



The Western Campaigner: The Journal of the
Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association
February- May 2025

It is with great sadness that I am passing on the news that we lost another member. Joseph Charles Broski passed away on February 21, 2025. He was a reenactor for 40 years, he started with Crowley's 3rd Missouri Infantry, and later joined the 10th Missouri Infantry and Artillery. In lieu of flowers, Joe's family encourages those who knew him to share a story, preserve history or simply enjoy the moments that make life meaningful, just as he did every day!

Our condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed.

Message from the President:

Greetings fellow reenactors. As your new MCWRA President, I would like to express my great thanks for allowing me to represent you!

New this year to the MCWRA is a great insurance policy covering you and your family as members.

Information and support year-round, events for members, newsletters, listing events, open forums, and recruiting tools for units are the norm.

As President I am pushing for an updated website that allows you to pay your dues, vote and post articles online.

A big push this year is the young people who would like to get involved and being able to access unit websites or contact commanders or recruiting officers. We need your info! You all complain about the numbers, so let's make this happen.

Check the MCWRA event schedule as new events are coming in all of the time.

I look forward to a great year and would like to meet each and every one of you.

See you in the field!!

Dave Plummer, President

One of the new things we do have this year so far, is a way to pay your dues online. Here's the link to do that: **<https://mcwra.org/join>**. If you are unable to do this by phone or computer, you can still send information and payment to: Jamie Horan, Treasurer, P O Box 296, Linn, MO 65051.

Sutlers:

James Country Mercantile: www.jamescountry.com

James Country Mercantile

111 N Main St, Liberty, MO 64068

(816) 781-9473

Items for sale:

FOR SALE: GUN CARRIAGE, LIMBER, & TRAILER

Tube Not Included - 48" Carriage & Limber Wheels - Fits ¾-scale Napoleon tube

\$4,600



Contact Randy Baehr

Email: robaehr@earthlink.net Phone: (314) 971-6808

Details at turnerbrigade.org/links/artillery-for-sale

Letter from the editor:

As most of you know I am new to this position and would like some ideas to spruce up our newsletter. I have had a member send me a couple of ideas. One of these ideas would be doing a little bit of history on the units we have in our association and where the unit is located. This may help with recruitment numbers too.

Another idea is to post a recipe, I don't know about ya'all, but I love finding different recipes to share, so here you go.

Very Old Meatloaf Recipe: Original recipe (1X) yields 8 servings

Ingredients:

2 pounds ground beef 2 tablespoons water 1 tablespoon milk

1 cup bread crumbs 1 onion, diced 1 carrot, diced

1 small Granny Smith apple, diced 1 egg

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).

Mix ground beef with water and milk in a large bowl using your hands until beef is evenly moistened.

Mix bread crumbs, onion, carrot, apple, and egg into the beef mixture until evenly integrated.

Form the beef mixture into a loaf.

Transfer the meatloaf to a deep baking dish; tent with a sheet of aluminum foil.

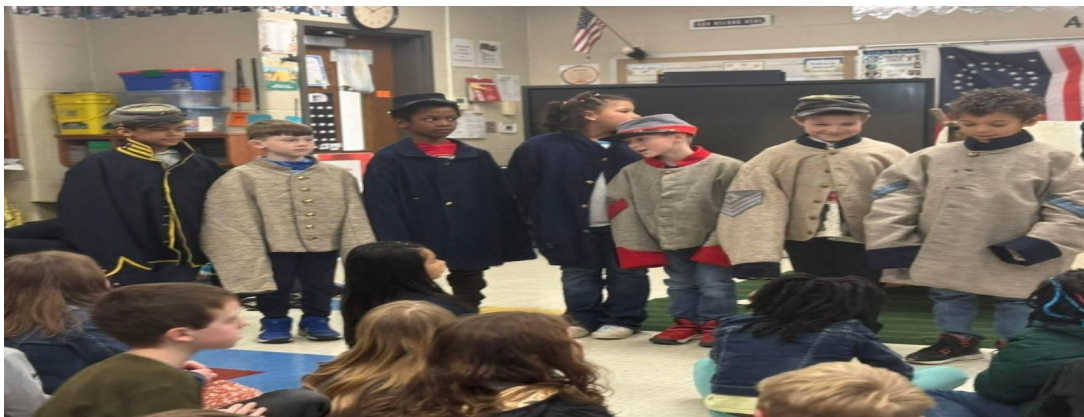
Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour; remove foil tent and bake until no longer pink the center, about 30 minutes more.

If anyone would like to share a recipe, please send to Jamie Horan, P O Box 296, Linn, MO 65051 or email: cwhistory1861@gmail.com

In other news:

We were invited to do a presentation, by Laura Thomas at the East Elementary School, in Jefferson City, MO. After talking with and planning the event with Ms. Thomas, we decided to have a coloring contest, with 3 categories. One being Clara Barton, 2 soldiers, and a soldier kissing his horse (in honor of our MCWRA President). The top ones won a \$10 gift card to Wal-Mart, the ones who entered the contest were given a coupon for a free frozen drink donated by McDonald's in Jefferson City. We were trying to come up with something else to make everyone else feel special. After finding out that a lot of these kids were just getting into reading and a lot of them didn't have books at home, I was able to go to our library in Linn, that has a bookstore, and purchase 100 books to donate to the second grade class.

Dave Abernathy and I went up to do the presentation, it was fun, and very entertaining. We talked about the civil war, asked questions of the students, and had a few minutes for dress up.



Events:

May 17, 2025 - 10:00 A.M. Board & Membership Meetings

Missouri River Regional Library in Jefferson City, MO

214 Adams St., Jefferson City, MO

Membership meeting follows Board Meeting, at about 11:15 a.m.

A School of the Piece, a muzzle-loading artillery safety qualification program for re-enactors and living historians, will be held June 28, 2025, on the grounds of St. John's Lutheran Church, 2149 Lutheran Church Road, Beaufort, Missouri 63013. The program is presented by the National Civil War Artillery Association and the Sons of Veterans Reserve of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A registration fee of \$20 per participant seeking qualification should be prepaid. This fee includes a two-year membership in the NCWAA.

NCWAA staff members will instruct and qualify. Cannoneers successfully completing the course will be issued a qualification card valid for two years.

Crews and guns from all muzzle-loading periods (Civil War and earlier) and serving under all flags are welcome and encouraged to attend. Reenactors who regularly serve artillery are urged to attend, and those who do not regularly serve artillery but who wish to extend their knowledge are also encouraged to participate.

Interested individuals and units should contact Steve Allen, Turner Brigade, at (573) 578-5822, email steveallen855@centurytel.net, for registration materials. Registration forms are also available online at <http://www.turnerbrigade.org/ncwaastl.htm>. Registration will close on June 13. Checks for the \$20 registration fee should be made payable to "HQ 4th Military District,SVR" and should be submitted with registration forms by the close of registration.

Camping will be permitted on site. Signs will be posted with directions. Water and indoor sanitary facilities will be provided free. The nearest motels are about 20 minutes away in Union for those participants who do not want to camp.

Due to the limitations of the event insurance, we ask that no other firearms be brought to the school other than muzzle-loading artillery.

A Friday evening meal, a Saturday breakfast, and a Saturday lunch will be offered by the ladies of the church for a free will offering.

July 26-27, 2025 - Waynesville, MO

August 1-3, 2025 - Athens, MO

Reenactment of 1861 Battle of Athens, on original battlefield

MCWRA Sponsored

Battle of Athens State Historic Site is in far NE Missouri on Des Moines River off of MO-81

Details, etc., TBA

For more information contact: Charles Cunningham 1-573-682-1308

September 26-28, 2025 - Hermann, MO

MCWRA-Sponsored event:

The Battles at Hermann at the Dierberg Farm, Hermann is on the MO River about an hour west of St. Louis

Reenactor info: Friday school day - 2 battles with various skirmishes - Saturday night dance - Bounties paid

Sponsored by the 8th Mo cavalry. To register email Rafterjpranch@msn.com

For more info text David Plummer at 417-773-1457

October 3-5, 2025 - Harrisonville, MO

For more events, check the mcrwa.org website