# The Western Campaigner

# The Journal of the Missouri Civil War Re-enactor's Association

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## Message from the President:



As the President of the MCRWA, it has been a joy to serve you, these past two years. My term expires on December 31, 2026. For the next year, we have great candidates to choose from in both the presidency and board members. Please Vote!

I have tried to update policies and slim down outdated rules during my term. One of which is the rule mandating mail in ballots or snail mail only. No one, or least very few votes via snail mail. We reenact the civil war period but live in the 21st century, its time to prove that. Therefore, I am including a ballot initiative, this year, to allow voting, by all members in good standing, to be allowed to vote via electronic means in any general election or initiative brought forth by the officials and board members. This would streamline our voting, allow more people to vote, and generate interest in our hobby. Please Vote!!

Your elected officials have also been contemplating a broader presence online of Facebook, web pages and other social media. We are losing young people because we don't get our information out and are lax in returning inquiries. In my experience the young people I've recruited fall in love with reenacting after their first event. But we have to peak interest first! It's time to be proactive not reactive if we wish our units to survive and thrive. I would like to see each MCWRA unit maintain an active recruiting officer whose name and contact information is readily available for the new recruit inquiries. It doesn't have to be the commanding officer, just someone with a passion about reenacting, and the ability to show excitement and history to young people. Remember, reenacting is FUN! Let's keep it that way, knock out the drama, bias, insulting behavior, anything that doesn't further our cause. I ride both grey and blue, honoring both sides, galvanizing as needed. I am getting old but I've got children and grandchildren I wish to continue on in reenacting, and have the greatest time, just like I have had the last 40 years!

Thanks for listening and allowing me to be your President in the MCWRA. And again, don't forget to vote!!

Best wishes,

David Plummer

# MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR 2026

**President: Dean Jackson**



Hello!
I'm Dean Jackson a member of the MCWRA and I'm running for president for 2027. I've been reenacting for 25 years and a member of the 8th Mo Cavalry/16th Missouri Cavalry for the same. I live in Springfield, MO and I'm active in my church and community. I would appreciate your vote and with it I plan on moving the MCWRA forward in a great way going into 2027 and beyond.
Thank you!
Dean

**Board members:**

**David Plummer: see message from President**

**Charles Tullock** (no Picture)

Hi, my name is Charles Tullock. And here is a brief background about me. I am a member of the Turner's Brigade, Sergeant of Co. M Light Artillery for the past 30 years. I have been the owner of a cannon for 24 yrs. I am an Instructor at the School of the Piece which is held every 2 years to hopefully get everyone on the same page at an event for safety. I have given suggestions to first time event coordinators, to help them to make their next event better for reenactors so they will want to come back.
I have been to many National Events.

In conclusion I hope I can very helpful with some of my thoughts to the board for the future.

Thank you, Charles Tullock

**Richard Burton**



I have enjoyed being part of the Civil War reenacting community for over twenty-five years.

During this time, I have been an active member of the MCWRA. Currently, I serve as captain

and company commander of the 5th Missouri Infantry Co. A. Like most of us in the

organization, I am dedicated to historical preservation efforts and educating the public about

this profound period in our nation's history. On a side note, I had the privilege of serving as a military extra in Ron Maxwell's motion picture of Gods & Generals way back in the fall of 2001.

On a personal level, I officially retired from the Federal government in January of this year, having served as a Department of the Army Civilian (GS) for thirty-one years. Currently, I am a part-time adjunct instructor teaching both United States History and World History at East Central College and Columbia College. As an educator and professional historian, I am passionate about historical research and study. I consider myself a voracious reader of all things historical, especially the war between the states and the period of western expansion in the late 1800s. I am a proud member of the SCV – Parsons Camp 718, with direct descent from my fourth-generation grandfather, Abednego Absalom Kiser "Ab" of the 29 th Virginia Regiment, A. Company.

In closing, I consider it both a privilege and an honor to serve on the board and help make decisions for the betterment of the organization as a whole. I am sure we all realize this hobby of ours needs to flourish and grow, and I am willing to be an active participant to ensure its vitality in the years to come.

**Roger Harmon:**



Member of the Missouri Civilian Corp. and First Sergeant with Jackman's 16th.

Member of the MCWRA for over 20 years.

Served on the MCWRA Board for many years, including as Vice President.

Assisted in the revisions of MCWRA By-Laws, Policies and Safety Guidelines. Firm supporter of these documents.

Spearheaded the removal of MCWRA corrupt administration and participated in revision of the MCWRA Board.

Coordinated Living History and Student Educational events

Instrumental in the development of the MCWRA insurance documents. Including the Accidental and Life Insurance policy for MCWRA members.

Respectfully submitted for member voting consideration.
Thank you for your consideration.



## Chris Jebb:

Hello. My name is Chris and history has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. With some 36-37 years in the Civil War living history hobby, I've spent a lifetime studying, portraying, preserving, and sharing the history of the American Civil War.

My involvement goes well beyond the field. I've organized and hosted living history events at local parks, state historic sites, and National Park Service battlefields, always with an emphasis on historical accuracy, authenticity, and quality over quantity.

I am a strong advocate for responsible historical interpretation and above all, treating the places we portray with the respect they deserve. I believe historic sites are sacred ground in their own right, and our first responsibility as living historians is to be the history first. We are guests on these landscapes, entrusted with telling stories of those who came before us.

My passion lies in campaigner living history, historical restoration, material culture, and bringing the past to life in a way that is both meaningful and educational. I believe the best events aren't necessarily the biggest, but those where the details matter, the history is respected, and participants leave with a deeper appreciation for the past.

While I recognize that the MCWRA is, first and foremost, an organization established to provide insurance and support for its membership, I believe its potential extends well beyond that purpose. I see it as an opportunity and a valuable tool to help strengthen, promote, and advance the living history hobby as a whole. With the right participation, cooperation, and vision, it can help foster better events, stronger relationships with historic sites, and a higher standard of historical interpretation throughout our community.

At the end of the day, I'm here because I believe we have an obligation to preserve more then just the appearance of history. We have an obligation to preserve its meaning. And I believe we should always be looking for ways to leave this hobby, and the historic places entrusted to us, better than we found them.

## In Other News:

**As some of you know, our President, David Plummer and board member, Heidi Lechner lost a dear family member recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.**

**GEAR FOR SALE:**

Kathy has a bunch of items to sell, if you are looking for something specific, give her a call and set up a time to come and look.

- **Contact Kathy Conner 573-300-1914**

Items too numerous to list, so if you are looking for something, contact her. NO WEAPONS!

- Teresa Cox 1kansasrain@gmail.com
  I am looking to sell our wall tent and fly along with some other items such as civil war books. The tent will come with the poles, ropes, tent stakes, and a stake puller. I also have the tarp and canvas flooring we used that I will be happy to include with the tent. I would like information on how to go about selling our reenacting gear. Please. Thank you, Teresa Cox

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Saturday, November 7, 2026: Veteran's Parade, downtown Lee's Summit

Parade starts at 11 am

- In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, theme is "Legacy of Liberty: 250 Years of the American Spirit.

Contact Stephanie Leary, Veteran's Day Parade Committee

Cell: 573-337-9399 POST: 816-524-8498

- **December 4-6, 2026**

Battle of Prairie Grove

### Next MCWRA Meeting: Saturday, December 12, 2026, at the Missouri River Regional Library in Jefferson City

**MCWRA BALLOT**

**2026**

## President:

_____ Dean Jackson, 16th MO CSA CAV

## Board: (Please pick 3)

_____ Charles Tullock, Turner's Brigade

_____ Chris Jebb, Croaker Mess

_____ David Plummer

_____Roger Harmon

_____ Richard Burton

**Proposal:**

**Shall the MCWRA promote and institute a new rule stating that all MCWRA members in good standing, be allowed to vote in any election or rule change via electronic means, determined by the board beginning January 2027?**

**_____ Yes** **_____ NO**

**When complete: mail to: Jamie Horan, P O Box 296, Linn, MO 65051**

******Please write ballot on the outside of envelope******

For membership form, please go to MCWRA.org.

If you have any questions, contact me at: cwhistory1861@gmail.com