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### 2022 Board Officers

President: Jamie Horan  
VP: Eric McNeal  
Sec.: Vacant  
Treas.: Katherine Conner

### 2022 Board Members

Roger Harmon  
David Mallory  
Paul Tague  
Shawn Horan  
Elaine Rasmussen  
Suzen Written  
Heidi Lechner  
Dave Plummer

## Message from the President - Organization Updates

Dear Members:

There are a few things we (the board) are doing to help our organization grow and become one with the future.

1. Our last two meetings we were able to use Google Meet and the last one was through Zoom.

Hopefully more members will be able to take advantage of this technology and be able to attend the meetings.

2. Members of our organization can pay their dues online now with help of Christian Schuster. The address is: <http://secure.golively.org/donate/missouri-civil-war-reenactors-association-inc>. Kathy Conner and I still need to do a little bit of training before we go live. So hopefully we will be going live at the beginning of 2023.

3. The community project is going well, hope members can come to the meeting in December and help with the finishing touches and help spread the Spirit of Christmas.

4. The plan for the next meeting, is to have a short meeting, while the ballots are being counted, we can put the care packages together and distribute them to members who would like to help deliver

them. After the ballots have been counted and we get the results, we can enjoy the pizza and snacks.

Next meeting will be Sunday, December 11, 2022. Board meeting starts at 3pm. The meeting will be at Big Foot Storage, 1214 E. Lee St. Linn, MO 65051.

Our organization has been through a lot in the past few years. I would like to say thank you to

the members who have stayed strong and helped to keep it going. We would not be here today, if not for you.

I am trying to get a list put together of the family members we have lost this year. I would like someone

to read their names at the last meeting followed by a moment or two of silence in their memory. So please email the names to [cwhistory1861@gmail.com](mailto:cwhistory1861@gmail.com).



MCWRA President Jamie Horan

### NOTICE!!!

James Country would like to send a reminder to the reenacting community that they will not be setting up at events. Their store in Liberty however is still open and they are still around to supply everyone.

They have plenty of tubes and musket caps, the usual assortment of ready to wear and custom made clothing, hats, etc.

Del is still doing repairs and is one of the finest gunsmiths around for period weapons.

Visit us on the web at

[www.jamescountry.com](http://www.jamescountry.com)

## Message from the Vice-President

Greetings MCWRA members, I hope the approach of the autumn season finds you well. I for one, know I am looking forward to some cooler weather..

It's been a busy year for the MCWRA board. I believe a lot of good has been accomplished and some things have been done to catch our organization up with the times.

I do stress that the organization took a major hit in the past couple of years and likely lost the trust of many members. As you are aware, trust takes a long time to build and

but an instant to lose.

This board this year, I believe, has enacted policies, made changes, and worked for the betterment of the hobby, not for any personal power or gain.

That being said, it will take long years of this to earn back that trust. I urge our membership, whether active, passive, or if you are considering what the organization has to offer, to give the MCWRA a chance to continue moving forward.

As close knit as our hobby is, there are still many who do not know each other or the various units. If move away from

MCWRA sponsored events, we will find ourselves with conflicting schedules and events, and that will only bring harm to those communities who are trying to promote living history opportunities for us and their community members.

If you have any need to communicate, all of our board members are accessible. You can reach me with questions, concerns, or suggestions at [eric.mcneal@m2ha.org](mailto:eric.mcneal@m2ha.org).

I will respond as promptly as I am able. As the year comes to a close, I ask you to look at the ballots and cast a vote.



The candidates all are individuals who have the best interest of the hobby in mind. Their only agenda is a continued policy of leaving the organization better than when they found it.

Respectfully,  
Eric McNeal

### NOTICE!!!

The MCWRA Have T-Shirts for sale. These will be at the MCWRA meetings and available for purchase. The price has been dropped from \$15.00 per shirt to \$10.00. The sizes available are as follows: Large, X-Large, XX-Large, and XXX-Large. There are many colors to choose from.



As a participant in the 2022 Athens event, I will take the liberty of writing an after-action report.

August 5-7, a small group of reenactors converged on the Battle of Athens State Park. Charles Cunningham served as the unit sponsor with the DNR. The site staff went above and beyond in keeping the reenactors stocked with ice, water, firewood, etc.

The weather was what we expect in August on the river—hot and humid. Saturday was the worse of the two days as Sunday we were blessed with cloud cover and a cooling mist of a rain.

Due to miscommunications and a scheduling conflict, the turnout was significantly lower than years past. Those that were present put on a good show for the crowd.

I would add that this is where it is beneficial to communicate with the organization what events your outfit might be attending. Athens is one of two places that let us reenact on the actual battlefield. Low turnouts such as what we had that weekend won't be received in a manner that would encourage another event. I can't speak for the Battle of Athens staff, but this is something of which we need to be aware.

Communication with the MCWRA Newsletter and website about whatever events you are attending, MCWRA sponsored or otherwise, is always helpful for us to encourage a worthwhile turnout for the events.

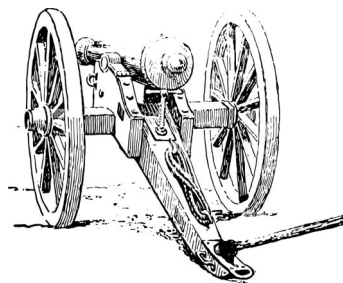
The remaining events on the calendar this year are non-MCWRA events. The 160th Anniversary of the Battle of

Perryville is scheduled for 7-9 October 2022.

The 160th anniversary of the Battle of Prairie Grove will occur on the original battlefield and be held 2-4 December 2022.

If you are attending those events, be safe and have fun! We look forward to seeing what our members do!

- Eric McNeal



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## *Upcoming Events - See Website for More Detailed Information*

These events are not sponsored by the Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association.

### **Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Show**

Location: Boonville, MO  
Dates: 8-11 September 2022  
Contact: Bob Painter  
573-219-7132

### **Battle of Perryville, KY**

160th Anniversary Reenactment on original battlefield  
October 7-9, 2022

### **Battle of Prairie Grove**

160th Anniversary Reenactment on original battlefield.  
December 2-4, 2022

### **Museum of Missouri Military History Living History Event**

Location: Jefferson City, MO  
Contact: Charles Machon  
573-638-9603

For a list of other living history events please visit the following link: <https://mcwra.org/schedule>

There are a number of living history events not sponsored by the MCWRA that may be looking for living historians and guidance.

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## *Suttler's Row*

### **James Country Mercantile**

Del and Jean Warren, Proprietors  
111 N Main St, Liberty, MO 64068  
(816) 781-9473  
[www.jamescountry.com](http://www.jamescountry.com)

Store still open. Come by and see us, Get a jump on your Holiday shopping!!

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### **Adler's Dry Goods**

Knox and Mary Adler, Proprietors  
314-750-0701, [ozarkelect@juno.com](mailto:ozarkelect@juno.com)

We are a Civil War Sutlery and unique gift shop.

Step back in time with us! We have something for everyone!!! From fine china, to cavalry sabers and knives to Uniforms and leather, and period dresses and men's civilian clothing.

Located one mile east of the Hwy 109 and Manchester Rd. intersection, in the old "Grover, MO"

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### **BURNT DISTRICT PRESS**

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 Body wash/loofas Wash cloths  
 Kleenex (individual packs)  
 Body lotion  
 Band-Aids  
 Disposable razors  
 Tooth brushes/tooth paste/mouth wash  
 Cough drops  
 Mints (hard candy)  
 Nail files  
 Combs/brushes  
 Body sprays  
 Books  
 Colors and coloring books  
 Pens/pencils/small writing tablets  
 Puzzles  
 Find a word books  
 Cards  
 Individual snack crackers  
 Wet wipes  
 Pop up (fidget toys)  
 Calendar

As mentioned in the previous letter of MCWRA President Jamie Horan, for the Christmas and Holiday Season, we are hoping to provide gift baskets of useful items for veterans in nursing homes and living assisted facilities. It would be helpful for those, who are interested in participating if the items could be sent to President Horan by the end of October. In meeting this time line the organization will know what we need to purchase in order to finish filling packages and get them out to our various communities for the holiday season. It is hoped that at our last meeting of the year we can get together for our business and then finish putting these together and send them home with individuals to be delivered to the recipients.

To the left are examples of things that are often sought after. Please be considerate that items for both men and women are needed. We are all tight in these rough economic times, but this is also an opportunity to shine light into the lives of individuals who may not normally find joy during the Christmas season.

Contact President Jamie Horan for information on where to send the goods.

**NOTICE!!!**

Next Meeting: 11 December

at the Big Foot Storage

1214 East Lee St.

Linn, MO 65051

Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m. with General Membership  
 at 4:00 p.m.

**NOTICE!!!**

The following sutler sites are posted on our webpage.

**James Country Mercantile**

<http://www.jamescountry.com/>

**Fall Creek Suttlery**

<https://fcsutler.com/>

**Adler's Dry Goods**

<https://www.facebook.com/AdlersDryGoods/>

**Missouri Boot and Shoe Co.**

<https://www.missouribootandshoe.com/>

**Graf & Sons**

<https://www.grafs.com/>





**Business Name**

*James Country Sale*

P.O. Box 296  
Linn, MO 65051

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We're on the Web!!!

<https://mcwra.org/>

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Folks, we have just taken in the gear from a reenactor who must exit the hobby for medical reasons. We have acquired EVERYTHING !

US and CS Sack coats and shell jackets (42,44,46, and 48)	Camp Lantern
1 or 2 Civil Coats (44/46)	Cooking Items and Cups
US and CS Kepis	Canteens, Poncho
Civilian Slouch Hats	1 pair of unsized brogans
Many Shirts sized 42-46	Cap Pouch and waist belt
Civilian Vests same size range	Sewn bayonet scabbard
Suspenders, sewing kit	Sword Cane, Wallet, Cups
Haversacks both civilian and military	Several lidded tins and bottles
Cartridge box with sling	US and CS paper money
Numerous games	Period Eye Glasses
Small sized carpet bag	11 Star First National Flag 3x5
	34 Star US Flag 3x5 (both sewn)
	John Maki made box

All this is here in the store priced at 50% or less of current new retail. This is the perfect offering for new members or recruits, a unit clothes closet, museum volunteers, etc. Speak the word. Call with questions: 816-781-9473.



*About the MCWRA*

**The MCWRA (Missouri Civil War Reenactors' Association)** was organized in 1981 by reenactors who saw the need to set up a structured organization in response to the growing number of reenactors portraying the history of our country from 1861-1865, and to better serve potential sponsors who host living history events.

Visit our website to learn more about us, view a schedule of events, or pick up information on how to host an event. Maybe you are looking for safety rules, or perhaps you are looking to purchase or sell gear that is related to our hobby. Our

website carries that information also.

If you are looking for information on member units and how you might contact one in order to see about joining, our website will carry everything you need to know.

Our organization is in its 41st year and is working to transition with the times and the economy while rebuilding from a rough patch.

Elections will be coming up soon. Be sure your voice is heard. If you are a member and are jaded about the past, please speak to one of our board

members and learn about the direction in which the organization is attempting to move.

We on the board are committed to making sure that the living history hobby continues to bring enjoyment and historical educational opportunities to its practitioners and its spectators for years to come!

Thank you for giving us a look!



## *Ballots for 2023 Officers*

### **President ( Choose One to Be Elected) 2 Year Term**

\_\_\_\_\_ Charles “Doc” Cunningham

\_\_\_\_\_ Jamie Horan

### **Board Members (Choose Three to be Elected) 3 Year Term**

\_\_\_\_\_ Dave Plummer

\_\_\_\_\_ Heidi Lechner

\_\_\_\_\_ James Crofutt

\*\*A fourth nomination was made at the board meeting on the 16th instant of August last. Nancy Knotts withdrew herself from consideration via a note written to President Horan on 1 September 2022\*\*\*

Please mail ballots to the following address:

Jamie Horan

P.O. Box 296

Linn, MO 65051

Ballots must have a return address so we can verify you are a member.. Please mark ballot on the outside of your envelope.

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