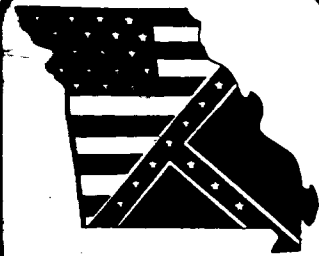


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## Donnelly, Bergman named top Christmas contest winners

by David Christy, Editor

The winner (make that winners) of this year's Youth Christmas Creativity Contest are 16-year old Colleen Donnelly of St. Louis, and 12-year-old Bernie Bergmann of Rolla, Mo.

This year's entries easily are the best overall I have received and judged since becoming editor some years ago, and being asked to judge the contest.

A lot of work and thought went into these entries, and MCWRA should commend the youth of this organization's families for their efforts.

This also was the hardest I have had to labor to reach a decision on the winner of this year's contest, although all the participants submitting entries should receive one of the many donated prizes that contest organizer Dave Kesinger has accumulated.

As befits a large quantity of good entries, this year's winner was a tie between Miss Donnelly and Master Bergmann--both entries were outstanding.

Colleen Donnelly submitted an ink drawing with a Christmas/Civil War theme, and Bernie Bergmann a story about the Battle of Gettysburg.

Other excellent entries received came from 15-year-old Bill Baehr of St. Louis with his pencil drawing; 16-year-old D. Christopher Warren of Farmington, Mo. and his *Moment of Peace* article; *The Best Gift of All*, an article submitted by 11-

year-old **Matthew Warner** of Greenwood, Mo.; a **drawing** by Chris Dodson of Kearney, Mo.; and a drawing from 8-year-old **Marie Warner**, also of Greenwood, Mo.

A pat on the back, a rousing Rebel Yell, and three "Huzzah's" for these entries.

(Colleen Donnelly's drawing appears in this issue, and Bernie Bergmann's article will appear in the next issue of *The Western Campaigner*.)

## Policy changed on room cancellations

Joan Treloar of the Ladies Union Aid Society (LUAS) writes that she has been informed by the Lodge of the Fours Seasons that the policy for canceling reservations is 72 hours notice, not 24 as had originally been stated in the notice about the Civil War Ball March 1, 1997, in Osage Beach, MO.

## Deadline for voting in election extended to January 15, 1997

Just as taxes and death will surely come to us all, so is the annual extension of the deadline for voting in the MCWRA election for president-elect and board of directors. The deadline was extended at the request of organization president Willie Huckabee.

With the Dec. 15 deadline come and gone, the new deadline for filing out your ballot and submitting to MCWRA secretary Janet Hussey is moved to Jan. 15, 1997. Her mailing address is MCWRA Secretary, 1481 State Route O, Fayette, MO 65248.

Please, if you have not filled out a ballot (inserted into the November issue of *The Western Campaigner*), do so as soon as you lay down this edition of the newsletter. An organization is only as good as the people who take part in it, and those who vote for the people that guide it.

~The Editor

### Membership Meeting

The MCWRA general membership meeting will be held February 8th at 10:00a.m.

Location:  
Ramada Inn  
Springfield,  
Missouri



### Permanent MCWRA mailing address


The permanent mailing address of the Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association is: MCWRA, PO Box 417, Fayette, MO 65248. *You must write on the outside of envelope the correspondence is to go to the treasurer, president, etc.*

Send all address changes and dues checks to this address, attention treasurer. Dues are \$8 a year for individuals and \$12 for family memberships.

**Newsletter submissions**

Articles, information on upcoming events, letters to the editor, how-to items, etc., that you would like to see appear in this publication should be sent directly to David Christy, Editor, *Western Campaigner*, PO Box 669, Waukomis, OK 73773.

Lose an item at an event? Find somebody's canteen or bayonet? Have items to sell, or are you looking to enhance your impression? Send your advertisement to *The Western Campaigner*.



The  
Editor's  
Notebook

by David  
Christy



# Calendar of events



Complete information as to contact person and phone number of sponsor or sponsoring unit, amenities, schedule, map or directions, will be included here or in stories in *The Campaigner*, as they are made available by event sponsors.

**1997 Event Dates:**

**FEBRUARY 8: MCWRA MEETING:** Ramada Inn, Springfield, MO, 10:00 a.m.

**FEBRUARY 22-23: ATOKA, OK.** Sponsored by Atoka Historical Society. (Maximum)

**MARCH 1: GRAND BALL:** Lodge of the Four Seasons, Osage Beach, MO. Send ticket checks to Beth Daubin, 308 S. Holbrook, Ft. Scott, KS 66701.

**APRIL 5-6: SHILOH.** National Event, generic 1862.

**APRIL 19-20: BATTLE OF INDIAN CREEK, ROCKY MOUNT, MO.** Sponsored by Wade's Battery. All amenities, potluck dinner, 2 battles, Sat. tactical, ladies tea, picnic basket auction, dance, fashion show. Register by March 1. Home page address information available on world wide web, with pictures of site and information:

<http://internetland.net/~donna/civilwar.html> (Sanctioned)

**MAY 17-18: CARTHAGE, MO.** Sponsored by 4th MO Inf. CS. Contact Ted Prater 316-232-0268 days, 417-781-8874 evenings. E-Mail: [tprater@ibm.net](mailto:tprater@ibm.net) (Maximum)

**JUNE 14-15: COLUMBIA, MO.** Living history, skirmishes, amenities. Contact Karen Ramey 573-874-7636 (Local).

**JUNE 21-22: JEFFERSON BARRACKS, ST. LOUIS.** Sponsored by Jeff City Civil War Hist. Assoc. and St. Louis County Parks. Call Nancy Herndon 314-631-4849. (Maximum)

**AUGUST, DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED:** MCWRA Planning/General membership meeting.

**SEPT. 13-14: MOORE'S MILL, LEXINGTON, MO.** All amenities, prepared meals, sponsored by 6th MO. Contact Allen Conner, 314-642-9200. (Sanctioned)

**SEPT. 20-21: LEXINGTON, MO.** State Guard, battle of hemp bales, downtown scenarios, tour, dismounted cav., only 500-600 reenactors. Contact Janea Fuller. (Sanctioned)

**SEPT. 27-28: LEASBURG, MO** (near Pilot Knob). All cavalry event sponsored by 7th MO and Leasburg Historical Soc. (Sanctioned)

**OCT. 3-5: SPRING HILL, TN.** National event, contact John Beck.

**OCT. 4-5: MELVERN LAKE, KS** (Topeka). Mid-war, contact Dave Smith.

**POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY OR MARCH, 1998:** (Camp Gibson). Campaign style, contact Willie Huckabee. (Maximum)

**US, CS units needed for Inaugural Parade**

Organizers of Governor Mel Carnahan's inauguration have invited Federal and Confederate reenactors to march in the January 13th Inaugural Parade in Jefferson City, Mo.

If your unit would like to participate, contact Dennis Faught of the 5th Missouri Infantry immediately, at 573-636-8336, or e-mail at [fifthmo@aol.com](mailto:fifthmo@aol.com).

Both Missouri Federal and Confederate infantry and mounted cavalry have been requested.

**Extra Battalion sets date change**

This notice is directed to the 4th (Extra) Battalion officers and nco's: as a result of the battalion officer/nco meeting at Prairie Grove, Ark., the date and location of the meeting and school originally planned for Jan. 11, 1997, have been changed.

The new date is February 1-2, 1997, and the location is Joplin, Mo.

As details are finalized, information will be forwarded to the individual company commanders. If you required more immediate information, call Ted Prater at 316-232-0268 (daytime), 417-781-8874 (evenings), or computer e-mail Ted at [tprater@ibm.net](mailto:tprater@ibm.net).

WANTED: Used brogans sizes 4 - 9 for boys forming Cadet Corp. 405-762-7709, Roger Hudgins; or Larry Bryant 405-762-8119.

**Lost**

At Prairie Grove, Arkansas--surcingle on Saturday at the CS cavalry camp, near the old white house. If found, please contact Dennis Long of Shelby's, 1511 NE Florence St., Lee's Summit, MO 64086-5405, or call 816-524-3099.

# Bullet-proof Yanks, Rebs spurious distraction

by Pvt. Shawn W. Bell  
9th Texas Inf., Co. A, CS

How many times have you heard these words? "Those blue-coats must be bullet proof!" "Those reb's never take a hit!" or "Those guys aren't very good shots because nobody is falling!"

You probably hate hearing it as much as you hate saying it. Fact is we all have said it, heard it or even been accused of it, either by our comrades in arms or fellow reenactors and unfortunately, spectators.

We have tried lotteries and marking cartridges and none of these seem to work, so it's up to the individual to make the decision of when to receive his own *Red Badge of Courage*.

Granted everyone wants to burn some powder and sometimes it is too hot to lie on the field. It's up to the event sponsors and army commanders to make up the scenario's of the battles. It is up to each of us to make the decision to take a hit.

From personal experience, I know the gratification of seeing someone fall after a company or battalion volley at 50 or so yards. It's like a compliment to those in the rank and file or the cannoneers who just fired the volley.

I have seen many times and have been involved in situations where I stood in the ranks facing the enemy at close distance exchanging fire intensely, only to see 2 or 3 people fall. At this distance many men would have fallen, no matter their cause for fighting or their rank, by either musketry or close range artillery fire.

It's great seeing and giving reactions to the battle. Several of us in the company will duck as if there were five rounds being fired over our heads and through our ranks. At times I've seen 2 or 3 deserters just take off running for the hills, only to be shot at by the non-coms and officers.

Someone may kneel to help a noble comrade, who has fallen from a hit, or help them get a drink of water and check to see if they're okay. As we are doing all of this we are still trying to keep the dress of the company in order.

Seldom do all of us live to the end of

the battle, but some of us do. It has been said in our company that we are known for our canister hits.

When I have decided to take a hit, I always put safety first for myself and the people around me. When I take a hit, my musket is always cleared of powder and

the hammer is down. I try to let my comrades know that I am about to take a hit, just in case someone else is thinking the same thing. I check the ground to make sure that I have a good place to fall, not on any rocks or cactus, etc.

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## Lost

Muzzleloading single shot Kentucky pistol, CVA with U.S. branded in wood. Lost at Prairie Grove, Ark. Call 573-348-0202, or 573-392-1942.

# Bullet-proof Yanks, Rebs a spurious battle distraction

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I am also thinking about what kind of hit I might take—mortal . . . groin; head; abdomen; chest or disabling . . . arm, hand, leg, foot, etc. When I have made the decisions to fall, I'll look around the front for someone firing in the direction of my company. As soon as they fire, I'm down.

There are several ways to make a hit seem more realistic, such as acting stunned, screaming, going into shock, looking dismayed while reaching for a helping hand, and losing and regaining consciousness.

Some of my comrades and I have even tried bloating at the warmer events. It's not much fun to see or hear guys sitting up, talking, and taking in the rest of the battle. Acting as if you were wounded is a better way of doing this.

I always try to drink plenty of water during the battle and after I've been shot. So I take a drink when I can. I know that lying on the field of battle is just as hot as being in the ranks, sometimes hotter.

There are also times when I'd like to

take some pictures. One way I have found to do this without being too obvious to the crowd is to take a handkerchief and wrap the camera in it. Then, as if you were going to wipe your face with the handkerchief, take a picture.

Wars are hardly fair, death is never elegant. As we portray these men who gave so much of themselves in their unselfish sacrifices, let us all remember our true interpretation is our admiration to their lives.

## For Sale

Civil War McClellan saddle, '04 tree, Indian Wars McClellan saddle, new & complete set saddle, bridle, breast collar, crupper etc. Civil War ambulance (Rutgar Pattern). New black leather boots (for cav) size 9, \$30. Horse harness & wagons; sleigh bells, grey wool pants (new size 30) \$30; original cavalry US saddle bags, brown. Contact J. Flint Smith, 314-376-7553.

# Sigel letter traces Union forces route

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guides and some cavalry to assist me and let me know the exact time when I should move. I then asked him, whether on the arrival of my troops near the enemy's position, I should attack immediately or wait until we were apprised of the beginning of the attack by the troops under his own command. He reflected a moment and then said, "wait until you hear the firing on our side." The conversation did not last long, about ten minutes. Between 4 and 5 o'clock in the evening I received the order to march at 6:30 p. m. At the precise time I was ordered to march and I marched due south half an hour before that time, at 6 p. m. I had two companies of cavalry under Capt. Eugene A. Carr and Lieut. Charles E. Farrand joined us, also the guides. By order of Gen. Lyon I left two pieces of artillery and two companies in Springfield, so that my whole command now consisted of 8 comp's of the 3d Mo. Inf., 9 comp's of the 5 Mo. Inf. (total 912 men), 6 pieces of artillery (85 men) and the two comp's of cav. (121 men), in all 1118 men. I think I have now answered your questions "where I separated from the main army" and "how many men were in my command." As a matter of interest, which became fatal to us I would add, that the 1 Iowa was dressed in a grayish uniform.

Resp. and truly yours,

F. Sigel,  
Late M.G.

P. S.—I remember that the principal guide who led the column from the Yokermill road and the byroad through the woods into the rear of the enemy's camp was a tall young man of about 25 to 30 years. We reached the neighborhood of the hostile camp about 12 p. m. on the 9th after having made a long detour. When I visited the battlefield in 1887 (?) Col. Boyd of Springfield, was with me. I think we traced the line of retreat of our column pretty well.

## Still some MCWRA by-laws, policy and procedures handbooks remain

Attention NEW MCWRA members. In 1996, then president Steve Allie compiled an outstanding reference booklet of MCWRA By-Laws and Policies. A limited number of these booklets remain.

If you do not already have this booklet and wish to receive a copy, please advise MCWRA secretary Janet Hussey, 816-248-3426.

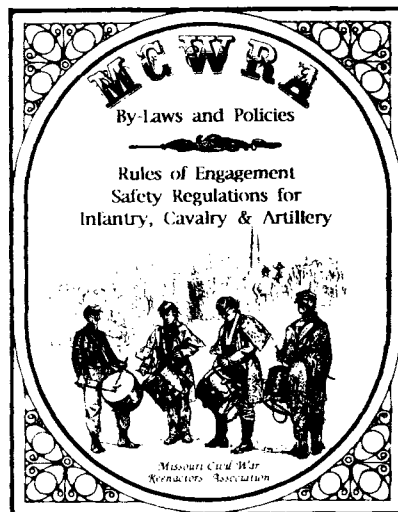
Supplies are limited so you are asked to please not request this booklet if you received one earlier this year, since it is the same booklet.

As a reminder, the cover of this booklet is reproduced at right.

In addition, a small number of booklets are also available from *The Western Campaigner*. Call David Christy at 405-758-3255 days or 405-758-3886 evenings.

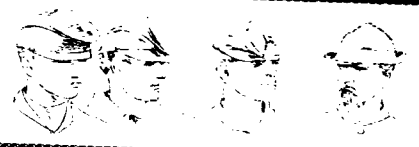
The booklet contains the basic organization of MCWRA with rules

engagement for infantry, cavalry and artillery, along with safety rules and regulations.



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# MCWRA member unit newsletters, publications



- ◆ **Journal:** 9th Texas Infantry Co. B CS. Editor John Beck, 3506 S. Knight, Wichita, KS 67217 (316-942-2690).
- ◆ **The Border Star:** Publication of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri. Editor Sonny Wells, CW Round Table of W. Mo., 1209 Skyline Dr., Liberty, MO 64068.
- ◆ **The Shrapnel:** 3rd Battalion 1st Missouri Light Artillery. Editor Walt Larson, 401 E. Main, Washington, MO 63090 (314-239-0977).
- ◆ **Gates Weekend Warrior:** 1st Missouri Cavalry CS. Editor Doug Moody, 4624 E. Shelby Rd., Fair Grove, MO 65648 (417-759-6351).
- ◆ **Loyal Ladies' Announcer:** Organization of the Ladies Union Aid Society (LUAS). Editor Teresa Hale, 1521 Franklin Ave., Lexington, MO 64067 (816-259-2062).
- ◆ **Shelby's Mule:** Newsletter of the Iron Brigade, Shelby's 5th Missouri Cavalry CS. Editor Scott Hughes, 8124 N. Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64118-1148 (816-468-6711).
- ◆ **The Guardsman:** Newsletter of the 4th Missouri Infantry CS. Editor Ted Prater, 3028 Kansas Ave., Joplin, MO 64804 (417-781-8874).

- ◆ **The Kansas Soldier:** 1st Kansas Infantry US, and the Women's Relief Corps. Editor Celia Mater, 108 S. Logan, Newton, KS 67114.
- ◆ **Journal:** 9th Texas Infantry Co. A CS. Editor Brian Albert, 1431 W. Pine, Eldorado, KS 67042 (316-322-9817).
- ◆ **Missouri Telegraph:** Erwin's 6th Missouri Infantry. Editor Mark White, 1017 SW Twin Creek Dr., Lee's Summit, MO 64081 (816-296-7950).
- ◆ **The Rammer and Shell:** Battery B, Frontier Brigade US. Editor Merle A. Hodges, 850 S. Santa Fe, Salina, KS 67401-4950 (913-827-5451).
- ◆ **Buck & Ball:** 8th Kansas Volunteers US. Editor Melissa Hodges, 100 Mount Barbara, Salina, KS 67401.
- ◆ **Newsletter:** 9th Kansas Cavalry Co. G US. Editor Mike Bush, Rt. 1 Box 66, Havana, KS 67347.

- ◆ **Bonnie Blue Bugle:** CLO (Confederate Ladies Organization), Editor Karen Zeller, 522 E. Washington St., Belleville, IL 62220.
- ◆ **The Army Argus:** 4th Battalion CS and 21st Missouri Infantry US. Editor Tom Dyer, 444 N. Missouri, Liberty, MO 64068 (816-781-9631).
- ◆ **40 Rounds:** 13th Infantry Co. D., US. Editor Gayle Melcher, 622 3rd Ave. SW, Pipestone, MN 56164.
- ◆ **15th Arkansas CS Newsletter:** Editor James Starbird, 503 Robin Lane, Van Buren, AR 72956-2535 (501-474-9727).
- ◆ **The Trans-Mississippi Rifles Gazette:** 3rd Louisiana Infantry CS. Co-Editors Lynn Shackelford and Ray Soutere. Contact Lynn at 4070 Fred Stevens Lane, Choctaw, OK 73020 (405-390-9444).
- ◆ **A Call To Arms:** 10th Kansas Co. A, US. Editor Tom Poppie, 1585 Washburn Dr., Norman, OK 73069 (405-390-2576).

ES If you are editor of an individual unit newsletter and would like to be listed here, send copy, or name of publication, unit number, editor's name, address and phone number to: Western Campaigner.

For more information on general membership contact: 2-222-2222

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