



THE MESSENGER



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CONTENTS: What happened to November? It just got lost in the rush of things (conferences, CMSU, etc). This issue has the Annual Dues Notice, reports of company meetings, MCWRA minutes, comments on the banquet, etc.

DUES: Yes, it's time for annual dues again: 1994 5th Missouri dues are \$10 individual & \$16 family. Associate membership remains at \$8. MCWRA dues are \$8 individual, \$12 family. That means the total dues for an active member will be: Individual - \$18 (down from \$20); Family - \$28 (down from \$36).

MEMBERSHIP: We picked up several new members: *Tamela Loos* of Parkville (Killer Angels premier), *Marcus Price* of Raymore & his brother *Robert Price* of Cassville, *Michael Fultz* of Leeton (Warsaw Heritage Days). Welcome.

ANNUAL BANQUET: Those who weren't there missed the best yet. They gave us excellent food, saw lots of videos & had a great time.

EVENT SCHEDULE: It appears the MCWRA schedule is pretty well firmed up. We'll vote on our Regimental Max Effort events at the January meeting, so have some idea which ones you think we should twist arms to support.

ELECTIONS: All field positions are open for election in each company, plus the Corporate Secretary & Treasurer.

BY-LAWS: Steve Yoakum is working on a major revision, to include cleaning up some imprecisions & providing a means to handle problems as they arise.

GETTYSBURG: It's a success. Almost 20 members showed up at the Kansas City premier, plus a good group when it opened in Columbia. If you haven't seen it, it may be too late. It's the shortest 4 1/2 hours I've ever spent at a movie.

MEETINGS: *Annual Membership Meeting:* Saturday, January 22, 1994, 1:00 PM, Embree Electric in Sedalia. Again, there'll be drill, shooting practice, & elections.

To find the meeting: Going south on US 65, go across the railroad overpass & turn right at the next corner, then right again at the next corner. Go to Main Street, turn left until State Fair Blvd.

Going north on US 65: Take the Main Street exit, then turn left & take Main Street west to State Fair.

From US 50 (east or west): Turn north on US 65, take the Main Street Exit, turn left on Main Street to State Fair.

Embree Electric is on the Northwest corner, find a parking place & look for the signs.

Company H has scheduled a meeting for 7:00 PM, January 17, at Steve Yoakum's house. You'll elect company officers then.

FALL EVENTS:

Warsaw, October 30-31 1993. The weather played trick or treat on this Halloween weekend on the hardy few who attended. Thanks to *Bill, Jerry & Cindy, Larry & Mel* for braving the cold & snow flurries at this nice Living History which earned us \$100 & a new recruit.

Clinton, October 16: *Jerry, Cindy, Bill, Dennis & David* set up a small but wet camp for the Clinton Boy Scout Jamboree; we were joined by *Bill Moore*, while *John Sherrer* provided several flags for our use. It was the type of day that takes the shape out of hats.

Wornall House: Several members participated in this LH event; I have no report on details.

Missouri Town, Dec 11: We'll have several members help out their Christmas tour - we'll tell the details later.

TID-BITS: We got lots of face time on the major TV stations in KC during the Gettysburg premier. I didn't take roll on all who participated. *Bob Koffman* says he's seen Gettysburg 15 times!

Bill Wayne broke a toe in a 'reenacting' accident - seems he kicked a camp box as he walked around a corner at home.

KMOS-TV is interested in having us as fund raisers again.

Commentary: The article on safety in the last *Messenger* drew a letter from the 3rd Engineers objecting to certain characterizations of their unit. Their letter & my response are included in this issue. It is my understanding that the 3rd Engineers have undergone a command change which is likely to be of significant benefit to their unit & the MCWRA.

5TH MISSOURI INFANTRY, CO A

Minutes of Company A meeting, November 2, 1993

The Fifth Missouri Infantry, Company A meeting took place at the ASCS office in Warrensburg November 2nd. Veterans present were Olson, Kisner, Kesinger, Lee, Thomas, Wayne & Riggs; two ladies (Cindy Lee, Sandra Wayne) were also in attendance. Since the required 30% quorum was not present, an informal meeting was held.

The Treasurer briefed the status of Regimental funds. Cash in the bank is 1866.73.

Upcoming Events:

Interest was shown to be unanimous in attending the KOKO Expo next February.

Interest was lacking in participating in the Missouri Town Christmas program on December 11th.

Bill will write several major events for next year so we can decide what long trips we care to make.

Sandra reported on the banquet, on how the manager at Sedalia's Best Western is going the 'extra mile' to make this year's banquet the best ever. Cost is still \$10.00 per person.

Charlie received unanimous support in a proposal to donate \$300 to a group that is restoring the McGavock Cemetery tombstones in Franklin, TN.

Larry Olson agreed to ask his CPA sister about taking on the 501 c(3) application.

David M. Kesinger, Secretary.

NOTICE:

Judy's Christmas Party - Saturday,
December 18, 7:00 PM.

Bring a finger food & your own 'legal' beverage. All members welcome (but, please, leave the children [if they've been in the field as combatants, they're not 'children']).

RSVP & Directions: Judy Riggs, 816-429-1448.

Coming MAY 27-28-29 to Shelby Farms Memphis, Tennessee

THE GREAT MOMENTS of the GREAT BATTLES of the CIVIL WAR



GREAT MOMENTS OF THE GREAT BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Age Limit. For participation on the field or carrying a weapon (in all service branches) participants must be 14 years old. The only exception is functioning musicians, who must be at least 12 years old. For artillerymen, members of a gun crew in positions 1 through 4 shall be at least 16 years old. All participants under the age of 18 must be under the supervision of a parent, legal guardian, or responsible adult who will sign a consent form at registration.

Uniforms & Accoutrements. Uniforms and equipage shall be appropriate for an early to mid-war impression common to the Eastern and Western theater of operations. Be flexible to adapt to each of the planned scenarios. At a minimum, uniforms and accoutrements will be of materials and design accurate for the period being portrayed. Authenticity inspections will be conducted by the respective military organizations.

Weapons. Infantry-military issue two or three hand black powder muskets. This does not include Hawkins or Zouaves. Ramrods will be carried on the field but never drawn. NCOs are responsible for insuring that the troops do not draw the rammer. Fouled pieces will be given to a file closer who will be allowed to pull his rammer, from the file closer position, in order to clear the piece. Cavalry-carbines are encouraged. Artillery-only original or full scale reproductions shall be accepted for participation. Full scale, properly built mountain howitzers will be accepted upon approval of the respective US/CS Artillery Commanders. Pistols may only be carried by officers and NCOs as was appropriate during this period. No Wunder-Wads are allowed in revolvers. All weapons shall be in good working order with a functioning half-cock and a hammer screw. Weapons inspections shall be conducted by the respective military organizations each day. Military organizations have the right to refuse weapons on the field if found operationally unsafe or inappropriate for the scenario.

Edged weapons. Knives carried will be of the period and secured in a period sheath. At no time will knives be drawn on the field. Bayonets should be carried by all enlisted men, but fixed only by order of a Commanding Officer. At other times they shall be secured in a proper scabbard. The scabbard must have a metallic tip to be carried on the field.

Ammunition. Powder will only be carried in the form of properly rolled cartridges. A properly rolled cartridge is defined as one rolled in soft type paper with no more than 80 grains of ff or ff black powder. Penny wrappers, heavy bond paper, plastics, staples, or tape will not be used for rolled cartridges. Percussion caps and cartridges will only be carried in authentic cap pouches and cartridges boxes. Under no circumstances will projectiles of any kind be on the site. Violators will be taken off the premises by local law enforcement officials for the duration of the event...no excuses or exceptions.

Military Organization. The sanctioned overall military structure for this event is that of the North/South Alliance, which is comprised of the Western Brigade of the National Division (US), the 1st Confederate Division (CS), and their affiliated units. All units are welcome, and shall be assigned to serve within this structure. This will include all Departments (Ordnance, Medical, Signal, Engineers, etc.). Unit commanders are responsible for the conduct of their unit and shall be held equally responsible for the misconduct of any of his troops. Troops shall obey all reasonable orders of designated military commanders.

Camps. Camps, both military and civilian, shall be laid out and all participants shall camp in assigned areas. Unit flags may be flown during arrival times to aid in finding your camps. Once camps are closed to vehicles, only one designated flag for each battalion will be allowed. No company flags will be flown in camp or carried into battle. Fires shall only be permitted in designated kitchen areas (not in the company streets). All fire pits must be filled in and trash properly bagged for pickup at the end of the event.

Women in the Ranks. Female troops shall be allowed in the ranks **ONLY** if she does not show the obvious features of a woman.

Vehicle Access. Vehicles will be restricted from the camps at designated times. **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

Personal Conduct. No illegal substances will be allowed or tolerated. Offenders will be turned over to law enforcement officials for arrest and prosecution.

National Civil War Reenactment Event **NEED: 6000 Infantry - 500 Cavalry 100 Full-Scale Artillery**

Gen Pickett's gallant Confederate charge at Gettysburg

Gen Forrest's cavalry attack at Bryce's Crossroads

The heroic Federal defence of the Hornet's Nest at Shiloh

The failed Federal assault on Marye's Heights at Fredricksburg

The great cavalry clash between J.E.B. Stuart and George Custer at Gettysburg

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For Information Phone: 901-753-2443**

Host and Military Command - North South Alliance

GREAT MOMENTS OF THE GREAT BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR

Dear Fellow Reenactor,

Plans are coming together for a National Civil War Reenactment event on **Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-29, 1994**, in Memphis, Tennessee. This will be a major event; one it is hoped will bring 6,000 Infantry, 500 Cavalry, and 100 full-scale artillery pieces together for a weekend of living history. Unlike other reenactments which focus on one action, the concept is to recreate selected major engagements of the War from both the Eastern and Western theater of operations. It will offer reenactors an opportunity to reflect on and commemorate several of the more significant actions of the War, thereby offering a program which serves to educate the public on a broader perspective of the conflict. We hope you will join us for this historic event. While a more detailed, final information package will be forwarded upon acceptance of your registration, details on the event are as follows:

SPONSOR. The event is being sponsored by the Memphis-based, Mid-South Reenactment Association (MSRA) and hosted by the North/South Alliance. The Military Committee consists of representatives of the Western Brigade of the National Division and the 1st Confederate Division. All units not currently affiliated with these organizations are welcome to attend, and will be assigned to serve within this structure (as at Murfreesboro).

SITE. The site consists of 800 acres of primitive land on Shelby Farms, a 4,500 acre park dedicated for use as a public recreational area. The terrain is primarily rolling fields with some stands of trees, several ponds, and bordered on two sides by dense woods. The other two sides are bounded by access roads with little or no modern development. The site is on the outskirts of Memphis and adjacent to the Germantown Parkway, a state highway that extends from US Highway 70, south to US Highway 78, intersecting I-40, US Highway 64, and US Highway 72. Access to the site from Germantown Parkway is via Walnut Grove Parkway and Trinity Road. A detailed site map and area map will be included in the final information package sent to registered units.

REGISTRATION. A registration form is included in this package. There is a \$5.00 registration fee for all participants (military, civilian, sutler-all ages) whose pre-registration is **postmarked on/before May 15, 1994**. Registration on-site is \$10; however, registration at the site will close on Saturday, May 28th, at 12 noon. Although a portion of event proceeds will be donated to historic causes, all pre-registration fees will be donated to historical preservation.

SCHEDULE. A tentative schedule is included in this package, with an update to your final package. Plans for scenarios currently include: 1) the failed Federal assault on Mays' Heights at Fredricksburg; 2) the heroic Federal defense at the Hornet's Nest at Shiloh; 3) Forrest's cavalry attack at Brice's Crossroads; 4) the great cavalry clash between J.E.B. Stuart and George Custer at Gettysburg; and 5) Pickett's gallant Confederate charge at Gettysburg. Quality civilian activities will also be offered. Friday night, the 1st Tenn Light Artillery will hold a regimental dance at elegant Woodland Hills, a restored 1830's plantation. This will be a most formal affair, complete with ice carvings, food, servants, and the splendor of a 800-seat ballroom (\$30 per couple for participants, \$50 per couple for the public in period dress). Free participant entertainment will be offered on-site Saturday night. Details to be included in the final package.

REENACTOR AMENITIES. Making this the spectacular event envisioned depends solely on the commitment of reenactors to support it. For this reason, the Mid-South Reenactment Association is offering a series of incentives to participants, in addition to the usual amenities you have come to expect. The following is being offered:

- 1) **Artillery:** If 100 full-scale artillery pieces attend, it will be the largest assembly of guns since the War. To achieve this goal, two limbers are to be given away in a raffle for the artillery. Each gun on the field (not unit, but gun) will have a chance to win one to take it home.
- 2) **Mounted Cavalry:** To attract 500 mounted cavalry, eight Sharps Carabines will be given to mounted troopers.
- 3) **Infantry/Dismounted Cavalry:** 300 shelter halves will be given to Federal participants, with 150 shelter halves to be given to the Confederates.

4) **General Bounty:** As an individual incentive for all participants over 18 years old, the Mid-South Reenactment Association is negotiating with the Memphis Chevrolet Dealers Association for a new, full-sized pickup truck to be awarded at the event to one lucky participant. One blue and one gray truck will be on-site, with the winning Federal or Confederate to take his/her pick.

Eligibility for the incentives is complete participation in the weekend activities. Your participant pass (issued at registration) must be validated by the military/civilian organization. Troops must be present in the ranks for all battle formations and civilians must participate in civilian activities. At each formation or civilian program your pass will be validated. Winners must be present at the drawings to win and produce their participant pass with applicable validations. All prizes will be on-site for immediate award and on display at registration or another suitable place.

CAMPERS/PARKING/HOTELS. There will be authentic camps for the military and a separate civilian camp. For modern campers, there is a 500-space modern camping facility with full hookups roughly two blocks away from the reenactor parking lot. A complete listing of area hotels can be obtained by contacting the Memphis Chamber of Commerce.

SUTLERS. There is a separate Sutter Registration form in this package. Sutters will be located in pre-assigned spaces. Only pre-registered sutters will be allowed to conduct business at the event. The North/South Alliance Sutter Coordinator will be contacting all sutters for advanced planning. In addition to the \$5.00 registration fee per person, there is a \$25 sutter's fee for a 25' X 30' space. Any sutter requiring additional space will pay an additional \$25 (total of \$50). Based on lessons learned from other large-scale events, the sutters area will be adjacent to the civilian camp and very close to the military camps. For this reason, sutter's modern campers, vehicles, and trailers will not be permitted to be parked in the sutter's area. For clarification, a sutter is defined as a person in period dress, selling goods from a period structure or tent, who's wares include replica or original equipment, clothing, and other period items of use to reenactors in their impressions. Any persons selling modern souvenirs, paintings, bumper stickers, 20th century food items, etc., will be classified as Vendors and placed in the modern vendors area. Modern vendors will be referred to the Mid-South Reenactment Association.

In summary, this event promises to provide the reenactor and the public a unique experience, and one that brings justice to the memory of the men that fought and died for their ideals. We hope that you will be a part of it.

Dr. Wessert, President
MID-SOUTH REENACTMENT ASSN

Chuck Warwick, Western Brigade
Al Gartin, 1st Conf Division
NORTH/SOUTH ALLIANCE

GREAT MOMENTS OF THE GREAT BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

WED-MAY 25	8:00am - Registration open and access to the site for Sutters Only	
THU-MAY 26	8:00am - Registration open to Military/Civilian participants	
FRI-MAY 27	1st Tenn Lt Arty Regt Dance (formal affair in Grand Ballroom, Woodland Hills)	
SAT-MAY 28	9:00am 9:00am 9:00am TBA	Camps open to the public Vehicle access closed to military camps (for the weekend) Civilian Activities
	10:00am-11:00am	Battle of Shiloh-Hornet's Nest
	12:00pm	Registration Closes
	12:30pm-1:30pm	Battle of Brice's Crossroads (cavalry/artillery only)
	4:30pm-5:30pm	Battle of Fredricksburg-Marye's Heights
	5:30pm	Camps closed to the public
	7:30pm-9:30pm	Camp Social and Dance-period music
SUN-MAY 29	8:30am-9:00am	Church Services (in military/civilian camps)
	9:00am	Camps open to the public
	10:00am-11:00am	Grand Review (US/CS) and Awards Presentation
	12:30am-1:30pm	Battle of Gettysburg-Stuart/Custer Cavalry engagement
	1:30pm-2:30pm	Battle of Gettysburg-Pickett's Charge
	3:00pm	Vehicle access opened to military/civilian camps

PANTALOONS, By Sandra Wayne

Here's to wishing you happiness during the holiday season and in the new year.

Thanks to all of you for your support and friendship during the past year. Please remember in 94 to send news releases or other publicity releases so information can be distributed to all members of the group.

Contact Judy Riggs for 5th sewing patterns.

Cedarcroft Farm B&B offers a 94 CW re-enacting schedule to guests and visitors. If you need a list for promotional purposes, please request the amount. The B&B expense is 100 copies at 3.50.

The following is *Cindy Lee's* review of three books for 5th Missouri Infantry members:

ORDER NO. 11 - A TALE OF THE BORDER, by Caroline Abbot Stanley. A story about the hardships of pioneer families from 1855 through 1865. The horrible things Yankees did when Order No. 11 was issued August 25, 1863 in Johnson, Jackson, and Bates counties. Some families lived through these unforgiveable times to tell their story. Excellent material and a book that everyone should have in their Civil War library.

PIONEER WOMEN: VOICES FROM THE KANSAS FRONTIER, by Joanna L. Stratton. Memoirs of 800 pioneer women. This collection was started in 1920 by Lila Day Monroe. Publisher of "Kansas Women's Journal," she requested women that had come to Kansas and surrounding areas, to write about their lives. Three generations later, these memoirs have been produced in this book. Excellent book and a 'must read' for all women historians.

THESE WERE THE WOMEN, USA 1776-1860, by Mary Armsbee Whitton. This is a story of women who helped make American culture. An Amazing and enlightening review of women's roles in

the development of American civilization from Revolutionary days down to the Civil War. Very educational and interesting reading."

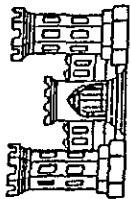
We hope all of you will benefit from Cindy's book reviews and her interest in Civil War research. Please submit reviews, discussions, or opinions of your Civil War readings and research. One of the essential objectives of the 5th Missouri Infantry is group participation in research and sharing personal interests in the Civil War era. Please submit your reviews and discussions before MESSENGER deadline.

Copies are available (.25) of Dr. Leslie Anders (well-known Civil War scholar), THE BLACKWATER INCIDENT CAST RIPPLES AND SHADOWS ACROSS NATION, The Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg, Mo., Friday, Nov. 19, 1993, article concerning the importance of the Blackwater incident December 19, 1861, some newspapers deemed "Severe Blow to the Rebel Cause In Missouri."

Send your 25 cents and 29 cents for postage to the 5th Missouri Infantry mailing address to find out what happened "entirely on Johnson County soil." Dr. Anders, a supporter of the 5th Missouri Infantry and retired CMSU professor, resides at 318 Goodrich Dr., Warrensburg, 816 747 7573. The PANTALOON's editor offers a prize to the first person who correctly responds (by mail) to: What other publication (besides bluebelly regimental histories) is Dr. Anders known for? How about a Civil War research quiz question in every edition of the MESSENGER? Good prizes offered.

If you enjoyed the Annual Banquet, please respond to suggestions for a 1994 group gathering. Do you want to continue the fall banquet? Change to a Christmas event? Gather for a summer family picnic during a time when there are few re-enactments? Offer suggestions to assist in contributing to the success of the 5th Missouri Infantry family.

Best wishes to all of you.



**3RD ENGINEER REGIMENT
COMPANY A**



22 October 93

The Editor of The Messenger
c/o Bill Wayne
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Warrensburg, MO 64093

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a copy of your October, 1993 issue and am disturbed by that portion of the newsletter which reported on the "unpleasant situation" between the Federal cavalryman and a member of the Big River Artillery. I have found a number of errors in the recounting of the incident by the cavalryman which I believe need to be corrected. I shall address these in the order I found them in the report.

Initially, the event was a "1992 LISTED EVENT" as stated in the October, 1992 issue of The Western Campaigner. The Versailles Chamber of Commerce sponsored the event and the lady who was in charge of it has been contacted. I have been assured that the Chamber is still in possession of the cancelled check (made out to the M.C.W.R.A.) to cover the insurance costs for the event. She is also searching the telephone records to locate the number of the M.C.W.R.A. officer she spoke with about the specific insurance costs for the event.

The sponsors of the event did have releases printed. However, the Chamber failed to assign any of their members to ensure that the forms were filled out and returned by the reenactors who attended.

The cavalryman's claim that he took a hit while on his horse and that while taking this hit his sabre accidentally cut the Artilleryman's hand is simply untrue. Near the end of the skirmish, he crossed a small ditch on foot with his sabre out of it's scabbard and proceeded to the area where the Artilleryman was lying on the ground, pretending to be wounded and out of action. Upon his arrival, the cavalryman made two (2) stabs at the prone Artilleryman, one of which produced the wound.

If you doubt the veracity of what I have just written, I would be happy to arrange for you to view a videotape of the skirmish which clearly proves that the cavalryman was on foot at the time of the incident. If you're still in doubt after viewing the video, I can arrange for you to interview one of our members who was in very close proximity to the Artilleryman at the time of the incident. He witnessed the entire episode and is willing to testify as to what happened.

Finally, on this topic, I spoke with the Artilleryman a number of weeks following this incident. His employer had basically put him on unpaid leave due to his inability to hold and utilize the tools of his trade. Faced with several weeks of no income and having a wife and, I believe, five children to care for, his last resort was to seek recompense from the cavalryman. As far as the Artilleryman knowing "the dangers involved in his actions," I find no fault in what he is doing. However, I find a great deal of fault in the cavalryman's deliberate actions at Versailles. Perhaps, instead of us debating on who was really at fault in this incident, we should be trying to locate more suitable insurance coverage for the Association's members. It is my understanding that The Living History Association, based in Vermont, currently offers the same basic coverage to their members that we have. However, they have requested the Cigna Insurance Company to provide them with a quote on extending the coverage to injuries received as a result of the actions of another reenactor. Why isn't the Association pursuing this same type of coverage to better protect it's members and their families?

Having, hopefully, cleared up what actually took place at Versailles, I would now like to ask why you believe the 3rd Engineers "aren't noted for their authenticity & safety consciousness". What portion of our portrayals do you find fault with? Perhaps you are unaware that I spent two full days at Fort Leonard Wood in the rare book section of the Engineer School Library and Museum researching specific tasks assigned to Confederate Engineers. Our military members must select a craft from among these tasks, research it, and prepare displays, charts, models, etc., with which to educate the general public. Our uniform requirements are as close to the regular Confederate Army's General Order No. 9, dated 6 June 1861, as we can make them and still be relatively economical for those just getting into the hobby. The kinds of weapons we utilize are of the type used by soldiers who also had to carry tools, surveying equipment, etc. During the hours that the camps are open to the public, we strive to make ours as period-looking as possible. In our discussions with the public, we never attempt to fool anyone about who we are or why our

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First



Division

Cumberland States of America

GENERAL CIRCULAR.

No. 4

September 22, 1993

Gentlemen:

This circular is being sent to all brigades, battalions, companies, and batteries in the Division to inform you of upcoming events and other news affecting the Division. PLEASE be sure this information is disseminated to all in your command. Some of this will repeat information already sent to Bde and Bn commanders.

1. During the January meeting, a number of items were brought up - and a few were even resolved.

a. The size of a battalion was set at no less than 135 enlisted men in the ranks. This means shooters - not officers, staff, or file closers. The size of a company was set at no less than 30 En not counting file closers. The size of a battalion will have approximately a minimum of 150 people. This of course only applies to the two North/South Alliance events held each year and does not affect local or regional events. It does not affect the way you are currently organized. It only means that if battalions cannot meet these numbers at these two events they may be consolidated.

b. A proposed set of by-laws was advanced so that the Division leadership may make decisions and have elections in an orderly manner. This set off the usual controversy with agreement only on the above sizes of units so far. It was proposed to have a Council of Commanders consisting of the Division CG and the Artillery, Cavalry, and two Infantry Brigade commanders to make the normal decisions for the Division. It was further proposed to have a Board consisting of the Council and all battalion commanders to have equal votes to make major Division decisions and to direct the activities and plans. To this end the Cavalry was allotted three battalions for four total votes and the Artillery was also given a total of four votes. Currently the First Inf Bde has four votes (Bde CG and three Bn CO's) and the Second Inf Bde has five votes (Bde CG and four Bn CO's). As battalions are added they will also have a vote. Although the Council and Board have not been officially accepted (the by-laws are not accepted yet!) we are proceeding along by the consensus of these individuals. What this means to you as a unit commander is that you should make your voice heard through your battalion CO's input and vote.

2. Belmont - This is the designated Division Fall event since May this year! We had planned on a Tactical in Indianapolis, but the Board's consensus was that you wanted to go to Belmont. NO so we changed. If you have not registered for Belmont and want to go, contact the Belmont committee listed in the enclosed brochure directly and tell your Bn CO. There is still a little time.

3. This is an early war impression ala Wilson's Creek. Shotguns and flintlocks are acceptable and all the early war paraphernalia is appropriate through limit the luxuries somewhat. The troops had been ferried over from Columbus, KY and would not have had all the niceties. Wedges and officer wall tents are appropriate and dog tents are not. (This is 1861; dog tents were issued to the Federals starting in 1862.) However, if that's all you have come on anyway.

b. Many units were in Polk's Division (later Corps) and were from Tennessee. The flags were most likely the Polk pattern - red St. George's cross (vertical) on blue background with 11 to 13 stars non-uniformly spaced on the cross. The 2nd, 6th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, and 154th TN Inf Reg'ts were some of the units as well as the 11 IA Inf, 13th AR Inf, 1st MS Cav Bn, and Smith's Battery. It will be up to your Bn and Bde CO's as to which units you will portray.

c. Each battalion camp will be inspected according to the attached sheet and a "Best Camp" streamer will be awarded. This inspection is not to criticize anyone but to recognize those who have put in extra effort.

d. As you can see from the attached schedule a number of interesting activities are scheduled - horse races, sick calls, pay call, revival, ladies tea, cavalry obstacle course, wedding, barn dance, and huge chicken and catfish dinner.

e. The two battles will be centered around replica earthworks and a cornfield which should prove to be enjoyable. There will be plenty of action for all branches.

f. Currently over 1500 people are signed up with more on the way.

g. Bde Commanders are enjoined to carefully read the schedule as there are a number of duties at Division HQ to be performed by your men.

2. Red River Campaign - BG J. H. King informs us that the RRC committee has decided that they cannot support this event as a Division or Alliance event. They are continuing it as a regional event. We are disappointed but understand the logistical problems and are sympathetic. It is a most unusual event and we know many of you will want to go. You should contact BG King for information. We wish you all a good time and wish the RRC Committee a successful event!

3. Spring 1994 - An event to take place in Memphis on Memorial Day weekend is being planned by the North/South Alliance (us and the federal Western Brigade). This event is sponsored by the Mid-South Reenactment Association, a private group from Memphis. Some of the details are extremely interesting and unique in reenacting.

a. The basic outline for the event is to have "Great Moments in Civil War Battles". Not just to have a reenactment for an anniversary of a battle, but two western and two eastern battles during the weekend. As far as the names of the battles themselves, some have been mentioned; but we are still working on the details.

b. There will be a small registration fee, from which part of the proceeds will be spent in the area for historical preservation.

c. The sponsor has offered to furnish some "give-aways" for the event such as a full scale cannon to an artillery battery, spencers to cavalry units, tents and muskets to infantry units. There would be drawings to determine who got what. Details will become clearer on these prizes.

d. The North/South Alliance travelled to Memphis, all expenses paid, to review the property and discuss the event on August 21st. At this point a majority feel that we should continue the planning process for next Memorial Day

e. We have been in contact and continuing to contact units outside the Alliance, such as the National Regiment, the Cumberland Guard, etc.

You will hear much more about this later!

We in the Division HQ work very hard at informing you of things that are important (and maybe some things that are not so important) to your reenacting experience. We feel that if we keep you updated then all of us can make things smoother in the field for our men. We have had our problems and there have been problems at lower levels. Sometimes we will fail to get you the information you need, but always realize that these problems are NOT because of a lack of commitment or interest from your Division, Brigade, or Battalion commanders!

We need our help in letting us know when you are not getting what you need. The Board works for the Division - you and your men - and we need your input to make sure that we are going in the right direction. As unit commanders you are, therefore, responsible for communications up and down. We never intend to leave any member out of the circle so you also must get the word out to your people just as we must get the word out to you.

The First Confederate Division has accomplished some major tasks in reenacting over the past years, but it was done as a team, not by one. Let's continue as a team toward higher and brighter goals! ... Hats off to you gentlemen for a job well done.

SEE YOU ON THE FIELD!

With the Commanding General's Compliments,
Rick Somers
Signed for the Commanding General
Colonel Rick Somers, Chief of Staff

Distribution: Board, Staff, Western Brigade CO and Executive Agent

ENCLOSURE of 3rd E.V. RUC LTR

camp (a sixty day to six month "encampment") looks different from that of an Infantry unit (an army basically "on the move").

Regarding our "safety consciousness", we abide by the M.C.W.R.A. safety inspection requirement prior to each battle, even when the organizers of an event do not hold a general inspection. Last spring, at Makanda, Illinois, we refused to allow some Illinois Engineers to carry certain weapons on the field because the weapons were not in a safe operable condition. Further, we make every attempt to abide by the M.C.W.R.A.'s safety rules for Infantry type units during engagements.

In closing, I would like to state that prior to reading your newsletter, I had the utmost respect for your unit and its leaders. However, I now wonder about a unit that prints an advisory to it's members regarding "Rumor Control" on one page of it's newsletter and on a subsequent page prints only one person's view of an unfortunate incident without making any attempts to "determine the truth". Still, if you have some specific complaint regarding our authenticity as Engineers or our safe conduct at events I would be interested in receiving them in writing.

4. Fall 1994 - We have a commitment from the Western Brigade to sponsor a tactical in Indiana in September-October. This is a reschedule of the Fall 1993 event replaced by Belmont this year. They are going forward with the planning, and more details are forthcoming.

5. Spring 1995 - At Colonel Nick Medich's (Bn CO 1st Inf Bde) request we are looking into the possibility of a reenactment of Pea Ridge, AR. We have been in contact with Division Colonels John Beck, Scott Hughes, and Jim Cook, who are from that area. They have selected a tentative site on part of the original field. Plans are being moved forward on firming up the sponsorship at this time. More details later.

6. Fall 1995 - Several meetings have been held with a local group in Springhill, TN to sponsor a reenactment of Springhill, Franklin, and Nashville. They have seed money, have locked up 275 acres, and are working on several hundred more acres ... right in the middle of the Springhill battlefield! All monies will go toward the preservation of the Springhill, Franklin, and Nashville battlefields.

7. Future Events - We have been talking, or just beginning to talk to the Liaison Committee, our eastern counterpart, about an event somewhere in the middle ground between the two theaters ... possibly in the Knoxville or Chattanooga area. Also being discussed is a trip to an eastern event.

They, as well as we, are interested in getting both organizations together some time in the future. Some of us will attend their meeting in November, and we certainly hope that they will attend ours in 1994.

8. Division Meeting - The tentative plan is to meet in January in Memphis. All are welcome. Remember to speak through your Bn and Bde CO's.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL, Major-General Al Gatlin

We are closing on our fourth year of existence, and we have accomplished most of the goals that we have set for the Division. We have done this without a lot of misunderstandings among ourselves, which is unusual for the reenacting! We have had our good times and not so good times, but in all we have done an outstanding job in our presence on and off the field.

From the grand charge at Franklin to the spectacular formations at Murfreesboro we have given our people real experiences to remember! The field movements and confusion of LBL were as our forefathers had experienced.

The final day's battle at Ferryville was absolutely grand in its exact troop movements and the panoramic views we gave the crowd as well as our selves. The pulse-pounding anticipation and excitement of the cornfield at Wilson's Creek will long be remembered. Just a flash was all you needed to bring to life that book you read or a vision of the way things must have been 130 years ago.

As you can see we still have many, many events to participate in during the next few years. We still have lots of hard work for many to do, lots of time to spend away from family, and lots of money to steal from the budgets of our personal lives. It takes all of us, not just a few, not just the Board and their staffs, but all 2500+ of us to make the events successful. Every man from the highest ranked general to the newest private is responsible for the success of these events.

Communication is the formula for success and how much each one of us contributes to the events. Communication is the mortar that holds us together and gives direction to the Division. It is the hardest part of reenacting and must be continually worked on for us to be cohesive; it will not happen by itself.

Letter sent to 3rd Engineers in response to their letter:

November 1, 1993

Gregory A. Woods 3rd Engineer Reg, Co A 905 Cross Creek Dr Grain Valley, MO 64029

Dear Greg,

I sincerely regret any misunderstanding that my article in the October Fifth Missouri Messenger may have caused. The opinions stated were strictly my own and there was no intent to demean your unit. I will publish your letter in an upcoming Messenger along with this response.

The intent of the article was to caution members about the critical nature of safety, especially in hand-to-hand combat. It is entirely possible that the facts are not as reported to us or that I did not interpret the report properly; I made no detailed notes. Regardless of the facts, our members were shocked that one reenactor would sue another over a reenacting accident, even if the injuring party was negligent & the injured party without fault. We were concerned that a precedent would be established that would cause significant harm to the future of reenacting. Of course, if there is reason to believe that the action was deliberate, perhaps action should be pursued through MCWRA & the individual's unit to ban him from the field.

As stated in the article, our unit did not press for attendance at this nearby event because we did not believe that it was MCWRA insured or sanctioned. Generally, events shown as "listed" are not insured & have not been voted on by the MCWRA Board; the Board minutes do not indicate that the event was voted on. As to the failure of the town to obtain the releases, my experience is to not trust them to take care of obtaining them, precisely because I want to protect myself & my unit, to the maximum extent possible, from lawsuits. One would not think that they'd need supervision, but they often do - something one learns as the unit sponsors more events.

I agree that some sort of insurance protection for injured reenactors would be a worthwhile goal for MCWRA to pursue. Since a new Board & officers will be taking office shortly, you might wish to address this problem to them (but I suspect that, by raising the issue, you'll volunteer to participate in a research committee).

I agree that my comment about your authenticity and safety consciousness was overstated & I herewith tender my apologies. The thoroughness of your research of the engineers' role is unquestioned. The major authenticity 'problem' relates to your integration of family members into the military camp & your vote against the sanction of 1994 events which would not allow joint camping. The safety 'problem' relates to the difficulty of safely employing a unit, such as yours, which operates outside the immediate control of the on-field branch commanders.

I have no desire to sour the hitherto excellent relationship between our units by comments made 'on deadline.' We appreciate the assistance you provided in planning a fortification for us, although we have not yet been able to execute the plans. We certainly have no intent to exclude you from events that we sponsor.

I remain, sir, your obedient servant,

William T. Wayne, 1st Lt/Editor, The Messenger

5TH MISSOURI INFANTRY, INC, Minutes of Comapny H meeting, held Sep 7 & Oct 2, 1993

Co. H met Sep 7 at the Maplewood House in Nifong Park, Columbia. Karen from the Columbia Parks & Rec Dept. attended to discuss the event held in the park in August and to talk about possible future events.

Ideas discussed included having a candlelight tour of the House during the Christmas season. Each room in the house would; be decked out to represent a scene from he mid-19th Century. We told her to let us know when and what she wanted & we would come up with something. We also discussed being host for Spring Drill, which would be held at Nifong Park.

Dennis Faught reminded everyone of the May 21, 1995 event at the National Guard in Jeff City. This will be a military timeline. We would be part of the timeline, which would include military people from all periods of American history. This one day event would be included in the events list.

Dennis Faught moved & Jim Robertson seconded that it be a Company H policy that recruits participate in a full drill with musket before being allowed to participate in battle. This came up as a result of a couple of people at the August event joining in the action with no previous experience.

Among those who attended this meeting was Jay Keller, a recruit from Jefferson City. Others attending: Steve Yoakum, Dennis Faught, Nick Davis, Jim Keown, & Kent Ford.

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY

1994 RE-ENACTMENT SCHEDULE

+ indicates new/changed event since last issue

Feb 12-13, 1994 Atoka, OK. Listed (uninsured) Battle of Bogy Depot. TMR event, 400 miles.

+Feb 19, Annual MCWRA Ball.

+April: Possible Btn drill at Weston.

+April 23-4, Columbia: Co H Spring drill, Nifong House (Co A or reg to be determined.)

+May 6-8, Camp Jackson (St. Louis). *Local LH!*

May 6-8, 130th Wilderness in Virginia (to be considered)

+May 21, Jeff City. National Guard dedication LH.

May 27-29, Memphis, TN, National event

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 6-7, Grand Island NE. Event at Stuhr museum.

August 12-14, Urich, MO. Living History

+August 21-22, Columbia MO. MCWRA Local event at Nifong Park.

+August 27-8, Pleasant Hope, MO: Small cavalry event on 130th.

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 event SE of Springfield, 175 mi.

+December 3-4, Prairie Grove, AR. Arkansas State Park event on original battlefield.

EVENT DETAILS

Memphis: (great battles of the war): Infantry scenarios include Pickett's charge, Marye's Heights (Fredericksburg) & the Hornet's Nest (Shiloh). Cavalry actions include Bryce's Cross Roads & Gettysburg. They want 6000 infantry, 500 cav & 100 full-scale guns. Shiloh & F'Burg on Saturday, G'burg on Sunday. We will be expected to galvanize as a battalion for one of the actions (Col. Beck has been asked to consider provisions for the unreconstructed & those with uniforms unavailable). This is a long weekend, so most will have Monday off. Pre-registration required with \$5 fee regardless of age or sex. I've heard that this is a benefit for a new CW museum in the area.

Co. H minutes, cont.

Co. H members present at the Battle of Belmont held a meeting under the command tent fly on Oct 2. In attendance were Mark Moeller, Steve Yoakum, Jim Robertson, Nick Davis, Mike Meoli, Doug Harding & Kent Ford.

Mark was voted veteran status, having met the drill, equipment, time & participation requirements.

Considerable discussion was directed toward the need or desire for some sort of cart or tow trailer for company gear. Jim Keown said he had some plans in mind for a convenient box that could be built on a steel trailer. It was stated that if a company trailer is built, several members will be encouraged to have hitches put on their vehicles. Because different members attend each event and few members can attend a majority of events, more vehicles with hitches would make it easier to find a tower for each event. The suggestion for a trailer will be looked into further, but no decision whether to proceed was made.

Doug Harding suggested that all members work toward getting a white jean uniform so a uniform impression of early war Missouri Brigade could be presented.

Some members present expressed a desire to have several cartridge parties before the next campaign season.

No further business being tendered, the meeting was adjourned with no date set for the next.

MCWRA Minutes, Cont.

SCHEDULING SYSTEM: John Beck reported no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW UNITS REQUESTING TO GO ONTO PROBATION:

1. Erwin's 6th Missouri Infantry (CS), sponsored by the 4th MO Infantry. Unit leader is Don Roberts. Unit was placed on probation with 2 dissenting votes (Beck moved/Shahan 2nd).

2. 10th Kansas Infantry (US), sponsored by the 8th KS Inf. Unit leader is Cal Kinzer. Unit was placed on probation without dissent. (Boo Hodges move/Beck 2nd). Since the unit has been established for over a year & meets MCWRA strength standards, Boo Hodges moved/Beck 2nd that the 10th be removed from probation & placed on full membership status. After discussion of precedent, carried with 3 opposed.

3. Wade's Battery (CS), an artillery subsidiary of the 3rd Mo Cav. Placed on probation (Shahan move/M. Hodges 2nd) without dissent.

4. Missouri Brigade Cadet Corps, a uniformed organization for boys below age required to carry a weapon, without regard to side or branch. The CLO agreed to act as sponsor; Chris Shuster will act as unit leader. Unit was accepted on probation (Boo Hodges move/Conner 2nd).

FREE ACCESS POLICY: Several events last year charged admission in violation of the free access policy without notifying or obtaining a waiver from MCWRA. After lengthy discussion, Boo Hodges moved/Bud Marvin 2nd that "The President appoint a committee with a representative of each branch from each side to assess the policy and recommend changes, if necessary, the members names to be published in the Western Campaigner." Passed without dissent. The President then named Steve Allie, Scott Hughes, John Beck, Wes Roberson, Henry Johns & Boo Hodges to the committee.

SAFETY ISSUES: Several safety issues were discussed, including cuts received from copper musket caps & an artillery crew not flooding the barrel after a misfire.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS:

1. Grand Island, NE, Listed event with battle for August 5 & 6. Since the Stuhr Museum, the event site, charges admission, a local event was not requested because of the free access policy.

2. Pleasant Hope, MO, listed cavalry Living History for August 27-28.

3. Columbia, MO, listed living history drill for April 29-4.

4. Columbia, MO., local event including skirmish for August 20-21. Wayne moved/Strother 2nd that "Columbia MO be granted a 'Local' event". Carried.

5. Prairie Grove, AR, December 3-4, was supposed to be presented but was overlooked.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS: John Beck was elected President-elect, with Jim Beckner, Boo Hodges, & Dave Smith elected to the at large positions. To fill the Secretary position, John Beck indicated that he had discussed the matter with Jim Beckner & moved that Beckner be selected as Secretary (Strother 2nd). Carried. Since John Beck had an additional year remaining on his term as Director at Large, Scott Hughes (next vote-getter in the election) was nominated, & selected to a term expiring in November 1994. (Allie move/Hussey 2nd).

New President David Kesinger presented an award to Mel Kisner in appreciation for returning items found on the field at Belmont.

Kesinger presented thank-you gifts to outgoing Board members Bill Wayne & Janet Hussey.

The next meeting was set for Saturday, March 12, 1994, 10:00 AM at the Jefferson City library.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:16 PM. (M. Hodges move/Shahan 2nd).

Prepared 11/14/1993, 12:15 PM. Bill Wayne, Secretary

DUES NOTICE:

This is your 1994 official dues notice.

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5th Missouri Infantry

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Warrensburg, MO 64093.

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Individual \$10 plus \$ 8 MCWRA (\$18 total) _____.

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Thanks for being prompt in renewing!

MISSOURI CIVIL WAR REENACTORS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting Held November 13, 1993

The meeting, held at the Jefferson City Library, was opened by Vice President David Kesinger in the absence of President Henry Johns, at 12:07 PM. The Vice-President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors attending were: David Kesinger, President-elect; Bill Wayne, Secretary; Steve Allie, Treasurer; Directors Todd Conner, Linda Cantrell, Janet Hussey, John Beck, & Mark Strother. Absent were President Henry Johns, Past-President Bob Harrington & Directors Holly Turner & Doug Kidd.

Voting units present & their representatives were: 8th Kansas Inf (Merle J. Hodges); 4th MO Cav (George Hill); 1st MO Lt Arty Batt M (Jack Laubinger); 3rd KS Lt Arty (Merle Hodges); 5th Mo Inf (Mel Kisner), 9th Mo Sharpshooters (Robert Smith); 3rd Btn MO Cav (Bud Marvin); Shelby's Cav (Scott Hughes), 7th Mo Cav (Ron Tinsley); Jackman's Cav/Arty (Larry Shahan); Collins' Battery (Norm Rohlfing); 3rd Eng. Reg (Mike Thomas); CLO (Claudia Marvin), 10th KS Inf (Cal Kinzer). Since more than 50% of the directors and 25% of the voting units were present, a quorum was ascertained.

Probationary units represented were 2nd MO Inf, Co. K (Ron Ulrich), 1st MO Cav (Al Kenngott). Units present & later placed onto probation were 6th MO Inf [CS] (Don Roberts); Wade's Bty [CS] (Bud Marvin) & Missouri Brigade Cadet Corps (Chrs Shuster).

This is also the Annual General Membership meeting; 40 MCWRA members attended.

A special delivery was made to incoming President David Kesinger from outgoing President Henry Johns. The package contained the official gavel, aspirin, Maalox & other necessities.

The minutes of the July 1993 meeting were approved, with the correction of the Ava, MO date to November 12-13, 1994. (Allie move/Hughes 2nd).

The Treasurer's report was presented & approved (Strother move/Conner 2nd). Boo Hodges moved/Hughes 2nd that "family membership dues be established at \$12 for one year." Passed with 1 opposed. Allie presented the budget for 1994, indicating that a surplus from previous years of about \$10,000 was available. Discussion included the possibility of assisting towns with costs; Linda Cantrell asked the board to consider creative ways of assisting with funding of the ball. The budget was approved (Strother moved/Beck 2nd).

OLD BUSINESS:

UNITS TO COME OFF PROBATION: Semmes' Battery requested to come off probation. Since neither they nor their sponsor, nor any of the endorsing artillery units were represented, no motion was made & Semmes' Battery remains on probation.

ARTILLERY SAFETY RULES: Wes Roberson presented the safety rules agreed to at the previous meeting of the Artillery unit commanders. Since he wished to add an additional paragraph which had not been agreed upon, Board approval was not sought.

1994 SCHEDULED EVENT UPDATES: The Weston & Washington events will be on as scheduled & are not affected by the floods.

THE MESSENGER

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DATES TO REMEMBER: Saturday, January 22: Annual Membership meeting, 1:00 PM, Sedalia (Embree Electric) 1:00 PM.

Company H meeting, Monday, Jan 17, 7:00 PM, Steve Yoakum's house.

Feb 19: Annual MCWRA Ball, Tan-Tar-A Resort.