

# ***THE MESSENGER***

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## ***FROM THE EDITOR:***

How do, pard? September is almost here and the Fifth Missouri has a full schedule ahead of us for the month. Included in this month's issue is information on the Pilot Knob and Silver Dollar City events.

Also included is the latest roster for the Fifth. If you or someone you know is having difficulty receiving the messenger, please check the roster to see if we have your current address. If not, please let either myself of Captain Dietzel know.

Meanwhile, let's give a big hello and welcome these new member to the Fifth Missouri:

Bryce Tellman - Belle, MO 65013

Dale Johnson - Higbee, MO 65257

David Abernathy - Lynn, MO 65051

David Jones - Jefferson City, MO 65109

Johnnie Jenkins - Springfield, MO 65807

And one old member back:

Vet Res. Tracy Biggs - Sedalia, MO 65301

## **SEPTEMBER, 1863**

### **THE MONTH IN HISTORY**

1-Barbee's Cross Roads, VA USA- 2 Killed, 4 Wounded  
C.S.A.- Casualties Not Reported

Devil's Back Bone, AR USA- 4 Killed, 12 Wounded C.S.A.- 25  
Killed and Wounded

5-Limestone Station, TN USA- 12 Killed, 20 Wounded 240  
Missing or Captured C.S.A.- 6 Killed, 10 Wounded

8-Night Attack on Fort Sumter, NC U.S.Marines USA- 3 Killed,  
0 Wounded 114 Missing or Captured C.S.A.- Casualties Not  
Reported

9-Cumberland Gap, TN USA- Casualties Not Reported C.S.A.-  
2000 Missing or Captured

11-Ringgold, GA USA- 8 Killed, 19 Wounded C.S.A.- 3 Killed,  
0 Wounded 18 Missing or Captured

12-Sterling's Plantation, LA USA- 3 Killed, 3 Wounded C.S.A.-  
Casualties Not Reported

13-Culpepper, VA USA- 3 Killed, 40 Wounded C.S.A.- 10  
Killed, 40 Wounded 75 Missing or Captured Lett's Tanning  
Yard, GA USA- 50 Killed and Wounded C.S.A.- 10 Killed, 40  
Wounded

14-Rapidan Station, VA USA- 8 Killed, 40 Wounded C.S.A.-  
Casualties Not Reported Vidalia, LA USA- 2 Killed, 4  
Wounded C.S.A.- 6 Killed, 11 Wounded

19-Rapidan Station, VA USA- 4 Killed, 19 Wounded C.S.A.-  
Casualties Not Reported

19-20 Chickamauga, GA to U.S.A.-1644 Killed, 9262  
Wounded. 4945 Missing or Captured. Brig. Gen. Lytle Killed  
C.S.A.-2389 Killed, 13412 Wounded 2003 Missing or Captured  
Brig. Gen. Preston Killed Brig. Gen. Smith Killed Brig. Gen.  
Deshler Killed. Brig. Gen. Helm Killed

22-Madison Court House, TN USA- 1 Killed, 20 Wounded  
C.S.A.- Casualties Not Reported

Blountsville, TN USA- 5 Killed, 22 Wounded C.S.A.- 16  
Killed, 50 Wounded 100 Missing or Captured

Rockville, MD USA- Casualties Not Reported C.S.A.- 34 Killed  
and Wounded

26-Calhoun, TN USA- 6 Killed, 20 Wounded 40 Missing or  
Captured C.S.A.- Casualties Not Reported

27-Moffat's Station, AR USA- 2 Killed, 2 Wounded C.S.A.- 5  
Killed, 20 Wounded 29-Morganzia, LA USA- 14 Killed, 40  
Wounded 400 Missing or Captured C.S.A.- Casualties Not  
Reported

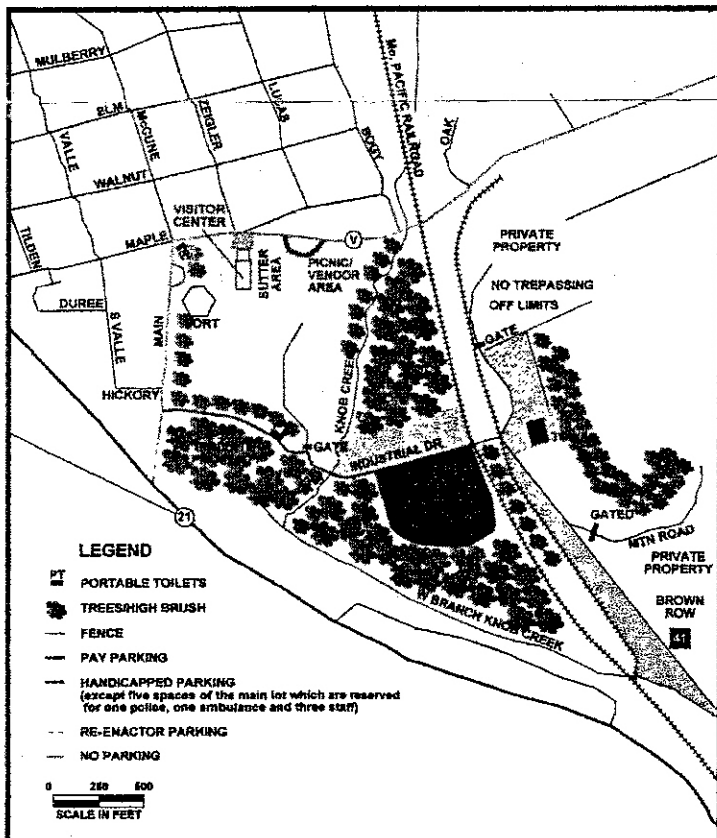
# BATTLE OF PILOT KNOB IRONTON, MO SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 2001

Gentlemen this is the last year this event will be held on the original battlefield. The battle occurred in the fall of 1864 General Price attacked a federal occupied earthen fort at Ironton Mo. The battle cost Price several thousand men and the ability to implement his plan of attacking St. Louis.

The Uniform will be Civilian attire with some federal uniforms mixed in some gray uniform jackets may also be used. In the past the park has provided raw food but I do not know at this point. We may have to employment the Mess when we arrive onsite.

The best route is:

1. Highway 63 south to Vichy.
2. At Vichy take Hwy 68 to St. James.
3. At St. James take Hwy 8 to Potosi.
4. At Potosi take Hwy 21 South to Ironton.
5. The site is on Hwy V just off Hwy 21 (look left)



Battle of Pilot Knob Re-enactment  
September 22-23, 2001

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

# BATTLE OF PILOT KNOB RE-ENACTMENT

## Saturday, Sept. 22

- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Army Camps Open
- 9 a.m. To 7 p.m. Museum Open
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Civil War-Era Scenes and Stories (In Camps)
- 10 a.m. The Life of Gen. Sterling Price Speaker: John Karel
- 9:30 a.m. Drills & Demonstrations
- 11 a.m. Fashion Show
- 12 noon The Life of Gen. Thomas Ewing. Speaker: Walt Busch
- 1:30 p.m. BATTLE: Driving in the Skirmishers and Assault on the Fort
- 3:15 p.m. to not later than 5 p.m. 1st Person Contest
- 4 p.m. The Conflict Between Maj. James Wilson, USA, and Col. Tim Reeves, CSA. Speaker: Lou Wehmer
- 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. No Events Planned
- 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Lancasters & John Jones Singing Civil War Era Music (front of museum).
- 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Civil War-Era Concert and Demonstration Ball Band: Rose of El-A-Noy Confirmed

## Sunday, Sept. 23

- 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Union and Confederate Army Camps Open
- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arts and Crafts booths open
- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Museum Opened
- 9 a.m. Battlefield Church Service
- 9 a.m. Diane Moran: Battle of Pilot Knob (storytelling inside museum)
- 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Drills and Demonstrations
- 1:30 p.m. BATTLE: Final Assault on the Fort
- 12 noon Diane Moran: Battle of Pilot Knob (storytelling inside museum)
- 3 p.m. Lancasters & John Jones Singing Civil War Era Music (front of museum). (Will begin when battle ends)

This is a good event to attend, so I hope to see you all there. If you have any questions let me know.

Capt. Dietzel

## SILVER DOLLAR CITY EVENT REENACTORS WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup>

The Fifth has committed to take part in the Battle of Wilson's Creek living history weekend at Silver Dollar City. Wilson Creek Battle Park and Silver

Dollar City are putting on this event for the month of September. We have committed for the weekend of September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

I do not have full details at this time but this is what I do have.

We will need 24 reenactors to attend this event military and civilian combined. If we can attend with this number the park will pay a \$500.00 honorarium to the unit. If you can make this event please call me or send me an email that you will be attending this event as soon as possible. We should be able to field 24 people with no problems.

#### Agenda

Arrive on site Saturday by 6am to set up 3 to 4 tents and equipment.

Vehicles must be off park by 8:3am

Everyone must be set up and dressed out by 9am

#### Hours of Operation

Saturday 9am until 7pm

Sunday 9am until 6pm

During this time all reenactors (Wives and Children included) must be dressed out during this time.

During this time we will be doing:

- Drills
- March and Parade
- Dancing (yea right)
- Manual of arms
- Recruiting
- Other activities

What to bring with you:

- Food tickets will be provided
- 1861 Civilian state guard uniform
- Federal uniform
- Early war firearm shotgun, Kentucky rifle, 1842 Springfield, Enfield or Springfield will do.
- Caps and Cartridges for the weekend. (I'm not sure if we will be firing or not)
- Any living history items you may have.

At this point you may need to look in to getting a room at a local hotel or there is a campground for our use. I will have more on this later.

Capt. Dietzel

## THE JACKET OF GRAY

Fold it up carefully, lay it aside;  
Tenderly touch it, look on it with pride;  
For dear to our hearts, must it be evermore,  
The jacket of gray, our loved soldier boy wore.

Can we ever forget when he joined the brave band  
That rose in defense of our dear southern land,  
And in his bright youth, hurried on to the fray,  
How proudly he donned it - - the jacket of gray.

His fond mother blessed him and looked up above,  
Commending to heaven the child of her love;  
What anguish was hers mortal tongue can not say,  
When he passed from her sight in his jacket of gray.

But her country had called, she would not repine,  
Though costly the sacrifice placed on its shrine;  
Her hearts dearest hopes on the alter she lay,  
When she sent out her boy in the jacket of gray.

Months passed and war's thunders rolled over the land,  
Unsheathed was the sword and lighted the brand;  
We heard in the distance the sound of the fray,  
And prayed for our boy in the jacket of gray.

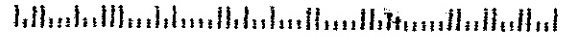
His young comrades found him and tenderly bore,  
The cold, lifeless form to his home by the shore;  
Oh, dark were our hearts on that terrible day,  
When we saw our dead boy in the jacket of gray.

Ah! Spotted and tattered and stained now with gore,  
Was the garment which once, he so proudly wore;  
We bitterly wept as we took it away,  
And replaced with death's white robe the jacket of gray.

We laid him to rest in his cold, narrow bed,  
Engraved on the marble we placed o'er his head;  
As the proudest tribute our sad hearts could pay-  
"He never disgraced it, the jacket of gray."

Then fold it up carefully, lay it aside,  
Tenderly touch it, look on it with pride;  
For dear must it be to our hearts evermore,  
The jacket of gray our loved soldier boy wore.

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2001 EVENTS -

APRIL 21-22, 2001 5<sup>TH</sup> MO SPRING DRILL -  
9050 EAST MEXICO GRAVEL ROAD,  
COLUMBIA, MO

MAY 4-6, 2001 MAX-VICKSBURG CAMPAIGN II,  
NATIONAL EVENT, MCWRA, RAYMOND MS

JUNE 22-24, 2001 BATTLE OF MAYSVILLE II,  
WICHITA KS

AUGUST 3-5, 2001 MAX-BATTLE OF  
GLASGOW-GLASGOW MO

SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2001 SILVER  
DOLLAR CITY,

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2001 MAX-  
BATTLE OF PILOT KNOB- IRONTON,  
MO

OCTOBER 6-7, 2001 BATTLE OF MARSHALL-  
MARSHALL, MO

OCTOBER 20-21, 2001 MAX-HERITAGE DAYS,  
WARSAW MO

NOVEMBER 2-4, 2001 BATTLE OF CANE HILL,  
FAYETTEVILLE, AR

