

THE MESSENGER

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**CONTENTS:** The usual - minutes, drill, event schedules, news of March 1861, etc.

**SPRING MUSTER:** Details were in your last Messenger. If you haven't cancelled, it's expected that you will attend & have lunch, @ \$3/person. This drill is very important so we'll know what we're doing as a company at Weston! And, don't forget, April 7th is the first day of **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**.

**CLINTON VICTORY PARADE:** Saturday, April 6th. We promised 6-10 men based on response at the meeting. We'll start on 2nd St (Bus Rt 13) a block or so south of 18 hwy - the area we started in last year for the Fescue Funfest: they'd like some of us there, at least, by 10:00 AM.

**EVENT SCHEDULES:** The deadline for registration for Weston is April 1st. I sent out our list on March 27th. If you haven't signed up & don't make drill, call me if you plan to attend so I can send in a supplemental registration.

The deadline for Wilson's Creek is May 1. I'm now collecting registration fees at \$5 per person. YOU MUST pay at spring drill or sooner so we can be properly registered.

Don't forget our appearances as well as the battles: we're scheduled for the Jeff City Heritage day May 11, & Columbia on May 26. Read the event info & be there if you can.

Note that Cotter Arkansas has been cancelled.

**GLEANINGS from other newsletters:** The 5th Mo Infantry ARGUS, from Georgia, reports that Phillip Tucker is planning on publishing a two volume history of the Missouri Brigade this year, as well as a history of the 5th in about two years. Tucker has had articles published in the past, and his writing style is more 'sensationalistic' than fits my taste. Whatever the style, if the books are well-researched & documented, then they'll be a worthwhile addition to our source material. Our Georgia compatriots are planning on helping us rout the damnable dutch at Oak Hills.

**CONGRATULATIONS** (I think) to the new State Commander of the SCV, our own Keith Daleen. That's great, Keith, but did you have to schedule a Camp 191 meeting opposite the Shoal Creek reenactment?

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, April 30th, 6:00 PM drill/7:00 PM business, Old Courthouse Museum in Warrensburg. For those new on the mailing list, take Mo 13 in Warrensburg to the light at Circle K, turn east, go to the top of the big hill, turn left, & you can't miss it.

EVENT ROSTER

CHECK YOUR STATUS. IF IT'S INCORRECT OR NOT FILLED IN, LET BILL KNOW. WE USE THIS TO PREREGISTER FOR EVENTS.

NAME	RANK	TAC	DRL	WES	SHC	CCP	WLC	LEX	ROS	BEL
KOFFMAN	CPT	N\$	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
WAYNE	1SG	o	Y\$	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	?	Y
CONNER	QSG	o	Y\$	Y	.	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
RIGGS	CPL	N\$	Y\$	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
YOAKUM	CPL	?\$	Y	Y	?	Y	Y	?	o	Y
AGEE	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BALLMAN, GE	PVT	Y\$	Y\$	Y	o	.	Y	Y	.	Y
BALLMAN, GR	PVT	Y\$	.	?	.	.	Y	.	.	.
BEARS	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CHASTAIN	rec	o	Y\$	Y	.	Y	Y\$	.	.	.
CUNNINGHAM	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DALEEN	rec	o	Y	Y	o	Y	Y\$	Y	.	Y
GOLDSBERRY	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	o
KEOWN	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
KINSEY	PVT	o	Y\$	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	?	?	?
KISNER	rec	o	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
MELOT	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	o	o
POWELL	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RIGGS, C	MUS	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROBERTS, B	rec	Y	.	?	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROBERTS, D	PVT	o	Y\$	Y	o	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
ROBERTSON	PVT	Y\$	Y	Y	o	Y	Y	Y	o	Y
ROUSH	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	o
SHANKS	PVT	o	?	Y	.	.	.	Y	Y	.
SHERRER	PVT	o	Y	Y	o	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	o
THOMAS	rec	N\$	.	?	.	.	Y\$	.	.	.
VIESSMAN	PVT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WELLER	rec	.	Y\$	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WOODY	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(nr committed)		7	17	17	8	15	18	14	9	10

NAME	RANK	TAC	DRL	WES	SHC	CCP	WLC	LEX	ROS	BEL
AGEE, B	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BALLMAN, K	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BEARS, DEB	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HORTON	civ	o	Y\$	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
McCLINTOCK	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RIGGS, J	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROBERTSON, D	civ	.	Y	?	o	Y	Y	Y	o	Y
ROUSH, M	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROWE	civ	.	Y\$	Y	?	o	Y	Y	?	o
SHANKS, B	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
THOMPSON	civ	.	Y	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WAYNE, S	civ	.	Y	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

KEY: Y is Yes (will or did attend), ? is questionable,  
 o = No  
 . means no commitment received.  
 N means said Y, but did not attend.

TAC=tactical, DRL=drill, WES=weston, SHC=Shoal Creek,  
 CCP=Cole Camp, WLC=Wilson Creek, LEX=Lexington, ROS=Roscoe,  
 BEL=Belmont

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Mar 26, 1991

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Riggs at 7:05 PM, at the Johnson County Historical Society. Present were 6 veterans, 4 recruits, 2 non-combatants & 3 guests. George provided entertainment by demonstrating the proper way to stomp out of a meeting, but his rendition couldn't match last summer's original.

The minutes as published in the Messenger were approved. The financial report was approved (balance \$499.69, recent expenses Cole Camp \$29.78, copy paper 26.95).

Drill details were reviewed and lunch fees were collected. Daylight savings time will begin 4/7, so plan accordingly. Review the schedule in the March Messenger to be prepared. Weston (Bee Creek) will require both State Guard & generic reb impressions. Bill will submit 20 men, 4 ladies, based on sign-ups to date.

Members are highly encouraged to attend the living history-recruiting opportunities at Jeff City & Columbia later on in May (see event schedule & details). In addition, a general consensus developed that we ought to support the Clinton Victory Parade on April 6th, 11 AM. Bill, Charlie, George, David, Mel, Don R. & Keith indicated they could probably attend. See the schedule for times.

Bill updated Cole Camp status. The sign-up forms went out Saturday. David described the Fed camp at Ft Scott & Bill reviewed the Grandview information.

David asked for assistance in May to install several Yankee tombstones in Warrensburg cemeteries. Bill suggested we place them earlier, then dedicate them on Memorial Day (along with a side trip to Higginsville).

George described his experiences at the "mother of all tacticals" at Land Between the Lakes. I couldn't do his description justice here.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Jefferson Davis Publicly Kissed: Quite a number of ladies at a recent levee in Montgomery were prodigal in the expenditure of kissing salutations to the President. He was abundantly kissed and re-kissed, and there were many masculines present who thought there was too much waste of that delectable commodity at such an early period in the history of the Confederation. Office hunters had better get among the ladies if they desire success and preferment. Perhaps it may not be very prudent to say so, but neither the ladies nor the President seemed to dislike such "attitudinations." (Louisville Daily Courier, March 8, 1861)

## EVENT DETAILS

**COMPANY DRILL**, Cedarcroft Farm (Bill Wayne's place), Warrensburg. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, April 7. See the special handout in the March Messenger.

**WESTON, MO**, April 20-21. **MCWRA & 5th MO MAX EFFORT**. Three battles, 1 historic & 2 generic, assault on prepared positions (each side gets a day in the works & a day attacking them), night fire demo, dance, children's fair. Ladies will help interpret battle. As of 2/4, promise full amenities, including powder, prize drawing, etc. Large turnout is important. Impression: historic battle is Dec 61 homespun, etc. Generic is standard Reb. To get there, US-50 to I-435, I-435 to I-29, Exit 20 (Platte City), then west 4 miles. About 90 miles from Warrensburg.

**PEA RIDGE, ARK**, June 1-2. National Battlefield Park living history, on one of least spoiled sites. Some drill demo, probably no shooting. Good chance to see the battlefield, especially at night. To get there, MO 13 to Springfield, US 60 to Monett, MO 37 to Gateway, US 62 west to park. About 200 miles from Warrensburg, but look for shorter ways on back roads.

**SHOAL CREEK**, Liberty, MO, June 15-16. MCWRA sanctioned event in village restored by Kansas City parks (to compete with Missouri Town?). A nice location, camp in shade, 1864 impression, no other info. Previous events here have been good. To get there from I-70/I-470 (Independence Center), take MO 291 north to Liberty, then MO 152 west across I-35 a couple of miles to Hodge Park sign.

**COLE CAMP**, July 13-14. MCWRA & 5th Mo MAX. Preregistration info went out last week. Currently promise a meal, raw foods, beer garden, possible powder. We'll need as many as possible to arrive early to help direct reenactors to their camps, work registration, etc. This is OUR event!

**BELMONT**, Mississippi County, Oct 25-27. MCWRA MAX. Looks like best of the year as far as amenities, etc. All meals prepared, shuttle across river to Columbus KY. Masked Ball SAT nite, Battles Sat & Sun, candlelight tours & night fire demo. Sat afternoon tea & fashion show for ladies. To get there: I-70 to St Louis, I-55 past Sikeston to Mo 80, Mo 80 east to site. About 170 miles from St Louis. OUR DEADLINE: Aug 15!

The stealthy arrival of the OLD HONEST APE of Illinois in Washington City for his inauguration continues to excite comment. Let Seward chain his Rail Splitter in the White House or he will run away the first time Virginia whispers "States' Rights." Mahomet fled from Mecca, and Lincoln from Baltimore, both in the night, and both meditating deeds of darkness. Seward telegraphed Lincoln to "quit making speeches." Lincoln wouldn't quit, and Seward sent his son to frighten in the Rail Splitter. Seward succeeded, and will do the rest of the speaking himself. (Louisville Daily Courier, March 2, 1861)

Ft. Smith, Arkansas: This city, heretofore strongly Union, has, since the reception of the President's inaugural, quite reversed its political sentiments. The citizens consider it a declaration of War. Prominent men, hitherto Union, have advised members of the Convention to go for the Secession Ordinance forthwith. (Louisville Daily Courier, March 7, 1861)

Trouble in St. Louis: A secessionist flag was displayed by the Minute Men of St. Louis on Monday, and a great crowd collected and some noisy demonstrations followed. There were a few fights, but no very serious affairs.

A motto for the Confederacy: E Pluribus Septem (Seven out of Many). (Louisville Daily Courier, March 7, 1861)

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, Co A (CSA)  
1990-91 ANNOTATED SCHEDULE  
as of 3/26/91

Symbols: \* means battle, **Bold Face** MCWRA sanctioned or max effort, ALL CAPS 5th Mo Max effort, \$ - 5th Mo local commitment, ? - Participation questionable.

April 6, Clinton: victory parade. Parade starts at 11:00 AM. Uniform is shell jackets & long arms (no revolvers).

APRIL 7 (Sun), WARRENSBURG: Spring muster & drill at Cedarcroft. Unit MAX EFFORT. See special enclosure in March Messenger.

\* APRIL 20-21, WESTON. MCWRA MAX EFFORT. See EVENT DETAILS.

May 4-5, Ft Scott, KS. Union-garrison LH. Drill with some pretty good troops (for bluebellies) in a real restored fort of the era.

\$ May 11 (Sat), Jeff City. Display & LH during festival, in front of capitol. Set up at 9:00 AM, open from 10:00 to 4:00. No amenities.

\* May 11-12, Cotter AR. CANCELLED.

\* May 18-19, Bloomfield (near Sikeston). Battle & LH.

May 18-19, Grandview. Harry's Hay Days. Parade, plus LH & skirmish both days. No amenities, but should pre-register if going. Camp both Fri/Sat.

\* May 25-26, Caney, KS (W. of Coffeyville). Skirmish & LH. No amenities for late registrations.

\$ May 26 (Sun), Columbia. LH at airport. Live TV, expect 20,000 spectators, all of whom must walk right past us. No amenities, but anxious for us.

June 1-2, Pea Ridge, AR. Living history event on National Battlefield. See EVENT DETAILS.

\* June 15-16, Liberty. Shoal Creek park Battle/LH. Nice layout & setting. Sponsored by Kansas City.

? Late June, Gettysburg, PA. Filming of Pickett's Charge for miniseries Killer Angels. Probably dead.

\* June 22-23, Brownsville, NE (along river). Battle & LH.

\* JULY 13-14, COLE CAMP: MCWRA MAX, 130th Anniversary battle, original field. Look for both actual and generic battles. We are sponsors!

July 20, Joplin. Benefit LH for historic house.

\* AUG 9-11, WILSON'S CREEK. 130th Anniversary battle, 4 battles, expect 2000 soldiers. \$5 registration fee, due before May 1st. Will collect by April drill.

Aug 16-18, Lone Jack. Annual commemoration, LH.

Sep 7-8, Salbatha, KS (50 mi W of St Joe). LH, skirmish. Limited space.

\* Sep 21-22, Lexington, 130th Anniversary battle, state sponsored.

\* Sep 28-29, St Charles. Annual battle. Will use Goldenrod showboat for dinner/dance.

Sep 28-29, Kansas City. John Wornall House camp, LH.

Sep 28-29, Amsterdam, MO. Camp & LH.

\* Oct 5-6, Roscoe. Battle & LH.

Oct 19-20, Arkansas Post NM (50 mi SE Pine Bluff). LH.

\* Oct 26-27, Charleston, MO. MCWRA MAX, 130th Anniversary battle of Belmont, original site. See EVENT DETAILS.

The convicts in the penitentiary of Mississippi are engaged in manufacturing tents for the army of the State.

Two dens of infamy were destroyed by a mob in Hannibal one night last week.

The new St. Louis boat, Ferd Kennett, on her first trip to New Orleans, passed Cairo last Thursday with about 1300 tons. What a whopper! (Louisville Daily Courier, March 5, 1861)

Pittsburg-- Merchants and businessmen generally are receiving Missouri currency at current rates, below par, which today is four per cent discount. (Louisville Daily Courier, March 27, 1861)

The Abolition newspapers at the black port of Pittsburg report the laborers on a strike. They demand 20 cents per hour, but cannot get over 10 cents, and then only half a day's work. Let them emigrate to the Southern Republic, and become free and equal, and never make less than two dollars a day. (Louisville Daily Courier, March 2, 1861)

**DRILL FACTS :** By your 1st Sergeant:

Confused by last month's Quiz? No surprise there. I just learned about a couple of those commands recently. The most interesting, I think, is the command **RIGHT TURN**: From line of battle, the right guide immediately turns to the right & starts marching that way. Everyone else follows, at the double quick (just like Company into Line), until you're in line of battle facing 90 degrees right from your original facing. It can also be done to the left.

**SKIRMISH DRILL**: I promised you some skirmish drill info, which you'll need for the Spring Muster. While you can deploy a section, a platoon or a full company, I'll illustrate the commands by **COMPANY**.

The first key concept for skirmish drill is **COMRADES IN ARMS**: This is a group of 4 men who are the basic operational unit in the skirmish line (front rank & rear rank 1's & 2's - the 2's go with their 1's, the rear rank with their front rank).

**COMPANY, AS SKIRMISHERS, ON THE RIGHT FILE, TAKE INTERVALS, MARCH**: The right 2 files & right guide march straight ahead toward the mark indicated. The next 2 files march diagonally toward the left until twenty paces left of the first group, then turn to come on line with the first group. Each remaining group of Comrades in Arms also step off at the same time on the diagonal until twenty paces past the group to their right, then turn toward the line. The left guide arrives with the last group.

**HALT**: The skirmishers break their groups of 4 into a single line: the front rank 1 will move 5 paces right, the front rank 2 moves 5 paces left, the rear rank 2 moves 10 paces left (Rear rank 1 stands pat).

**NOTE**: This is done at Quick Time unless commanded on the Double Quick!

**NOTE 2**: If the basic command is **ON THE LEFT FILE**, then the left file & guide march out straight and the other groups move 20 paces to their right. If the command is **ON THE CENTER FILE**, then the center files move out straight and the groups to their left & right take interval from the center.

**NOTE 3**: A skirmish line can change directions by wheeling, march forward & in retreat, while maintaining its spacing.

**FIRING**: To make sure that half the men are always loaded & prevent sudden attacks by the enemy, skirmish lines always fire by rank, even in individual fire. This is normally done between the front & rear rank man in the same file. The front rank will fire, then reload; when he's reloaded, the rear rank man may fire, then reload, etc.

**FIRING ON THE ADVANCE**: The front rank man fires, then halts to reload. The rear rank man advances ten paces, waits for the front rank man to load, then fires & reloads while the front rank man advances, etc. In retreat, it's similar, but you load while moving.

**THE RALLY**: When skirmishers are under attack (by cavalry, Bob), they need to form groups to protect against those fast horses. To Rally by 4's, each group of Comrades in Arms forms a tight little circle, back to back, with all weapons pointed out. Rally by section, platoon or company is also possible - we just have a larger group facing the attack. This is **ALWAYS** done at the Double-Quick.

March, 1861 -- The new President of the United States, having tired of splitting rails, now seems determined to split the Union. He has rejected any possibility of compromise with the Southern States. His inaugural speech was tantamount to a declaration of war. He refuses to receive President Davis' Commissioners. He threatens to send a military force to supply and support Ft. Sumter. Black Republicans may rejoice in his reckless disregard for law and reason, but the rest of the nation watches in dismay. Disunion threatens even the westernmost reaches of the United States. California has voted for Union, but whether the people will long sustain that vote is open to question. Arizona has joined the Confederacy, and the other western territories now debate secession. In Missouri, the State Convention, under the sure guidance of its President Sterling Price, gave voice to the sentiment of all true citizens. The convention's report rejects secession, and calls upon the national government for compromise to restore the Union. The use of force can only bring calamity upon the nation. Every peaceable mode of adjustment calculated to call back the Seceded States must be attempted, and should all measures fail, there must be a peaceable separation between the Union and the Southern Confederacy. The true enemy of the Union is not to be found in the Seceded States. The enemy is among us, and we should follow the lead of the Democrats and Bell-Everett men of St. Louis in rooting him out. They have combined as the Union Anti-Republican Party to nominate Daniel G. Taylor for mayor of the city. Their candidate's qualifications are honesty, capacity, fidelity to the Union, and opposition to the Republican Party. Success to them! Let us drive every Black Republican from our midst, and we may yet save the Union.

-- M.E. Rowe, Special Correspondent