



The Western Campaigner
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President's Corner

Fellow Reenactors.

Please join me in welcoming the Western Campaigner back. President Charles (Doc) Cunningham here.

Regardless of all the rumors going around the MCWRA is still alive and kicking but going thru some restructuring. If you have any questions or concerns, you can call or email me with them. My cellular is 573-682-1308 and my email is MBMS.Cv1War@gmail.com. If I'm unable to answer your call as I'm at work or otherwise busy, please leave a voicemail and I WILL return your call as soon as I can. You could try to text, but I do NOT like to text and prefer not to.

There have been a few small events that have been fun. If anyone has an event regardless of it being a small one day living history or a multi-day event, please let us know so we can help promote it. We've got to help each other to help keep the hobby alive and thriving.

Looking for a location that MCWRA could host an event for members. A small one was held in Kansas, and we'd like to get one set for here in Missouri.

The MCWRA and the hobby are what you make it. Let your voice be heard by showing up to the meetings. It nomination time again, so if you want to make a difference get your name out there.

I look forward to seeing many of you in camp and on the battlefield.

Charles (Doc) Cunningham

MCWRA Meeting: It is very important for someone from everyone's unit to please attend so you will know what is going on with the MCWRA.

Meeting is October 23, 2021

Time is: 10am to 2pm.

Place: Holiday Inn Express & Suites

3257 County Road 211

Kingdom City, MO 65262

573-310-6020

MCWRA UPDATE:

As many of you know your MCWRA board members have been silent for quite a while. While many rumors have flown, your board is quite well, active, and in the planning stages for a great fall and 2022.

We have been working diligently on our upcoming events, insurance updates, and finances.

Many of you probably have heard that a former member embezzled funds from our treasury, and it is true. However, through the use of our lawyer we have secured a pay back, down payment, have liens on all of their assets, and have a payment schedule they are paying back on a monthly basis. They are paying back the embezzled total, interest, penalty, all lawyers' fees, and expenses. So far payments have been on time and uneventful. Many have asked why not prosecute? It was determined that prosecuting would take years, the prosecution would have to take place in 3 different counties, and our lawyer fees would greatly exceed the amount taken. Keeping in mind our main goal was getting the MCWRA funds returned, we, with our lawyer, came up with, and implemented our agreement. We, the officers and board are moving on to doing what we like to do the best, reenact!

Pilot Knob is coming up soon and we hope to see everyone there.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me anytime!

Sincerely,

1st Sgt Dave Plummer

417-773-1457

MCWRA VP

1st ever MCWRA members reenactment is a hit!

We recently voted and approved an event hosted by the MCWRA as a member appreciation event in Easton, Ks. A great time was had by all with multiple scenarios in the old town, battles on the plains and fort, and camping in the same. A watermelon bust was had Saturday night with a few dancers showing up. It was great to finally get to burn some powder and destroy the enemy, whichever side you were on. Your board is considering making this an annual event possibly in a different area each year. Let us know your thoughts at the next board meeting announced in this newsletter!

Your MCWRA Board 1st Sgt David Plummer

THE CAVALRY CORNER

Stories around the campfire

The 8th CSA cav was lined up front into line at a reenactment a few years past. There were about 20 of us with a few new recruits. We were behind a hill, out of sight, awaiting the battle to start. Facing us and in front of us, also lined up was a Federal cav unit doing the same. A new recruit, in whom we had tried to talk out of buying his particular new horse because he was a handful, asked our lieutenant if he could go up the road a bit and work with his horse. The lieutenant agreed and told him to return posthaste when the bugler blew recall. 10 minutes later we hear, "whoa, whoa, whoa!" He and his horse at a dead run, ran right down the middle of the road, between both units, and over the hill. Not a man moved to which the Lieutenant looked over at the Federal commander and said, "that's our scout."

About 5 minutes later a very large horse, with a large Federal rider came bouncing up behind the Federals. It was apparent his cinch was way too loose, and he rode the saddle into the ground, hit, swung his carbine over which hit him in the head and knocked him out cold. Not a Federal trooper moved, at which time the Federal commander looked at us and said, "that's OUR scout." Memories!

1st Sgt Dave Plummer

We had to create a new Facebook page in May 2021. It is the Missouri Civil War Reenactors' Association-MCWRA.

We do have a web page it is MCWRA (Missouri Civil War Reenactors' Association) mcwra.org. Bill Wayne webmaster@mcwra.org. Please review this to see all upcoming events. This has all events, board member information, etc.

If you have paid your MCWRA dues but have not fill out an MCWRA application. Please do so. MCWRA newsletter will be going out by email unless you have stated you want a hard copy on your MCWRA application. Application has where to send dues. If you need to contact the treasurer, Kathy Conner, home number is 660-563-3472. Email is 7oakfarm2@gmail.com

If you receive this newsletter, please make sure your other unit members also receive it. Someone is going to be missed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Charles Cunningham 573-682-1308 or Dave Plummer 417-773-1457.

RAFFLE PRICE LIST

PRIZE	COST PER SPOT
2 TONE PARK LANE NECKLACE DONATED BY: KIM YOCUM	\$5.00 a spot
AFGHAN DONATED BY: CHARLES AND JULIE CUNNINGHAM	5.00 a spot
AFGHAN DONATED BY: KATHY HARMON	5.00 a spot
BABY QUILT DONATED BY: LEGENDS BANK + PICTURE FRAME	5.00 a spot
FREEDOM CUP: DONATED BY: ROGER & KATHY HARMON	5.00 a spot
MCRWA CUP: DONATED BY: ROGER & KATHY HARMON	5.00 a spot
SCENTSY BASKET: DONATED BY KIM CLOUGH	5.00 a spot
3 BOTTLES OF WINE: DONATED BY HERMANHOFF	5.00 a spot
WINE TASTING FOR 4 AT LES BOURGEOIS, ROCHEPORT, MO	5.00 a spot
J. HOUSTON TAVERN RESTAURANT GIFT CARD FOR \$50	5.00 a spot
SWORD (VALUE \$55) & \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO JAMES COUNTRY MERCANTILE	10.00 a spot
SWORD (VALUE \$55) & \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO JAMES COUNTRY MERCANTILE	10.00 a spot
WHERE PIGS FLY, FARM AND PIG MUSEUM, LINN, MO 65051	10.00 a spot
PAMPERED CHEF 11" SQUARE GRILL PAN DONATED BY: MARIAM KUENSTING	10.00 a spot

May have other things there as well. These things will be set up close to Registration at Pilot Knob. Come by and see us!! Jamie Horan

*MCWRA HAS T-SHIRTS FOR SALE. THESE WILL BE AT THE MCWRA OCT MEETING TO BE ABLE TO PURCHASE. THEY ARE \$15.00 A PIECE. SIZES WE HAVE ARE LARGE, X-LARGE, 2X AND 3X. THERE ARE MANY COLORS TO CHOOSE FROM.

NOMINATIONS FOR
MISSOURI CIVIL WAR REENACTOR'S ASSOCIATION

The current Board officials are serving as an interim Board, elections must be conducted prior to January 1, 2022. Nominations need to be received by the October 23, 2021, MCWRA meeting. A ballot will go out as soon as possible by email (if you have an email account) and by mail if you have requested it on your MCWRA application. Votes may be submitted by mail or by email (this will be on the voting application). Guidelines include limiting Board Member to no more than two members from a unit and only one member from a family can serve on the board. To get the board back on track the president will service for two years, vice president for one year. Top three Board members receiving the most votes will serve for three years, next three for two years and the final three for one year. Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter will be Board appointed.

THE INTERTRIM BOARD IS:

President: Charles Cunningham
Vice President: David Plummer
Secretary/Board Member: Jamie Horan
Treasurer: Kathy Conner
Board Member: A. W. (Luta) Klusman
Board Member: Elaine Rasmussen
Board Member: Jeremy Troester
Board Member: Shawn Horan
Board Member: Paul Teague
Board Member: Steve Slater

Nominations for MWCRA 2022 needed are:

President:
Vice President:
Board Members (9):

Name

Position

Please mail to MCWRA % Conner 820 SE 700 Knob Noster, MO 65336 or you may email this to Jamie Horan
cwhistory1861@gmail.com

