

# The Messenger

The Newsletter of the 5th Missouri Infantry (CSA) Inc.

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## In Winter Quarters

With the exception of the January meeting, reenacting generally takes a back seat to the rest of our lives over the winter. But if you find yourself suffering from withdrawal, or would just like to take advantage of the down-time before things start hopping in the spring, here are a baker's dozen alternatives to hibernation over the colder months — along with corresponding Web resources — courtesy primarily of Paul Calloway of the Tar Water Mess, 42nd Indiana Vols:

#1 Get some new, authentic equipment on order, or search out used uniforms and gear. (Many of us are lacking in our civilian impressions for the 1861 scenarios this year). Often, the better makers require 3-6 months lead time for orders.

►If you're not financially blessed enough to buy a bunch of new equipment — here are a few things you can do to improve your impression without spending much at all:

#2 Handstitch those button holes — your jacket, shirt and trousers. Don't know how? Try this article: <http://members.aol.com/azrahist/stitch.htm>

#3 Put on a new Canteen Cover — the blue ones you get from conventional sutlers aren't very authentic. (<http://www.concentric.net/~wsaback/canteens.htm>) — or remove the cover altogether, if it is a tin canteen, not stainless.

#4 Replace the jack chain on your canteen with some twine.

#5 Sew "US" on your federal blanket as seen in the Echos of Glory series. Three rows of black yarn form 4" letters.

#6 Cut and stitch up your haversack and canteen straps so they ride close to your body and up near your natural waist instead of on your hip.

#7 Roll authentic rounds and package them more authentically in packages of 10 rounds with a tube of 12 caps. Not only is

this more authentic but it is more convenient as well. (<http://www.amtma.com/33articles/authcart.html> and/or on the Fifth Missouri Infantry Web site.

#8 Defarb your Enfield. This consists primarily of refinishing the stock, removing the modern barrel markings and replacing escutcheons, swivels & possibly barrel bands. For \$5 you can order "Authenticizing Your Enfield Rifle." by Geoff Walden, a noted authority on Enfields, from S.L. Hughes, P.O. Box 4582, Frankfort, KY 40604-4582.

#9 Study Hardees Tactics. (<http://www.public.asu.edu/~roblewis/ACW>)

#10 Study the bugle calls (<http://www.amtma.com/33articles/bugle.html>) or <http://users.erols.com/agarbeck/acwbugler/calls.html>

#11 Develop a first-person Impression (<http://members.aol.com/livhis1865/creating.htm>) or (<http://members.aol.com/livhis1865/persona.htm>) or <http://www.amtma.com/33articles/firpir.html>)

#12 Research your unit. The Combined Service Records of the 5th Missouri Infantry Regiment are available for members' use. A comprehensive reading list is on our Web site at <http://members.aol.com/fifthmoca/index.html>

#13 Read some of the following articles on other ways to improve your impression:  
<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Oracle/8577/ftnear.html>  
<http://www.amtma.com/33articles/improve.html>  
<http://members.aol.com/bullyboys/improve.htm>  
<http://members.aol.com/fifthmoca/cw/mess/mes3.html>  
<http://members.aol.com/fifthmoca/cw/mess/mes5.html>  
<http://members.aol.com/fifthmoca/cw/mess/mes8.html>

### FROM THE EDITOR...

I hope all are enjoying the holiday season.

This first issue of the new year comes a little early, to ensure that everyone gets word of the approaching meeting. It will also be my final issue of The Messenger. I've enjoyed putting these nine issues together on an interim basis, and plan to contribute periodically if the publication continues.

Do try to make it to the meeting in California this weekend. There is much to decide, and this closing year of the 20th century promises to be an eventful one. (Yeah, I know the mathematically challenged are celebrating the new century and Christian millennium this weekend. I think the rest of us know they are a year early.

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### CONTACTING THE FIFTH

The new corporate address for the Fifth Missouri Infantry (CSA) Inc. is:

920 W. Broadway  
Columbia MO 65203

Also, the company has an e-mail address. If you have anyone looking to join or have a question for me about the Fifth, send it to [CoA5thMO@aol.com](mailto:CoA5thMO@aol.com), not my personal address.

—Larry Dietzel  
Interim Secretary-Treasurer

# Answer the Long Roll ...

All members are encouraged to attend the annual Elections Meeting, scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000 in California. The most important order of business, as the name implies, is to choose corporate and field officers for the coming season. But there are other critical decisions to be made relating to the formation of a new company within the regiment. A 'provisional' company was authorized in October by the Board of Directors. An amendment to Art. III, Sec. A of the Bylaws is being sought to aid the formation of that company. (See Nov. Messenger).

[NOTE: Those members who desire to join this new company must do so prior to the elections. Later in the year you'll need special permission to switch. Membership in a 'provisional'

new company would not preclude your participation in Company A, however].

In the elections, all paid members will vote to choose a new President (2 year term) and Company A Vice President (1 year term). The positions of Secretary and Treasurer expire in January 2001. Larry Dietzel is filling the unexpired term left vacant by Alan Bowling. Also, those veterans eligible to vote will choose a new Captain for the regiment; and for Company A, veterans eligible to vote will choose a Lieutenant, Sergeants and Corporals. Among these, we'll need to delegate quartermaster/armorer responsibilities.

On the off-chance that the new company is viable, and not merely 'provisional,' those who choose to belong to it might need to choose their own VP and field staff. [This does not

appear likely, however, based on numbers].

We will also go over the proposed 2000 schedule and choose the events the 5th Missouri will support. Other business to be addressed should include choosing an editor for The Messenger and a Webmaster for the Web site.

A meeting of the new Board of Directors will immediately follow the membership meeting. You are invited (encouraged) to stay for that, as well.

Both meetings will be held at the Lodge Hall in California. This is the same location as the 1999 meeting. From U.S. 50 in California, turn north at the "Moniteau County Court House" sign. The hall is several blocks north on the right. We'll meet downstairs in the dining room. (Enter in the rear).

## Agenda for January 8th 2000 Meeting

Location, Lodge Hall, California, MO

- I. Call to order 2:00 PM ✓
- II. Minutes of last meeting. ✓
- III. Financial Report ✓
- IV. Veteran Status
  - 1. Don Reed
  - 2. Travis Tackett
- V. Board Elections
  - 1. President
  - 2. Company A Vice President
- VI. Bylaws Changes. Dealing with the formation of a 2nd company. ✓

VII. Field Staff Elections

- 1. Captain  
*Company A*
- 1. Lieutenant
- 2. 1st Sergeant
- 3. 2nd Sergeant
- 4. Corporals  
*Company B?*

VIII. Event Schedule ✓

IX. Other Business ✓

X. Adjourn

## Agenda for Board of Directors Meeting

- I. Call to order.
- II Minutes of last meeting.
- III. Old Business.
- IV. New Business.
- V. Set next meeting and Adjourn.

**BYLAWS**  
**of the 5th MISSOURI INFANTRY**  
**(CSA) Inc.**

Adopted January 15, 1993

**ARTICLE I - TITLE**

The name of the organization shall be the Fifth Missouri Infantry (CSA). It shall consist of such companies as may be established by the membership under the provisions of these By-Laws.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

The Fifth Missouri Infantry (CSA) is a non-profit historical organization (living history), organized under the provisions of USC 501C(3). Its objective is to promote a better understanding of the critical era of American history variously known as the War for Southern Independence, the War Between the States, or the Civil War. Specifically, the unit will concentrate on depicting the pro-Southern Missourian in the pre-war era and during the war both as a regularly enrolled Confederate infantryman and as a guerrilla fighter. This objective will be accomplished by:

A. Improving members' knowledge and understanding by discussion, readings, and viewing audiovisual presentations.

B. Presenting accurate and authentic "Living History" demonstrations at encampments, skirmishes, battle reenactments and other appropriate events in Missouri and other states.

C. Giving historical presentations to schools and universities, civic groups and other public forums.

D. Honoring the valor and sacrifice of the Confederate soldier by participating in dedications, memorial ceremonies, etc.

E. Promoting study of the era by providing research grants or fellowships at Missouri academic institutions.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Fifth Missouri Infantry - CSA (hereinafter called the Regiment) is open to any individual who subscribes to the principles of the Regiment and pays such dues as may be established by the membership. Each individual member will be part of a group of people who portray a unit (hereinafter called a Company) of the Regiment which meets the safety and authenticity standards of the Regiment.

A. A company consists of at least 40 combatants, 20 of whom must be Veterans.  
*(Amended 4/22/95)*

1. A new Company may be established when membership in a geographically concentrated area exceeds these numbers and is approved by two-thirds of the Directors or a

Majority of the total membership; however, a new company shall not be accepted if it will reduce an existing company below minimum standards for membership. A member may select company affiliation at beginning of each year and cannot transfer without the consent of both companies until following year. A 'Provisional Company' may be established with the consent of the Board of Directors when it appears that it would be of assistance in furthering the goals of the Regiment. Officers of 'Provisional Companies' shall not be recognized in the field.

2. The Ladies' Auxiliary, should one be established, shall be considered to be a Company for all purposes under these By-Laws except those requiring decisions by Combatants or Veterans.

B. All Individual Members must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Combatant membership is open to males, age 12 and above, who are individual members of the Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association (or who have otherwise obtained reenactors' insurance), and who meet the criteria established below as Veterans, Recruits, Cadets, or Veteran Reserves. In addition to these criteria, anyone age 17 or younger must submit a parental release form for minors before participating in any event and must be accompanied by a legal guardian or provide a consent to treat power of attorney.

a. Veteran: A veteran is authorized to carry and discharge firearms at events under the general supervision of the staff. Veterans must be age 16 or older, equipped to meet the minimum standards of the unit as determined by the Regimental staff, have attended at least three events (two involving simulated combat), have demonstrated proficiency in drill and safe use of weapons, have served a probationary period of 120 days, and be approved by a majority of the Veterans voting in a meeting of the company to which he belongs. Only Veterans may vote in elections for the Field Staff.

b. Recruit: A recruit is a probationary soldier who may carry and discharge firearms only under direct supervision of a veteran. He must be age 16 or older, and shall not be permitted to discharge firearms in ranks until proficient. Recruits may vote for Organizational Directors only.

c. Cadet: A Cadet is a member age 15 or under who renders an authentic portrayal on the battlefield, such as musician, and who meets any minimum equipment standards for his specialty. In addition to the parental release form, Cadets must be sponsored at each event by a Veteran. Cadets may not vote at any election.

d. Veteran Reserve: A veteran who has not participated as a member of this unit in 3 events, 2 of which involve simulated combat, in the preceding year shall be designated a member of the Veteran Reserves. Veteran Reserve members shall be automatically reinstated to full veteran status upon participation in the

required number of qualifying events plus receiving the recommendation of field staff. Veteran Reserves may vote for Organizational Directors only.

*(Amended 4/22/98)*

2. Non-Combatants: This class of membership is intended for family members of Combatants and for other persons who wish to support the activities of the Unit without taking the field. Non-combatants who participate in events must adhere to safety and authenticity requirements of the event and the unit. Non-combatants may vote for Organizational Directors only, or for non-combatant leadership positions which might be established.

3. Associate: An Associate Member is a reenactor affiliated with another unit or a non-reenactor; in either case desiring to support the unit and receive its publications. Associate members may not vote, nor may they participate in the field unless they meet all requirements of the event sponsors, including reenactor insurance where applicable. Dues will be established by the membership.

**ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS and VOTING**

Organizational Directors and Field Officers shall be elected in January of each year. Elections will be conducted by secret ballot; nothing shall prevent the Board of Directors from establishing a system of voting by mail. Eligibility for voting is defined in Article III, B.

1. Organizational Directors are elected by the total Combatants & Non-combatant membership.

2. Field Staff: Each Company in the Regiment selects its own officers, except that the Regimental commander will be elected by a majority vote of the entire veteran membership.

**ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

There shall be two sets of officers, the Organizational Directors and the Field Staff. Individuals may serve on both staffs.

A. Organizational Directors: The Organizational Directors shall consist of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, plus a Vice President for each member Company. The President shall serve a two-year term, expiring at the end of even-numbered years; the Secretary and Treasurer shall serve a two-year term expiring in odd-numbered years. The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be combined with the approval of the Membership. Vice Presidents shall serve one-year terms. Directors will serve without pay, but may be reimbursed the necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in performing their duties.

1. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Directors and of the general membership. He shall execute all contracts with the approval of the Board of Directors.

2. The Secretary shall maintain minutes of all Director and Membership meetings, causing them to be published in the organizational

newsletter. He will maintain files of correspondence and the original copies of the Articles of Incorporation. He will maintain a repository for the minutes of Company meetings as submitted by each Company. He shall prepare an agenda for each meeting.

3. The Treasurer shall maintain all financial records of the Regiment including any tax-exemption determinations. He shall sign all checks for Regimental expenses, as well as for expenses of each company when such expense exceeds the 'petty cash' limits. He shall review and reimburse the petty cash funds issued to each company.

4. The Vice Presidents shall preside over meetings of the Directors or the general membership in the absence of the President; if two or more Vice Presidents are present, the one to preside will be chosen by mutual agreement, or by lot. Each Vice President shall preside over meetings of his own Company. He shall be responsible for providing minutes of Company meetings and for providing documentation to support reimbursement of the Company petty cash fund; however, each Company may select one or more individuals to perform these functions.

B. Field Staff: The Field Staff shall consist of a Commander, holding the rank of Captain. The Commander may serve at higher rank whenever the event dictates. The Commander shall be elected by secret ballot vote of recognized Veterans for a term of one year, during the month of January. He may appoint a Color Bearer & a Sergeant Major or Adjutant from among the Company officers and NCOs if the size of the membership so warrants. The Commander has overall responsibility for the conduct of the Regiment at events. In his absence, he shall appoint one of the Company Commanders to fill his position.

1. Each Company accepted as a member of the Regiment is authorized a Company Commander with the rank of Lieutenant and two Company Sergeants. Each company may elect additional Officers and Sergeants, at a ratio not to exceed one officer or sergeant for each nine men serving in the ranks of Corporal or Private.

a. Each Company will select one Lieutenant. The Senior Lieutenant (based on continuous time served in the capacity under these By-Laws) will be appointed first Lieutenant and all others will be Second Lieutenants. When companies are consolidated in the field, Lieutenant positions will be rotated on a voluntary basis with any disputes resolved by seniority.

b. Each Company will select two sergeants, one to act as the first sergeant and the other to act as quartermaster. The Regimental & Company Commanders will meet with these sergeants to determine which will serve as overall Regimental First Sergeant and Regimental Quartermaster. The regimental Sergeants only will wear 1st Sgt. & QMSgt stripes -- all other will wear basic sergeant insignia. However, the Commander shall attempt to ensure that each Company's first

sergeant shall have the opportunity to perform as a first sergeant.

c. Each Company may select two corporals, plus such additional corporals as are required by the membership strength; at a ratio not to exceed one corporal for each eight privates. When company strength requires consolidation, the Commander will decide precedence among corporals.

d. When companies are consolidated on the field for strength considerations and an excess of officers and sergeants results, the Regimental Commander will select which officers and sergeants will serve in such positions, with the others serving as private soldiers.

e. Each Company may select additional sergeants and junior Second Lieutenants as needed, with not more than one officer or sergeant for each ten men. These additional sergeants and officers will not serve in such positions in recognized events unless justified by the number of combatants attending and with the consent of the Commander.

#### ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

An annual meeting shall be held at the Spring Muster. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. Each Company shall meet at least bi-monthly. A quorum at any meeting shall consist of at least 25 percent of the members authorized to vote at that meeting. At least 30 days notice must be provided for any meeting of the general membership. (Amended 4/22/98) The Directors shall meet at least quarterly, with at least two weeks written notice. Directors may hold open meetings without prior notice at any event designated as Maximum Effort. In the approved reenactment schedule. A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE VII - SAFETY

Safety is the paramount consideration at any event or drill. Each Company shall maintain a safety guide, which will include safety standards of the Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association as a reference, and ensure that all members sign a form indicating their consent and familiarity at least annually.

#### ARTICLE VIII - AUTHENTICITY

In order to ensure authentic impressions at all events, the minimum required equipment for men shall include at least a percussion long arm, trowsers, shoes and shirt made from period patterns and made of authentic materials. In addition, each Company must ensure compliance with the rules established by event sponsors. Each Company, including the Ladies Auxiliary, may establish its own additional requirements with the approval of a majority of the Directors, but any such requirements established shall not restrict the voting rights of anyone equipped to minimum Regimental standards, nor should they be designed to restrict participation in reenacting. The President shall appoint an Authenticity Committee

of not fewer than three members.

#### ARTICLE IX - FINANCES and EQUIPMENT

A. Financial revenue of the Unit shall consist of dues, contributions, and funds raised by other means.

1. Organizational Directors shall approve an annual budget for newsletters, recruiting, postage and director reimbursements. An amount sufficient to cover budget will be allocated from dues collected. Each Company will then be entitled to the remaining share of dues collected from its members.

2. Each Company may establish a petty cash fund for local expenses. The Treasurer will, upon submission of proper bills, reimburse this fund as long as funds allocable to the Company remain.

3. Additional allocations from other funds raised may be made on approval of two-thirds of the Directors. These funds may be used to meet special needs of each Company or of the Regiment as a whole, including but not limited to equipment purchases and donations to recognized historic preservation charities and educational institutions.

B. Title to all equipment obtained by the Regiment or any of its Companies remains with the Regiment. However equipment assigned to or purchased on behalf of a Company cannot be reallocated from that company, as long as it remains active, without its consent.

C. Regimental Dues shall be established by the Board of Directors, payable prior to January 1 of each year. Individuals who desire membership in the Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association (MCWRA) will pay those dues through the Regiment at the same time. Special family membership rates may also be established. Dues may be adjusted as required by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Temporary assessments may be imposed by majority of the voting membership at any general membership meeting.

D. Each Company shall establish written procedures to the control of equipment and funds, subject to approval by the Directors.

#### ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of those voting at a meeting of the general membership, voting by secret ballot, provided that the intent to amend the By-Laws and the substance of the desired amendment is announced through official publications at least 45 days prior to voting.

#### ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION

Should the Unit be dissolved, its assets will be distributed as required under Article 7 of the Articles of Incorporation, with preference given to Living History organizations or historical preservation organizations. Organizational equipment may be sold and the proceeds distributed as described above.

## PLANNING AHEAD

### CAMPAIGN 2000 - MISSOURI 1861

The Trans-Mississippi Brigade has announced the 2000 schedule of events. The brigade will be portraying the Missouri State Guard for much of the season:

- ▶ February 5-6 Brigade School of Instruction - Springfield MO.
- ▶ March 17 -19 "The Last Surrender" (Raymond campaign-type event) Movement by train, civilian participation - Fort Towson, OK.
- ▶ April 8-9 - Battle of Cassville - Cassville, MO.
- ▶ May 13-14 - Battle of Carthage - Carthage, MO.
- ▶ June 16-18 - Battle of Wilson's Creek - National Event - Springfield, MO.
- ▶ July 15 - Brigade Grand Ball - Fayetteville, AR.
- ▶ September 16-17 - Battle of Lexington - Lexington, MO.
- ▶ October 14-15 - Battle of Boonville - Boonville, MO.
- ▶ November 4-5 - Battle of Middle Boggy - Atoka, OK.
- ▶ December 2-3 - Battle of Prairie Grove - Prairie Grove, AR.

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### Proposed 2001 Calendar of Events

- ▶ February - 1st Missouri - 2nd Trans-Mississippi - 1st Louisiana - Battalion School of Instruction - Locations to be announced
  - ▶ February - Battle of Round Mountain
  - ▶ March - Brigade Grand Ball
  - ▶ March - Bentonville or Pea Ridge AR.
  - ▶ April - Battle of Marshall - Marshall, MO.
  - ▶ May - Vicksburg II - Jackson, MS (Raymond campaign-type event)
  - ▶ June - Grand Island - Grand Island NE.
  - ▶ July - Brigade Grand Ball
  - ▶ September - Battle Maysville II, Wichita, KS.
  - ▶ October - Battle of Humansville - Humansville, MO.
  - ▶ November - Battle of Cabin Creek - Cabin Creek, OK.
  - ▶ TBA Fair Grove, MO.
  - ▶ TBA Davisville, MO.
- (2001 Events subject to change)

★ Next Meeting: 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000, at California ★

(Tear off and return with dues)

## 👉 DUES NOTICE 👈

**Annual Membership Dues were due JANUARY 1, 2000.**

Complete and return to:  
**5th Missouri Infantry (CSA) Inc.**  
**920 W. Broadway**  
**Columbia, MO 65203**

Check one:

Individual: \$22\* (\$12 5th Mo. + \$10 MCWRA)

\*[plus \$10 for each additional adult family member desiring MCWRA vote]

Associate: \$9 (non-voting)

Make checks payable to "5th Missouri Infantry (CSA), Inc"

If you paid your MCWRA dues through another unit, please indicate the unit:

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