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Dear Fellow Reenactors,

I wanted to say thank you to the members who were able to attend the meeting last weekend. As some of you may know, our daughter has enlisted in the Navy and will be leaving soon for Boot Camp. Shawn and I wanted to spend some family time with her to celebrate our proud family moment. We ask that you keep her in your thoughts and prayers, along with all who are serving to keep us free.

I think it takes a special kind of person to serve in the military, no matter what branch you serve in. I am thankful to each one of you! Want to shout out a big Thank you to Roger Harmon and Kathy Conner for completing the revision of our bylaws and policies.

We will be needing nominations for the following positions: President, and 3 board members by the end of the next meeting which will be, July 20, 2024. The board members whose terms are ending on Dec. 31, 2024, are Kathy Conner (interim board member, Paul Tague, and David Mallory.

Thank you all for keeping our history alive!

Respectfully yours,

Jamie Horan, MCWRA President

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MCWRA BYLAWS and POLICIES REVISED:

The MCWRA is pleased to announce the revision of our Bylaws and Policies. These documents were in need of many corrections and updates to meet the expectations of the membership. The revised documents will be available on the MCWRA website. Any questions? Please contact your Board member. Thanks! Roger Harmon Vice president.

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January 1, 2025, Dues will be change to \$15.00 a year and \$150.00 for a lifetime membership.

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Civil War Veteran Memorial Planned for June 8 2024: A Civil War veteran, Capt. Benjamin Shane Palmer, will receive the lasting recognition he so richly deserves during a Memorial Service and Gravesite Ceremony at Buskirk Cemetery. Family, friends, and anyone interested in Civil War and Scotland County history are welcome to attend the service, which will begin at 10:30 am, Saturday, June 8 of this year. Honors will be conducted by Tiger Camp #432, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in uniforms of the Civil War. Benjamin Shane Palmer served the Union Army in Company C, 21st Missouri Infantry from 1861-1866. The Ohio native moved to Scotland County in 1837 with his extended family and a group of close friends. Originally bound for Kansas, the large party settled in Scotland County when tragedy struck and many drowned crossings the spring rain swollen Wyaconda River. Capt. Palmer died near Memphis in December of 1879. No interment records or headstone had been found for Capt. Palmer, despite his military and community service record. Enter June Palmer Kice, longtime Scotland County farmer, educator, historian, and genealogist. June is Capt. Palmer's great granddaughter, from his second marriage to Arinda Neel, from their oldest son, Porter, and his son, her father, Murl Palmer (his first wife, Waty Dunn, died while he was serving in the war.) June has been researching and preserving Capt. Palmer's storied history for the family and for the Scotland County Museum for many decades. It has continued to be a mystery as to where he had been buried or if there was ever a grave marker. June eventually discussed the matter with Paul Tague of Gorin, a cousin through the Dunn family, and also a member of Tiger Camp #432 of the SUVCW. Paul, working through the Veteran's Administration, and his dedication to the cause of remembrance, arranged to have a proper military grave marker produced for Capt. Palmer. He then organized a team of volunteers to place the marker at Buskirk Cemetery earlier this spring. Paul has been the driving force behind the honors ceremony, and it will be a very special event. Numerous descendants of Capt. Palmer, in addition to June Kice, will be in attendance and will participate in remembering not only his military service, but also his life as one of the early settlers of Scotland County. June Kice's three children still live in the Memphis area; Rhonda Kice Davis, Ronald Kice, and James Kice. Her three living siblings are Doris Palmer Guernsey of Burlington, Iowa, Lyle Palmer of Casey, Iowa, and Wayne Palmer of Quincy, IL. Palmer Family genealogists are hoping other Palmer descendants and other descendants (Neel, Pearce, Dunn, Campbell) from the fatal Wyaconda River crossing will attend and share their stories. Buskirk Cemetery is located at 20540 County Road 508, Memphis, MO 63555. For more information contact Mark Palmer, 713-408-7788 or Paul Tague, 660-216-0083. Submitted by Mark Palmer, great-great grandson of Benjamin Shane Palmer, Dallas, TX. Contact number 713-408-7788.

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JAMES COUNTRY MERCANTILE:

Check out James Country Mercantile website at jamescountry.com for specials. Located at 111 North Street in Liberty, Missouri, they can be reached at 816-781-9473. Jean and Dell Warren can assist you with all your reenactment needs. They have a large selection of civilian clothing, large stock of powder tubes and caps.

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Planning for the Battle of the Mississippi at LaGrange, Missouri continues to go well. The reenactment will include a busy School Day and battles on Saturday and Sunday. Activities for ladies and children will be included. This reenactment gives you the unique opportunity to battle on the banks of the Mississippi River. Also, a generous bounty is being offered to cannons. Se you at the reenactment on September 13, 14 and 15! Please contact **Roger Harmon at 816-699-8647** if you plan to attend. The city would like to have a number as to who plans to attend for the dinner that will be provided.

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Events for 2024:

- April 23 Bowling Green up north of St. Louis just a one-day event. At the VFW Post 5553 505 VFW Road Bowling Green MO 63334. Contact: Mandi Bryant email: mesunshine2@yahoo.com
- June 1-2 Pittsfield, IL – Lincoln Days
- June 8 Memorial Service and Gravesite Ceremony at Buskirk Cemetery. Contact Paul Tague 660-216-0083
- June 14-16 Carthage
- August 17-18 Bible Grove contact Paul Tague 660-216-0083
- Sept 5-8 Boonville Contact: Melody Bates 1 660-888-3296
- Sept 13-15 Battle of Mississippi the city of Lagrange, Missouri. Friday 13 will be a school day for regional schools. The 14 and 15 battle will take place on the banks of the Mississippi River. Contact Roger Harmon 816-699-8647
- Sept 28-29 Pilot Knob Contact Terry Cadenbach 314-520-6768 (Maximum Effort Event)
- Oct 18-20 Battle of Westport 160th Anniversary Encampment. Encampment with skirmish and weapons demonstrations. Ladies period fashion show. Would like to have medical demonstrations. Contact Lane Smith 913-207-7591.
- December 6-8 Battle of Prairie Grove, Ark

Events for 2025

- August 1-3 Athens

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July 20, 2024 MCWRA Board will meet at 10am and the General Meeting is at 11:15 am. This will be at Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams St in Jefferson City, Missouri. **Please plan on attending.**

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Nominations: President:
3 Board Members: