

# ***THE MESSENGER***

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**PERSONNEL:** We've added active members Mike Massey of Huntsville & Jerald Heidgerken of Florida (remember him at Belmud?); Jim Beckner is an Associate member. Congrats to Veterans Kent Ford & Kelly Siefkas. Look for some address changes inside.

**KILLER ANGELS:** I sent out the last update on the 16th to those on my list as attending. If you're attending & didn't get an update, call me immediately! *BULLETIN*. The ANV called - they've made peace with the movie & more reenactors are needed for several weeks!

**MCWRA MEETING:** We discussed the free access policy at length: it appears that there is some willingness to move toward allowing sponsors to charge a small admission or parking fee to cover costs of putting on an event. There is a great deal of opposition to anything that smacks of profiteering. Major events will be Honey Springs, Athens & Belmont. The other major issue is a request by LUAS for \$1500 in MCWRA money to sponsor the ball. See the minutes or talk to Dave K or Bill for more details.

**PERRYVILLE:** I currently show 26 men & 3 ladies for Perryville, 18 men & 2 ladies paid. Glasgow is the drop dead date!

**THE WEDDING:** Gaylen & Charlene will marry at 5:00 PM, Saturday, August 29th, at Shoal Creek Village, Hodge Park, Liberty. The wedding, followed by a reception, will be outside; all members of the 5th are invited. If you have a full generic Reb impression, wear it, especially if you can furnish a saber for the saber arch. However, don't let a lack of proper uniform keep you from attending. To find it: Take I-35 north to MO 152 (Liberty). Go west on MO 152 about a mile to the Hodge Park exit, exit right, then turn left on the frontage road to the Hodge Park entrance. Turn right into the park, then park in the parking lot. Walk in the entrance about 150 yards to the barn & look for the tents.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** We'll have a recruiting meeting on Wednesday, Aug 12 near the NW corner of Liberty Park, Sedalia. Go north from US 65/US 50, turn east on 3rd St, & follow around park until you see us. September meeting is set for Tuesday, Sep 22, at the Old Courthouse Museum in Warrensburg.

## **ACTION REPORT, VICKSBURG**

To: Capt Koffman.

I had the honor (an honor which, I admit, is becoming a bit wearing on me) to command a detachment from our Company at the recent siege of the city of Vicksburg. Sgt Riggs, Corp Bears, Faught & Lee, Pvts C. Thomas, Sifkas, Robertson, B. Roberts, Durrill & Tucker were joined by Jim Beckner of Shelby's Cavalry and Big Sam Kimerer of the 3rd, with his cousin John Johnson. We settled into the less than impressive end of the fortifications, casting a tent fly against the works.

On Saturday we began skirmishing with the Federal fortifications across an open area, maintaining a hot fire that pinned the enemy down and discouraged advances. So pathetic was the opposing fire that our greatest foe was the hot Mississippi sun, whose depredations were increased by the humidity. We were, however, able to leave the lines for the scant shade of a fly during the frequent truces.

At 2:00 PM, the Federal artillery launched a heavy barrage, followed by an all-out assault on our lines. Our part of the line enfiladed their attacking forces, & we used this to great advantage as we raked them with our typical rapid rate of fire. The Federals soon asked for a truce & withdrew their dead & wounded from the lines. Corp Bears & Sgt Riggs were slightly wounded.

No further actions took place on Saturday until well after dark, when a brisk firefight developed with Yank skirmishers. We were unable to tell what effect our fire had, since the Yanks were hurling more imprecations than lead & we didn't diminish their vocal assault.

By Sunday morning, it became obvious that our Generals intended to surrender. I then authorized such of our men who felt it advantageous to escape prior to capitulation. Corp Bears & Lee took immediate advantage by smuggling their families out through the lines.

About 10:00 AM, the enemy launched a series of probes against our lines, covered by fire from their trenches; which we easily suppressed. However, due to the possibility of questions being raised about an illegal parole I was forced to give while recruiting in North Central Missouri in '62, I determined not to be taken prisoner, and slipped through the lines with Pvt C. Thomas, about noon. I understand that Pvt Tucker, along with Big Sam & Mr Johnson, followed shortly thereafter. Sgt Riggs remained in charge of our detachment; his report is enclosed.

*Report of Sgt Riggs.* Vicksburg, Mississippi, Sunday: After receiving harrassing fire and verbal abuse from the enemy, I sought & received permission to charge the Yankee picket line and rout them from their positions. The following men, with little regard for their safety, carried out this order: Sgt Riggs, Corp Faught, Pvts Siefkas, Robertson, B. Roberts, Durrill & Beckner. We surprised the Yankees, totally, and routed them from their position and captured one.

We received the following dispatch immediately after returning to our lines: *To the Commander of the 5th Missouri: My compliments to the unknown soldiers from Missouri who captured the Union soldier on your works. Also, a special unit commendation to you and your unit. General Pemberton. John S. Bowen, Major Gen. CSA.*

## Minutes of Dual Meetings held June 29 & 30, 1992

Dual meetings were held in June 1992; at the Warrensburg Old Courthouse Museum on June 29 & at the Moberly Municipal Auditorium on June 30. The proceedings of each meeting will be indicated as [W] Warrensburg & [M] Moberly. The President called the [W] meeting to order at 7:00 PM: present were Veterans George Ballman, Bears, Daleen, Durrill, Kerksiek, Kisner, Lee, Olson, Riggs, D. Roberts, Sherrer, C. Thomas, & Wayne; Recruits Baker, Tony Morris, Siefkas, Slana, Swigart & Zimmerschied; Non-combatants Pam Baker, Deb Bears, L. Kerksiek, Cindy Lee, Valerie Morris & Julie Swigart; Associates Conner & Kesinger. Guest (of Durrill) was Allen Hawkins of Sedalia. The (M) meeting convened at 7:10 PM with Veterans Block, Koffman, & Wayne (not voting), Recruit Ford, guests Mike Massey, Ron Ulrich (2nd Mo Co K), Pamela Guinnip, & K.P. Wilkinson (Collins' Battery).

On Recommendation of Staff & authenticity officer, Ballman moved, Lee 2nd that "Kent Ford be accepted as a Veteran". Agreed to at (M).

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published. Fundraising report that we are over 1000 tickets sold with the amounts turned in at the beginning of the [W] meeting, & will apply for matching funds from Wal-Mart. talk to Wa. was 875 tickets sold. The Shelby camp, SCV reported being given the run-around at Wal-Mart in Liberty, so they were in a location making it difficult to sell tickets. They questioned if Belton would be smoother; Chuck Thomas promised that it would be.

Bill emphasized the need to get changes of plans to the staff so we can have accurate plans for events. At Macon, we had 24 promise & 14 show (still the largest on the field). Authenticity problems were noted in other units at Macon.

The Authenticity committee stressed shoes, noting that individuals should not buy shoes other than brogans for their first reenacting shoes. Olive drab army blankets should not be displayed.

Signatures on the Safety Roster were obtained. Dave Kesinger had obtained donation of a trauma kit from Inland Chemical of Warrensburg & had purchased a refillable fire extinguisher. Don Roberts moved/Bears 2nd that "Kesinger be reimbursed \$15.62 for the cost of the fire extinguisher." [M - concurred]. A letter thanking Inland Chemical for their donation will be prepared. Safety Officer Sgt Riggs indicated that he would not be reenacting much in the 1993 so was willing to resign as 2nd Sgt now to allow others to gain experience. His offer was strongly rejected.

The Ladies Auxillary showed the new Missouri Brigade (cross) flag they're making & received a round of applause.

The Quartermaster emphasized the need to reserve company gear for events. All company guns & tents are already reserved for Glasgow, so those needing gear for any event need to go through their Corporal to find loaners.

Upcoming events at Vicksburg, Concordia, Warrensburg, Glasgow & Killer Angels were discussed. A head count on the major events was taken & a count of those setting up at Lone Jack (in lieu of Killer Angels) was made. At [M], Ron Ulrich invited our participation at a small event at Athens on Aug 8 & 9. Neil Block suggested the Central Missouri folks would like to stage an execution in Huntsville on 12 Sep while the western group is at the Warrensburg Fall Festival.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Bill briefed that a set of draft By-laws had been prepared & sent to Robert Hawkins to put into legal form. We will then have a chance to review, amend & adopt them; our articles of incorporation will be filed, and we can apply for non-profit status.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Bill indicated that his term on the Board of the Johnson County Historical Society would expire this year & that another reenactor was needed to take his position. Dave Bears volunteered to let his name be placed in nomination.

Keith Daleen presented a report on the SCV's efforts on the joint fundraiser.

The next meeting was established in conjunction with the Living History in Warrensburg on July 25th, 5:00 PM. No agreement was reached on a date for the August meeting.

The [W] meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM; [M] adjourned at 8:05.

Submitted July 1 1992. Bill Wayne, Secretary

## Minutes of Meeting held July 25, 1992

A meeting was held on 25 June 1992; at the Warrensburg Old Courthouse Museum. The President called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM: present were Veterans Bears, Daleen, Faught, Kisner, Koffman, Lee, Riggs, Sherrer, & Wayne; Recruits Baker, Moore, Siefkas, Swigart & Wade; Non-combatants Pam Baker, Tina Douglas, Cindy Lee, Julie Swigart & Sandra Wayne; Associate Kesinger. Tim Rowden of the Warrensburg Star Journal was guest.

On Recommendation of Staff & authenticity officer, Bears moved, Lee 2nd that "Kelly Siefkas be accepted as a Veteran". Passed.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were not reviewed as they had not been published. A letter from the Keytesville Sterling Price Parade committee was read; they request our presence Sep 19th. We will respond after Glasgow.

Fundraising report that we are over 1100 tickets sold with the amounts turned in at the meeting. Matching funds from Wal-Mart have been applied for. Since many members requested MCWRA stickers, the Treasurer will purchase some from the MCWRA Treasurer at Glasgow (for resale at our 25 cent markup).

The Authenticity committee talked about planning for a 'hard-core' event in the future.

Upcoming events at Glasgow, Killer Angels Pilot Knob & Perryville were discussed. Connie McKay discussed the Lone Jack alternative & briefed on the schedule.

OLD BUSINESS: Incorporation: Waiting on the next step from the Attorney.

OTHER BUSINESS: Bill briefed on the MCWRA Board meeting. A LUAS proposal to spend \$1500 MCWRA money on the ball was tabled at the meeting awaiting the sense of the membership. Members of the 5th stressed strong opposition to the expenditure. Bill also briefed the schedule of events & the Free access policy debate. Members of the 5th saw no reason why a reasonable entry fee couldn't be charged for events, to defray the cost of the event.

It was felt that a meeting in Sedalia right after Glasgow might prove beneficial, during the period Aug 10-14. The Septembere meeting was set for Warrensburg, Old Courthouse Museum, for Tuesday, Sep 22.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Submitted 10:07 AM, July 25 1992. Bill Wayne,  
Secretary

## THE HAVERSACK:

**THE DIXIE-BELLE** Historic Recreations, Julie Swigart, prop., will sew just about anything at a reasonable price. Julie's a member of the 5th; her address is Rt 1, Box 53, Higginsville, MO 64037. 816-584-6126 (after 5:00 PM), or visit her in the civilian camp at Glasgow.

**NEED A MUSKET?** A Mr D. Snellen of Jeff City has a '63 Springfield w/ bayonet & a Mississippi for sale. The Springfield (asking \$350) is unfired & the Miss. (asking \$250) has a few rounds fired. Both are Navy Arms (Japan) made. His number is 314-796-3719 (evening).

## ADDRESS UPDATES:

Recruit *Mike Massey* (1/1), Rt 2, Box 26, Huntsville 65259; 816-277-4549. Sponsor: Block.

Recruit *Jerald Heidgerken* (1/1), 768 Olympic Cir, Ocoee, FL 34761; 407-299-6410. Sponsor: Yoakum.

**Change:** Keith Daleen, Rt 2, Box 54C, Sedalia, 65301; 816-826-1549.

Tina Douglas, 5628 N. Gladstone Pl, Kansas City, MO 64109. 816-455-2422.

## PROPOSED 1993 SCHEDULE:

March 5-7: Murfreesboro, TN. National event [Listed].

April 3-4: Crane, MO. Local event. (8th ARK Cav).

April 24/25: Cape Girardeau, MO. Local event. (7th MO Cav).

May 8: Ironton, MO. Living History event. (4th Mo Cav).

June 12/13: Pleasant Hope, MO. Sanctioned event. (3rd Mo Cav).

July 16-18: Honey Springs, OK. MAXIMUM EFFORT approved. (TMR).

July 31/Aug 1: Carthage, MO. Sanctioned event. (4th Mo Inf).

Aug 7/8: Athens MO. Sanctioned event approved. (DNR/Holmes Brigade).

Aug 13/15: Urich MO. Living History event, (Bledsoe's Battery).

Sep 18-19: Fredericktown, MO. Sanctioned Event approved. (7th Mo Cav).

October 1-3: Belmont, MO. MAXIMUM EFFORT Approved. (Big River Vol).

## 1992 SCHEDULE as of 7/29/92

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

**\$\$** Aug 15-16: Lone Jack: LH for those who don't go to Killer Angels. 130th anniv. 30 miles. Let Bill know if you're attending.

Aug 16-22: Gettysburg, PA. Making of movie Killer Angels.

**AUG 29:** Shoal Creek. Honors at Gaylen & Charlene's wedding.

**\$** September 12, Warrensburg: Fall Festival.

**\$** September 12, Huntsville: Execution. Contact Neil Block.

**\$\$** September 19, Keytesville. General Sterling Price Day parade & activities.

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

**\*#** Sep 26-27: Pilot Knob. DNR sponsored. Fight thru town & assault fort. About 220 miles.

**\* 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. See *Event Details*.

**\*#** 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

March 1994, National Event (tentative - may be in trouble) 130th Anniversary, Red River Campaign, Louisiana .

## EVENT DETAILS

**LONE JACK**, August 15-16. Furnishing food, some caps, plus other amenities. Skirmish if enough show. We'll draw for guns at noon Sunday.

**PERRYVILLE, KY**, October 9-11. Registration fee \$2/person goes to battlefield preservation assn, needed by August 1st. Max camp authenticity required. Military weapons only (no Zouaves). Military impression is our generic Confederate. Civilian impression must be functioning! Battalion Max effort.

### TID-BITS from Vicksburg:

On Sunday morning the tents were soaked (without a drop of rain); that's the worst humidity I've ever seen at an event!

The Civilian camp was so far away that I'm surprised anyone survived the walk.

Big Sam found an easy way to stay relaxed & still keep up a rate of fire - he took his chair to the line & didn't miss a beat.

Ask Pvt Robertson to explain the consequences of not carrying adequate feed for the horses while on the move toward Vicksburg.

**CASUALTY LIST:** *Kevin Baker*, bruises from a car running from the cops that hit him on the passenger side.

*Tony Morris*, accident on a back road - not seriously hurt, but grounded.

### CONCORDIA Bushwhacking:

We got bushwhacked! Here we were, empty guns from executing those poor Dutchmen, & a whole bunch of Yanks (?) come out from behind the caboose with guns blazing. Turns out, Crowley's was having a muster just 2 miles from my house, & talked the 8th into joining them for the raid.

I was concerned at first about how the town would take it, but they were happier than a mud-lark after a July thunderstorm (which graciously was delayed until we were all packed up).

Five of us then pulled a raid on the Crowley's camp & shared a few malt beverages. Those who missed the event missed a good time. We were well-fed, & we had the largest event attendance we've had since Butler, both men & ladies.

**OUR PRAYERS:** To Scott Hughes of Shelby's Cav, in serious condition after an operation: cards appreciatef.

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FIRST CLASS



**DATES TO REMEMBER:** August 12, Sedalia recruiting meeting, Liberty Park.

September 12: LH at Warrensburg or Huntsville

September 22, Warrensburg meeting (Old Courthouse)

**BATTLES:** Lone Jack (Aug 15/16), Pilot Knob (Sep 26-27)