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CONTENTS: Drill, safety & personnel. Comments on Weston. Comments on what's happened or will happen the rest of the year. Our April minutes, plus MCWRA minutes and an updated membership roster.

COLUMBIA living history presentation is going to be a major opportunity. Read about it in **EVENT DETAILS** & plan on being there.

FUND RAISING: At the last meeting, it became clear that we need to find additional sources of funds to allow us to purchase additional company gear, etc. when the opportunity arises. The dues cover administrative costs and a small amount of equipment only. George Ballman volunteered to head the **FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**. Anyone with suggestions contact him ASAP, so he can develop a good report for the next meeting & efforts can be scheduled.

WILSON'S CREEK: We voted to purchase & prepare food as a Company. That means we need a good count of who will be there each day. If you've signed up for the Creek, it will be assumed that you will be there for **ALL THREE** days unless you tell us otherwise by July 4. At that time, we'll assess a pro-rata share of the food budget to each attendee & start collecting it! Tell Larry Shanks if you're **NOT** going to be there all three days. By the way, we sent in for 4 additional people; anyone else is \$7.50 late registration fee.

NEW MEMBERS: Randy Vick, a Johnson County Deputy Sheriff, his son Adrien, and the rest of the family (ask Todd how he got Randy recruited). Jeff Tucker of Independence saw us at Weston & joined at the April meeting. Bill Griffin's a missileman from Whiteman, recruited thanks to contact via Lee Younce at Sandstone Antique Mall in Warrensburg. National MOSB commander Bob Hawkins of Jeff City, along with sons Ben & Rob, have been Steve Yoakum's project for quite some time. Associate: Ron Ulrich of the Linn County militia. All are on the new membership roster.

NEW VETERANS: Congratulations to Kirk Powell, Keith Daleen, Dave Bears, Mel Kisner, Loren Roush & Kevin Thomas. Remember: it takes dues, 90 days, 2 actions & gun, shirt, pants & shoes (plus your sponsor's recommendation).

COCKRELL'S FLAG has been recovered and is stored at the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park, Georgia. It needs restoration, which costs money. Our 5th Infantry was part of Cockrell's Missouri Brigade, & it seems to me to be a worthy charity for personal donation. If you agree, make your check out to Kennesaw Mountain Historical Society (mark for 'Cockrell Flag') & send it to KMHS, PO Box 1610, Marietta, GA 30061, or send it to Bill, who'll forward it.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, May 26th, immediately after the Living History presentation at the Columbia airport. We'll have a social (wet) get-together at Steve Yoakum's place.

MCWRA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Your family membership in MCWRA includes husband, wife & children under age 16. Children age 16 and over are required to have their own membership. 5th Mo family dues cover all members living at home.

FIFTH MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A (CSA)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD April 30, 1991

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:05 PM in the lobby of the JCHS Museum, Warrensburg. In attendance were 11 veterans (after promotions recorded below), 2 recruits, 1 non-combatant, 1 associate & 4 guests (2 of whom enlisted after the meeting).

The President recognized Bill & Sandra Wayne's 14th wedding anniversary - they were married in the Old Courthouse Museum.

The following recruits, having served a minimum of 90 days probation, attended two major functions (1 involving battle) & meeting the minimum equipment standards, were accepted as Veterans: Kirk Powell, Keith Daleen, Dave Bears, Mel Kisner, Loren Roush & Kevin Thomas.

The minutes as published in the last Messenger were accepted. The Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$423.79, with substantial postage & copying costs prepaid. It was decided to try to purchase Jim Green's gear if it's still available. George will contact Mr Green to see if the gear is available; if so, Todd will take a company check up & pick up the gear. George Ballman brought up the need to raise funds outside of our dues structure. After some discussion, he volunteered to head a committee to develop & implement fund raising ideas. This will be included in the front page of the next Messenger.

The event schedule was discussed: We will have a couple of people at Ft Scott, about a half dozen at Jeff City, & a large contingent at Columbia. No interest in doing the Rescue Funfest in Clinton this year, since several of us are going to Pea Ridge. Since Shoal Creek has been cancelled, the Nevada Bushwhacker days could deserve some support. Cole Camp is progressing well as our Max effort event: the Yanks have promised to support it and Bob Koffman will see if Cole Camp would be amenable to Jon Isaacson's minstrel show. Food needs for Wilson's Creek must be in to Larry Shanks by July 4 (via the Company). Lone Jack living history is encouraged. Bill also called on the Company to support any activity called for by the Johnson County Historical Society, who provides our most frequent meeting space & the copier we use.

Bill reported on the MCWRA meeting: Safety & scheduling were emphasized.

Our position on the proposed 5th Inf, Co K, in Linn County was discussed. A general consensus was that we should encourage them to participate with us with the promise of support to MCWRA when they meet our standards. Bill was given authority to negotiate with them at their meeting next Saturday.

George brought up the question of policy on issuing Company gear. After some discussion, John Sherrer moved/Kirk Powell seconded that our policy be: Issue by the Quartermaster for use by paid company members (includes family) only on a first-come first-served basis. Discussion indicated that it was understood that the quartermaster would keep all company needs in consideration and that he would endeavor to find excess personal gear to meet any shortages. Passed on voice vote.

Bob Koffman stated that he'd like to see more military bearing in the camp: i.e., acting like soldiers when the camp is open rather than lazing around & talking about 20th century things. Actions could include mail call, pay call, pickets, details for cleanup, etc. Ideas will be published in the Messenger & run by the Field Staff. Anyone with ideas for projects contact the 1st Sgt.

The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Columbia living history appearance on Sunday, May 26th, at Steve Yoakum's house.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 PM.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: The new membership roster shows your name, address, phone, Vet/Recruit status & sponsor. It also has a permanent platoon & section assignment. These platoons/sections are set up without regard to how you'll size up at events (i.e., you may be in a different one at any given event). However, these are the ones we'll use to assign details. I've looked at the planned attendance list to make sure none of them are shorted at any event. I'm in charge of the 1st Platoon, Todd has the Second Platoon. Steve Yoakum has 1st Platoon/1st Section, Charlie Riggs the 2nd Platoon/2nd Section. We'll appoint acting Corporals for the 1st Platoon/2nd Section & 2nd Platoon/1st Section from the veterans attending an event; the corporals/acting corporals will be responsible for running their details. Naturally, those who miss a detail are subject to Company Punishment (you did say you wanted some camp activity).

Ten Safety Tips

By Jonah Begone



Our "Hero"

Heaven knows I don't have the brains to set myself up as yet another Black Powder Expert, but in the interest of a safe and happy reenactment fraternity please read and heed.

1. **MAGNUM ROUNDS ARE UNCOOL.** No one can pick out your individual shot in company and battalion firing anyway, so why waste the powder? (And if they can, you might get the reputation for being a fool and neither you nor your unit needs that kind of attention.) 60 grains 2Fg is the standard load for National Park Service weekends. Fight the temptation to use more than a sensible and frugal 80 grains 2Fg elsewhere.

2. **CLEAN OUT THAT BARREL!** Why? Because there is a direct relationship between the dirtiness of the inside of your barrel and the possibility of a "cook-off." If you don't do a thorough job of cleaning out the black powder goo that accumulated from the last event, after a shot or two sparks can reside therein and give you an unpleasant surprise when you next pour powder! By the way, remove the barrel from the stock when you clean - you'll do a better job.

3. **GET ON LINE WHEN NOT FIRING IN RANKS!** "On line" means that you're firing directly between the guys

positioned behind the fence, trees or whatever you're firing from; not a foot or two in front and certainly not an inappropriate distance behind. ("An inappropriate distance behind" is anything that is not having your rifle over a man's right shoulder, with his head positioned safely between the second and third bands of your rifle.)

4. **AVOID A SLOPPY "RIGHT SHOULDER SHIFT"** you know, when you're not keeping the butt end of your rifle snug against the upper part of your chest. What happens - and you can't see it - is that your rifle barrel threatens to bop the guy behind you. This can be a real problem when you're loaded, in "company front" and running. The guy behind you is then looking right down your barrel. Not a reassuring sight. (Note: if your right shoulder shift is comfortable, you're probably not doing it correctly!)

5. **GET SOME FIRING SPACE BETWEEN YOU AND THE ENEMY!** Obviously. Why make 'em mad? Give it 50 yards at the closest, and then elevate your musket.

6. **THE DEFINITION OF A COMBAT "SAFE" MUSKET: AT THE HALF-COCK, CAP OFF NIPPLE.** If you don't know that you'll fire sometime real soon, do this. Your half-cock can be tested by supporting your rifle's weight upside down by the trigger; it passes if the hammer doesn't release to strike the nipple. And never run around with the hammer down onto an unexploded cap - you could drop the rifle on its hammer and have it go off.

7. **NEVER FIX BAYONETS IN A BATTLE!** And if some idiot tells you to, ignore them.

8. **DISCHARGE WEAPON BEFORE TAKING A HIT.** You can never tell where that thing will end up pointing to (could be your face), and one good kick could set it off. Then you'd really take a hit!

9. **NEVER USE YOUR RAMROD IN A BATTLE.** The reasoning here is that you could get frenzied and careless with the realism of it all and accidentally send your ramrod flying into someone (it has happened). Even if you're the cool type, other guys can see you ram and get nervous about it, and once again, your unit probably doesn't want that kind of publicity.

10. **DON'T USE A NIPPLE PICK WHEN LOADED.** You could ignite the powder charge when your rifle is pointing somewhere you rationally wouldn't want it to. Don't believe me? - I saw it happen once! (And if when you're firing the powder charge doesn't go off, re-cap and try again. If you're still firing duds, dump powder and then pick.)

That's it for now. Let's remember these kindly little hints and watch out for one another, okay?

Behind the byline: Mr. Begone is a frequent contributor to CCG and with this article proves that he can sometimes think clearly.

SAFETY: After the recent occurrences at Weston, in which a runaway horse-drawn cannon broke a man's leg and banged up some other men, MCWRA is building a Safety Committee. While we're thinking about safety, make sure you've read our safety rules & signed the roster (no sign-no shoot). Contrary to my normal style, I've cribbed a safety article in its entirety from Camp Chase Gazette. Enjoy!

LINN COUNTY: On May 4, I visited with a group from Linn County who are interested in forming a new unit in that area. Three are now members of the 9th Sharpshooters. We discussed authenticity rules, our drill policy, etc, at some length. They wish to develop an authentic group on a low budget, recruiting & buying gear this year & going to events when they have enough outfitted people. The 3 MCWRA members agreed to fall in with us at events all attend (except for Wilson's Creek, where they're already committed). If the others are not participating, I agreed that we have no need for them to join us. As they become outfitted, they may fall in with us for an event on a trial basis, as some of our people have done. One of their leaders, Ron Ulrich, is now associate membership of the 5th.

DRILL FACTS , by the 1st Sgt

CHECK YOUR STATUS. IF IT'S INCORRECT, LET BILL KNOW.

The DRILL FACT of the day is that we whupped everyone in the speed firing contest at Weston. We also got a thumbs up from Col Beck for our execution of On the Right, By Files, Into Line. Col Beck gave us the place of honor, rearguard, on Saturday, and our survivors executed the skirmish drill in retreat perfectly. Them horses ain't so fast under fire!

At the drill, there was some disagreement with my last column, which stated that the right turn & left turn are to be done at the double quick. Those who doubted my interpretation have since apologized.

We have some new things to learn: operation in a large formation. Just as we try to get our company into line of battle- as quickly as possible, our battalion commander needs to get all his companies into line. From a column of companies, in 4's, here are some of the things we can do:

A. By company into line followed by a right wheel into line or right turn into line:

Each company does a COMPANY INTO LINE just as if it were alone. This puts us into a column of companies, each in line of battle formation. The guide in this case is LEFT, so the LEFT GUIDE of each company covers on the left guide of the company ahead of him. The right guides will be staggered because companies have different strengths. The companies must maintain 'WHEELING DISTANCE' so each can wheel (Command: Right Wheel into Line, March) smoothly into battalion line of battle without scrunching or moving excessively.

B. On the Right, By File, into line, March (Hardee's, Vol II, para 735ff)

The first company does the commanded maneuver, while the others continue marching straight ahead. At the right spot to bring each company into line, its commander will give the command, the 1st Sgt steps in front of the rear rank to let the front rank move on, then steps off. From then on, it works just like a company by itself.

CORRESPONDENCE: Bob Roby, of I'M GAME in Warrensburg, regrets he's unable to join due to economic conditions in his business, but offers members of the 5th a 20% discount on any CW games. He also has connections with miniature collectors should a miniature battle display be desired (I'm keeping this in mind for the JCHS).

NAME	RANK	TAC	DRL	WES	CCP	WLC	LEX	ROS	BEL
KOFFMAN	CPT	N\$	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
WAYNE	1SG	o	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
YOAKUM	CPL	?\$	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	?	o	Y
AGEE	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BALLMAN, GE	PVT	Y\$	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	.	Y
BALLMAN, GR	PVT	Y\$	.	Y	.	Y\$	.	.	.
BEARS	PVT	.	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	o
CHASTAIN	rec	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	.	.	.
CUNNINGHAM	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DALEEN	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	.	Y
GRIFFIN	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GOLDSBERRY	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	o
HAWKINS, III	rec	.	.	.	.	Y\$	.	.	.
HAWKINS, B	mus	.	.	.	.	Y\$	.	.	.
HAWKINS, R	rec	.	.	.	.	Y\$	.	.	.
KEOWN	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
KINSEY	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$?	?	?
KISNER	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
MELOT	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	o
POWELL	PVT	.	Y	Y	.	Y\$	.	.	.
RIGGS, C	MUS	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROBERTS, B	rec	Y	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
ROBERTS, D	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
ROBERTSON	PVT	Y\$	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	o	Y
ROUSH	PVT	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	o
SHANKS	PVT	o	X	Y	.	Y\$	Y	Y	.
SHERRER	PVT	o	Y	X	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	o
THOMAS	PVT	N\$	.	Y	.	Y\$	.	.	.
TUCKER	rec	.	.	.	Y	Y	Y	Y	.
VICK, A	rec	.	Y	.	.	.	.	.	.
VICK, R	rec	.	Y	X	.	.	.	.	.
VIESSMAN	PVT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WELLER	rec	.	X\$	.	.	.	.	.	.
WOODY	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(nr committed)		7	21	20	18	25	16	12	10

NAME	RANK	TAC	DRL	WES	CCP	WLC	LEX	ROS	BEL
AGEE, B	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BALLMAN, K	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BEARS, DEB	civ	.	.	.	.	Y\$	.	.	.
HORTON	civ	o	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
McCLINTOCK	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RIGGS, J	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROBERTSON, D	civ	.	X	.	Y	Y	Y	o	Y
ROUSH, M	civ	.	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	.
ROWE	civ	.	Y	X	o	Y\$	Y	?	o
SHANKS, B	civ	.	.	Y	.	Y\$	.	.	.
THOMPSON	civ	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.
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, CCP=Cole Camp,
 WLC=Wilson Creek, LEX=Lexington, ROS=Roscoe,
 BEL=Belmont

MISSOURI CIVIL WAR REENACTORS ASSOCIATION, INC

Minutes of Board Meeting, APRIL 27, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM by the President, Dave Smith. Janet Hussey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call indicated the following present: President Dave Smith, Treasurer Jim Enderle, Secretary Bill Wayne, and board members Russ Hautzenrader, Holly Turner, Mike Rolwes & Janet Hussey. Board members absent were Past-President Steve Weldon, President-elect Bob Harrington, members Michelle Yipe', Rick Reed & Don Strother. Units represented were ACWMA (Fred Norris), Landis' Battery (Greg Booth), 4th Mo Cavalry (Henry Johns), Jackman's Cavalry (Dale Sherrard), Bowen's Brigade (Becky Rolwes) & Collins' Battery (Larry Sapp). Guests present were Buzz Fitzgerald & Robert Schmidt of Glasgow.

The President, in his opening remarks, indicated his thankfulness that the Persian Gulf war had so little effect on the nation, the people, & reenacting. He further discussed the need for maintaining good relationships as a key to having viable units and a successful MCWRA. He talked about the problems of pride, selfishness, anger & destructive criticism and the need to overcome them to achieve safe, effective relationships on the field & throughout the reenacting community. Dale Sherrard moved that the essence of Dave's remarks be placed in the Western Campaigner. Seconded & Carried without opposition.

There being no questions on or corrections to the Minutes of the Jan 12, 1991 meeting, Fred Norris moved they be accepted as distributed. Russ Hautzenrader seconded, carried.

The treasurer reported total receipts of \$4986.87 and payments of \$1895.47, leaving a current bank balance of \$9139.48. He noted that the insurance was due soon, however. In answer to a question on Insurance donations received, only Bee Creek (in December) & Belmont have been received on 1991 events. Mike Rolwes moved/Holly Turner seconded that the report be accepted as submitted.

The editor reported that the new 1991 membership roster was out; she was given a round of thanks for her continued efforts in putting out a superior newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Scheduling Committee: The report of the scheduling committee as attached to the last minutes was discussed. It appears that there was a general consensus that raw foodstuffs should continue to be expected of the host, partially to ensure that a authentic camp life cooking demonstrations are not replaced by Twinkie-fests. One suggestion was to provide food for only 2 large meals on Saturday, with fruit furnished near noontime. The most important aspect of food seemed to be timely & effective distribution consistent with safe food handling practices.

There seemed to be a consensus that the scheduling meeting should be set earlier to give the hosts more time to develop the event and to allow unit representatives to be well-informed about the desires of their memberships when voting on the events. Dale Sherrard moved that sponsor presentations for maximum effort events be held at the third quarter (July) meeting of the prior year, and that ballots listing these events be sent to unit leaders to allow each to respond in writing prior to the Tourism publication deadlines. Seconded, approved without dissent.

2. Policy Committee: Dave Smith has reviewed all old minutes for policy ramifications except for two that could not be found. He will attempt to obtain these; meanwhile, the Secretary will codify old established policy for easy review.

3. Insurance Review: The President has reviewed Ron Talburt's report; however, no new information is available for the minutes.

There is a balance due the insurer for additional insureds named for the Battle of Westport in 1989. Since the additional insureds are not an MCWRA responsibility, the President will refer the invoice to Sonny Wells as representative of the event committee.

4. Since Sonny Wells has volunteered to turn over the copyright of the MCWRA logo (which he obtained on our behalf), & the Treasurer agreed to be keeper of the Copyright, Dale Sherrard moved/Holly Turner seconded that this be established as a duty of the treasurer. Passed without dissent.

5. Last year, three Jackman's members joined late in the year but never received a Campaigner. A suggestion was made that they be made good by having their membership extended through 1991. After discussion, the suggestion was withdrawn.

6. Fred Norris again noted the lack of discipline among and supervision of some children at Bee Creek. This matter will be considered again under New Business under Provost duties.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Our 1991 insurance premium of \$2250, possibly plus \$165, is due. Mike Rolwes moved/Henry Johns seconded that the Treasurer should inform the insurer of our intent to bind, request an invoice, and pay the invoice on receipt. Passed without dissent. The Treasurer will send the current list of events, flagging the sanctioned ones.

2. Safety problems and accidents over the past several years were reviewed by the President, and Greg Booth shared details of his recent experience with a runaway horse-drawn cannon.

It was proposed that standing Safety Committees be formed, for each arm. These committees should prepare written safety standards on equipment & construction, drill & tactics, and safety standards, listing specific requirements and referencing them to appropriate documents when available. Bill Wayne moved/Larry Sapp seconded that the President send a letter tasking unit leaders to name knowledgeable representatives to a committee to establish safety standards. Carried without dissent.

3. Establishment of a Constitution & By-laws committee was suggested. Bill Wayne recommended that it be tabled until the codification of policies was complete (promised well before the July meeting). The new committee tabled unanimously.

4. The problem of alcohol in camps was mentioned. Old policy prohibited drinking from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. It was generally felt that this was a matter of consideration & common courtesy.

5. Provost Marshal: Fred Norris moved/Russ Hautzenrader seconded that a Provost Marshal be required for all MCWRA events. Bill Wayne requested details on responsibilities, authority, qualifications, etc. expected. The motion was then amended to read that a Provost Marshal for each side be required at each MCWRA event, to be named by the host unit and responsible to the respective overall commander & drawing his power from the authority of that commander, and with authority to draw on units for assistants. Passed without dissent.

6. Report on Past events: The Bee Creek committee was commended on doing an excellent job in difficult circumstances of weather. Other events should take note & prepare for mud or other weather related access problems. Ambulances should not be released from standby while the public is still in the camps in force and most reenactors have not yet departed.

7. Upcoming events: Dale Sherrard briefed the living history at Lone Jack the week after Wilson's Creek. Bill Wayne briefed status on Cole Camp & Lexington. There is some question as to whether Shoal Creek will come off.

8. 1991 Events: The guests from Glasgow discussed their plans for a max effort event next August. Dale Sherrard noted that the dates were very close to the proposed 130th Anniversary of Lone Jack, a conflict which must be worked out. It was noted that we can expect Pilot Knob in September and Butler is planning an event for late April.

9. The Annual Ball has in the past been sponsored on alternate years by CLO and LCAS. The ladies of those organizations now request that the Ball be organized by special committees set up without regard to unit affiliation. The 1992 Ball is scheduled for Feb 8, 1992, since that is the only date the Colorado Quadrille is available. Henry Johns moves/Russ Hautzenrader seconded that the ladies' committee for the ball be supported & encouraged to take whatever actions necessary to hold an annual ball. Carried without dissent.

The next MCWRA Board meeting will be held on **Saturday, July 27th, 9:30 AM**, at Lohman's Landing in Jefferson City. Moved by Becky Rolwes/Second Dale Sherrard.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.



Bill Wayne, Secretary

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, Co A (CSA)
1990-91 ANNOTATED SCHEDULE
as of 4/30/91

EVENT COMMENTS

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

May 4-5, Ft Scott, KS. Union garrison LH. Drill with some well-drilled troops in a real restored fort of the era.

\$ May 11 (Sat), Jeff City. Display & LH during festival. See EVENT DETAILS. 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, followed by meeting at Steve's. See EVENT DETAILS.

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

? June 1, Clinton: Rescue Funfest & parade. Optional.

* June 15-16, Liberty. Shoal Creek park Battle/LH. CANCELLED.

June 15, Nevada. Bushwhacker days & SCV meeting/picnic. We're all invited to participate, dressed out in CW (MSG) gear. Great museum!

* June 22-23, Brownsville, NE (along river). Battle & LH. Will get more info for those who want to do some fighting in June.

* JULY 13-14, COLE CAMP: MCWRA MAX. OUR EVENT, see EVENT DETAILS.

July 20, Joplin. Benefit LH for historic house.

* AUG 9-11, WILSON'S CREEK. 130th Anniversary battle, 4 battles, expect 4000 soldiers. Registration fee. See EVENT DETAILS.

WESTON: Those who missed it missed a good event. Once we were on site, everything was smooth (especially the mud); the problems occurred getting on and off with weather problems, etc. We beat the uphill march the second day by sending up our 'invalid corps' who went at their own pace. Almost had a real casualty when Don Roberts was touched in the head (by a horse's hoof!). The authentic battle was about as boring as can be, but the generics weren't bad. Capt Bob says "not so many casualties, please!" But Bob, you've got to expect casualties when attacking prepared positions. The advantage to 'attack & die' this weekend was that we didn't have to stand in mud-filled fortifications to do it. Dave K & Catfish helped out with the injured from the loose cannon.

SPRING MUSTER was outstanding. Twenty-one of our twenty-eight men under arms attended, including our brand new members, Randy & Adrien Vick. We worked on all the usual things, including facing, manual of arms, going from column of fours to line of battle in front & on right & left, skirmishing, and especially loading & firing with speed. We fired by rank, about 12 volleys in only 3 minutes. Those who missed drill may want to do a little practice on your own. (Did it pay off? Ask anyone who was at Weston!)

CLINTON PARADE: Many thanks to Todd, Mel, George, Don Roberts & John Kinsey, who marched with me at the Clinton parade. Thanks to Kathryn, as well, who walked behind the troops & caught hats.

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. See EVENT DETAILS.

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

Sep 28-29, Kansas City. 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.

EVENT DETAILS

JEFFERSON CITY, May 11 (Sat). A day-long living history in our prime recruiting area. We will set up around 9:00 AM at corner SE of State Capitol bldg. We will fire muskets periodically and do some drill as well as recruiting. Steve, Jim & I will bring tents, just bring yourself. Go straight to Jeff City & look for the Capitol building - we'll be at corner of High & Jefferson.

COLUMBIA, May 26 (Sun). Day-long living history at the Columbia airport, located between Columbia & Jeff City along US 63. They expect 10,000-20,000 people, & we'll have a prime site. We'll need 7 tents and a large turnout (Steve & Jim will furnish 2, Bill 3). We'll have a chance for live TV coverage plus an interview for later broadcast. We'll drill once in a while, recruit the whole time, & everyone will still have the chance to see WWII warbirds, plus aircraft & pilots fresh from the Gulf. Looks like a really neat military display. Be there by **8:00 AM**. Steve invites us over afterwards for legal beverages (and a meeting). To find it, go to either Jeff City or Columbia, then take US 63 toward the other place. The airport is just north of Ashland, about 20 miles north of Jeff City or 16 south of Columbia on east side of US 63 (NOTE: if you go through Jeff City, DO NOT stop at their little airport just across the river). By my count, the mileage from Sedalia is about the same either way you go.

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. CANCELLED due to total lack of Yanks and little desire on most folks' part to just do LH.

COLE CAMP, July 13-14. MCWRA & 5th Mo MAX. Preregistration due by June 1st. We'll get one meal, raw foods, beer garden, partial powder issue. We'll need as many as possible to arrive early to help direct reenactors to their camps, work registration, etc. This is OUR event!

WILSON'S CREEK, August 9-11. The BIG EVENT for 1991. We'll need our blue shirts for our State Guard impression, but should have a generic reb available for 2 of the battles. They'll furnish basic amenities only, no food or powder. We will bring food as a unit, and everyone who attends will be asked to contribute a pro-rated share. Since there are 4 battles, bring lots of powder. We preregistered 25 men, 5 ladies, including 4 extras (1st come basis), other late registration will cost \$7.50. More details on fights in later issues.

LEXINGTON, September 20-21. Will be an excellent event. We'll camp close to Anderson House, but arrive early to prevent delays such as we had at Weston - no vehicles into camp! Saturday skirmish through town, Sunday battle, absolutely first class candlelight on Sat PM. Usual foodstuffs, state DNR amenities, even some indoor plumbing. Just up th e road, too!

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!