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## THE WESTERN CAMPAIGNER

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## Message from the President - Organization Updates

Dear Fellow Reenactors,

As you know we had our meeting on June 25, 2022. Here are some of the highlights from the meeting.

The members that were there and the ones who weren't there, were able to have the meeting through Google Meet. I think it went well, just need a better internet connection. At least we tried and know what we need to do to make it work better in the future. Big Thank You to **Heidi Lechner** for helping me with getting this started.

The organization has been asked about taking credit/debit cards for membership dues. **Kathy Conner** and I are working with someone on this request and will have answers

soon. So stay tuned and check our Face Book Page and our website.

Community project to let people know that the MCWRA is still around and we are doing something nice for the communities in where we live. That project is to collect items for Veterans in Nursing Homes and Living Assisted Centers, within our communities. These are a small token to show our appreciation to them and to let them know that they are not forgotten.

I am hoping to have items from all who would like to participate in this project sent to me by the end of October, so we know what we need to get to finish filling the packages. I would like to be able to get these put together and sent



MCWRA President Jamie Horan

out to our communities at our last meeting, so some of you can take some and deliver to the veterans in your area.

I am also asking other community members, if they want to help us this, I believe in doing this we can work together. If you would like to contribute you can go to Amazon and get things in bulk for a reasonable (continued on page 2)

## Message from the Missouri Civilian Corp

Greetings from the Missouri Civilian Corp. The MCC continues to grow as living history presentations gain in popularity.

We look forward to contributing to the Battle of Athens and the Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Show at Booneville, Missouri.

Your knowledge and skills are most welcome. Membership in the MCC may be in addition to your current unit affiliation. Also, for the "Camp Toads" look to the MCC for a place to call home.

Your contact for the MCC is **Roger Harmon**. Phone: 816-699-8647.



## Message from the President - Continued

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price and have them shipped to me, contact me and I will give you the address, or come to the meeting in December and bring your items and help fill the Care Packages.

I will include a list of items that have been asked for at the end of my letter.

Just a note, our care package may be the only thing someone gets for Christmas, as they may not have any family left! Just imagine the smile on that person's face, knowing someone

cares!

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or need my address contact me, my email is:

[cwhistory1861@gmail.com](mailto:cwhistory1861@gmail.com).

We are needing nominations for the following positions: President, and 3 Board Members. So if you have any nominations, you can contact me or any other board member. We will be taking nominations from now until the end of the August meeting. This should get us into the correct voting

rotation.

EVENTS: Carthage, MO was a good event, even with the rain.

Up Next is Athens, MO contact **Charles Cunningham** for more info at 573-682-1308.

Next Meeting: August 20, 2022 at the Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams St. in Jefferson City, MO 65101, in the **Mark Twain Room**, which is downstairs next to the Computer Room.

Board Meeting at 10:00 with General Membership at 11:00 am.

We have a request for members to do a Living History event at the Steam Engine Show, September 8-11. The location is at the Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Association Grounds. Contact person is: **Bob Painter**, Cell Phone: 573-219-7132.

Please check our website for upcoming events.

Take care and hope to see everyone soon.

Jamie Horan, President

## Message from the Treasurer - Remembering Those Who Pass

**Has a member of your unit or someone associated with the MCWRA passed away? Consider honoring them with a short ceremony at the next event you attend. Also consider contacting the board when this occurs to help with planning such events as well as record keeping.**

Have you notice we are getting old? There have been many reenactors who have passed away . I remember we used to honor those at a reenactment. It usually happened with a unit doing it. I would like for this to happen at least once a year at an event. Why cant we honor those who passed away that kept this hobby going?

You guys know what you can do, such as Calvary boots in

the saddle, infantry firing a volley, etc. I remember our unit wearing black ribbon all weekend as we knew someone who had passed doing this hobby.

So if you are in agreement lets honor those who have passed. I do not want to make a big issue of this and I don't care if they are a member of the MCWRA. We all know someone that did this hobby

that has now passed.

Maybe this is hitting close to home because I know my husband Todd Conner will be one of these soon. I want him honored at an event as he loved this hobby so much.

So those of you going to Athens I am asking you to do this for those who have passed.

Katherine Conner

## Upcoming Events - See Website for More Detailed Information

### MCWRA Sponsored Events

- **Battle of Athens, 5-7 August, 2022**  
Contact:  
**Charles Cunningham**  
537-682-1308

### Other Reenactment events not sponsored by the MCWRA

**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



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.

## Message from the Vice-President - After Action Reports

Greetings!

Another reenacting season has kicked off with a successful event at the Battle of Carthage which occurred 20-22 May 2022. There are a variety of opportunities coming up that involve either a general living history scenario or sponsorship from the MCWRA.

For this particular reenactment, President Jamie Horan had a packet that proved immensely helpful to all involved. If you are a unit that will sponsor an event, this will certainly prove helpful. I believe it is her intent to use it for future reenactments.

As you might well have noticed, MCWRA Treasurer

Katherine Conner also has brought to our attention that many in our hobby our passing. I share her sentiments on what should be done to honor those who have been active participants within the living history community.

But this also means that we have a great many individuals coming into command that may not understand the ins and outs of being a unit sponsor. I think it would be helpful that, after each MCWRA event, the sponsoring unit would delegate someone to write-up an after-action report with units in attendance, the number of reenactors, perhaps spectator numbers if available, among other things.



These could be shared in the newsletter on a quarterly basis and provided at request for anyone who might have missed an event or might need additional guidance for the proper way of going about doing things. Perhaps your unit was involved in a non-MCWRA event but you still want to let us know what's going on?

### **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.

I think this could help our hobby and those who are new to it understand what we try to do in order to have a weekend of fun and historical instruction.

I hope to be in attendance at Athens. Perhaps I'll see you there.

Eric McNeal

## Carthage - After-Action Report by Captain James Robinson

14 July 2022

Notes on the 160th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Carthage.

Unit sponsor, Robinson's Battery, Captain Jim Robinson commanding.

The reenactment hosted approximately 280 reenactors, plus a few that came too late or failed to register. The artillery was heavier on numbers compared to infantry. Powder bounties were a plus.

On both Union and Confederate sides, cavalry was light with only four Confederate horsemen showing.

Spectator numbers were a little vague though we were told there were approximately 1400

on Saturday and a near equal amount of 1200 on Sunday. The public was charged an entry fee of \$10 by the car load.

We formed the *Battle of Carthage Committee* which consisted of ten individuals. They put together the event in six months. While this was outstanding, having a year to plan would have been much better.

We were able to achieve this largely due to the following thing:

- We had a location that was used for reenactments in the past.

- The City of Carthage provided funding for various needs for the event

- We formed a budget and the funds were procured through tourism grants by the city, state, and a few private donors.

The MCWRA was a little weak on helping with registration, etc., but this was largely because we had only six months to get it together. The registration forms need revising. The people doing the registration had a hard time finding the people's information because the "name" is way down the page, etc.

In my opinion, the MCWRA needs to be able to collect dues on-line.

The main thing we got from the MCWRA was insurance.

Your obedient servant,

Jim Robinson

### **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)

White t-shirts (all sizes) Socks  
Deodorant Shampoo/conditioner  
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 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.

**NOTICE!!!**

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Jefferson City, MO 65101

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**NOTICE!!!**

The following suttlar sites are posted on our webpage.

**James Country Mercantile**

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

**Fall Creek Suttlerly**

<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/>





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We're on the Web!!!

<https://mcwra.org/>

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## *Collins Battery at Tipton, MO*

Every year the little town of Tipton, Missouri, hosts an Independence Day event at the historic Maclay Home.

The building is located in the town of Tipton and was built in 1858 as a girls seminary. It closed when its owner left to join the secessionist forces of the Missouri State Guard.

Following these events, the building was used briefly as headquarters by General John Fremont during his preparations for pursuit of Price into southwest Missouri.

On 4 July the preservation group hosted its 40th Annual Ice Cream Social. Grilled hamburger and hot dog lunches were available for purchase along with ice cream and other home made deserts.

Collins Battery members Hal McNeal, David and Carol Malory, Evan Wright, Kolten Fulks, and Mitchell Moon were in attendance and gave firing demonstrations at 12:00 and 1:30 p.m.

They also engaged in a short scenario where a group of Missouri State Guardsmen were hurled back by Union forces who defended the Maclay Home.

Other than the extreme heat, the event was a success. This has become a yearly event for Collins Battery as it is centrally located for our unit members and enables them to show off their gun and still be home in time for local Independence Day celebrations.



## *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!

