

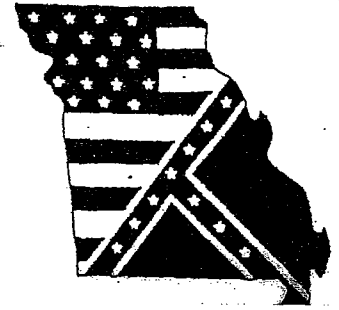
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we wrap up this year, I think it only appropriate that we reflect back on the past year and be glad that we live in the greatest nation in the world, one where we can say what we want and do what we want with only minor limitations compared to many other countries. It is also appropriate that we remember that although we are reenacting two opposing sides in a bloody internal war fought many years ago, in the real world we are all of one nation and must stand together to defend that nation. Let us never lose sight of who and what we are and how we came to be the nation that we are. We should daily give thanks not only for those who came before us but also for those, both military and civilian, who are, today, defending our freedom to do the things we do. God Bless America!

Your Obedient Servant,
Terry Cadenbach, President

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**Friends of the Anderson
House Valentine Ball**
February 9th
Old Lexington Auditorium
Call Simon Lisby,
816-224-3419

HOW IT WORKS . . .

How does the MCWRA insurance work?

The MCWRA insurance is a liability insurance policy that provides 2 million dollars liability per occurrence if a reenactor injures a spectator. This is the only thing that our insurance covers. It does not protect us against anything else, including things such as: you get injured and need medical treatment, property damage, etc. The MCWRA pays a little over \$3,100 per year for the "privilege" of having this coverage. In the days when we only had to have \$1 million coverage we were paying about \$2,200 per year. This insurance allows us to list up to 10 events per year to be covered, and that is where the concept of requiring maximum effort and sanctioned event sponsors to pay \$200 for the insurance coverage comes from. If we had 10 events per year needing the coverage, we would almost break even on what our insurance costs. Today, we don't even come close to breaking even. Listed events may also request the insurance coverage and if the board approves and they pay the \$200 charge, they can also benefit from the insurance. In today's world where we have right at 700 paid members, half of every member's \$10 annual MCWRA dues goes to cover our insurance policy. That is also why two years ago the board voted to require non-MCWRA members at our events to pay \$5 to be covered under our policy for the event. If a non-MCWRA member did not pay the injured spectator, the MCWRA would be liable. This places a level of responsibility on event sponsors to ensure that non-MCWRA individuals and units adhere to the MCWRA safety rules and safety in general.

What do the different types of event status mean?

The following descriptions are taken directly from the MCWRA event packet (revised 8/1/98).

MCWRA Free Access Policy:

No entry fees may be charged to the public for attending an MCWRA event, nor for access to the site of the event or the military camps. (This does not preclude providing preferential services to major event supporters). All advertising and signs must make it very clear that free access is available.

MAXIMUM EFFORT. . . You must be able to involve Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery and Medical scenarios in the event. You should have sufficient space and a sufficient budget for 500 or more reenactors, approximately 25-35% of who will be civilian non-combatant family members. The site must be large enough to handle the group. You should be well organized and have sufficient funds to provide substantial amenities.

SANCTIONED: You desire a smaller event of 200-400 persons or you cannot use one or more of the branches.

LOCAL: You only desire to draw reenactors in your local area, perhaps 200 or fewer. You may restrict one or more of the branches because of location etc.

BENEFIT: You may charge admission as a fundraiser for a specific worthy cause, preferably related to historic preservation. However, you must put all entry fees into the worthy cause; you MAY NOT use any to defray the cost of the event. A financial report to the MCWRA will be required following the event.

LISTED: You wish to be listed on our calendar but do not want MCWRA insurance coverage or cannot comply with the MCWRA free access policy because of constraints at the site. You

probably should not expect a substantial MCWRA turnout. We will not list an event that conflicts with a maximum effort event.

MCWRA MEMBERS . .

My name is Hal McNeal, and I'm a member of Collins Battery with Norman Rohlfing. I teach an eighth grade Civil War History Class. I would like to try to get a guest speaker or two from our group, either man and/or woman to speak about Missouri in the Civil War. I know there are members around the Tipton/California area. Most of our group is from the Boonville and Fayette area, which is still a good measure away. I would like to invite anyone close by to contact me, and I will be glad to try to work around their schedule. They can contact me at California Middle School at 1-573-796-2146, at home at 1-660-882-9061, or by E-mail at hrcmcneal@mid-mo.net.

Thanks again for your help.

Hal McNeal

1st Sgt., Collins Battery

MCWRA BOARD MEETING

Saturday, February 23, 2002

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Meeting

11:00 a.m.

OPEN BOARD

meeting: 12:00 noon

The original date selected for the board meeting and ball was taken when the Morehouse event changed the date of their event.

All of the other weekends in March at the Wentworth facilities were unavailable to us, so we ended up in February.

The dinner, ball and reservation information will be provided to you in the next issue.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST MCWRA

[http://members.tripod.com/
~MCWRA](http://members.tripod.com/~MCWRA)

Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table

<http://www.mmcwrt.org>

Quantrill Society

[http://www.geocities.com/
quantrillsoc](http://www.geocities.com/quantrillsoc)

How To Order Military & Pension records for Union Civil War Veterans from the National Archive

[http://www.oz.net/cyndihow/
pensions.htm](http://www.oz.net/cyndihow/pensions.htm)

Sterling Price Camp, No. 145 SCV

<http://www.sterlingprice145.org/>

James Country

<http://www.jamescountry.com>

Blue & Grey Book Shoppe

<http://www.blueandgrey.com>

Missouri Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

<http://missouridivision-scv.org>

Historical Tours/Leadership Training, Dave Chuber

www.MPRI.com

Vintage Riding Temple Glasses

[http://www.metiques.com/catalog/
ridingtemples.html](http://www.metiques.com/catalog/ridingtemples.html)

Fall Creek Sutler

www.fcsutler.com

Friends of the Anderson House

[http://www.geocities.com/fotah200
1/index.html](http://www.geocities.com/fotah2001/index.html)

Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation

www.minecreek.org

WEBSITE PIRATE'S?

You just never know what it will be next! It looks like two of our members' websites have been the victims of opportunity in the smut and porn world. Apparently there is a new trend for smut promoters to grab up recently used but re-released website addresses. A shocking example of this is what has

happened to the Missouri Division SCV and the James Country Mercantile sites. Their old site addresses previously listed are now porn sites! It is my understanding that this is illegal but a hard road to pursue as it takes prosecution efforts from the original url owner. Unfortunately, this is a long and expensive fight and most often nothing is done about the pirating. PLEASE take note of the new site addresses below - **Missouri Division SCV** <http://www.missouridivision-scv.org>
James Country Mercantile <http://www.jamescountry.com>

Minutes from the November 10 Board Meeting held at Albertson's in Republic, Mo.

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m. with a quorum present. Minutes from the August meeting were approved. Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Current balance is \$8,190.52 in checking and \$1,064.69 in the escrow account.

John Martin requested that the Danville event be added back on the calendar of events for next year on October 18-20 and is a LISTED event. Contact is Paul Imler

The three proposed by-laws changes previously published were approved unanimously. They are summarized as follows:

- 1:** By-laws may now be changed by 2/3 of the voting membership present at the meeting instead of a 2/3 vote of the full membership.
- 2:** Instead of the requirement of a meeting on the second Saturday of November, the by-laws were amended to read "the meeting to be held at a time and place as directed by the board."

3: The by-laws were amended to allow the secretary and treasurer to be appointed by the board from the membership at large and no longer be required to be a board member. This was further clarified that if a non-board member were appointed to either of these positions, they would not automatically become board members also.

A policy change discussed at the August meeting was voted on and approved. This change lowers the number of members required for an Infantry or Dismounted Cavalry unit to come off probation and remain a viable unit from 18 to 10 men.

The Wentzville Max Effort event has settled on its dates for 2002, which will be June 8-9, 2002. As voted on at the August meeting, Bledsoe's Artillery is officially removed from probationary status. Foster's Light Artillery requested to come off probation. Mike Roderman of Mo 2nd Artillery is the sponsoring unit and recommended they come off. Motion passed. Due to some conflicts with events in March and April, the date of the next meeting was not yet set.

As a result of the by-law changes approved, the following appointments were made by the board:

MCWRA Secretary in now Janice Toms. MCWRA Treasurer will be Susan Church, as soon as the transition can be made.

LIQUIDATION SALE

- Shirts, various colors all XL
\$10.00 ea
- Canvas broadfall pants 38w X 32L
\$15.00
- Blue kersey pants 38w X 32L \$30.00
- Russet Leather cap pouch (new)
\$15.00
- Black leather gear \$60.00
- Grey Great coat (46) \$160.00
- Camp stool w/back \$15.00
w/o back \$5.00

Civilian black wool sack coat (46)
\$30.00
Civilian black wool dress coat (46)
\$40.00
Richmond grey wool pants, vest,
jacket \$90.00
Black kerosene, 20 candle lanterns
(NEW).\$15.00 ea
Tin, 12 candle lantern.\$10.00 ea
Gum Blanket. \$20.00
Poncho \$15.00
Red Mechanics cap.\$5.00
Large Rubber Maid coolers
.\$10.00 ea
Other miscellaneous items for sale
too numerous to mention.
Call Dan Keeslar 417-888-0437 or
email to dankeeslar@home.com

**Early American
1750 to 1865 Militaria
Swap Meet & Sale
February 23, 2002
St Louis, Missouri**

This sale is being held at Grant Shelter in Jefferson Barracks Park. This show will encompass the time period of 1750 to 1865, and possibly earlier. Vendors will be able to sell authentic and reproductions items and weapons (black powder only). All proceeds from this event will benefit the Visitor Center Building Fund of the Friends of Jefferson Barracks. Vendors fee for 6ft table rental is \$10.00 per table. Registration for table rental must be in by February 1, 2002. Spectator admission is \$2.00 per child up to 12yrs of age and \$3.00 per adult. For information on table rental, etc... Please contact: Mike Pierce (314) 481-1967, e-mail to stlreb@altavista.com, write to 5047 Tennessee St.. Louis, MO. 63111-1623. or Edie Ross (636) 456-9322, e-mail edieross@juno.com or snail mail 1808 Hwy U, Warrenton, MO. 63383.

**General Harris Sword
Returns**

After the September 1861 Battle of Lexington, the officers of General Thomas A. Harris' command presented him with a sword and scabbard commemorating his deeds on the battlefield, including his successful strategy of using hemp bales as mobile breastworks to advance upon Union soldiers. The sword and scabbard are heavily engraved with symbolism related to the Southern cause and the Battle of Lexington.

The Harris sword ended up at the Augusta Museum of History in Augusta, Georgia. Because of its significance to Missouri, the Department of Natural Resources pursued the purchase of the second and contributed about one-third of the cost. The remaining two-thirds of the cost was covered by private donations through the efforts of historical organizations and individuals.

The sword officially returned home to Missouri on November 10. It is now on exhibit at the Missouri State Museum in Jefferson City. Sometime next year the sword will be moved to its permanent home at the Battle of Lexington State Historic Site. Details of the move will be provided in a future newsletter.

**For Your Enjoyment
& Education . . .
Civil War Christmas
Stories**

**Three Years in the Confederate
Horse Artillery, by George M.
Neese; 1911
December 25, 1862**

This is Merry Christmas. This morning we resumed our march early and moved down the Valley nearly to Kernstown, where we encountered the Yankees and gave

them a Christmas greeting in the shape of a few shell. We took the same position we held at the battle of Kernstown last spring. About sixty sharpshooters advanced on our position and attempted to drive us away. We opened fire on them with two guns and fired three rounds, which thoroughly settled the sharpshooting business for this Christmas. Their line fell back in a rather stirred-up mixture, and that was the last I saw of the sharpshooters. We remained in battery till sunset, to see whether the Yanks intended to advance on us in force. Their infantry camp was not far away, for I heard their drummers beating the long roll immediately after we opened fire on their sharpshooters. After dark this evening our cavalry kindled campfires all around the place we held today, to make the Yanks believe that we were many, and still holding the position. We fell back to Middletown and camped.

Christmas, December 25, 1863
Bright Merry Christmas is here again, and so am I, right in the breezy woods to enjoy it, unhampered by the restraints of custom, the fetters of fashion, and thralldom of etiquette, ready and willing to hide away a first-class Christmas dinner if I had it. I am glad I am alive and whole, for during this year many a poor soldier whose sun of life glowed in the very zenith of manhood and glory was cut down and immolated on the altar of his country, like the full blown rose that sacrifices and casts its beauteous and fragrant petals on the altar of the passing storm. At sunrise this morning we fired two rounds from our guns in commemoration of the birth of Him who said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth."
The menu of our Christmas dinner was composed wholly of beef with

gravy and corn bread. Our mess was afraid to try anything new, as it might throw us headlong on the sick list in the busy season of house building. I was hard at work all day, getting raw material for the business end of our culinary department.

Home Letters of General Sherman, Edited by MA DeWolfe Howe, New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1909 Seminary, December 28, 1859

"I had rather a lonely Christmas, nobody here but my poor drummer and myself. The three negro women rushed to my room at daylight and cried 'Christmas gift, Massa'; and the negro boy, Henry, that chops wood, and the old negro woman, Amy, that cooks in an outhouse for the carpenters, all claimed 'Christmas' of me, thinking I am 'Boss' and rich as Croesus himself. I disbursed about \$5 in halves, for each of them had done me some service uncompensated. The old cook, Amy, always hid away for me the last piece of butter, and made my breakfast and dinner better than the carpenters', always saying 'She knowed I wasn't used to such kind of living.' She don't know what I have passed through..."

Savannah, December 25, 1864

"This is Christmas Day and I hope truly and really that you and the little ones may enjoy it, in the full knowledge that I am all safe after our long March. I am at this moment in an elegant chamber of the house of a gentleman named Green. This house is elegant and splendidly furnished with pictures and statuary. My bed room has a bath and dressing room attached which look out of proportion to my poor baggage. My clothing is good yet and I can even afford a white shirt. It would amuse you to see the Negroes; they flock to me, old and young they pray and shout and mix up my name with that of Moses, and Simon, and other scriptural ones as

well as 'Abram Linkom,' the great Messiah of 'Dis Jubilee.'

" There are many fine families in this city, but when I ask for old and Familiar names it marks the sad havoc of war. The Goodwons, Teffts, Cuylers, Habershams, Laws, etc., etc., all gone or in poverty, and yet the girls remain, bright and haughty and proud as ever. There seems no end but utter annihilation that will satisfy their hate of the sneaking Yankee and ruthless invader. They no longer call my army, Cowardly Yanks, but have tried to arouse the sympathy of the civilized world by stories of the cruel barbarities of my army....

Adventures of an Army Nurse in Two Wars, Edited by James Phinney Munroe, Boston, Little, Brown, and Company, 1903 Morehead City, December 25 [1864].

I should feel "meaner than pulsey" for not having written if I had not a tip-top excuse. I never did accomplish so much, I think, in one week before. Tuesday brought your letter, also the box; but then I was too deep in Christmas preparations to think of anything else. You know we have never been paid yet. The black women were perfectly destitute, they really had nothing to wear,-- and such unmitigated growling. So Doctor said I had better take some bed-ticks and give them dresses; also some coarse underclothing....

The Louisiana Steam Cotton Press December 25, 1863

Friday. Christmas, and I forgot to hang up my stocking. After getting something to eat, we took stock of our eatables and of our pocket-books, and found we could afford a few things we lacked. Gorton said he would invite his horse-jockey friend, James Buchanan, not the ex-president, but a little bit of a man, who rode the races for a living. So taking Tony with me I went up to a

nearby market, and bought some oysters, and some steak. This with what we had on hand made us a feast such as we had often wished for in vain. Buchanan came, with his saddle in his coat pocket, for he was due at the track in the afternoon. George and Henry outdid themselves in cooking, and we certainly had a feast. There was not much style about it, but it was satisfying. We had overestimated our capacity, and had enough left for the cooks and drummer boys. Buchanan went to the races, Gorton and I went to sleep, and so passed my second Christmas in Dixie. At night the regiment came back, hungry as wolves. The officers mostly went out for a supper but Gorton and I had little use for supper. We had just begun to feel comfortable. The regiment had no adventures and saw no enemy. They stopped at Baton Rouge and gave the 128th a surprise. Found them well and hearty, and had a real good visit. I was dreadfully sorry I had missed that treat. I would rather have missed my Christmas dinner. They report that Colonel Smith and Adjutant Wilkinson have resigned, to go into the cotton and sugar speculation. The 128th is having a free and easy time, and according to what I am told, discipline is rather slack. But the stuff is in them, and if called on, every man will be found ready for duty. The loose discipline comes of having nothing to do. I don't blame them for having their fun while they can, for there is no telling when they will have the other thing.

For more Civil War Christmas stories check out this site.

Civil War Christmas

www.lib.utc.edu

2002 CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT

February 23 Board meeting at Lexington, MO Dinner and Dance. Details soon.

March 9-10 Pea Ridge Preservation March: No battle, 140th Anniversary, no civilians, no mountain howsers, mobile artillery only, march four miles, must galvanize, Feb. 1 deadline on registration. John Beck, 316-942-2690. LISTED.

March 23-24 Moorehouse, MO, near Sikeston: living history, skirmish around history house, powder, 2 battles, Saturday dance, food, all branches, 200-400 reenactors. Contact Tim and Dana Massey, . LISTED.

April 13-14 Boggs Mill, AR., near Fort Smith, contact John Beck. LISTED.

April 27-28 Missouri Town, near Kansas City: CROWS sponsored civilian event, no military, promoting the late 1850s era: presentation of civilian life, first person. Contact Greg Wilson, . LISTED

May 4-5 Arrowrock, MO, 1850's Mounted Rifles, infantry welcome. Contact Jim Beckner

May 18-19 Shoal Creek, near northern Kansas City: historical structures, amenities except food, border warfare, great early war scenes, Contact Clayton Murphy or Jim Beckner, 816-322-3100 or jandjrnch@cs.com. SANCTIONED.

June 1-2 Newtonia, MO. ??? Save the date. Contact John Beck.

June 8-9 Battle of Wentzville, MO two battles, dance, candlelight tour, medical fashion show. Sponsored by 5th MO Cavalry. Contact Emmett Raylor 636-3332-5782

June 15-16 Grand Island, NE. War on the railroad. The train is running. All welcome. John Beck. LISTED.

September 7-8 St. Charles, MO. Artillery and horses limited due to space; 2 lunches, 1 supper, \$50 limit on powder; military and civilian, 2 battles, Sat. evening street dance. (No flags that do not refer to MSG and early war) Contact Sue Riddle or Deby Fitzpatrick. LISTED.

September 7-8 Honey Springs, OK. Contact John Beck. LISTED

September 28-29 Leasburg, MO. General Ewing's retreat, actual date of battle, hospital. Sponsored by 9th MO Battalion Sharpshooters. Contact John Kimmel 636-257-2579, jkimmel@fidnet.com. MAXIMUM

Mexico, MO Muldrow's Raid: Date TBA, 2 battles, candlelight tour, powder, chuckwagon food, walk through time. Contact Deby Fitzpatrick. LISTED.

October 5-6 Jackson, MO Scenario built around steam train. Contact Deby Fitzpatrick, 573-642-7515 LISTED

October 11-13 Perryville, KY North/South Alliance, national event, unbelievable numbers, great event for preservation, on original site, just added 400 acres. Contact John Beck or Jim Beckner LISTED

December 7-8 Prairie Grove, AR: possible night battle. Contact John Beck.