

THE MESSENGER

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CONTENTS: Reports on Pleasant Hope & Bellflower, minutes of Co A meeting, initial requests for 1994. I'd hoped to include articles on Honey Springs & Carthage (the original battles), but none were submitted.

MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to new recruit *Phillip O'Day* of Columbia (Co H, 2nd platoon) & his wife Betsy & the kids, cadet *Mike Evans* of Kansas City (Co A, 1st platoon/1st section), civilian *Cheryl Brewster* of Kansas City & associate *J.D. Keel* of Harveyville, KS. *Jim Houk* is now a Veteran.

BULLETIN: *Capt. Koffman* has accepted a commission as a Major on Col. Beck's staff. In accordance with the By-laws, he may serve at other ranks as required by events, with the senior Lieutenant serving as commander for the 5th until permanent arrangements can be made. The Messenger congratulates Bob on his step upwards, and notes that this recognition is due in large part to the size & efficiency of our Regiment.

EVENT PLANNING for 1994:

- The MCWRA Event Scheduling Meeting is 9:30 AM, Saturday, July 10th, at the Jeff City Library.
- There will be final strategy meetings at the Lexington SHS, 7:00 PM Tuesday, July 6th, and at the Community Bank of Windsor, 6:30 PM Wednesday, July 7th. Y'all come.

FUNDRAISING: Tickets for the steel-frame revolver are available through David Kesinger. We've covered the cost of the revolver already; the more we sell, the more we make.

POWDER & CAPS: Musket caps & powder are available through Ordnance Officer Jerry Lee; your contribution of \$6 per pound or tin is needed to cover our costs.

SCHEDULES: Please note that events not previously listed will now be marked by a plus sign (+) in the Event Schedule. Changes in Event Details are not highlighted, so you should read them monthly.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- The next Company A meeting will be at Lone Jack on Saturday, July 24, at 4:00 PM.
- Company H will meet at the Maplewood House in Nifong Park, Columbia, at 7:00 PM, July 7th (bring muskets for drill).
- The non-combatant group has not reported any meeting times for publication.

5TH MISSOURI INFANTRY, CO A

Minutes of Company A meeting, June 22, 1993

The Fifth Missouri Infantry, Company A monthly meeting took place outside Warrensburg's old courthouse June 22nd. Company drill preceded the meeting, with fifteen veterans, three recruits & one associate in attendance. Eight ladies were also in attendance. Guests were Lisa & Melody Irie who are working on producing the play "Who Shot Old Drum" to be presented at the Old Courthouse on July 22, 23, 24th. Several members read for parts in the play prior to the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted (Sherrer moved/Bears 2nd).

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented (Sherrer move/Bears 2nd).

Jim Houk was accepted as having Veteran status. B. Wayne reported that Mike Evans has joined as a Cadet & that Co. H has a new recruit. A guest at Cedarcroft Farm became an associate member.

Jerry Lee announced that powder is available for \$6 per lb & a can of caps is also \$6. John Sherrer volunteered to check the availability & price of powder through Zenith Fireworks in Clinton.

Dave Bears reported that a revision of the Operating Procedures has been completed & will be included in the Messenger when in proper format.

Events at Pleasant Hope & the relic show were critiqued: future events were discussed. Food may be a problem at the summer events so members should plan accordingly.

Lexington & Windsor events for '94 were discussed. Space at Lexington has been and even more so now continues to be a problem. Bill Wayne, Dave Bears & Dave Kesinger will talk to Janae Fuller about resolving the space problem, but it must be reiterated that this is a no-win problem. Windsor will be asked to schedule a date other than the rodeo date.

George Ballman voiced the opinion if we are to sponsor or co-sponsor an event we should make money from a concession. The concession could be co-worked by another organization with our profits to go to a scholarship fund. This idea will be presented to the fundraising committee.

John Sherrer obtained a .44 Cal steel frame Colt revolver to be drawn for on Sunday, Oct 3rd, at Belmont. Dave Kesinger reported that \$130 had been collected so far & anyone needing tickets should contact him.

Don Roberts suggested a Post Office Box be rented for correspondence directed to the Secretary but this idea was tabled for future discussion by the Board.

Charlie Riggs pointed out that correspondence to the editor must be presented in a timely & understandable format or it may not be printed in the Messenger.

The next company meeting will be at Lone Jack on Saturday, July 24th, at 4:00 PM.

D. Kesinger, Secretary

ADDRESS UPDATES:

Mike Evans, 5363 NE 37th St, Kansas City, MO 64117.
816-454-7282. Co A, Corp. Tucker's section.

Phillip O'Day & family (Betsy, Megan, Caitlin, Patrick, Sean, Kyle), 1912 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65203.
314-445-8687. Co. H, Corp Block's section. Sponsor: Ford.

Cheryl Brewster, 7731 Madison, Kansas City, MO 64114. 816-333-4854. Non-combatant group.

J.D. Keel, Rt 1, Box 59A, Harveyville, KS 66431.
913-589-2236. Associate.

THE HAVERSACK

David Kesinger will sell a repro Enfield for \$275 to a member.

Regimental Items:

MCWRA Window/Bumper Stickers: \$2.50 reimbursement, through the Treasurer.

Navy Arms musket caps: \$6.00 per tin (250) reimbursement - contact Jerry Lee, Ordnance Officer.

FFg Powder: \$6.00 per pound, through the Ordnance Officer. This is powder bought through the treasury, not earned at events.

T-Shirts: Gray, with same picture as old T-shirt, no company designation: \$10 each. Still have a couple of sweat shirts at \$15.

Fifth Missouri Infantry CSA, Company H

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June 18, 1863

TO: Lt. William Wayne
HQ, 5th Missouri Infantry CSA
FR: 2nd Lt. Nick Davis
RE: Defense of Bellflower, Missouri

Sir:

It is my pleasure to report on the occupation and defense of the community of Bellflower Missouri on June 5th and 6th. At that time a squad from Company H was directed to investigate the environs around the community of Bellflower and to assess their support of the cause.

The community in question lies within 100 miles of the Federal garrison in St. Louis. It contains approximately 450 persons. My squad approach the community from different routes and over the course of two hours on the morning of the 5th. From our interaction with the community and their lack of hostile action taken against us I can report that they are favorably inclined towards our cause of defeating Yankee aggression in our state.

A few of the younger inhabitants were confused about our reason for fighting the union forces, we attempted to educate these children that our mission is one where we are fighting for the rights of Missouri citizens to determine their own life.

For a day and a half the men drilled, stood watch and presented a military comportment to the citizens of the town. Upon the request of certain town officials, we marched in a celebratory parade through the town. Following the parade we were awarded a prize of \$10 Federal by the community for our correct appearance (from which a suitable boll weevil tax has been subtracted). We were also the recipients of a trophy for being the most unique aspect of their celebration.

Certain individuals of the community, a Mrs Dent, whose husband is currently engaged in fighting hostiles in the mountainous west and a Mr. Morton were most generous with their food and munition resources. Mrs. Dent fed the squad from her kitchen for the period we were in the community. A better nor more continual feast have I witnessed since joining the Fifth Missouri. Mr. Morton equipped each man of the squad with a pound of powder and a tin per each three men. We eagerly wished for a yank patrol to manifest itself so that we could show our appreciation. None appeared. Mores the pity, for the men were eager to show off their marksmanship and what would best be than targeting a blue coated hireling!

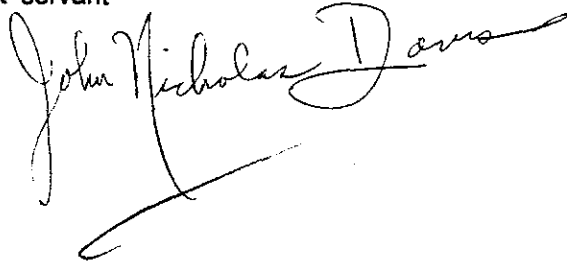
We broke camp on Sunday morning in the teeth of a most violent storm which caused undue hardship to the squad members in their attempt to withdraw in an orderly and proper military fashion.

It appears that we may have recruited a few men from this community to fill the ranks of company H. I would be remiss if I failed to mention the individuals who represented the Fifth at Bellflower: myself,

sergeant Jim Robertson, corporal Dennis Faught, privates Mike Meoli, Mike Moeller, and Randy McKee and recruit Dennis Oerly.

Sir you have the continued promise of the men of Company H that we will not cease to persecute this most grievous war until our state has been freed from the yoke of yankee imperialism. I need not tell you how the honor of every man, woman and child cries out to us to defend the fair state which gave us birth and to restore our rights as a free society.

I am your Obedient servant

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Nicholas Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "I am your Obedient servant".

A SHORT REPORT ON PLEASANT HOPE (aka Ticksillet)

Pleasant Hope, or Ticksillet was revisited by 14 men & 5 ladies. The military camp was in the woods on top of a hill, & the civilian camp was in the sun down at the bottom of the hill. This was primarily a cavalry event, with very few infantry (we were easily the largest infantry unit there). Saturday kicked off with one of the most blah parades we've done, no shooting & few spectators. Since Saturday's scenario called for the bluebellies to win, we agreed to galvanize en masse, with the understanding that we could commit various atrocities upon the dead & wounded (no prisoners). Since there were only seven real yanks there, commanded by a corporal, Lt. Wayne was tendered command of their force, a task which he carried out with utmost faithfulness to the legacy of Jim Lane & Doc Jennison. Evening included an unscripted bushwhacking in the woods. Sunday's battle was reversed. We degalvanized, & under the command of Bvt Major Koffman (who had had enough of practicing on horseback by then), & avenged the previous day's atrocities.

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE
for
your column

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY

1993 RE-ENACTMENT SCHEDULE

+ indicates new event since last issue

+ July 4, Missouri Town 1855 (Near Lee's Summit): 1855 July 4th celebration, picnic, militia muster. Contact Dave Bears.

+ July 7 (Wed), Windsor - meeting to discuss '94 event, 6:30 PM, Community Bank (MO 52 & County Line).

July 16-18 * HONEY SPRINGS, OK. MCWRA & 5MO MAX EFFORT on 130th anniversary near US 69/I-40 junction. 1300+ reenactors in major battles. About 300 miles., We registered 30-35 men/15-18 civilians. SEE EVENT DETAILS.

+ July 21 (Wed): Warrensburg. Program for Warrensburg Legion post. Free meal. Contact Larry Olson.

July 24-5, Lone Jack. Monthly LH camp.

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.

Aug 21-22, Lone Jack. Monthly LH camp.

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

HONEY SPRINGS, OK: 5TH MO & MCWRA MAX EFFORT! Could be best event of year. TMR sponsored, already 1300 registered. putting original amenities in jeopardy. No raw food, prepared meal for 1st 1000 only. 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. We registered 30+ men based on best guess. **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 Histotry 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 womern & children, Fed provost force (inf & cav), mounted CS guerrilla raid. Best roles probably for women. **NO COMBAT!** **To get there,** Mo 7 Clinton & Harrisonville.

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: Will be major national event, 3000+ expected. Don't expect powder or as many goodies as last time! Get registered ASAP! 2 battles, night firing, dance, candlelight, tea. 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.

1994 PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE:

Early April: Possible Ft. Blakeley, AL.

Spring: Possible Division Muster, site unknown.

* May 6-8: St. Louis, Camp Jackson Affair, Max Effort Living History

* June 11-12, Weston: Max Effort

* June 25-6, Windsor (may slip to July because of Weston conflict)

* Aug 12-14, Urich: Living History

* Sep 10-11, Washington, MO

* Sep 17-18, Lexington, MO

* Oct 4-5 or 11-12: Independence, Battle of Little Blue

* Oct 29-30: Mine Creek, KS

late fall: Battle of Nashville major event.

Other possibles:

June: Grand Island, NE

Fall: Liberty; St. Charles

(Note * means MCWRA sanction to be requested)

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FIRST CLASS



DATES TO REMEMBER: July 4, Missouri Town

July 16-18, Battle of Honey Springs, OK

July 31-Aug 1: Battle of Carthage; Aug 8-9: Battle of Athens

Meetings: Co H on July 7, Co A on July 24