

# ***THE MESSENGER***

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**CONTENTS:** Welcome to April - the season's first real event is upon us! This issue welcomes some more new members, discusses upcoming events, & has some info for those of us who are interested in doing a real 'First Person' impression. Steve's new column is called REGULATIONS! Read on!

**PERSONNEL:** Welcome back to Ryan Wade, who finally reenlisted. Welcome also to new members Kevin Baker of Warrensburg & his sister Pamela; to Rick Morris, son Tony & wife Valerie, and to Associate member Mark Inman (Big River Arty) of Jeff City. Bob Hawkins continues with us as an Associate. Larry Shanks has moved to Odessa Texas, so has resigned his position as Quartermaster. Corp. George Ballman has agreed to act as interim Quartermaster. Recognized as High Privates for their full military impression, length of membership, & event attendance were Jim Robertson, Don Roberts, John Sherrer, Gaylen Goldsberry & Loren Roush. Get Well wishes to Doug Miller, who broke his back at work, & Doc Briggs, who broke two bones in his leg in a freak accident stepping off a curb.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES:** The Living History events for Jeff City & Columbia are no longer on the schedule. For Memorial Day weekend, we're asking the Confederate Memorial State Historic Site if we can do a Living History & honors up there. We've been invited to participate in the Pomme de Terre Rendezvous the first weekend in May. For Lone Jack, we agreed to let Dave Schmitt from Crowley's be the contact point, using our name as sponsor (Crowley's declined to let Dave use theirs). Warrensburgers not attending the drill at Wilson Creek are invited to march in the Depot Opening Parade on 4/11, 9:30 AM.

**FUNDRAISING UPDATE:** Of the first 408 tickets turned back in, Charlie sold 100 in two Saturdays at Walmart. Dave K has 50 sold, Jeff 60. Sandra promises a chalk portrait (in uniform) of the person who sells the most tickets. We have four more months, so let's all get out there & sell!

**QUARTERMASTER PROCEDURES:** George says he can finally use something he learned back in the Air Force - he's set up a hand receipt program to control our equipment. If you need to use company equipment or tentage, call George & make arrangements to pick up the gear. You'll also be responsible for returning it, cleaned! Jerry will use the same system for ordnance supplies (musket & leathers), as will Dave/Deb Bears for clothes closet items. We'll have a written procedure out before too long. For tentage, there's a minimum of two people per 'A' tent & 4 per wall (unless the wall is used as an officers' tent).

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, May 7, 6:00 PM Drill/7:00 PM Meeting, Henry County Historical Society, 203 W. Franklin, *Clinton*. Take Business 13 to Circle K, turn west, go past square: the building is just west of the NW corner of the square. Here's our chance to follow up on Butler & Pomme de Terre. Y'all

come!

## WHAT IF WE:

- Add a pattern bank to the clothes closet - with a deposit or fee to make sure the pattern gets back! (See Deb Bears)
- Consider reimbursing our organizational staff for some expenses on behalf of the 5th. Bill spent \$26.76 on long distance doing 5th MO business last month; over \$50 since December. The Company pays for postage & supplies, but not computer time.
- Come up with an equipment wish list so we'll have a plan for all that money we're making from the raffle. Maybe start with two complete uniforms, with weapons & leathers, two more 'A' tents. As we add people, maybe add another uniform & possibly another cooking grate (we've got lots of pots). To save money, we'd need a commitment from folks who quit reenacting to give the unit first

**APPEARANCES:** Charlie Riggs talked to Leeton High School & Keith Daleen went to Martin Warren School in Warrensburg. Bill did a short interview by phone with KMMO Radio in Marshall. Bill, Keith, Mel & David sold raffle tickets at Wal-Mart on 3/21. David Kesinger presented a copy of the Carry the Works print to the Trails Regional Library in Warrensburg, assisted by Bill, Mel, George & Keith (got our picture in the Star-Journal). This print cost him \$75 to have framed & matted (talk about dedication)! Keith & the SCV camp had previously presented a copy of In Deadly Earnest to the Trails Library and the Historical Society in Warrensburg. We had a nice group to do honors at Phil

## REGULATIONS!

By First Sgt Steve Yoakum:

Regulation of the Army of the Confederate States (1863), Article XIII, Regulation #104: "Haversacks will be marked upon the flap with the number and name of the regiment, the letter of the company, and the number of the soldier, in black letters and figures. And each soldier must, at all times, be provided with a haversack and canteen, and will exhibit them at all inspections. It will be worn on the left side on marches, guard, and when paraded for detached service - the canteen outside the haversack."

My research on old photos would indicate that the information should be done in the following manner:

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Use 1" "Roman" style letters and flat black paint. I'd also suggest that each member stencil his number on his canteen and perhaps the inside of other gear to facilitate finding it as we grow as a unit (Each member of the Fifth has been assigned a number based on seniority and can be found on your mailing label on the Messenger). The TMR has been marking their gear this way for years.

Gottschalk's presentation at the Old Courthouse on 3/28. Bill commanded the volley, fired by George, Jerry, Dave B., Dave K., Keith, Mel, & Kevin Baker. Willie Evans, recently moved to Missouri from Florida & looking for a reenacting home, also participated. Also dressed out were Don Roberts, Cindy Lee, Deb Bears & Sandra Wayne.

Thanks!

## DRILL TIPS:

**Inverted Maneuvers:** Yes, we can maneuver with the short end in front! The secret is to line up on the RIGHT of the left guide (in normal maneuvers, you line up to the left of the Right Guide). Say we need to move from the right to the left side of the line in a hurry; we'd waste time if we right faced, countermarched, & went into line on the other end.

A quicker option is to left face, march to position, then do a By Company Into Line. In this case, the LEFT guide (in the lead) continues marching straight, the next file comes up on his RIGHT, etc., until we're in line & not inverted.

Another option is to go On the Left, By Files, Into Line. This is done just like ON the Right By Files, except it's inverted: the Left Guide turns to the left & marches to the mark, the rear rank marks time to let the front rank clear, & each two-some squares into line to the right of the previous group.

At Spring Drill, I was told that another unit has reinterpreted By Company Into Line to remain at Right Shoulder Shift after they come on line. SOS 349 states that arms will be carried at Right Shoulder Shift whenever marching at the Double-Quick; SOS 350 states that arms will be returned to the shoulder at the command of HALT. I imagine their point is that they haven't halted, but unless we've been commanded to Right Shoulder Shift before the maneuver, I think that we should resume the position last commanded when we come on line.

## THE HAVERSACK:

Dave Schmitt has made us a special offer: your butternut pants, blue shirt, gray shell jacket (lined), ticking suspenders & kepi or forage hat, \$150. 816-732-5725

## SPRING MUSTER REPORT:

Our thanks to the Eldorado Methodist Church, who provided us with everything we could wish for, save good weather. The rain kept us from doing all that we wished, but it was still a useful and well-attended affair: we had 20 vets, 8 recruits, & an associate in ranks, plus 3 guests (Dave Schmitt of Crowley's, plus Doug Harding & John Wells from St. Louis). Five of our ladies dressed out & ran the displays & raffle ticket sales.

We worked on company into line (regular & inverted), right by files into line, left & right wheels, obliques, left & right turns, skirmish drill, & breaking into platoon. Those who missed drill missed a good chance to socialize & learn some maneuvers (so study up before Butler!). And anyone who liked the dinner can get more, for only \$5, on March 11 at the church.

## LETTERS & CALLS:

I got a call from John Kinsey, who wanted us to come down for an event in Alabama instead of Resaca (but the event conflicts with Butler). He says Resaca hasn't been too large in the past, but is otherwise a quality event; he'll try to join us there.

## MAILING LIST UPDATE:

Pvt Kevin Baker & NC Pamela Baker, Rt 4, Box 852, Warrensburg. 747-7063 (S - D. Roberts)

Pvt Ryan Wade, 6609 N. Montgall Cir, Gladstone, MO 64119. 314-453-6216. (S - Tucker)

Pvts Rick Morris & Tony Morris, NC Valerie Morris. Rt 1, Box 22A-1, Knob Noster, MO 65336. 816-563-6210. (S - D. Roberts)

Associate Mark Inman, 505 Ellis Blvd, Apt C-55, Jeff City. 65101. 314-659-8620.

Associate Bob Hawkins, PO Box 1497, Jeff City 65102.

# MINUTES of meeting held 3/24/92

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary (in the absence of the President & Vice-President) at 7:09 PM at the Old Courthouse Museum, Warrensburg. In attendance were veterans G. Ballman, Bears, Kisner, Lee, D. Roberts, Sherrer, Tucker, & Wayne; Recruits Baker, Briggs, Kerksiek, Moore & Tillman; non-combatants Pam Baker, Deb Bears, Cindy Lee, Charlene Tucker, & Sandra Wayne; Associate Kesinger. Guests were Rick Morris & son Tony (who enlisted after the meeting) & Matt Bly, plus Dave Schmitt of Crowley's.

Prior to the business meeting, we conducted a short drill. The new maneuver for the day was By Company into Line from an inverted formation (marching by the left flank). Dave Kesinger brought a 3-foot sub sandwich enjoyed by all. Recruit/Vet status won't be looked at until inspected at Spring Drill.

The minutes as published in the March Messenger were accepted. Correspondence from Justin Loesch, Holly Turner, Dennis Faught, Wilson's Creek & Pomme de Terre was read. The Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$1443.00, including an escrow of \$654 from the raffle. An additional 52 tickets were turned in at the meeting, & dues in the amount of \$92 were received.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Six to eight members will assist the SCV Saturday's honors at the Old Courthouse. About 35-40 men will attend spring drill. Wilson's Creek interest still appears low (Bill will contact Col. Beck for better schedule information). Several members who will remain in town were willing to march in the Warrensburg depot dedication parade on 4/11. For Butler, we have a commitment of 36 men, including two members of the 11th MS. The Jeff City living history event was cancelled; sufficient members are interested in setting up at the Pomme de Terre rendezvous to allow Bill to commit us to attending on May 2/3 instead. Bill briefed his recent call from John Kinsey about Resaca - the event will not be super large but is good - we need those attending to pay by spring drill.

The Lone Jack event is in trouble because of lack of a sponsor unit. Dave Schmitt advised that he was willing to be the reenactor contact but Crowley's will not let him use their name. Discussion on the advisability of putting our name on the event if it will be a small one ensued. It was moved/seconded that we allow our unit name to be used as sponsor with Dave Schmitt being the primary contact; event to be a local or living history with skirmish; APPROVED with dissent by George Ballman.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No comments received on election procedures & quorum requirements; proposals will be voted on at Butler. Earthwork design is laid out by the 3rd Engineers & we'll set up a workday when equipment can be obtained. Deb Bears reported that

the Ladies will write letters & work on a flag at spring drill; no seminar will be held. Deb will also be the contact for anyone interested in attending the large scale seminar in St Louis this summer. Deb also reported that the clothes closet/pattern bank is under development & that all worn out or outgrown clothes can be donated for use by recruits.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Since Larry Shanks has moved to Odessa Texas, he has resigned as quartermaster. The unit staff appointed the ranking corporal without specific responsibilities, George Ballman, to fill the position on an interim basis. George has inventoried all the cook gear plus those other items stored at Todd's & these have been added to a list. They will be issued on hand receipt with the person borrowing the gear responsible for reserving it, picking it up, cleaning it after use, & returning it to a designated storage site. New boxes are needed for the cook gear; Don Roberts moved/Dave Bears second that funds be authorized to construct such boxes as are needed.; APPROVED.

Carried. Bill asked for comment on unit position on changing the free access rule as proposed in the latest Western Campaigner. This was generally supported. The unit is not opposed to looking further at a change to the Benefit rule.

George requested that the unit participate in a fund raiser for medical expenses for a Ms Loooper, who needs a lung transplant. He will set up our participation in a fund raising event.

Dave Schmitt offered to sell our members a complete start-up uniform consisting of butternut pants, a shell jacket, forage cap, blue shirt & ticking suspenders for \$150. This is a special offer based on the large number of recruits we have & the amount of business we've been giving him. It was suggested that the unit consider buying a uniform for loaner use; the staff will consider what sizes are most needed.

Charlene Tucker suggested that members should become CPR trained & certified. Dave Schmitt said that he is an instructor & is working with Crowley's on offering a course without instructor fee - if that works we'll be next. It was also suggested that a first aid kit be obtained, but no motions were made.

Jeff Tucker volunteered to act as company cook as long as members could stand eggs without onions. Offer was accepted.

Since we haven't obtained a meeting site in the Clinton area for the next meeting, the meeting will be scheduled at a later time. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted 3/25/92, 3:52 PM, Bill Wayne, Secretary

**SUPPLEMENT:** Vote taken at Spring Drill to purchase two generic Richmond Gray shell jackets at \$35 ea. from Dave Schmitt - APPROVED.

## 1992 SCHEDULE as of 3/30/92

Symbols: \* means battle, BOLD FACE Unit Max effort. # is unit optional event; \$ is local or platoon event commitment, ? - Participation questionable. Distance listed from Warrensburg.

# April 11-12, Wilson's Creek. Battalion drill. Restrictions on impression, access, etc. See Event Details.

\$ April 11, Warrensburg depot parade. Fund raiser & parade 9:30 AM to about noon. Contact Bill.

\* **APRIL 25-26, BUTLER, MO. MAX EFFORT.** See EVENT DETAILS.

\$ May 2-3, Hermitage, MO. LH camp at Pomme de Terre Rendezvous. They promise straw & raw food, plus shade & lots of visitors..

\*# May 15-17, Resaca, Georgia. An annual event. About 800 miles. \$3 registration fee. See Event Details.

\$ Memorial Day Weekend, Higginsville. Honors & LH camp at Confederate Memorial. One day. Details later.

\*# 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. LH & skirmish in an area that should be a fertile recruiting ground for a professional outfit. 150 miles.

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

\*# July 4th weekend: Vicksburg, MS (1863). MO Brigade fought here. About 640 miles. See Event Details.

\$ July 11. Concordia: Reenact massacres! See Event Details. Good recruiting op. 25 miles.

\$ July 25, Warrensburg: Annual camp at Old Courthouse Museum.

\* **AUG 1-2. GLASGOW, MO - MAX EFFORT.** All amenities, dance, prepared meals, powder, etc. 80 miles. Preregister to unit by April 1st.

?\$# Aug 15-16: Lone Jack: LH w/ skirmish if enough show. Will hold our drawing here. 130th anniv. 30 miles.

\$ September 12, Warrensburg: Fall Festival.

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

\*# Sep 26-27: Pilot Knob. DNR sponsored. Event will go on even if Holmes Brig. isn't interested.

\* **OCT 9-11: PERRYVILLE, KY: 130th anniversary & national event.** Full military impression required. This is the BIG one for 1992. \$2 registration fee. 550 miles.

\*# Oct 16-18: Cabin Creek, OK. 250 miles. 1864 battle, proceeds to benefit preserving this 1863/64 battlefield. TMR sponsored & we owe them!

\$ Oct 24-25: Warsaw, MO. LH at Heritage days.

\* Oct 24-25: Mine Creek, KS (west of Butler) MCWRA status under review. Site of 1864 debacle. Date change has degree of sanction in question - battalion will not support if stays on this date. Big cav. event. 110 miles.

\$? Nov 7: Kansas City. All branches to march in American Royal parade.

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

March 1993, National Event.: 130th anniversary, Murfreesboro TN

*RUMOR.* WTBS will make Killer Angels!

## EVENT DETAILS

**BATTALION DRILL**, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Park, Springfield, MO. April 11 & 12. Full performance for the public. Amenities include food, sanitary, etc, plus powder. Battalion wants maximum attendance; Mandatory impression is mid-war, fully authentic, 3-band muskets only. Firing is strictly controlled, bedrolls will be worn, no camp boxes (except officers), ammunition must be turned in & will be issued by the NPS when we're authorized to fire. Camping on the park, no opportunity for midnight foraging. Sleeping bags & coolers stored in central, non-public area. Will involve all branches of Confederate troops only. To get there from Springfield, take I-44 West to Exit 70, then follow Rt MM south, cross US 60 on Rt M, then turn right on Rt ZZ to the park entrance. Additional details, activity schedule not available.

**BUTLER**, April 25-26. They're expecting over 750 reenactors (about 3-1 CS)! Schedule was in Feb & Mar Messenger, only change is chicken rather than fish Sat nite (3 kegs after dance). Lots of amenities, free drawings, etc. IMPRESSION: State Guard Sat (scripted battle), MSG or generic on Sunday (unscripted battle). Butler is on US 71 and MO 52, about 75 miles south of Kansas City. Take Business 71 south to Nursery St, then Nursery street west to reenactment site. We preregistered 37 men, 8 ladies. You must be MCWRA member (or have insurance) to participate.

**POMME DE TERRE**, May 2-3. In conjunction with their rendezvous. A beautiful location below the dam, lots of people come by: a great chance to recruit. To Get there: MO 13 south to Collins, US 54 east to Wheatland, MO 83 south to MO 254, MO 254 east to dam.

**RESACA**, GA, May 16-17. Event is sponsored by the Georgia Division reenactors & takes place on part of original site. Prepared positions, limited meals, preregistration fee. A good chance to see the CW sites of the Atlanta campaign where the Missouri Brigade was heavily involved. Impression is full-military, mid-war generic Reb. We need your \$3 fee by March 1st if you want to go. Car pools/convoy can be arranged.

**VICKSBURG**, July 4-6. The event will be on land closely resembling the now-protected or built over siege lines, but without modern intrusions. Prepared earthworks, trenches, gun emplacements, etc. Camping limited to A tents; shebangs are encouraged. Expect constant skirmishing & sharpshooting on Saturday, with major Federal assault on Sunday. Ball Sat nite downtown. Generic & authentic Confederate impression required. Expect heat, mosquitoes, chance of heavy rain. Numerous CW sites, including Champion Hill, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, plus Vicksburg NBP in general vicinity. Registration by May 1.

**CONCORDIA**, July 11. 9 AM to 5 PM, living history at city square, punctuated by bushwhackings & other scenarios. We'll outfit some of their people for the shootings, provide ammunition, etc. They'll furnish lunch, reimburse costs, & do publicity. A great chance to recruit in Lafayette/Saline counties & lots of fun.

**GLASGOW**, August 1-2. MCWRA & Unit Max Effort. Includes parade, Saturday battle scenario similar to one we set up at Windsor, Sunday generic battle, homes tour, twilight firing, ball, etc. They're furnishing prepared meals for lunch/supper, & issuing breakfast rations for both days on Saturday AM. They will NOT provide ice (we will question this). Register by June 1.

# PERMANENT PLATOON LIST

## FIRST PLATOON

Koffman, Bob: Capt. Vet.  
Yoakum, Steve: 1st Sgt. Vet.

### First Section:

Faught, Dennis: Corp. Vet.  
Davis, Nick: Pvt. Vet.  
Dressel, Gene: Pvt. Vet.  
Hafley, Sam: Pvt. Vet.  
Roberts, Bob: Pvt. Vet.  
Robertson, Jim: High Pvt. Vet.  
Block, Neil: Pvt. Rct (S-Yoakum)  
Ford, Kent: Pvt. Rct (S-Robertson)  
Tillman, Ed: Pvt. Rct (S-Robertson)  
Inman, Mark: Pvt. Assoc/Rct (S-Faught)

### Second Section:

Lee, Jerry: Corp. Vet.  
Daleen, Keith: Pvt. Vet.  
Melot, Don: Pvt. Vet.  
Shanks, Larry: Pvt. Vet.  
Thomas, Kevin: Pvt. Vet.  
Durrill, John: Pvt. Rct (S-Koffman)  
Gilger, John: Pvt. Rct (S-Koffman)  
Kerksiek, D.E.: Pvt. Rct (S-Lee)  
Zimmerschied, Kevin: Pvt. Rct (S-Koffman)  
Chastain, Kent: Pvt. Assoc/vet.  
Conner, Todd: Pvt. Assoc/vet.

*We will use these permanent platoons to assign details at events & for emergency telephone notification. Privates: Know your corporal!*

## SECOND PLATOON

Wayne, Bill: 1st Lt. Vet.  
Riggs, Charlie: 2nd Sgt. Vet.

### First Section:

Ballman, George: Corp. Vet.  
Ballman, Greg: Pvt. Vet.  
Kisner, Mel: Pvt. Vet.  
Roberts, Don: High Pvt. Vet.  
Sherrer, John: High Pvt. Vet.  
Baker, Kevin: Pvt. Rct (S-D. Roberts)  
Briggs, Doc: Pvt. Rct (S-Riggs)  
Miller, Doug: Pvt. Rct (S-Sherrer)  
Moore, Bill: Pvt. Rct (S-D. Roberts).  
Morris, Rick: Pvt. Rct (S-D. Roberts)  
Morris, Tony: Pvt. Rct (S-D. Roberts)  
Olson, Larry: Pvt. Rct (S-Kisner)  
Kesinger, Dave: Pvt. Assoc/Vet.  
Briggs, Mike: Musician.

### Second Section:

Bears, Dave: Corp. Vet.  
Goldsberry, Gaylen: High Pvt. Vet.  
Isam, Randy: Pvt. Vet.  
Powell, Kirk: Pvt. Vet.  
Roush, Loren: High Pvt. Vet.  
Thomas, Chuck: Pvt. Vet.  
Tucker, Jeff: Pvt. Vet.  
Loesch, Justin: Pvt. Rct (S-Roush)  
Root, Sam: Pvt. Rct (S-Bears).  
Siefkas, Kelly: Pvt. Rct (S-Tucker)  
Wade, Ryan: Pvt. Rct (S-Goldsberry)  
Kinsey, John: Pvt. Assoc/Vet.  
Wion, Larry: Pvt. Assoc/Rct (S-Wayne)

## SOME COMMENTS ON THE FIFTH MISSOURI

I had some time to kill in Columbia on 3/11, so I spent 3 hours at the State Historical Society of Missouri going through the microfilm records of the 5th. There are 6 reels; I went through the first four to pick out information about our company & its men. When the info is compiled, it'll be issued as part of the Member Guide - pick your man & research him (I'll let Capt. Bob have first choice of the officers, then decide between Lt McCarty & Lt Atkeson.)

The Fifth Missouri Infantry was commanded by Col. James McCown of Warrensburg. His Major was Owen Waddell of Warrensburg, who was Captain of our company as a state guard unit. The adjutant (until Port Gibson) was James Greenwood of Warrensburg. I'd bet the staff of the 5th had a soft spot for Company A.

Most of the members of Co A served in the State Guard, mostly in Co E, 3rd Infantry, 8th Division. This was Gen Rains' Division; according to O.R., the 3rd Infantry was commanded by a Col. Hurst at Carthage.

I also found out where most of the Companies were raised: A was Johnson County, B & I Macon County, C was Cooper & Polk, D was Polk, Cedar & Green, E was Franklin, F was St Louis, G was Pettis & Henry, H included men from Johnson, Boone & Lewis, K was Dunklin & Stoddard counties. After the 3rd & 5th were consolidated, our Company A became Company G. It appears that Co D was also part of this new company. Many of the men crossed to the Trans-Mississippi after Vicksburg & never returned (a fertile field for further research).

## ***THE MESSENGER***

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:** April 11/12 - Battalion Drill (Wilson's Creek)

April 11 - Warrensburg depot parade & fundraiser

April 24-26: Butler!

May 7: Company meeting, Clinton (Henry County Historical Society) 6:00 PM.