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WARNING: IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES, THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE MESSENGER; JANUARY WAS YOUR LAST WESTERN CAMPAIGNER! If the word WARNING is highlighted in red, you haven't paid!

CONTENTS: Welcome to the new format of the MESSENGER. I've obtained a new program, & we'll see if it improves readability, etc. Important information included in this MESSENGER is info on the spring drill, the Annual Meeting, and the MCWRA schedule for 1992! The DRILL FACTS section has some info we'll need to begin preparing for the spring drill. We also have a new column for those who want to sell or swop some gear. The MCWRA minutes from Jan 11 are included, too.

NEXT MEETING: The January meeting & annual elections will be at 6:30 PM, Saturday, January 25th, 1992, at Farm & Home Savings, 4th & Osage, Sedalia. The meeting will be in the basement meeting room; enter by the North door. For those not familiar with Sedalia, take Ohio St (the main N/S route through downtown, turn West at the NW corner of the courthouse square, then go one block). We will elect our 1992 field officers & our Secretary-Treasurer, & discuss the events approved for 1992. We'll be there at 6:00 PM for early arrivers.

PERSONNEL: Welcome to Gene Dressel, a long-experienced reenactor from St Louis who was formerly a member of Bowen's & the 11th Miss, and to Connie McKay, who has long been associated with the Lone Jack museum & Friends of Missouri Town.

MEMBER GUIDE: We are working on a MEMBER GUIDE, which will include all the information now included in the various info we hand out, plus (finally) some info for the ladies. We'll put them in a three-hole type of folder, with side pockets for your Messenger & your Membership List. We'll give the folder to all current members & to new members as they join (complete with back issues of the Messenger).

1992 EVENTS: The approved MCWRA event schedule is included elsewhere. At the meeting, we'll decide which ones we'll support as max efforts & which will be optional. It has been suggested that we designate one event as a 'hard core' authentic event - eat period food, sleep on single blankets without tents (except for cook tent & quartermaster tent), minimize gear & boxes, etc. If we do this, I'd suggest an event offering few amenities & in the warm part of the year!

ELECTIONS: Start thinking NOW about who will do the best job in the various positions. The positions available are listed on the agenda on page 2..

IN DEADLY ERNEST: A new book about the Missouri Brigade, by Phil Gottschalk of Columbia. Phil will attend our January 25th meeting with sufficient copies of the book to sell, personally autographed. This is the FIRST scholarly researched history of our Brigade and should be an invaluable resource. The price is \$29.95 plus tax & shipping, but the author has offered reenactors a bulk discount (be at the meeting for a true bargain!).

DRILL FACTS:

Our Spring Drill is scheduled for the weekend of April 3-5 at Arrow Rock. Unfortunately, we're having a bit of problem getting the state to agree since they'd rather we do it at Lexington. In any case, now is the time to start thinking about our Spring Drill & working on what we're going to do. The Sergeants & Corporals will have the opportunity to conduct drill in small units, so you who are elected need to get into your Hardee's & your drill guide. We'll also do platoon drill, school of the soldier & school of the company, & rotate the NCO's into alternate NCO positions so they know what to do if they have to take over someone else's slot. Here's how I foresee the event occurring

- SAT AM: School of the soldier, instruction of recruits & NCO's, free time to tour Arrow Rock.
- SAT PM: Company & platoon drills. One on one instruction for new recruits who need assistance.
- SUN AM: Drill by platoon & section, followed by church service & free time to tour Arrow Rock.
- SUN PM: Company drill, including breaking into platoons & simulation of certain brigade maneuvers.
- Sunday, 1600: Break camp & go home.

THE HAVERSACK: Items to swop or sell:

- Dave Bears has a Federal Forage cap for sale, \$15. 816-597-3348.
- Steve Yoakum has the complete 9-Volume VHS Video set of the PBS "The Civil War" (as seen from Massachusetts) series, never opened. List at \$180, first \$100 takes. 314-446-6306.

TID-BITS:

- Debbie Thompson says we can get a group package at Silver Dollar City for \$17 adult/\$10.50 kids. Dressing out is encouraged!

MEETING AGENDA - Jan 25, 1992

- I. Introduction of guests & new members
 1. Review recruit/veteran status: (time/event eligible: Keown, Tillman, Kerksiek, Durrill, Wade, Loesch)
- II. Minutes & Treasurer's reports
 1. Correspondence
- III. Election of Officers:
 - A. Organization: Secretary/Treasurer
 - B. Field: Commander
 - 1st Sgt/Personnel
 - 2nd Sgt/authenticity or safety
 - QMSGT
 - 4 corporals:
safety or authenticity
 - Ordnance
 - other:
- IV: MCWRA Event Schedule (see separate list):
- V: Potential other events: Resaca, Glorieta, Vicksburg, Gettysburg.
- VI. Other Business
 1. MCWRA meeting update.
 2. Spring Drill update
 3. Trailer?
 4. Fundraisers
 - 5.
- V. Set next meeting date(s) - Warrensburg 2/25, Columbia ?

MORE TID-BITS:

- We are privy to the results of the TMR election: Bob Blair is Captain, Chris Back is Lt, Rick Harding is 1st Sgt, Dave Christy 2nd Sgt, Corps Paul Cornett, Roger Epps, John George & Tom Purdin. Another good group to work with!

1992 ANNOTATED SCHEDULE

AS OF 1/11/1992

Symbols: * means battle, Bold Face MCWRA sanctioned or max effort, ALL CAPS 5th Mo Max effort, \$ - 5th Mo local commitment, ? - Participation questionable. Distance listed from Warrensburg. Events without any interest as discussed in our meeting will be dropped from this list in future issues.

Feb 8, Excelsior Springs: annual ball.

March 7-9, Pea Ridge Nat'l Battlefield, AR. 130th Anniversary living history on original site. About 200 miles.

APRIL 4-5, ARROW ROCK STATE PARK (tentative site), Spring drill, Watch for more information. 75 miles.

* April 25-26, Butler, MO. MCWRA MAX EFFORT. Last 2 events ('86 & '89) were good. Federal trenches, candlelight tour, door prizes, etc. 75 miles.

May 2 (?) Jeff City heritage days living history. 90 miles.

May 2 & 3, Ft Scott KS: Federal annual encampment. 120 miles.

* June 6-7, Pleasant Hope, MO. MCWRA LOCAL. Skirmish about 20 mi N of Springfield.

* June 13-14, Grand Island Nebraska (Stuhr Museum) - a fun event in a restored town (1880's vintage), street fighting. 350 miles.

* June 20-21, Macon, MO. Listed event sponsored by 2nd Inf, Co K. No details available.

* June 27, Rocky Mount (Osage Beach area). All-day tactical. No details available.

July 11, Concordia: Town wants us to reenact two separate massacres of their ancestors. They'll furnish direct descendents whom we'll dress & then shoot! Good recruiting op. 25 miles.

* Aug 1-2, Glasgow: MCWRA MAX EFFORT. All amenities, dance, prepared meals, powder, etc. Did a good job in '89. 80 miles.

* Aug 15-16: Lone Jack: Listed event currently no MCWRA sponsor unit. May be moved partially to Missouri Town. 130th anniversary 30 miles down the road.

Sep 12-13. Sabetha KS living history.

* September 19-20, St Charles, MO MCWRA Local. Action on riverfront where the horses are fast. 200 miles.

* Sep 26-27: Pilot Knob. DNR sponsored but not approved by MCWRA due to Holmes Brigade opposition. Status unsure.

* Oct 9-11: Perryville, KY 130th anniversary & national event. Full military impression required. They do an annual event so should know what they're doing. This is the BIG one for 1992. 550 miles.

* Oct 16-18: Cabin Creek, OK. 250 miles. 1864 battle, proceeds to benefit preserving battlefield where several skirmishes fought (1863 & 1864). TMR sponsored.

* Nov 7-8: Mine Creek, KS (west of Butler) MCWRA MAX EFFORT/BENEFIT. Site of 1864 debacle. Big cav. event. 110 miles.

* Dec 5-6: 130th anniversary Battle of Prairie Grove, AR. MCWRA MAX EFFORT. Always good, on original field. 250 miles.

Long Distance events: info requested.

* May 15-17: Battle of Resaca, GA (1864). Information requested. About 800 miles.

* July 4th weekend: Glorieta Pass, NM - 130th Anniversary event. Any weapons & uniforms, basic amenities. Near Santa Fe. about 800 miles.

* July 4th weekend: Vicksburg, MS (1863). New site, good hosts, hot weather. MC Brigade fought here. About 640 miles.

* July 4th weekend: Gettysburg, PA (1863). Planning 2200 reenactors. About 1100 miles.

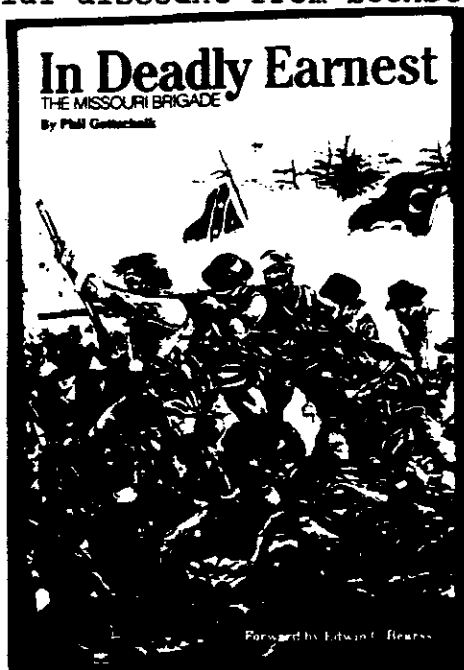
Mar 1993 National Event: Murfreesboro TN

Through a special arrangement with Missouri River Press, Inc. and author Phil Gottschalk, advance copies of the book, In Deadly Earnest, The Missouri Brigade, are being made available to MCWRA members with a quantity discount.

In Deadly Earnest, published in December 1991, is the result of over 20 years of research by Columbia, MO author Phil Gottschalk. It is considered THE definitive history of the famed Missouri Brigade (CSA).

In Deadly Earnest is a whopping 560 pages with 16 maps, 30 rare photos and is based on diaries, letters, battle reports and memoirs of 85 Rebels and 30 Yanks who were actually there! This book tells how, where and why Cockrell's famed Missouri Brigade retained its cohesion, moral and fierce combat effectiveness in 13 major battles and 6 sieges. The foreword of the book is written by Mr. Edwin C. Bearss, Chief Historian of the National Park Service who says that In Deadly Earnest "will be the yardstick against which (all other accounts) will be measured by the critical reader."

Because of Mr. Gottschalk's great respect for what the MCWRA has done to promote a better understanding of OUR War, he has decided to make available copies of In Deadly Earnest to MCWRA members at substantial discount from bookstore prices:



1 copy: \$29.95 (retail)
2-5 copies: \$26.96 each
6-11 copies: \$23.96 each
12 or more: \$22.47 each

Missouri Residents add:
Mo. Sales Tax of 6.475%

Shipping & Handling:
\$3.00 per book

All books will be autographed!

Schedule permitting, Mr. Gottschalk will attend your unit meeting, personally inscribe individual copies of In Deadly Earnest, saving your members the \$3.00 shipping charge.

Get the folks in your unit together for a group order. Don't miss this opportunity to acquire this important book at substantial savings! To order, send check or money order to:

Missouri River Press, Inc.
1664 Highridge Circle; Suite B
Columbia, Missouri 65203

Inquiry, MasterCard or VISA orders call: (314) 446-3764

MCWRA Scheduling Meeting Minutes (part) January 11, 1992

The meeting was called to order by the President, Bob Harrington, at 9:34 AM.

In his opening comments, the President indicated his decision, after consultation with Board members, to withhold enforcement of the "Under 16" rule, as voted at the November meeting, until after the Spring meeting. Unit leaders are encouraged to discuss the matter with their members so everyone understands the intent of the rule & can transmit their considered opinions to the Board.

Requests for Maximum effort & sanctioned events were presented. Prior to the presentations, the Secretary reviewed the event definitions for Max, Sanctioned, Local, Benefit & Listed events.

Butler, Apr 25 & 26 presented by Sonny Wells. Approved as Max Effort. Pleasant Hope, MO, Jun 6-7 presented by Bud Marvin, 3rd Mo Cav. Approved as sanctioned (Local) event. Grand Island, NE, June 13-14 presented by John Beck. Since the Stuhr Museum charges entry to spectators thus violating the Free Access policy the request was changed to a LISTED event. Glasgow, MO, Aug 1-2 presented by Jim Thies. Approved as MAX EFFORT. Lone Jack, MO, Aug 15-16 presented by Connie McKay, requested as Max effort 130th Anniversary. The MCWRA sponsor unit, Jackman's Cavalry, notified that he was withdrawing sponsorship because of personal differences with the sponsoring town's representative. Since no sponsor unit could be found due to the need for area units to consult with membership, the event was LISTED.

Pilot Knob, MO, Sep 26-27 presented by Stan Fast of the Missouri DNR requesting a MAX Effort event. Don Strother of the Holmes Brigade stated that his unit had little interest in the event & did not care to be the MCWRA sponsor unit. The vote for Max Effort event failed with significant abstentions. The event was then voted on as a Sanctioned event, failing by one vote, but with a strong majority abstaining. The event is LISTED.

St Charles, MO, Sep 19-20 presented by Doug Jacobs. Approved as LOCAL event. Cabin Creek, OK, October 17-18 presented by Rick Harding of the TMR requesting a sanctioned event. Since event will charge entry fees for visitors & does not meet the free access or the benefit event policies even though the profits will be used for battlefield preservation. LISTED. Mine Creek, KS, Nov 7-8 (probable date) presented by Ron Briggs requesting a MAX Effort Benefit Event. Approved. Prairie Grove, AR, Dec 5-6 presented by Doug Kidd requesting a MAX EFFORT. Approved.

After the event presentations, the President moved to change the order of business to accept units off probation to allow any such units to vote on proposed events. Don Strother presented the 8th Kansas Infantry, led by Merle (Boo) Hodges, as a probationary unit. Seconded by John Beck, approved unanimously. Don Strother, as Commander of the sponsoring unit, then moved to accept the 8th Kansas Infantry off probation, since the unit was well established, met numerical criteria, & had served at many MCWRA

events in the past years. Seconded by John Beck, approved without dissent.

Following the votes on Sanctioned events, listed events were discussed. The list as a whole was accepted for listing.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 and reconvened at 1:25. The Treasurer's report was read & approved. Since October 30, receipts of \$1842.93 & expenditures of \$1454.88 have taken place, leaving an account balance of \$5315.59. Paid membership prior to the meeting was 1 single, 52 family. The Treasurer reported that David Kesler had purchased the first MCWRA Life Membership sold for \$100. There were no questions or amendments to the minutes as published by the Secretary.

Units requesting to go on probation: 3rd Kansas Battery commanded by Merle J. Hodges, sponsored by Co Battery, approved. 3rd Missouri Cavalry Bn, Co D commanded by Bud Marvin. Sponsored by Shelby's Cavalry, approved. 2nd Missouri Infantry, Co K (CS), commanded by Charles Ritchie. They have no sponsor unit, so their request was tabled.

OLD BUSINESS: Bill Wayne presented the registration information package for review. Adopted and modified to reflect that 10-15 pounds of powder per gun considered a mandatory amenity if artillery participation requested. Bill Wayne then requested authority to place notice about the availability of the package in Missouri Tourism publications, requesting a \$5 fee to MCWRA to cover cost of reproduction & postage. Approved. Bill Wayne stated that he has unit leader mailing labels available for use by event sponsors, & requested authority to establish a fee for them. Approved.

Bob Harrington announced that the deadline for submitting requests for major events for 1993 would be June 30th.

Bill Wayne advised that he had been informed that blanket individual releases were not feasible without further research. The current forms will continue to be used.

Bob Harrington stated that he had asked the Treasurer to provide a breakdown of units by size for the next meeting so units which did not meet the criteria could automatically be placed on probation. Hal Hamilton indicated that there was a compliance problem in the Federal artillery, as exists in both his & Don Calvin's battery are not "full size" & would thus lose his vote. He requested guidance on the acceptability of converting his gun to a little known piece of Woodruff gun. The President indicated that questions of authenticity in artillery would be deferred to artillery units. Wes Roberson of Don Calvin's unit questioned if previous 'grandfathering' of undersized pieces still applied. After considerable discussion, the President indicated he would review the history of the grandfathering, but the intent of the recent changes was to eliminate the vote of 'phantom units' such as ungunned artillery & 1-man infantry units. It was emphasized that being on probation does not prevent a unit from attending events if they are acceptable to the event sponsors.

The President initiated discussion of the development of safety standards for all branches. The cavalry branch developed a preliminary set of standards which they

polishing. Bob Harrington requested that Don Strother & John Beck oversee the development of infantry standards; Steve Allie reported that he is working on horse-drawn artillery standards and that Norm Rohlfing is developing a draft for other artillery. These standards when developed need to be included in the event information packages & must be reviewed by non-MCWRA units & walk-ons at event registration.

Jim Enderle issued the whistle/lanyards and flags to unit leaders; Doug Kidd's Border States Leather Works made a donation to MCWRA to cover the cost of obtaining the items.

NEW BUSINESS: Doug Kidd commented that federal & state historical parks had held a meeting & were beginning a clamp-down on authenticity and safety. Todd Conner commented that he had heard much the same while on a visit East.

Steve Lillard provided a flier on his pyrotechnics services available for events.

A question was raised if children under 16 would be allowed at the Ball in February since enforcement of the children in combat rule was suspended. Holly Turner said that children under 16 would not be allowed, sponsor's prerogative & historic authenticity.

The President requested that members who wish to have an item discussed at our meetings contact him in advance so he can put it on the agenda. That way he can serve the membership better.

The next meeting, normally scheduled in April, was proposed for May 9, Jefferson City, since there events are scheduled on every weekend in April except Easter. Carried by majority vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Prepared 1/11/1992, 9:30 PM. Bill Wayne, Secretary

MORE COMMENTS: On Monday, I was contacted by an individual from the Missouri DNR who wanted to know just what had happened to deny Pilot Knob a sanction. He is concerned that lack of MCWRA support could change the the DNR's whole approach to holding reenactments at their state facilities. While I did refer him to Don Strother to hear from the individual who spoke against the event just what the Holmes' Brigades' objections are, I also suggested that he contact near-by CS units for alternative sponsorship. He assured me that the event would go on this year, & I told him that I'm sure that some means of finding enough Yanks to lay down some fire will be found. I'm personally ready to galvanize on ONE day of the battle. In the long run, there is some support in DNR for eliminating reenactments and replacing them with a small group of paid LH interpreters. Another consideration would be for them to spread the events out on a 4 or 5 year schedule, or doing them only on 5 year anniversaries.

COMMENTS, continued:

The next call was from an individual at Macon associated with a new, non-profit group working toward developing a series of historic programs in the county. Her group sounded very well organized & she is an economic development specialist with the local REC there. She wanted to know the story on MCWRA's discussion of the Macon event. While I'm sending her MCWRA provided information on what's expected, etc., along with some of the things we've developed, I told her that they would need a MCWRA unit as a sponsor, & that the reenactor work on the event would have to be done by local people. She presented problems because of the status of the 2nd Inf. K in Linn County. I hope that some sort of resolution can be made to their internal problems so they can have someone willing to sponsor them. We'll have a couple of visitors from that area (Member Ed Tillman & Associate Ulrich) at our Jan 25 meeting. I hope things work out because it looks like this could be a good event.

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TIDBIT: The Shelby Camp, SCV, is working on a project to place a monument to General Shelby up at Waverly. The announcement even made the news on the radio!

your comments on the new format are encouraged!

ACCT #	ACCOUNT NAME	ACTUAL

ASSETS		

1	PETTY CASH	3.78
2	CHECKING ACCOUNT	1,073.69
99 cash assets		1,077.47
100	BUMPER STICKERS	2.00
109	Unit Resale items	2.00
700	T-shirts for donation sale	68.73
999 total salable assets		70.73
1000	COOKING GRATE	75.00
1001	TENT, USED (poles & stake	80.00
1002	WALL TENT p 9/90	146.90
1003	WATER BARREL p 12/90	37.34
1004	REPRO SPRINGFIELD sn 5/91	300.00
1005	BAYONET & SCABBARD, 5/91	25.00
1006	WATER BARREL purch 8/1/91	22.00
1007	WALL TENT p 10/3/91	150.00
1008	'A' TENT, p 10/3/91	100.00
1099 equipment assets		936.24
1500	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	0.90
TOTAL ASSETS		2,085.34
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LIABILITIES		

2102	UNEARNED DUES 1992	444.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		444.00
CAPITAL/EQUITY		

3010	1990 net income	455.55
3011	1991 net income	1,185.79
TOTAL CAPITAL/EQUITY		1,641.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		2,085.34
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5th Missouri Infantry, Co A
1991 accounts
Income Statement
01-01-91 through 12-31-91

ACCT #	ACCOUNT NAME	ACTUAL	%
INCOME			
4000	INDIVIDUAL DUES	492.00	15.2%
4001	FAMILY DUES	260.00	8.1%
4002	ASSOCIATE DUES	24.00	0.7%
4009	total dues	776.00	24.0%
4100	OTHER FUNDRAISING	237.69	7.4%
4110	EVENT REGISTRATION FEES	229.00	7.1%
4200	REIMBURSE FOR SUPPLIES	52.50	1.6%
4201	REIMBURSE FOR EVENT FOOD	300.00	9.3%
4205	FALL BANQUET RCPTS	340.00	10.5%
4209	total other receipts	1,159.19	35.9%
4400	FUNDS RAISED: BRAT SALE 9/91	564.02	17.5%
4410	FUNDS RAISED: RAFFLE 7/91	319.00	9.9%
4420	FUNDS RAISED: T-SHIRTS	410.00	12.7%
	TOTAL INCOME	3,228.21	100.0%
EXPENSE			
5000	POSTAGE	234.61	7.3%
5001	COPIES & PRINTING	89.67	2.8%
5002	MISC OPERATING SUPPLIES	36.04	1.1%
5003	MISC OPERATING SERVICES	25.54	0.8%
5009	total operating costs	385.86	12.0%
5010	MESSENGER COSTS	43.24	1.3%
5050	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	36.00	1.1%
5099	total operating & maint costs	465.10	14.4%
5100	EVENT REGISTRATION FEES	228.00	7.1%
5110	EVENT FOOD	242.00	7.5%
5119	event exp total	470.00	14.6%
5305	FUND RAISING COSTS - RAFFLE	134.13	4.2%
5310	FUND RAISING: BRAT SALE 9/91	312.24	9.7%
5320	FUND RAISING - T-SHIRTS COST	306.59	9.5%
5330	BANQUET COSTS	299.36	9.3%
5400	DONATIONS	55.00	1.7%
	TOTAL EXPENSE	2,042.42	63.3%
	NET INCOME	1,185.79	36.7%

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December 19, 1991

Mr. Bill Wayne
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Dear Mr. Wayne:

Mike Dickey forwarded to me a copy of your letter requesting permission to hold a "camp of instruction" at Arrow Rock State Historic Site April 4-5, 1992. Although your request is generally reasonable, it does not mesh well with the site's interpretive themes.

Based on its unique historic features, each state historic site is assigned several major themes to be developed and reinforced in its interpretive programming. Arrow Rock focuses on the settlement, economy and political development of the Booneslick region, westward expansion, George C. Bingham, the Missouri River, etc.; the Civil War is not singled out for emphasis.

Granted, the Civil War touched all counties in Missouri, but not necessarily with equal weight. The Department has elected to interpret that aspect of our history at sites more intensely related to the conflict, such as Battle of Lexington, Battle of Athens, Battle of Carthage and Fort Davidson. It would be better if the 5th Missouri Infantry, Co. A would consent to hold their instruction camp at one of these sites where we are trying to increase our Civil War interpretive activities.

I would suggest the Battle of Lexington because of its proximity to your area. Your outfit would have the privilege of using an actual Civil War battlefield and, we would benefit from the interpretation your group would provide to visitors during your stay. Indeed, the instructional nature of the camp may provide the public with a rare look at what goes into reenacting and the authenticity participants work toward. If we can dovetail our objectives in this manner we would be quite pleased to work with you on this type of event.



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CORRESPONDENCE: Received a letter from Gary Wehner of the 5th Mo from Georgia. The only MCWRA units which supported the Cockrell Flag restoration are the 5th & Crowley's. He forwarded a flier on the other book about the Missouri Brigade (The South's Finest, by Phil Tucker, to be published this spring) plus tells me that Tucker has submitted a manuscript strictly about the 5th to Morningside Press in Dayton. If you'd really like to see the book on the 5th published, let Morningside know (PO Box 1087, Dayton, OH 45401) [& if you do, get one of their catalogs - they've reprinted some really important books!].

Another late notice: the book, With Porter in North Missouri, is still available at a discount through the end of this month. It's a record of the summer of 1862 campaign of the 1st Northeast Missouri Cavalry under Joe Porter. Those of us who'd like to order the book can do so through the Shelby Camp, SCV, at our Jan 25th meeting.

I also received a phone call from Jim Heisler, the administrator of the Confederate Historic Site at Higginsville. He's looking to develop a relationship with a reenacting group that can furnish an honor guard for weddings & to provide specific honors at the cemetery. While he's going to send us a letter specifying what he wants. I told him that we'd likely be interested in providing honors, but weddings depend on the degree of contribution going to the Site or to unit equipment needs. He's aware that we don't commit ourselves without a vote.

Mailing List Additions: Gene Dressel, 5291 Villa Rose Ln, Hazelwood, MO 63042. 314-291-4782.

Connie McKay, 700 N. Bynum Rd, Lone Jack, MO 64070. 816-566-2257.

COMMENT: If you like getting lots of phone calls, get onto the MCWRA Board!

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