

# ***THE MESSENGER***

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**CONTENTS:** Reports on Carthage, Athens & Columbia, an update on Belmont, minutes of the August 22nd Board meeting, etc. Recruit Mark White sent a letter with some interesting proposals. There's also an open letter from Co. H. Vice-President *Steve Yoakum* that includes some important information - please read it.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Welcome to Associate *James Melvin* of Columbia and to Recruit *Tom Westbrook* of Wichita.

**BELMONT:** We registered 40 men for Belmont, based on best guess. If you haven't signed up, you can still attend; let your company know. Belmont will have about 4,000 participants, making it about the size of Perryville last year - a major event only 350 miles from Warrensburg (250 from Columbia).

We have not yet received details from Belmont, but we can expect the impression to be our 'Generic CS' with shell jackets & military weapons & accouterments required. If you need to reserve gear, go through your Corporal to line some up.

**NPS DATABASE:** The NPS is developing a Civil War Soldiers Database, entering the names, units & records of all 3.5 million soldiers. It's expected to be on-line in spring 1996 at all NPS CW sites (including Ft. Scott & Wilson Creek).

**COLUMBIA:** Our Columbia event got excellent media coverage from both local papers as well as TV. Company H did an excellent job setting this up; next time we'll make sure they get adequate support pushing it to other outfits. For an different voice, read *David Kesinger's* event report inside.

**THE FLOODS:** We hope that none of you suffered from the flooding; our thanks go to those who volunteered to defend life & property against the rising waters. *Jim Keown & Nick Davis* both worked - we're sure others of you did, as well.

**FUNDRAISING:** Tickets for the steel-frame revolver are still available through David Kesinger.

## **NEXT MEETINGS:**

- Company A: Tuesday, September 21st, at the Old Courthouse Museum, Warrensburg; 6:00 PM drill, 7:00 PM business. From US 50, MO 13 south to Circle K store, west to top of hill, then left 1/2 block.
- Company H: Tuesday, September 7th, at the Maplewood House, Nifong Park, Columbia, 6:30 PM drill. From I-70, take US 65 south to AC, west on AC to the park.
- Civillian Group: Saturday, September 25th, at Lone Jack, 1:30 PM.

## **5TH MISSOURI INFANTRY, INC.**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, AUGUST 22, 1993**

The Board meeting of the Fifth Missouri Infantry took place on the lawn of the Maplewood House, Nifong Park, Columbia, MO at 9:00 AM. In the absence of President Charles Riggs, Steve Yoakum (Vice-President, Co. H) presided. Present were David Kesinger (Secretary) & Bill Wayne (Treasurer). Since Don Roberts had resigned as Vice-President for Co. A & Debbie Bears resigned as Vice-President, Civilian Group, a majority of the remaining directors was present, constituting a quorum. Eight additional members attended the meeting.

In view of the lack of procedures to fill vacancies, Yoakum moved/Kesinger 2nd that Keith Daleen be appointed Acting Vice-President for Co. A. (Passed 3-0). Daleen was then seated on the Board. Since the Ladies' Group was not represented & the remaining Board members were uncertain as to the status of many of the ladies, the position was not filled.

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Cash assets total \$1659.14 & total assets \$5,173.71

Daleen moved/Kesinger 2nd that the Treasurer be authorized to establish a revolving fund account for powder & caps, to order such when needed in consultation with the Ordnance Officer. Passed 4-0.

Wayne moved that the price on regimental T-shirts be reduced from \$10 to \$8, in view of the fact that none had been sold all year. Daleen 2nd, passed 4-0.

Kesinger reported that over 200 tickets on the revolver had been sold to date & requested additional effort.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Wayne reported that next year's Windsor & Lexington events were approved, & that Windsor was setting up committees. One of the things they're planning on doing is give access to the town pool to reenactors. Lexington is leaning toward a 'hard core' camping situation for CS infantry.

B. Since the individual responsible for the Ladies' Cosmetology Seminar proposal is no longer active with the 5th, the subject was dropped from the agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Discussion was entertained about requiring that 5th Mo equipment be used only by those actually participating with the 5th at events. No action was taken, however, Yoakum proposed that all gear be stencilled with specific identification numbers (Yoakum move/Daleen 2nd - carry 4-0). It was also suggested that, when a recruit uses a weapon or other gear, his sponsor be responsible for returning the gear cleaned.

B. Since no one was certain of the exact status of members who are believed to have affiliated with another organization, Steve Yoakum will write an open letter to be published in the Messenger asking them to clarify their status.

C. A committee to review the By-laws was proposed. There was strong opposition to setting up any committees, so Steve Yoakum volunteered to act as a focal point to receive suggestions for changes.

D. Daleen moved/Kesinger 2nd that the Operating Procedure proposed by Company A be disapproved. Passed 4-0.

The next Board meeting will be held on Sunday morning at Belmont.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

## **THE HAVERSACK**

### **Regimental Items:**

MCWRA Window/Bumper Stickers: \$2.50 reimbursement, though 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: \$8 each (only 5 left!). All sweatshirts are gone.

**Other Items:** A nice candle lantern is available from Jim Keown for \$10 to members only. His number is 314-446-4897.

Judy Riggs announced that Clear Creek Sutlers is going out of business & is offering a discount on all remaining merchandise.

Jeff Tucker has a Yakima wall tent (officer size), complete, poles, pegs & ropes, \$150. 816-254-5413

August 24, 1993

Dear Fifth Missouri Friends & Colleagues:

With the controversy, turmoil and confusion that has swirled throughout the 5th. Missouri this season, I felt compelled to write this to the Regiment as a whole and to ask your assistance in several areas.

First, I was sorry to hear of the decision by several of our colleagues to drop out of the Fifth. While I believe it unfortunate that the problems and concerns they had could not be addressed in a satisfactory manner in our unit, conflicts of this nature are a part of the hobby, yet also a major reason that the hobby continues to grow. I offer my most sincere best wishes to members of the new 6th. Missouri Infantry and look forward to participating with them in the future as a part of the 4th. (Beck's) Battalion. I would, however, simply ask that each member who is planning to go with the 6th. make their intentions known so that Companies A & H of the 5th. can more effectively plan equipment & personnel for the remainder of the season. Thanks !

Secondly, prior to creation of the 6th., I had planed to offer several proposed amendments to the regimental by-laws at our annual meeting this winter. The split off of our friends into the 6th. convinced me to not only offer my suggested changes but to also solicit those from others. I think we have all learned from our recent problems and each of you may have suggestions as well as to how to improve our unit and its operations. If you do have some suggestions or concerns, please forward them to me at your convenience. I will consolidate the ideas and proposed changes and present them for discussion at the annual meeting.

Third, I would ask that each member review his status for the Fredericktown, St. Charles & Belmont events and update as appropriate. I can tell you from first-hand experience last weekend in Columbia, it is almost impossible to field a first class unit, not knowing who is attending. If you can't make it to an event, that's OK; just tell someone in advance.

Lastly, I wanted to thank each of you who participated August 21-22, 1993 in the living history event in Columbia. It was the first known Civil War event held in Columbia and, though small and hot, was extremely well received by the public. We received favorable (and fairly substantial) coverage on all 3 local TV stations and both daily newspapers. As we hoped, it sparked a great deal of interest which is converting to new reenactors for the Fifth. Thanks to all of you who participated !

Sincerely, 

M. Steve Yoakum, President  
5th. Missouri Infantry  
Company H

## EVENT REPORT, Columbia MO, by David Kesinger

Picturesque "Maplewood" at Nifong Park{ark in Columbia was the pleasant setting for a living history/skirmish Saturday & Sunday Aug 21-22. Any member who missed this 'maximum effort' event missed a dandy. Phil Gottschalk, noted author and area historian, was there to check one in at registration and personally narrate the two skirmishes. The 5th is in debt to Phil for selling T-shirts (12!) along with copies of his book and handing out SCV literature.. Thanks, Phill

Saturday morning 5th Mo Inf members demonstrated military drill, uniform dress & camp life to the public which attended in numbers smaller than anticipated. I had a chance to watch Andy Papen of the Holmes Brig. teach the Yanks bayonet drill. There were 3 members of the 37th IL out of Little Rock, AR along with 4 Holmes Brig. members. I tried to arouse the boys of the 5th to join in the drill & take advantage of Mr. Papen's expertise but was greeted only by startled & bewildered looks. A bombardment of dirt clods precipitated my rapid exit from the Johnny camp back to the Fed camp. And what a "living history" camp it was. The 3 most common types of tentage were displayed, A, dog & she-bang. Ground cloths & ponchos were laid on the ground to display haversack items, commissary foodstuffs, reading materials, salt pork soaking in a mucket, & smoking materials. There was a whole chicken, obviously pilfered, roasting on ramrod spit, with its abdominal cavity stuffed with potatoes (or is it potatos) and onions. I noted for how long it was cooked & estimated it's time of 'doneness.' Perhaps I could arouse my rebel friends to raid the camp & swipe the bird. But, alas, there were seven fierce, experienced, well-fed monstrous yanks to our puny, timid, rag-tag bunch of 15 women-like warriors. Surely we were outclassed & I quickly dismissed the idea. I made my way back to the Reb camp, sat down at my raffle-ticket-selling table & proceeded to be a good boy.

I handed out schedules of remaining '93 events & upcoming '94 events provided by the courtesy of "Cedarcroft Farm Bed & Breakfast." I distributed flyers & recruitment information, posters & generally bothered people as they walked by. But, I really do think Co. H will pull in about 6 recruits or associates from this little event. I say little, but the sponsors were prepared for more. We were fed sack lunches - a first for me - and the fare was excellent. Hats off to the ladies who prepared our meals. The men had nothing to do all weekend except throw dirt clods at me. No respect. I might add when I countered with the phrase, "Dammit, I'm the President Elect of MCWRA," the barrage only intensified.

Saturday's skirmish consisted of an ambush of the Yank camp and we (I had galvanized along with 4 other rebs) took four hits on the first volley - an all time Yank record. It seems that the 4 Holmes Brigadesmen did not

wish to participate in a hokey fight so I asked them, "will you take hits on the first volley?" Yes, they would. So the skirmish was a success on the grounds of the Maplewood House instead of the pond as originally anticipated. After the initial volley I rallied the survivors & took up positions using the ample cover furnished by this most beautiful setting. I was right by the house & narrator Phil Gottschalk. Phil kept talking & I kept shooting. I had told the men that we would fire a couple of volleys & then retreat & let the Johnnies have the fatback & the camp. After firing my 12th round I thought maybe the scenario had gone to hell & when I heard a reb yell "retreat" I knew it had. Well, we continued firing, me right into a newscamera lens & he loved it. You figure. I retreated to the back of the house where I found 2 'dead' Holmes Brigadesmen who had recovered enough to be sipping sodas on the back porch. But, I do want to thank all Yanks present for participating. When I heard the word 'resurrection' I expected to get my butt chewed by the reb officers, but instead there were handshakes & back-patting & some fondling & everything was fine. The public & the newsteam had loved it & it even drew praise from the Holmes Brigadesmen. Gregg Higginbotham said it didn't seem hokey at all & that made my day.

Sunday's battle was similar except the newly formed 6th Mo CSA galvanized & took the place of the Holmes Brigadesmen who departed Sat night. I fell in as a Yank again & was at the end of the line closest the audience. As is typical, I took a quick hit (after 4 rounds) & my head landed in a kid's lap. I had misjudged the distance between me & the lad, or maybe I bounced, I don't know, but I scared the pre-wadding right out of the kid. So, I was not only dead, but wet now, too. I don't know what happened after that - I was dead - but history tells us our gun was overrun by the rebs. Yes, we had a cannon, Norm Rohlfing's. But evidently the crew was picked off & the day was lost.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the efforts of certain civilian characters, mainly Mr. Schuster. A new reenactor, one would never know it. He threw his heart & soul into the impression as the preacher for Sunday's services & as the temperance leader. The ladies not only made lye soap for the public but interpreted ladies' roles during this most tragic period in our history.

This was my second event in 2 weekends where the park had an outdoor theatre. If only some of our members' exuberance & acting skills could be channeled for a performance on stage & we could take advantage of these opportunities. All in all, Columbia was an enjoyable & laid-back event from which I will have many pleasant memories to cherish, & to anyone involved, I say Thank You.

## Report on Battles of Carthage & Athens, by Lt. Wayne:

Sir, I have the honor to report that 21 officers, men & cadets participated in the recent routing of Col. Sigel at Carthage. Because of the desire of Btn command to field large companies, we combined forces with those of the 9th Missouri Sharpshooters, fielding the largest company on the field. Saturday's action, with the company commanded by Capt. Smith of the 9th, consisted in a series of short advances against Sigel's Dutchmen, culminating in their route from the field. On Sunday, Capt Smith, although senior, graciously offered me command of the combined company. This action consisted in an engagement against enemy forces protected by a rail fence. On our first approach, the enemy concentrated too much fire on our right company, requiring us to withdraw one company at a time to allow the artillery to soften the position. After an extensive artillery duel, marked by frequent near misses by what, from the softness of their report, must have been defective **shells, the infantry again moved** forward to the assault. Unfortunately, the enemy fire had abated little, so we were eventually forced to withdraw after suffering heavy casualties.

**ATHENS:** On the week following, 10 officers & men made their way through the flooded land to far northeast Missouri to help repel the Suckers & Iowans who, under guise of 'neighborliness', are helping the traitors attempting to repress Southern sentiment in the area. Major Koffman, as the senior officer present, assumed overall command of pro-Southern forces. Again, we combined our command with the 9th Missouri. Again, the same courtesies of shared command were extended. On Saturday, we assaulted a Unionist position & after a firefight, drove them off. On Sunday, we again moved against them & were on the verge of success when they mounted a bayonet charge which inexperienced men in the center were unable to withstand.

I wish to make particular comment about our recent association with the 9th Sharpshooters, a unit which has, in the past, been the subject of criticism about

many matters, not limited to their unusual religious practices. The religious practices notwithstanding, I have found them to be a competent, well-drilled unit, expert in skirmish drill & knowledgeable in our specialty, inverted drill. Indeed, their By Files Into Line, while not quite as crisp as ours, was certainly far superior to that of the unit we worked with in the Nations. They were graciously willing to share rank structure from top to bottom, & they allowed us to participate in their mess (it must be nice to have a regular cook!). I, for one, will add them to the list of units with which I will happily serve without reservation (as long as I'm not subjected to their religious ceremonies).

**TID-BITS:** Maj. Koffman had his first shot at independent command at Athens, & had his usual problems keeping enough men alive.

Keith Reed, a friend of our Huntsville contingent, moved up from the 1830's to the 1860's at Athens. He must have liked it, because he fought at Columbia, as well. We were also joined by some orphans whose units weren't there.

A pickup baseball game Saturday evening rendered quite a few of us sore the next few days. It didn't really hit your editor until he tried to get out of his truck at home Sunday evening.

The road to Athens gave many of us a chance to see what the waters had done along the Missouri & Mississippi - glad I'm on high ground!

Question: were Marty Green's troops at Athens completely undrilled & undisciplined? I doubt if they were the country hicks we did such a good job portraying; rather, I'll bet they were generally literate & well-clothed (although poorly armed). They'd been in camp for some time & I'll bet they'd done some basic drill, too. Hope the state gives us better guidance on the desired impression next time.

### **RUMORS, a personal comment by Bill Wayne**

A new & vicious rumor has been circulated, this time attacking both my integrity & that of David Kesinger. In order to squelch these rumors, I ask that, when you hear a rumor, you ask the individual spreading it to identify the source. Then, check on the facts yourself. ***Invite the source to stand in front of the members at the next meeting & state his/her position & supporting information, so the subjects of the rumor may respond publicly.*** Rumors are a cruel & insidious way to undermine an organization or an individual, since the subjects are often unaware of them & are unable to refute conjecture circulated as fact.

# PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

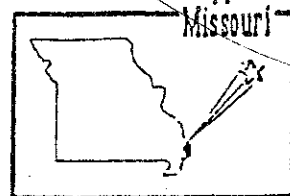
## 132nd Anniversary Reenactment of

## THE BATTLE OF BELMONT

October 1-3, 1993

FRIDAY • OCTOBER 1, 1993

Mississippi County  
Missouri



- 2:00 p.m. — Registration continues to midnight at Registration Camp on County Road 310
- 4:00 p.m. — Campsites open
- 5:30 til ? — Chili served

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 2, 1993

- 6:00 a.m. til noon — Registration open.
- 7:00 a.m. — Reveille
- 7:15 a.m. — Breakfast • Raw rations provided
- 8:30 a.m. — Camps open to the public. Tours are available.
- 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. — Drills and various demonstrations in the camp.
- 11:00 a.m. — Hog Pit Bar-b-que

2:00 p.m. — *THE BATTLE OF BELMONT*

- 3:30 p.m. — Regimental Review
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. — Hospital demonstration. Camps open to tour.
- 5:00 p.m. — James Bayou Catfish Cookers fish fry.
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. — Night artillery fire display.
- 7:00 p.m. — Candlelight Walk through Hospitals and Camp.
- 8:00 p.m. — Camp Ball. Open to the public. Period Dress required.

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 3, 1993

- 7:00 a.m. — Reveille
- 7:15 a.m. — Breakfast • Raw rations provided
- 8:30 a.m. — Camps open to the public. Tours are available.
- 9:00 a.m. — Church service, public and reenactors are welcome to attend.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. — Camps are open to the public. Camps will not be open after the battle.
- 11:30 a.m. — Pit Bar-b-que

1:00 p.m. — *THE BATTLE OF BELMONT*

- 3:00 p.m. — Regimental review
- 3:30 p.m. — Awards ceremony. Camps disband.

### Maximum Effort of the Missouri Civil War Reenactors' Association

Features: Ample powder rations (Twenty-five pounds of gunpowder to the first 14 cannons to register, with one pound of gunpowder going to each infantry and cavalry person) — Firewood, Straw and Hay — Plenty of Water and Port-A-Potties. Horses must have current Coggins Disease certificate.

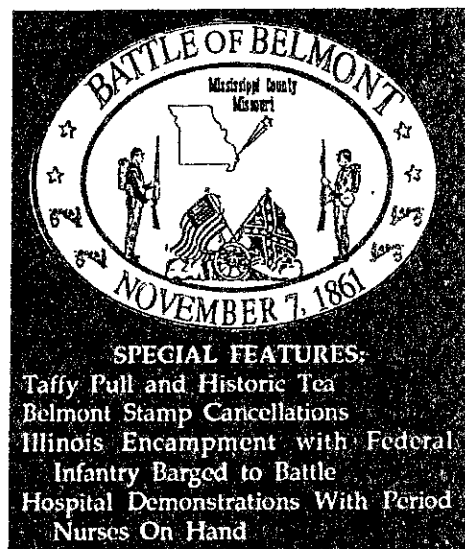
### REGISTRATION MUST BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 1, 1993

Contact Fred DeField, 401 S. Main, Charleston, MO 63834 • (314) 683-6238

NUMBERS MAY BE LIMITED. PRE-REGISTER EARLY BY UNIT FOR THE EVENT OF THE YEAR

For More Information Contact —

Battle of Belmont Committee, June Majors, Chairman, 403 Williams St., East Prairie, MO 63845; (314) 649-5432  
or Liz Anderson, P.O. Box 69, Charleston, MO 63834; (314) 683-3351



#### SPECIAL FEATURES:

Taffy Pull and Historic Tea  
Belmont Stamp Cancellations  
Illinois Encampment with Federal  
Infantry Barged to Battle  
Hospital Demonstrations With Period  
Nurses On Hand

# 2nd (Smart's) Brigade Bulletin

## SPECIAL BELMONT NOTICE

Vol 5. No. 1 1st Confederate Division July 1993

### ON TO BELMONT

**TO THE LEADERSHIP OF ALL ELEMENTS OF THE 2nd (SMART'S) BRIGADE...** In search for a 1993 Fall event for the 5-year Plan, the North/South Alliance has designated the October 1-3, 1993, 132nd Anniversary Battle of Belmont (MO) to be a large scale, regional event. As such, it is our duty to support the 1st Confederate Division for this campaign. Therefore, the 2nd (Smart's) Brigade will be in the field at Belmont, I am preparing a 2nd Brigade Bulletin to be mailed to all troops in the Brigade; however, details of the event and registration information is enclosed and being forwarded in advance to all unit commanders. The following is provided:

**LOCATION OF SITE:** The event site is just East of the town of East Prairie, in Mississippi County, MO. This is in the extreme Southeast corner of Missouri about a 1/4 mile West of the Mississippi River (very close to the original camp at Belmont, Camp Johnston). Geographically, it is about as centrally located as we can get for all our member-units, and particularly convenient to the Federals of the Western Brigade, National Division. As a point of reference for our Southeastern units, it's about 2 hours North of Memphis, TN. There are hundreds of acres of remote farm-land, more than enough to hold a large scale event. East Prairie is just a short distance away as far as access to stores, etc. The spectator flyer is enclosed which includes an area map to the site.

**SPONSOR:** Mississippi County is sponsoring the event, and County Commissioner Fred DeHeld is the event Chairman. Fred is a retractor and will go to no end to see that the county provides for the event. For example, the farm roads to the site are paved, but the County has already put 100 tons of additional gravel down on the gravel roads around the site. That's raised a few eyebrows in other parts of Mississippi County where no gravel was laid, so you can see there is local government support for this event.

**AMENITIES:** This was originally planned as a local event, and the advertisement in the Camp Chase Gazette talks about 1 pound of powder per man, plus 25 pounds of powder for only 14 artillery pieces, with several free meals for everyone. With the significant increase in numbers expected from the North/South Alliance, we have met with Fred and convinced him to focus powder rations for artillery only, but not limit it to 14 guns. Therefore, there will be only 1 powder ration for artillery...25 pounds per gun for all guns which participate. There will be a stew offered Friday night at the registration area and a big cat fish supper for all participants on Saturday evening. Generous supplies of horse hay for the Cavalry and straw for troop bedding will also be provided. Water troughs will be located in the Cavalry camps, tankers for drinking water will be in all camps, port-o-lets and firewood will also be available.

**MILITARY COMMAND:** Military command has been given to the North/South Alliance, MG Al Galim, 1st Confederate Division, and COL Chuck Warwick, Western Brigade, will be overall commanders. As far as CS Infantry is concerned, the 2nd (Smart's) Brigade will be fielded, with COL's Rambo, Johnson, and Beck currently committed to leading their (3) battalions. The Palmetto Battalion may not be able to attend due to the distance and the fact that they are hosting an event in that timeframe. As far as the 1st (King's) Brigade is concerned, Brig Gen Jack King has advised that his battalions are not able to participate. However, we expect COL John Weaver's Cheatham's Orphan Battalion to attend. Therefore, as of now there will be one brigade of CS Infantry consisting of 4 battalions. On the Federal side, we expect the Western Brigade to field at least 2 battalions, one being Holmes Brigade. The 1st Confederate Division Cavalry and Artillery organizations will be fielded in force. As far as artillery is concerned, the event is open to only all scale and historically correct guns, both field artillery and mountain howitzers. Ed Pettit and Doug Kidd have committed to large numbers of Federal Cavalry (and it's right in their back yard). In total we expect this to be about a 1,000 participant event. All UO units will be assigned within the military structure as outlined above.

**REGISTRATION:** There was consideration for handling registration through the respective service branches as our Brigade does for all 1st Confederate Division events; however, since this was a local event and a number of units are already registered individually, we decided to have all units register individually. The time factor from now to the event also makes this the best approach. Therefore, enclosed is a registration form for you to register your people directly with the event sponsor. This will work; however, **WE MUST KNOW WHAT UNITS AND HOW MANY ROOPS AND CIVILIANS ARE COMING.** The Brigade will have streets laid out for each battalion and units will be re-assigned to company streets. Cavalry and Artillery camps will be organized in advance as well. Therefore, all

infantry units PLEASE forward a copy of your registration list to your battalion commander when you mail in the original to the event hosts. 2nd Brigade artillery units, PLEASE forward a copy of your registration list to James Hammonds, PO Box 807, Selma, AL 36702. 2nd Brigade Cavalry units have already received a letter on the event from Ronnie Fullwood, but be sure to send a copy of your registration list to Ronnie Fullwood, RR 1 Box 189-A, Michle, TN 38357. Kevin Duke will obtain his dismounted troop strength from LTC Fullwood. Infantry battalion commanders and artillery/cavalry branch commanders will need to keep me informed on troop strength so I can report to Divisional Hqs and prepare our camp layouts.

**MILITARY SCENARIOS:** We will have 2 battles, at 1:00 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Large, earthen CS works will be complemented by outer works and rifle pits. The battles will focus on a US attack of Camp Johnston, but inside the works. CS Artillery will be placed in both the outer and inner works and our Cavalry will also have good action. We are working on keeping about 4 acres of cornfield in front of the works for a cornfield scenario much like what you experienced at Wilson's Creek. While the site is all open fields, with the works and cornfield we plan on making this a good fight for you all.

**BRIGADE MILITARY ACTIVITIES:** As has been a tradition in the 2nd Brigade, I am planning a series of special camp life activities to further enhance your experience at this event. We will have an Enrollment Officer conduct a authentic mustering in of new volunteers into the Army. The concept is to have each infantry battalion, the cavalry and artillery, put together one company of your newer recruits to be mustered in the way it was done in 1861. We will issue them their (own) weapons, accoutrements, uniform jackets and kepi's. Our Brigade games will include the tug-of-war, but in addition to our infantry competition we will challenge our cavalry and artillery arms to put up a team against our infantry champions. The infantry battalion commanders are already making predictions that the cavalry and artillery teams will be no match against infantry, the backbone of the Army. Our mounted cavalry horseshoes will be once again featured, with the betting tables open for gambling on your favorite rider. I've asked that we be allowed to construct our cavalry obstacle course, and am getting new sets of nice period spurs as prizes for our best riders in the obstacle course competition. And as always, our period Sick Call and Church Services will be held in the Brigade camp.

**CAMP:** There will be both military and civilian camps. They will be about 300 yards apart, not too far for your spouses and families. There's more than enough room for full distances to have a regulation camp layout, including NCO, Company Officer, Battalion and Brigade Officer's lines as well as kitchen areas. The camp impression will be that of a garrison camp, so bring your A-Frames and baggage if you wish.

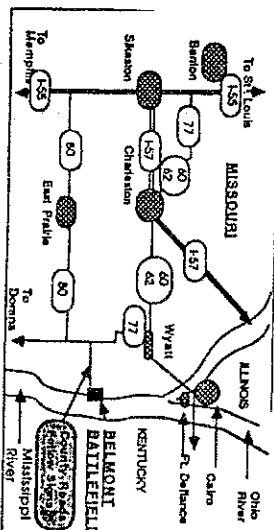
**CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES:** A full complement of amblers is expected, and there will be a camp dance at a large, nearby (empty and cleaned up) barn, complete with live, period music. Other activities for the civilians are also being planned.

In summary, this promises to be fine event, worthy of your unit's participation. I will make every effort to see that the men get a good experience. This is an early-war campaign, and one of the most significant of the initial actions of the Trans-Mississippi area. I ask that you one and all support this event and join the Brigade in the field in October. Don't delay...get your paperwork in now!

I am, and remain, your obedient servant,

Brig Gen Bill Smart

Commanding



# *5th MISSOURI INFANTRY*

## 1993/4 RE-ENACTMENT SCHEDULE

+ indicates new event since last issue

**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.. Now a LH.

**Oct 1-3 \* BELMONT, MO.** MCWRA & 5MO MAX EFFORT, Major event with battles (3000+ reenactors) near Charleston, MO. About 350 miles.

**+Oct 30-31, Warsaw, MO.** Annual Heritage Days LH.

### 1994 EVENTS!

**Feb 13-14, 1994 Atoka, OK.** Listed (uninsured) Battle of Boggy Depot. TMR event, 400 miles.

**May 6-8, Camp Jackson (St. Louis).** Living History, want 1000+ to do Camp Jackson affair. See articles on uniforms in Camoaigner. 225 mi.

**June 4, Rolla, MO.** Living History, by 4th Cav. 150 mi.

**June 11-12, Weston, MO.** MAX EFFORT, prepared trenches, by Crowley's. 110 mi.

**July 23-24, Windsor, MO.** Our event, only 20 mi from Warrensburg.

**August 12-14, Urich, MO.** Living History

**September 17-18, Lexington, MO.** On battlefield. 40 mi.

**September 24-25, St. Charles, MO.** Local event on remains of riverfront. 200 mi.

**October 8-9, Washington, MO.** MAX EFFORT, by 1st MO Art, Bat M (US). 175 mi,

**October 29-30, Mine Creek, KS.** 130th Anniv, near orig. battlefield. W. of Butler, 100 mi.

**November 13-14, Ava, MO.** Local evnt SE of Springfield, 175 mi.

## EVENT DETAILS

**Fredericktown:** Event commemorates battles 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).

**St. Charles:** Event is still on, but will not involve typical battle on waterfront. Instead, will close off traffic on historic Main St & turn it over to reenactors. Camp in backyards of Main St. houses. Boat ride questionable. **to get there:** I-70 to exit 229, north over interstate, right on Boone's Lick Trail.

**BELMONT:** Will be major national event, 4000+ expected. Don't expect powder or as many goodies as last time! We registered 40 men plus several ladies. Battles Saturday & Sunday, night firing, dance, candlelight, tea. Impression is Generic Reb; you'll need to bring food or put \$7 into the Company Mess, since it's not close to anyplace [no money, no food]. This is a very large, well done event. **To get there** from St. Louis (best guess - we don't have exact info yet), I-55 south to Sikeston, I-57 n(e) to Charleston, MO 105 so to MO 80, MO 80 e to site.

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The Editor thanks *Steve Yoakum, David Kesinger, Sandra Wayne & Mark White* for their substantial submittals to this Messenger. Since I am teaching three courses at CMSU as compared to the one I've taught in the past, your articles & comments will be an even greater contribution for the remainder of the year. The deadline for the October issue is September 17th so the October issue can be in your hands before Belmont.



## **MY PANTALOONS**, by Sandra S. Wayne

5th Missouri Infantry members are invited to participate in this column.

*Dr. Mary Ellen Rowe*, Central Missouri State University History Dept. professor, specializing in Civil War history, joined members of the 5th Missouri Infantry in a record breaking first night promotion of the CMSU KMOS-TV-6 "Make It Happen" pledge support recently.

The group, consisting of *David Kesinger, Mel Kisner, Bill Wayne, Vic Slana, and Cindy and Jerry Lee*, assisted in attracting over \$1200 during the Ken Burns' Civil War Series broadcast.

Dr. Rowe has offered *PATRIOTS IN DISGUISE, 'Women Warriors of the Civil War,'* by Richard Hall for my review in the next issue of "Pantaloons."

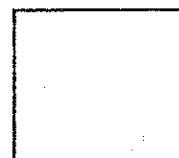
Currently, the suggested banquet proposals include: a catered dinner including assorted VCR event showings, door prizes, and possibly a guest speaker at the Riggs' home, a Best Western motel banquet as in 1992, or a banquet event in Columbia. Please donate ideas for group approval by next meeting time so plans can be finalized. Bill Wayne's 50th birthday celebration will be included in the group's plans if the banquet is approved for a November date.

If you have publicity news about 5th Missouri Infantry members, please contact me for news media distribution.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Sep 7 - Co H meeting, Columbia

Sep 21- Co A meeting, Warrensburg

Sep 25 - Civilian Group meeting, Lone Jack

**NEXT BATTLES:** Sep 18-19, Fredericktown; October 1-3, Belmont