southern Independence during the winter months.

5TH MISSOURI INFANTRY, INC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, FEBRUARY 20, 1993

A Board of Directors meeting was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 20, 1993, at Charles Riggs' house. Present were Charles Riggs (President), David Kesinger (Secretary), Bill Wayne (Treasurer), Debbie Bears (Vice-President, Ladies' Aux.). Absent was Steve Yoakum (Vice-President, Co A).

Since this is the first Board of Directors meeting, there are no minutes of previous meetings.

The Treasurer reported that our cash/check balances are approximately \$1900.

Kesinger moved/Riggs 2nd "Bill Wayne or Charles Riggs be authorized to sign corporate checks." Passed 4-0.

Riggs moved/Bears 2nd "the Treasurer be authorized to order two treated 7 foot 'A' tents at \$110 each from Fall Creek Sutlers." Passed 4-0.

Kesinger moved/Bears 2nd "The Treasurer is authorized to pay \$100 to MCWRA to defray insurance costs for the Lexington living history." Passed 3-1, Wayne dissenting.

Wayne moved/Riggs 2nd that "The following formula be established for allocating funds for company use: Individual membership - \$8 regiment/\$4 company; Family membership - \$11 regiment/\$4 company/\$5 Ladies Aux; Family membership with 2 combatants - \$10 regiment/\$6 company/\$4 Ladies Aux; Company (incl. Lady Aux) receives net from sales of snacks at their meetings or events (if they handle it); Company (including Ladies Aux) receive \$2 for T or sweat shirts they sell. All funds from major fundraisers go to the regiment, with the understanding that the Board will consider participation in the fundraisers when evaluating requests for purchases." Passed 4-0.

Riggs moved/Kesinger 2nd "The regiment will purchase a gift certificate from Cedarcroft Farm Bed & Breakfast for \$20 to sell tickets on at the KOKO expo. Minie balls may be purchased as additional prizes." Passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Linda Eidson of the Windsor Chamber of Commerce requested our assistance & sponsorship for an event to be held in late Spring, 1994. Riggs moved/Wayne 2nd "The 5th Infantry sponsor the Windsor event in 1994." Passed 4-0.

The 1994 Lexington event is in planning. Kesinger moved/Wayne 2nd "the 5th Infantry co-sponsor (with Holmes Brigade) the Lexington event in September 1994." Passed 4-0.

Wayne moved/Kesinger 2nd "Company H, having sufficient numbers, be accepted as a Company of the 5th Missouri Infantry." After discussion & reassurance that this was not a split nor was Company H being pushed out, passed 4-0.

The next Board meeting was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 27th, after the KOKO Expo.

D. Kesinger, Secretary

MURFREESBORO ATTENDANCE LIST

If you indicated that you were going to Murfreesboro, your name is on this list. We have paid for this many people. If you are on the list & are not going, or are going & are not on the list, call Bill (816-747-5728) as soon as you read this, so we can make appropriate substitutions!

Allred, Allen; Ballman, George; Ballman, Greg; Bears, Dave & Deb; Benetiz, John; Block, Neil; Chisam, Russ & Brandi; Davis, Nick; Durrill, John; Faught, Dennis; Ford, Kent; Goldsberry, Gaylen; Gooden, David; Hafley, Sam; Harding, Doug; Heidgerken, Jerald; Hodge, Jim (Sub for Robert Pearman); Houk, Jim Keown, Jim; Koffman, Bob; Lee, Jerry/Cindy; Massey, Mike; Meoli, Mike; Olson, Larry; Pearman, Jeff/Sue/Alexandra; Riggs, Charles; Roberts, Don; Siefkas, Kelly/Kim; Swigart, Russ/Julie; Tucker, Jeff; Wade, Marc; Wayne, Bill; Wyman, Joann; Yoakum, Steve.

5TH MISSOURI INFANTRY, CO A, Minutes of Company A meeting, February 20, 1993

A Company A meeting was held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, February 20, 1993, at Charles Riggs' house. Present were 15 veterans, 6 recruits, 2 visitors & 2 members of Company H.

Since this is the first Board of Directors meeting, there are no minutes of previous meetings.

The Treasurer reported that our cash/check balances are approximately \$1900.

Since he has met all requirements & has been recommended by his sponsor, Kevin Baker was accepted as a Veteran.

Since Company H is now accepted, Vice President Steve Yoakum & Corporals Denis Faught & Neil Block must be replaced. Bob Koffman, Don Roberts & Gaylen Goldsberry were nominated for Vice-President; Koffman was elected. David Kesinger was selected Co A Secretary by acclamation; Bill Wayne was selected Company A Treasurer by acclamation. For 2 corporal slots, nominees were Mel Kisner, Gaylen Goldsberry, Larry Olson & John Durrill. Kisner & Olson were elected.

Events were discussed, & the importance of getting ones planned events in was emphasized.

New events to add to the schedule are the KOKO Expo, Whiteman AFB Travel show, monthly Living History events at Lone Jack, and the Missouri Town July 4th celebration.

Capt. Koffman attended the Battalion officers meeting & sent his report: the main battalion emphasis will be on military aspects such as morning parade, inspections, etc.

Secretary Kesinger, chairing the meeting, appointed Gaylen Goldsberry, Don Roberts, Dave Bears & Jerry Lee to a committee to establish Company Operatign Procedures.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for the KOKO Expo, Saturday, March 27th, around 4:30 PM.

D. Kesinger, Secretary

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DATES TO REMEMBER: March 5-7, Battle of Murfreesboro.

March 26-7, KOKO Expo, with drill demo & meeting Saturday 4:00 PM

March 27, Living History, Lone Jack

May 14-6, Spring Drill, Lexington.