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Minutes-Annual General Membership Meeting

5th Missouri Infantry (C.S.A.), Inc.

Saturday, January 8, 2000-California, Missouri

The meeting was called to order by vice president Steve Fink at 2:20 P.M. at the Masons lodge hall located in California, MO. A quorum of paid members were present.

The Minutes of the last Company A meeting held in Otterville, MO were approved by motion as printed in the November 1999 Messenger. 1st Mike White, 2nd Steve Yoakum.

The year end 1999 Treasurers report was presented by acting secretary/treasurer Larry Dietzel. The report was approved by motion. 1st Mike White, 2nd Sam Hafley.

Veteran Status was approved for Don Reed by motion. 1st Sam Hafley, 2nd Steve Fink.

Organization Director Elections

Steve Fink and Mike White were nominated for President. Steve Fink was elected by secret ballot.

Mike White and Steve Yoakum were nominated for Vice President. Steve Yoakum withdrew his nomination. Mike White was elected by acclamation. 1st Steve Yoakum, 2nd Dave Plowman.

Field staff Elections

Steve Fink was elected by acclamation to the position of Captain. 1st Dennis Faught, 2nd Don Reed

Steve Fink and Larry Dietzel were nominated for the position of lieutenant. Fink withdrew his nomination. Larry Dietzel was elected by acclamation. 1st Steve Fink, 2nd Joe Hafley.

Mike White and T.J. Bruegger were nominated for the position of 1st Sergeant. Mike White was elected by secret ballot.

Sam Hafley and T.J. Bruegger were nominated for the position of 2nd Sergeant. T.J. Bruegger was elected by secret ballot.

Sam Hafley and Joe Hafley were nominated for the two allowed positions of Corporal.

Sam Hafley and Joe Hafley elected by acclamation. 1st Don Reed, 2nd Mike White.

Event Schedule

The Following Events were approved for support by the Fifth Missouri for the year of 2000

February 5-6 Battalion School of the Solder. Springfield

March 10-12 Pea Ridge National Military Park- Battalion Spring Muster

April 8-9 Battle of Cassville-**Max**

April 22-23 Fifth MO Spring Drill California, MO

May 13-14 Battle of Carthage-**Max**

June 16-18 National Event Wilson's Creek-**Max**

July 4 Osage Beach, MO

September 9-10 St Charles, MO

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Minutes-Quarterly Corporate Board Meeting

5th Missouri Infantry (C.S.A.), Inc.

Saturday, Saturday January 8th, 2000

The meeting was called to order by vice president Steve Fink at 6:00 P.M. at the Masons lodge hall located in California, MO. All board members were present.

The Minutes of the last board meeting held in Warsaw, MO were approved by motion as printed in the November 1999 Messenger 1st Steve Fink, 2nd Larry Dietzel.

Steve Fink and Mike White were added as authorized signers to the Fifth's checking account.

The Board authorized payment of \$100 for continued on page 2

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services rendered by Steven Fink for his work on the Fifth's web site.

The Board authorized a preservation donation to the effort to place a monument to Cockrell's Missouri Brigade at Allatoona Pass, GA for the

amount of \$100.

The Board has allocated any donation funds from the Warsaw Heritage days event received by the Fifth to go to the Vicksburg national military park and the monument to Cockrell's Missouri Brigade at Allatoona Pass, Ga.

The board allocated \$25.00 check to John Overby for the use fee of the Masons lodge hall. Meeting Adjourned 6:15 P.M.

Welcome To New Members

We would like to welcome these new member to the group.

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I know I speak for everyone when I tell you welcome to the Fifth Missouri.

Register for Events Through Web-page

The Fifth Missouri's Web-page now has a site that will allow you to register with the secretary for the events you wish to attend. Just go to the web-site at <http://members.aol.com/fifthmoca/index.html>, then click on "Company A" to enter that side of the site. You will next arrive at a screen confirming that you are in the Company A site, just click "click here" to continue. You should now be at the Company A home page. At the bottom of the column on the left side of the page, click on "Members Section". Once your inside, enter the password "1862", then click on submit. You will then get a new screen telling you that you have successfully entered the Members Area. Next click on "Click here to proceed". That will take you to a page titled "Members Only Page", here you have the choice of reviewing who is signed up for an event, signing up for an event or viewing the current membership roster. Make your choice and fill in the blanks and you will be registered. We hope that will make registering for an event a little more convenient for

those of you with internet access. For those of you that don't, please call Lt. Dietzel or Capt. Fink. See you in the field.

Web-page Revised

Visit The 5th's web-page at <http://members.aol.com/fifthmoca/index.html>. The site has been divided into a site for Company A and a site for the Tishomingo Mess. Included are a Guestbook for visitors, Forum for discussion, Picture section, Rolls and records of the Original Co. A, Event Sign-Up section and more. Check it out.

Re-enlistments

We would like to welcome back into the ranks.

Crane, Clint
9050 East Mexico Gravel Rd.
Columbia, MO 65202-8929
(573)214-2853

Combined 5th and
6th Missouri Infantry
before the Battle of
Champions Hill
during The Vicksburg
Campaign 1998
(serving as Color
Company)



Minutes-Annual General Membership Meeting

September 12-17 Battle of Lexington, MO-Max

October 14-15 Battle of Boonville, MO Max

October 20-21 Warsaw, MO

October 28-29 Leasburg, MO

November 4-5 Atoka, OK

December 2-3 Battle of Prairie Grove, Ark.

Other Business

Dennis Faught proposed the repeal of the bylaw amendment (of 4/22/95) Article III Section A, and the amendment to Article III Section A.1., as printed in the November 1999 Messenger on page 2. The repeal of the amendment will cause Article III section A will reverting back to the original wording. Article III Section A.1. will be amended by dropping the wording "geographically concentrated area".

The changes to the Article sections are as follows:

Article III

A. A company consists of at

least 18 combatants, 9 of whom must be Veterans.

1. A new Company may be established when its membership 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.

Steve Yoakum made a request to all members of the Fifth to start an aggressive recruiting campaign. He has asked each member of the Fifth to make a pledge to bring in at least one new member to the unit this year.

Steve Fink has assumed the re-

sponsibility of publishing the monthly news letter of the fifth "The Messenger". Steven Fink has updated the Fifth Missouri web site.

A motion was made for the Corporate board to compensate Steven for any time and cost incurred. A motion was made by Dennis Faught for the Board to consider a donation to the effort to place a monument to Cockrell's Missouri Brigade at Allatoona Pass, Ga. It's being led by Gary Wehner, of the 5th Mo. group in the Atlanta area. (He was instrumental in raising funds for the preservation/display of the Missouri Brigade 2nd National flag at Kennesaw Mtn NMP a few years ago.) \$8,000 is needed; \$500 has been donated by the Georgia Division reenactors. The monument is similar to the Missouri monument at Shiloh: A 6-foot high granite outline of the state, with information about the brigade and its losses at the Oct. '64 battle inscribed thereon.

Meeting Adjourned 5:45 P.M.

From the Editor

Some of you are probably wondering why you got this newsletter. Well, I'll try to explain. This year marks the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of Co. A, Fifth Missouri Infantry (CSA), Inc. I have gone back though some of the old newsletters I have and compiled a list of former members from 1995 to 2000. If anybody could help me contact some of the early members, I would greatly appreciate the effort. I just need the names and mailing addresses. We are inviting all of you to, once again, join us on the field of battle as we attempt to drive the Yankee horde and their Foreign hirelings from Missouri soil. This year we have a national event right here in Missouri, Wilson's Creek. Also on the schedule are events at Cassville, Carthage (the first event that the 5th attended as a stand-alone company), Lexington and Boonville to name a few. It

Also on the schedule are events at Cassville, Carthage (the first event where the 5th fielded a stand-alone company), Lexington and Boonville to name a few. It looks to be a good year, so I hope you will all decide to join us. Just contact Sec./Treas. Larry Dietzel c/o Fifth Missouri Infantry (CSA), Inc. 920 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65203, e-mail at CoA5thMO@aol.com or Steve Fink, 7935 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO 64131-2166, Ph.#816-444-2846, e-mail SteveF153@aol.com. I look forward to serving with you again and for those of you I don't know, I look forward to meeting you. Hope to see you all soon. Now on to other business. I hope you will all bear with me in this, my first attempt as Editor of the newsletter. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, feel free to contact me. As always, any articles submitted by the

members are welcomed.
Steve Fink

The Company Quartermaster

Do you have any old reenacting gear or clothing you would like to get rid of? If so, you can advertise them here. Just call, e-mail or write the Editor, Steve Fink, at 816-444-2846. E-mail at SteveF153@aol.com or the mailing address is 7935 Holmes Rd. Kansas City, MO 64131-2166.

Phil Gottschalk Dies

Phil Gottschalk died Saturday night (2-12-2000) in Columbia, after a long fight with cancer. Phil was the author of "In Deadly Earnest", and was an honorary member of the 5th Missouri for many years. Arrangements are pending at Parker Funeral Service in Columbia at the time of publication.

Planning Ahead

Battalion Spring Muster

The 1st Missouri Battalion will be holding its spring drill and muster at the Pea Ridge National Military Park March 10-12. This would be a good time to knock off some of those cobwebs and get back into the swing. Col. Prater tells me that there will also be some footage shot there for use in the Visitor's Center video presentation. Might be a chance to get your mug on the big screen. I hope you will all plan to attend. Contact Lt. Dietzel or register through the 5th's web-page. More information about this event can be found on page 7.

5th Missouri invited to Clinton Event

The 5th MO has been invited to attend an event sponsored by the 6th MO Inf. near the town of Clinton the weekend of April 29-30. The impression will be Federal and the activities will include a pig-roast, among other things. Let's help the 6th put on this event, put this on your schedule, it should be fun. I'll have more information for you in the next issue.

Wilson's Creek 2000

What can I say, it's been a good many years since there has been a National Event this close to home. There is a \$10 dollar fee for registration. Get you fee in to Lt. Dietzel as soon as you can. The fee goes up the closer you get to the event. June 17-19, 2000. This is the one we've all been waiting for. Be there! You can access the event web-site through the 5th Missouri web-page. More to come in following issues.

Event Report-1st Missouri Battalion School of the Soldier

The 1st Missouri Battalion held its "School of the Soldier" Feb. 5-6 at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds in Springfield, MO. We camped and drilled in a heated indoor rodeo arena, which was equipped with bathroom and shower facilities. It was attended by over 100 men from the battalion. Present from our Company were Lt. Dietzel and myself, along with recruits C.W. Bishop, David Boone, Clint Crane and Ethan Van Loenen. We all arrived Friday night.

Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M. the school got underway. There were 9 instructors, each with 10-12 instructees. Col. Prater had previously asked me to be one of the instructors and I had charge of the 2nd squad, which by chance include Lt. Dietzel. He assisted me by helping demonstrate the positions

being taught. We started with the basic position of attention without arms, covered facings, marching in common, quick and double quick times. We then proceeded into the Manual of Arms, including loading and firing. Being indoors, we used only caps, but the sound and smell of the fired caps was enough to peak my excitement for the approaching season. We went over alignments, marching by the oblique, wheeling, firing by company, by file, by rank and the oblique firings. It was a lot to cram in to 1 day and everyone was pretty well beat when we broke ranks at about 4:30 that afternoon.

Saturday Evening we were treated to a fine meal of barbecued brisket, baked beans, Cole slaw, cake and cobbler.

Sunday morning we broke up into our squads and reviewed what we had learned the previous day. About 11:00 the squads were formed into one full-size company and drilled until 11:30. It was quite a sight to see a 100 man company drilling inside the arena. At 11:30 we were dismissed and proceeded to clean-up the facilities. We were all on the road home by a little after noon.

I think everyone that went was glad they did. We all learned a lot in one way or another, veterans and recruits alike. We will continue to use what we learned there throughout the coming year. See you on the Parade ground.

Your Obedient Servant,
Capt. Fink

Allatoona Pass, GA Monument Fund

Members of the 5th Missouri Infantry, Company F, from the Northern Georgia area are in the process of raising funds to place a monument to the Missouri Brigade at Allatoona Pass. They need about \$8,000 to get the monument made and placed. I was trying to get an image of the artist's concept scanned in for you to see, but that

that failed. I'll try to tell you what it will look like. The approximate dimensions are 6 1/2'-7' high by 5 1/2'-6' wide by 8" thick. The top portion of the monument will be of Georgia gray granite in the shape of the state of Missouri. The base will be of Missouri red granite. At the top will be inscribed "MISSOURI" under that "C.S.A.". Below that will be

"COCKRELL'S BRIGADE" and underneath that "LOSS-43 MEN". Anyone that would like to make a donation to the fund should send a check, payable to "Etowah Valley Historical Society" and marked "for Missouri Monument" to Gary Wehner, 3410 Atlanta Rd. S.E., Smyrna, GA 30080. Thank You for your support.

2000 Membership Roster (dues paid as of Jan. 27, 2000)

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Event Commitments (as of Jan. 22, 2000)

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|---------------|------------|-----|-------|-------|--------------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|
| Bishop-Perera | C.W. \$\$ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boone | David \$\$ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bruegger | T.J. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bruegger | Randy | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crane | Clint \$\$ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dietzel | Larry \$\$ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | | | | | | | |
| Dietzel-Civ | Nora | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dietzel-Civ | Vaughan | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dietzel-Civ | Evan | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Durrill | John | Yes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Faught | Dennis | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fink | Steve \$\$ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | ? | ? |
| Fink | Steven | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fink-Civ | Becki | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fink-Civ | Chelsea | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Frank | Doug | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hafley | Sam | Yes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hafley | Joe | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | | | | | | | |
| Hafley | Greg | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hamilton | Mike | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | | | | | | | |
| Heidgerken | Jerald | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Meoli | Mike | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Meoli | Nick | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pickering | David | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plowman | David | Yes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Price | Marcus | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reed | Don | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Roesch | Royce | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Roush | Loren | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shock | Geneva | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tuley | Mike | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wayne | Bill | | | | | | | | | | | |
| White | Mike | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yoakum | Steve | | | | | | | | | | | |

Battalion Spring Muster-Pea Ridge National Military Park

DATE: 9 February 2000

TO: 1st Missouri Bn Unit Commanders
& Unit Contacts

FROM: Ted Prater

REF: Information - Pea Ridge National
Battlefield Park video project

Gentlemen:

Following later in this e-mail is the information just received from the park. You should be able to read and pass it on to you commands. Take special note, I am only sending this to you, the unit commanders, and to your designated e-mail contact if you do not have e-mail. I rely and count on you, to get this information into the hands of your troops, by whatever means you see fit, but in a timely manner, and to make sure they understand it.

If there are questions as a result of this mailing, direct those through the proper military chain of command. Your troops should not be calling the park personnel direct. That would just bog down their staff and would not necessarily get the answers to all that need to hear them.

I have just had a phone conversation with Pea Ridge Park Ranger Doug Keller. Doug has informed me that he will be sending to me, and the other principal commanders, via e-mail, a liability waiver form, that must be filled out, signed, and turned-in to the appropriate park staff person upon each individuals arrival. Forms will also be available at registration, however, having these filled out and signed in advance will expedite your entrance to the field.

I will be arriving at the Park by mid day on Friday the 10th to get our battalion area set. We will be laying out, at the park's request, a battalion tent camp, complete with specific company streets. General Beck, Colonel Huckabee, and I will be meeting with Ranger Keller and the video production people on or about the 27th of this month, at the park, to locate those camps on the battlefield.

Pay special attention to the parks guidelines for personal effects. You will need your tents due to the possibility of foul weather, and to accommodate the park's wish that we set a camp, but little other gear. The park is to feed all military participants all meals, including Friday evening. They will also be providing straw and the other necessities of life, eliminating the need for a lot of the baggage we would otherwise have with us. As far as uniform changes, we should have adequate notice of any changes and be able to retrieve that clothing from our vehicles, or it can be stowed in your units commissary or QM tents, which I recommend you do set up.

Captains, please get this information out to your men as quickly as possible. Maybe we can get the answers to the questions your troops already have, in their hands, before those questions individually wind up on your desk or mine. This would save all of us the time we usually spend repetitiously dispensing the same event information.

February 5, 2000

Memorandum

To: Troop Commanders

From: Interpretive Specialist, Pea Ridge

Subject: Pea Ridge Film Participant Package

This is to formally invite you and the troops of your command to participate in a special project at Pea Ridge National Military Park March 10, 11, and 12, 2000. The park has contracted with a film company, Great Divide Pictures, to produce a 12-15 minute orientation film. This film will replace our 40? Year old slide program.

As you can imagine, planning for this type of project is staggering. A great deal more needs to be done and we pledge to keep you informed as the project takes shape. In return we ask for your

patience, flexibility and cooperation, as some changes will probably take place as circumstances dictate. We are recruiting only infantry. Our production plan does not call for the use of mounted cavalry or civilians, but we do have need for mounted staff officers. Please note that those officers bringing horses must be willing to present current papers confirming vaccination for coggins disease. In order to participate, each individual member of your command must sign a release form upon arrival in the park.

Many of you have experience working on a film or movie set. Please understand that this project is not a major Hollywood financed and produced movie. It will not be produced on the scale of a major motion picture. Money is time and time is money. With a limited budget and only two days to film at a time when foul weather is the norm, we will all have our hands full. Because of the complexity of this project, and the large number of participants expected, we have to impose the following restrictions for this project.

1. All meals will be catered, beginning with supper Friday evening and ending with lunch on Sunday. It is essential that meals be catered because of the time factor involved. It is simply not feasible to wait for participants to march back to camp, cook, eat and march back to the scene. It is equally impossible to feed some but not all the participants. For this reason, and due to the unexpected large turnout, the park is pursuing alternative means of funding meals for the additional troops. This is being done to facilitate the tight filming schedule.
2. Straw, toilets, wood, and drinking water will be provided to all re-enactors by either the contractor or the National Park Service.
3. The production plan calls for no mounted cavalry units or civilians. For this reason, mounted cavalry and civilian impressions are not requested.
4. No one under the age of 18 may participate. Safety regulations prevent no one under the age of 18 to fire a black powder weapon in a National Park.

Battalion Spring Muster-continued

5. All participants must sign a release before taking part in the film.

6. The director, Sonny Hutchison, has final say on selecting individuals for each scene.

7. Recruitment for this event will be coordinated between Pea Ridge National Military Park and select unit commanders. Enlisted men who have questions or concerns regarding the project should first contact their unit commanders or proper chain of command. If there are any unresolved questions, commanders should contact the park for clarification.

8. All camps will be primitive. (There will be portable toilets available). No modern camping will be allowed.

9. Participants who have suitable vehicles may be asked to assist with shuttling fellow participants to and from parking areas if rain makes the ground soft. Obviously, circumstances beyond human control will impact this.

10. Safety of all participants, film crewmembers, and staff is of paramount concern. Most of the items listed in the General Provisions attachment are aimed at making this event safe. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with these guidelines.

Unlike other anniversary activities, this project is not planned as an interpretive event for the benefit of park visitors! However, visitors to the park will be allowed to observe the filming at a distance. While here, you and your troops will conduct historically accurate living history scenarios as requested by the film director. Possible scenarios may include but not be limited to scenes in camp such as, formal inspection by a commissioned officer, games like checkers or poker, cleaning weapons, repairing uniforms, and of course the never ending drill routine.

Field scenarios may include troops on the march, deploying from column to line formation and deployment of skirmishers. In order to obtain combat footage, there will be staged scenes of troops firing. As you know, safety regulations prevent us from allowing opposing lines to shoot at one another. For this reason, all firing will be carefully

staged and filmed separately. We will depend on the magic of the editing process to bring it all together.

Units must supply their own pre-rolled blank ammunition and caps. A minimum of 60 but not more than 80 rounds of ammunition per man is requested. See the attached General Provisions for specific instructions regarding ammunition. Each person who appears in the film will receive a complimentary copy of the final tape.

No doubt, some of you are wondering about uniform and equipment standards. These will be sent to commanders via snail mail as they are not on a computer. Emphasis will be on the campaign look and the entire weekend will be conducted as a campaign scenario. In a nutshell, the only thing an infantry private needs to bring are his uniform, (both if able to galvanize) weapon, leather gear, blanket or knapsack, common accouterments such as canteen, haversack, and tent if he has one. The rule of thumb will be if you can't carry it in one trip, don't bring it. In particular, any Confederates able and willing to galvanize should come prepared to do so.

The physical appearance of troops will be important. The director has requested participants who look like Civil War soldiers. Remember that the campaign style look is needed. Soiled or torn clothing and dirty unshaven faces will be helpful. It will also be important to prepare yourselves physically. This will be the first event of the year for many of you. It will occur at a time when the weather is usually cold and damp. After spending the winter in an office environment, this event may prove challenging, so be prepared.

In closing, please acknowledge receipt of this message. We will be depending heavily on you to place this message and all future updates in the hands of your troops and insure that they read and understand what is planned. Please make sure that everyone in your unit who does not have email receives a hard copy of this and future messages. We are looking forward to working with

you and your unit. This will be one of the first living history projects of the new millennium and will have significant impact on hundreds of thousands of future park visitors. Let's give it our best efforts in recognition of the courage, determination, and sacrifices of our ancestors.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Participants will address visitor needs, answering their questions and Assisting whenever possible. Participants should not "role play" as historical characters, but rather address visitors in a straightforward, conversational and courteous manner.
2. Camps will be conducted in a military manner. Streets and tents will be policed, calls will be sounded, appropriate military discipline will be enforced.
3. No weapons will be discharged without the knowledge and approval of the Historic Weapons Safety Officer.
4. All firearms and ordnance will be inspected by NPS Historic Weapons Safety Officer and must meet NPS standards prior to any firing demonstrations. Decisions made by the NPS regarding the safety/condition of firearms or ordnance will be final.
5. Unit commanders will be responsible for transporting sufficient supplies of ammunition to the park for their units. Blank ammunition for all shoulder arms must not include more than 60 grains of ffg. Please use black gunpowder only. All ammunition must be given to the Historic Weapons Safety Officer upon arrival in the park. Ammunition will be issued to the troops prior to the demonstration. Unused ammunition will be returned to the magazine at the end of the last demonstration. In cases where individuals provide their own ammunition, each persons ammunition will be individually bagged and marked with the owners name, and reissued to the owner. Individuals should take any personal un-

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used ammunition home with them at the conclusion of the event. Any ammunition left in the park cannot be stored and must be destroyed. For these reasons, we urge unit commanders to consolidate small arms ammunition in one box prior to arriving in the park.

6. Firearms should not be left unattended or unsecured. When not in use, firearms must be properly stacked. Stacks of arms will be supervised. Visitors will not handle any firearms. Firearms must never be pointed in the direction of any person.

7. Participants may carry edged weapons. Visitors may not handle any edged weapons.

8. Bayonets will only be fixed as appropriate during drills, by guard details, or in stacking arms.

9. Participants needing to attend a call of nature will use the designated facilities.

10. All fires must be completely extinguished before leaving the park.

11. All fires must be built on the surface of the ground and only in designated areas.

12. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances will be permitted.

13. All modern foods and recipes are not permitted during visitor hours. Any modern food items must be prepared and consumed after visitors leave the park.

14. In cases where potable water or other modern items are needed in camp for health or safety, they must be concealed in period containers. In keeping with the spirit of this provision, one tent may be designated as a "supply tent" to house things like water bottles and food containers.

15. For events that include overnight stays, the only persons allowed in the park after 5:00 p.m. will be those who are participating in the event. All other persons must exit the park and may not re-enter the park until 8:00 the next morning.

CAMP STANDARDS

To avoid camp clutter, please observe the following:

1. No modern camping such as tents and campers are permitted.
2. Commissioned Officers: Each officer will be limited to one wall or A tent, fly, camp cot, two camp chairs or stools, one folding table, one trunk, one traveling secretary.
3. Non-commissioned Officer and Privates will be limited to: One A tent or shelter tent, and only those items that can be carried in a bedroll or knapsack. Orderly Sergeants and company clerks are permitted one box or company books and records. Use of slatback chairs or large numbers of cooking pots is discouraged.
4. Mess Arrangements: Will be limited to standard commissary tables of supply and cooking equipment such as heavy tin pots and skillets and tinware. Tin is preferred over cast iron. No enamelware should be used.
5. All fires must be supervised at all times.
6. Visitors are not permitted to eat any camp food.

MUSKET INSPECTION CHECKLIST

To help you prepare for the next event, we are providing you a copy of the Musket Inspection Checklist. These are the things the Historic Weapons Safety Officer will be examining when he inspects your weapon. Please take a few minutes and inspect your weapon against this checklist.

Before Inspection:

- The weapon is confirmed to be unloaded by springing the rammer.
- Your overall first impression is favorable.

The Stock:

- No cracks or splits.
- Butt plate, trigger guard, etc., fit tightly.
- No burrs on butt plate or trigger guard screw heads that would snag clothing or hands.
- If band springs, they work smoothly (not bound by wood)

- If pin-fastened, pins all there, tight, wood not splintered.
- No burns around the top of the lock.
- Generally, no splinters or rough edges.
- Two-piece stocks have sections securely joined.

The Lock:

- Lock works smoothly.
- The hammer or cock fits tightly on the tumbler.
- All the positions are firm and solid.
- The half cock (safety position) works properly.
- When the trigger is pulled, it lets off smoothly without catching on half cock.
- Trigger pull is proper; not too heavy, not "hair" trigger.
- If a set trigger, it is adjusted properly and works smoothly.
- Lock fits properly into the stock and snugly against the barrel.
- The striking face of a percussion hammer is not battered. It strikes the cap or cone squarely and in the center.

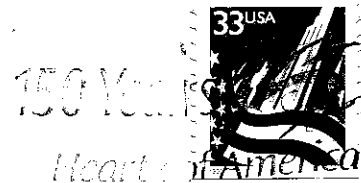
The Barrel:

- Barrel fits the stock properly.
- Free from visible dents or cracks.
- Muzzle is not dented or worn.
- The cone of percussion pieces is well seated and not worn.
- The hole is clear and of an acceptable size. The shoulders are not worn down.
- No signs of heavy corrosion around the vent or cone.
- The sights are complete and operable.
- The barrel bands hold the barrel securely.
- The ramrod is straight, fits the stock properly, and the threads at the lower end are clean and free of burrs.

Upcoming Events

- March 10-12** Pea Ridge National Military Park- Battalion Spring Muster
- Max April 8-9** Battle of Cassville
April 22-23 Fifth MO Spring Drill California MO
April 29-30 Clinton, MO
- Max May 13-14** Battle of Carthage
- Max June 16-18** National Event Wilson's Creek
July 4 Osage Beach, MO
September 9-10 St Charles, MO
- Max September 12-17** Battle of Lexington, MO
October 14-15 Battle of Boonville, MO
- Max October 20-21** Warsaw, MO
October 28-29 Leasburg, MO
November 4-5 Atoka, OK
December 2-3 Battle of Prairie Grove, Ark.

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