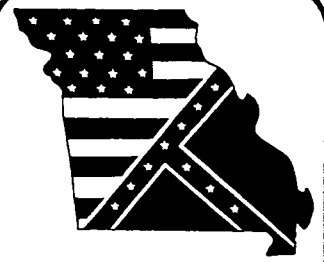


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Ted Prater new president-elect

The results of the MCWRA's annual elections are final, and Ted Prater has been chosen by vote as the 1998 president-elect for the organization, according to secretary Janet Hussey.

In addition, three men were chosen by vote for three year terms on the MCWRA board of directors. They include John Beck, Jim Beckner and Ron Ulrich.

"Congratulations to these dedicat-

ed reenactors, and thanks to all those who took the time to vote," said Janet Hussey.

President-elect Ted Prater is a member of the 4th Missouri Infantry and will succeed current president Willie Huckabee for 1998.

The three board members and their units include: John Beck, 9th Texas Infantry; Jim Beckner, Associate member and Ron Ulrich, of the 2nd Missouri Cavalry.

Osage Beach site of Civil War Grand Ball scheduled March 1

The annual Civil War Grand Ball will be held March 1 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons near Osage Beach, Missouri. This year, the Ladies Union Aid Society (LUAS), is the sponsor. The Union ladies unit, along with the Confederate Ladies Organization (CLO), alternate sponsoring the annual event.

Saxton's Coronet Band will provide the music for the ball at the Osage Beach site, located on Lake of the Ozarks.

Reservations may be made by calling the lodge at 1-800-THE-LAKE but room space after Jan. 28 is available only as space permits. Cost for the ball weekend is \$65 per night, or \$75 for just Saturday night.

A finger-food buffet will be provided along with coffee and soft drinks. Ticket prices are \$20 per person. Send checks to Beth Dauben, 308 S. Holbrook, Ft. Scott, KS 66701.

Permanent MCWRA mailing address

The permanent mailing address of the Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association is: MCWRA, PO Box 417, Fayette, MO 65248. You must write on the outside of envelope the correspondence is to go to the treasurer, president, etc.

Send all address changes and dues checks to this address, attention treasurer. Dues are \$8 a year for individuals and \$12 for family memberships.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

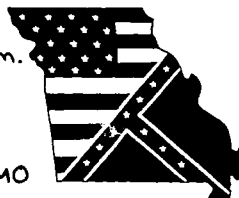
The MCWRA general membership meeting will be held Feb. 8

at 10:00 a.m.

Location:

Ramada Inn

Springfield, MO



Event Updates



Battle of Middle Boggy Atoka, OK - Feb. 22-23

The Civil War Battle of Middle Boggy reenactment and related activities will take place Feb. 22-23 near Atoka, Oklahoma, located in the southeastern section of the state along U.S. Highway 69.

The event is the first MCWRA maximum effort event of 1997.

The Boggy Creek battle is one of three major reenactments in Oklahoma that rotates every three years with the Battle of Honey Springs and the Battles of Cabin Creek.

Among the activities planned for Saturday of the reenactment include CS inspection 9 a.m.; CS battalion drill 9:15 a.m.; US bayonet drill 10:30 a.m.; US inspection 11 a.m.; "CW in Indian Territory", lecture by Dr. Bob Blackburn, Okla. Historical Society; reenactment battle 2 to 3:30 p.m.; ladies tea in town, 4 p.m.; US Sanitation Commission inspection of US camp, 4:15 p.m.; period CW dance at Atoka Junior High in town, 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 23, a period church service will be held from 10 to 11 a.m.; a CS court of inquiry, from 11:30 to 12 noon; and the final event of the weekend--the reenactment of the Battle of Middle Boggy Creek from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The event is being sponsored by the Okla. Historical Society and the Confederate Memorial Museum, located in Atoka.

For Sale: 1859 McClellan

1859 McClellan Civil War saddle with coat straps, hooded stirrups, girth sircingle, halter, lead, link strap, headstall, bit, reins, breast strap with brass heart and Martingale rings and blanket. Must sell--reduced to \$500. Call Dr. Gary O'Connor, 618-644-5487 (home); 618-537-6847 (work).

If you find a mistake in a listing below, please advise this publication immediately.

Calendar of events



Complete information as to contact person and phone number of sponsor or sponsoring unit, amenities, schedule, map or directions, will be included here or in stories in *The Campaigner*, as they are made available by event sponsors.

1997 Event Dates:

FEBRUARY 8: MCWRA MEETING: Ramada Inn, Springfield, MO, 10:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 22-23: ATOKA, OK. Sponsored by Atoka Historical Society. (Maximum)

MARCH 1: GRAND BALL: Lodge of the Four Seasons, Osage Beach, MO. Send ticket checks to Beth Daubin, 308 S. Holbrook, Ft. Scott, KS 66701.

APRIL 5-6: SHILOH. National Event, generic 1862.

APRIL 19-20: BATTLE OF INDIAN CREEK, ROCKY MOUNT, MO. Sponsored by Wade's Battery. All amenities, potluck dinner, 2 battles, Sat. tactical, ladies tea, picnic basket auction, dance, fashion show. Register by March 1. Home page address information available on world wide web, with pictures of site and information:

<http://internetland.net/~donna/civilwar.html> (Sanctioned)

APRIL 26-27: FT. GIBSON, OK. Indian Territories Cadet Corps spring muster, at Ft. Gibson stockade. Contact Roger Hudgins, 405-762-7709 for information. (Listed)

MAY 17-18: CARTHAGE, MO. Sponsored by 4th MO Inf. CS. Contact Ted Prater 316-232-0268 days, 417-781-8874 evenings. E-Mail: tprater@ibm.net (Maximum)

JUNE 14-15: COLUMBIA, MO. Living history, skirmishes, amenities. Contact Karen Ramey 573-874-7636 (Local).

JUNE 21-22: JEFFERSON BARRACKS, ST. LOUIS. Sponsored by Jeff City Civil War Hist. Assoc. and St. Louis County Parks. Call Nancy Herndon 314-631-4849. (Maximum)

AUGUST, DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED: MCWRA Planning/General membership meeting.

SEPT. 13-14: MOORE'S MILL, FULTON, MO. All amenities, prepared meals, sponsored by 6th MO. Contact Allen Conner, 573-642-9200. (Sanctioned)

SEPT. 20-21: LEXINGTON, MO. State Guard, battle of hemp bales, downtown scenarios, tour, dismounted cav., only 500-600 reenactors. Contact Janae Fuller. (Sanctioned)

SEPT. 27-28: LEASBURG, MO (near Pilot Knob). All cavalry event sponsored by 7th MO and Leasburg Historical Soc. (Sanctioned)

OCT. 3-5: SPRING HILL, TN. National event, contact John Beck.

OCT. 4-5: MELVERN LAKE, KS (Topeka). Mid-war, contact Dave Smith.

POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY OR MARCH, 1998: (Camp Gibson). Campaign style, contact Willie Huckabee. (Maximum)



Event Updates



IT Cadet Corps slates spring muster at fort

The barracks at the Ft. Gibson Military Park in Oklahoma will be the site for the spring muster of the Indian Territories Cadet Corps.

The ITCC muster will be held April 26-27, beginning at 8 a.m. April 26.

It will be open to boys ages 10 through 15, and ages 8-9 with special consent. For more information about registration, cost, uniform, guidelines for cadet sponsors, or a list of the planned activities at the muster, call or write the ITCC Headmaster Roger Hudgins, Rt. 3, Box 314, Ponca City, OK 74604 (405-762-7709).

Battle of Lexington, MO September 20-21

The Battle of Lexington, Missouri, has been set for Sept. 20-21, in the historical town of Lexington.

The tentative schedule issued, according to Janae Fuller of the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, includes Saturday activities: at the visitor's center and Anderson House, which are open to the public; drill and demonstrations; skits and scenarios in downtown Lexington, and a possible Lexington homes' tour; Battle of Hemp Bales; evening tour of the Anderson House and grounds.

On Sunday of the event, the visitor's center and Anderson House will again be open, with a period church service set, and the Battle of Lexington reenactment, with hand to hand fighting.

The register for this MCWRA sanctioned event, contact John Maki or Tom Dyer.

For Sale:

Wall tent, good condition, plus poles and side poles. Call 816-640-5651 after 6 p.m.

Battle of Shiloh to be premier '97 event on battle's 135th anniversary

The 135th anniversary Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee, will be held the weekend of April 4-6, and will be the major event of the year in the U.S., bringing together thousands of reenactors from across the nation and from foreign countries.

The River City Kiwanis Club of Savannah, TN, which has members who are experienced reenactors, will be sponsor of the event. Many of the state and local resources used for the Spring Hill event in 1996 will be supporting the local community effort.

The military committee consists of representatives of the 1st Confederate Division, and the Western Federal Council, who will plan the military action.

The reenactment site is part of the original Shiloh battlefield just 3 miles from the present military park. Shiloh is 100 miles east of Memphis, and the site incorporates some of the same property used in the 1987 event. It is located off Highway 22 in McNairy County, and the land is on the route that the Confederates both approached and withdrew from the battle 135 years ago.

CS Gen. Albert Sidney Johnson camped on this ground as did many of his troops.

A detailed map and full information will be provided in a packet upon request, including registration, with a fee of \$7 per participant post-marked on or before March 20. A late fee of \$10 will be assessed on site.

Battle scenarios will involve all three branches of service, including the opening attack on the Federal camps, the repeated assaults on the Hornet's Nest, and perhaps including Forrest's closing rear guard action at Falling Timbers. Ruggle's line will be recreated on a scale to rival the original battle and Shiloh Church, a split rail fence and other battlefield structures will be replicated.

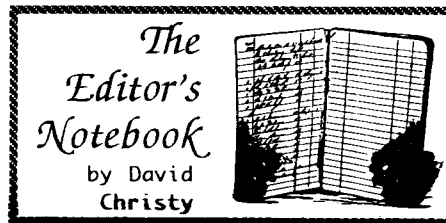
Uniforms and equipment will be early war attire, with authenticity inspections to be conducted. Female troops will be allowed in the ranks where it can be shown, by original or

copies of research documents, that there was a female in the 1862 Battle of Shiloh in the unit being portrayed, and the soldier in question does not have the obvious features of a woman.

Civilian camps will be divided into two areas--one for civilian period impressions and another for military dependents.

The battle World Wide Web Site page will be URL address--<http://www.centuryinter.net/nacenet/bs/hardin.htm>

For a registration packet, write to 135th Anniversary Battle of Shiloh-Registration, 355 Mohawk Road, Owens Crossroads, AL 35763-9251.



Are all commanders chosen, approved?

Jim Beckner, who was elected to a new 3 year term on the MCWRA Board of Directors, would like to remind all those organizers who have events upcoming in 1997 . . . do you have all your commanders chosen, approved and already working for you?

If not, says Jim, you should have.

Jim also adds for everyone's information . . . "many of the Union units have agreed to go to Shiloh, Jefferson Barracks and Melvern Lake, in April, June and October, if nowhere else," says Jim.

Handknit Wool Socks
Men's Fingerless Gloves
Crocheted Hairnets (Snoods)
and Ladies' Mitts
Order Now for Cold Weather
◆ Celia Mater ◆
1st Kansas/Women's Relief Corps
108 S. Logan, Newton, KS 67114
816-283-0618

MCWRA member needs help with 'encampment'

On April 25 in Osawatomie, KS, some 600 students from grades 4-6 will be at the John Brown Memorial Park, site of the Battle of Osawatomie and the Adair cabin, where John Brown stayed, wanting to learn about Kansas history.

For the past two years, associate MCWRA member Justin Zimmerman has worked with elementary school teacher Neil Shepherd in Osawatomie to create a day of learning--called "encampment."

"Encampment lets the students become a part of their state's history," said Zimmerman. "They wear costumes from Kansas' past and come out to see demonstrations of skills that several people have donated their time to share with them, including quilting, blacksmithing and buck skinning. The first year there was a kid in an excellent Confederate colonels uniform, right down to the chicken guts!"

Zimmerman has had problems in getting help for his education efforts, since there are too many students for just one person to teach. This year, he is looking for both both Union and Confederate view-points, as well as some pre-war impressions, and a cannon would be a great addition.

The event is held on a Friday morning from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and there is complimentary coffee, juice, and donuts in the morning, with a barbecue for lunch. Camping is allowed and encouraged on Friday night. Fire and horses will both be allowed.

"The true gratification comes from the students that look up to us," said Zimmerman. "I have received so many letters, and keep up correspondence with kids I have met there."

"I know it's a little inconvenient, being on a Friday morning," he said. "But I really need help. If you are interested, please contact me or Neil Shepherd."

Justin may be contacted at home 913-294-2635 or by writing 31010 Pleasant Valley Rd., Paola, KS 66071, or Neil Shepherd, East School, 5th and Brown, Osawatomie, KS 66064, 913-755-9133 (school), or 913-768-0985 (home).

Specialized list of sutler items

Knowledge needed for authenticity

by Dave Chuber & Keith Bartsch,
Ft. Leavenworth, KS

All reenactment units (military or civilian impressions) need to have a knowledgeable member appointed to review and "pass" sutler procured items for appropriateness and authenticity. The list that follows should be useful in providing points of contact where "authenticity personnel" can reach manufacturers and/or retailers of goods that general unit membership may wish to acquire.

Remember, with very few exceptions, the folks listed are business people who must make a profit to remain in business, therefore the old Roman admonishment-*Caveat Emptor* - or buyer beware, is still good advice.

Although this does not presume to serve as anyone's "official endorsement", we feel we can state with some degree of safety that the buyer will not go too far wrong with any of these suppliers.

New on the scene this year is a book entitled *Civil War Supply Catalog* by Alan Wellikoff. We have conducted a review of the books featured items and can say categorically that some of the featured items have no 'documentation' of ever being used. This doesn't mean they weren't, it just means it would be tough to prove.

Two final warnings are in order. First, be prepared for "sticker shock" as many of these items seem quite expensive. Nevertheless, as veteran reenactor R. Lee Hadden has written in his excellent primer on military WBTS reenacting, *Reliving the Civil War*, you generally get what you pay for.

Secondly, the best source guide for WBTS items remains period photographs. We recommend the National Historical Society's multi-volume series entitled *The Image of War*. Also excellent is the museum in two books published by Time-Life entitled *Echoes of Glory: Arms and Equipment of the Union/Confederacy*.

Not as convenient, but reenactors who have access to museum collections and can view (or ideally examine) artifacts can learn a great deal

and can be assured that faithful copies of these items will "pass muster" with even the most demanding "thread counters!"

Good luck, good hunting and have fun!

*Brave soldier, on your lonely beat,
May these wool stockings warm your feet
And when from wars and camps you part
May some far knitter warm your heart.*

~Cleveland Ladies Knit Circle, c.1863

☞ **HAND KNIT SOCKS:** Absolutely the finest available to reenactors. Pure wool yarn knitted by loving hands.

- Ms. Celia Mater
108 S. Logan
Newton, KS 67114
316-283-0618

☞ **NAIL HEAD STUDDED LEATHER TRUCKS or HAIR TRUNKS:**

Frequently used in the 18th and early 19th centuries. Company owner was trained at Williamsburg, VA. Also makes travel trunks, jewelry boxes, saddlebags, fire buckets and letter boxes.

- Traditional Leather Works Co.
4030 E. 225th St.
Cicero, IN 46034
317-877-0314

☞ **TINSMITHS** who make *only copies of originals*. Many copies are reproductions of items in the Ohio Historical Society's collection.

Reference Source (not supplier)

- Ohio Historical Society
1982 Velma Ave.
Columbus, OH 43211
614-297-2680
Suppliers:
- Patrick M. Cunningham
402 E. Main St.
Madison, IN 47250
812-242-4193
- Carl & Marcia Giodano
Box 74
Wadsworth, OH 44282
216-336-2680
- Bruce Panek
Ohio Village Tin
Ohio Historical Society
1982 Velma Ave.
Columbus, OH 43211
614-297-2680

☞ **BRASS PADLOCKS:** These locks come with two keys and a lock guard

and drain hole. Two sizes: large \$18.95 and small \$9.50. These are great for camp trucks. This company also has a catalog of "items for the 19th Century Impression", for \$2. They also make a suitable 1850 "Balmoral Boot" for the lady reenactor.

- Amazon Vinegar & Pickling Works/Drygoods, Ltd.
Dept. AH, 2218 E. 11th St.
Davenport, IA 52803
319-322-6800 or 1-800-798-7979

☞ **DESK BOXES:** All reenactors need to hide the farb gear. This company is the only original water powered measure mill left running in the U.S. that is still making and selling reproductions of Shaker and colonial wood products. This small company also puts out a newsletter for the collector, historian and enthusiast of early American woodenware for \$5.

- Frye's Measure Mill
Cracker/Breadbox Co.
Jerry Brown
103 Meadow Lane
Lansing, KS 66043

☞ **STERLING SILVER MINT JULEP**

CUP: What Southern gentleman would be without this set! Copy of an original made in Shelbyville, KY in 1795.

- Wakefield-Scarce Galleries
Historic Science Hill
Shelbyville, KY 40065
502-633-4382

☞ **GREEN GLASS BOOZE BOTTLES:**

Using 19th century formulas and mold-blowing techniques, these companies offer 60 bottles, jugs, flasks, and other glassware in amethyst, azure and cobalt blue. Company will send you a free color brochure.

- Mickey W. Askew
Old Baltimore Trade Co.
Anderson, SC 29623
- Ed Pennebaker
Red Fern Glass
HC 68, Box 128
Green Forest, AR 72638
501-553-259
- Charles Zahn
Import Merchant, Ltd.
Box 75
Milford, NH 03055
603-673-1908

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Period items from nails to carpetbag

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BUNDLING was defined by Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary "was a practice that permitted courting couples to sleep in the same bed without undressing." (*There is no way on this God's green earth that this writer would let his daughter get under any blanket with anyone for a little "bundling". But if you want to stay historically warm, here are the best.*)

Hudson Bay Point Blankets: Were introduced in 1779 to the American natives. The parallel black bars denote the required pelts to purchase. Made of 100% pure virgin wool, they are available in three sizes in scarlet, gold, green, white with blue or gold stripe.

- L.L. Bean, Inc.
Freeport, ME 04033
(the very same famous mail-order house)

- Pearce Woolen Mills
Woolrich, PA 17779

Jacquard Coverlets: (*Men, if the wife sees this, you will be out the big bucks or, if you give her one of these coverlets, you may have fun under it!*) Handwoven on a jacquard--fresh loom capable of intricate designs that was introduced into the U.S. in 1824. The Jacquard is made with a natural cotton warp and crossed with cotton and wool in the 19th-century fashion. The prices start at \$500. Brochure available.

- The Black's Handweaving Shop
Box 1, 597 Route 6A
West Barnstable, MA 02668
508-362-3955

☞ **CARPETBAGS:** This company has one patterned after an artifact in the Stonewall Jackson House in Lexington. It is a steel-framed carpetbag that was the most popular style during and after the war. It has a wooden bottom with brass studs, leather rope handles attached with copper rivets and burrs, and either leather closure straps with roller buckles or an antique brass clasp with a lock. Inside has muslin and chintz. Price is \$95, others run about \$80. Catalog for bags, chest, trunks and purses is \$1. *Yankees: please don't feel you can buy one of these and head for points South . . . we already have plenty of you down*

here and the big money has all been made!

- The Carpetbagger
PO Box 15055
Lynchburg, VA 24502
804-525-5473

☞ **VICTORIAN WALLPAPER:** You ask why did they put this in for reenactors! Simple. First, so the soldier can get on his wife's good side by buying her some period paper, so together you can do your Civil War study. Then when she is not looking, take a roll to the next encampment. There is countless documentation on company rolls, general orders, passes and note books being made out of this stuff. Especially in the Confederate Army. Catalog \$3.

- Bradbury & Bradbury Art
PO Box 155
Benicia, CA 94510
707-746-1900
FAX: 707-745-9417

☞ **CUT NAILS:** The Wareham mill was burned by a British raiding party during the War of 1812. It boasts that it is the world's oldest **nail factory still running today.** This company's nails have been used at Williamsburg, Harper's Ferry National Site and other historic sites. Several types of cut nails are available for every type of restoration or project. Catalog available.

- Wareham Nail Co.
8 Elm St.
P.O. Box 111
Wareham, MA 02571
508-294-0038

☞ **FOLDING CAMP CHAIRS:** This company has just started making camp chairs. They are making the folding bent arm camp chair that you see beside U.S. Grant in the famous photo of him leaning against a pine tree in camp. I donated my original chair from my collection so they could make a copy. These hard wood chairs are excellent. Hand-made, so expect a wait. Introductory price is \$115 and will be good until the end of January 1997. Back east, one other company makes them for \$230! *Note: these chairs are accurate in every respect, including, of course, their dimensions. Folks, whose measurements are a great deal larger than those of the typical 19th century American will find the*

chairs a tight fit!

- Union Chair Company
9 Buckner Ave.
Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027
913-651-3070

☞ **ARMY BREAD (Hard Tack):** Sure, there are other hard tack companies around but this is the oldest, since 1801, and they gave me free samples. The company will open a museum to the history of the cracker next year. They will send sample and brochure with the history of these hard rocks. Ask for James.

- G.H. Bent Company
7 Pleasant St.
Milton, MA 02186
617-698-5945

☞ **1852 BRAND HONEY IN 19TH CENTURY GLASS JARS:** Descendants of the original company still work Honey Acres. The honey is for the sweet toothed reenactor and the mini jars are period also. Two for the price of one--\$4.90 to \$12.90 for two one lb. jars.

- Honey Acres
Ashippun, WI 53003

☞ **BEER:** All reenactors like to have a *cool one* after a hot battle--but what beer is "authentic". The oldest brewery in continuous operation west of the Mississippi is not very famous but was founded in 1856 by Henry Weinhard.

The "Private Reserve" has the label reproduction from the founder's oldest beer bottle. Most of his first beer was sold to the cavalrymen at Ft. Vancouver. Many a would-be Civil War general was posted there and no doubt drank this brew. Ask for this at your local purveyor of malt beverages.

☞ **HARD-FORGED COOKING**

UTENSILS: In the past, I have suggested that all companies have a set of nesting steel kettles but I never gave any hints on how you should get the food out of them after you cook in it. Well here it is, the Log Cabin Shop blacksmith makes hard forged and beat out spoons, spatulas and meat forks. They are correctly made and branded. No K-Mart specials here. They also make a combination tripod and crossbar cooking set for the heavy kettles for \$25. The three utensils mentioned

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Sutler items will help CW impression

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above will run \$30. Catalog and accessories available for \$4.

- The Log Cabin Shop
P.O. Box 275
Lodi, OH 44254
216-948-1082
- James Hoffman
Hoffman's Forge
378C2 State Rt. 30
Lisbon, OH 44432
330-424-4607
- Darold Rinedollar
P.O. box 350
Clarksville, MO 63336
573-242-3323

☞ WOOLEN TOUQUE 'TEWK': The favored headgear of the French voyageurs, the "coureurs de bois", and early militiamen, was also found in the winter camps of the Civil War. This company specializes in the fur trade of the 18th and 19th centuries. Reenactors should not overlook these areas when adding to the impression. *They also do invaluable service as camp sleeping caps on brisk nights since we lose so much heat through our pates.*

- La Pelleterie
P.O. Box 127
Arrow Rock, MO 65320
816-837-3261

☞ COWBOY (aka railroad)

BANDANNAS: No, I will not put the address for these items in here because some fool WBTS reenactor will buy one and put it on his musket or his head. I will tell you that this company advertises the "26-inch square bandannas are in the true 1870s-1880 style". I wonder why so many Civil War reenactors wear these inappropriate cloths. This company is located in the state of "fruits and nuts". Case closed, *unless of course you are trying to pull together your Casey Jones or John Henry "The Steel Drivin' Man" impression!*

☞ FLAGS: The king of all flag makers is Steve Hill. I have seen his work in the early 80's when he first made a hand painted 6th North Carolina flag. Since then, he has been preserving and documenting the Civil War Massachusetts state regiment and national flags while still making flags on the side for authentic units. He is the country's best! Union

Troops are amazed at his regiments, which you have seen in several movies.

- Steve Hill
162 West Chestnut St.
Brockton, Massachusetts 02403
508-584-2796
- ☞ U.S. CAVALRY EQUIPMENTS: 18th and 19th century trunks, fire buckets, tavenware, and hunting pouches. This is for the discriminating collector. Many try to copy but few do as well.
- F. Burgess & Co.
200 Pine Place
Red Bank, NJ 07701
908-576-1624
- Traditional Leather Co.
4030 E. 225th St.
Cicero, IN 46034
317-877-0314

☞ PHOTOGRAPHIC EOPTS.: Photography sutlers would get more business from the reenactors if they had the correct daguerreotype cameras. This company sells the William and Henry Lewis camera that was popular in the 1850s and '60s. The company claims that "special care is taken to ensure that each is as close to the original as can be." Prices available upon request.

- Douglas Jordan
P.O. Box 20194
St. Petersburg, FL 33702

☞ SUTLER ITEMS: In my walks through the sutler rows, I find a great difference from tent to tent. Yes, many are trying hard to make a buck but few have the time to do proper research for period items. Here are some small items that are very authentic and should sell well with their history.

☞ PERFUMES/COLOGNES (Toilet Water) The Caswell - Massey Co. claims to be "the oldest chemists and perfumers in America." They were founded in 1752. Until a few years ago, they still sold leeches--from their historical apothecary. Their special is the number six cologne that was the favor of George Washington and George Pickett. Still available in the traditional round bottles with prices ranging from \$20 to \$60. Free catalog!

- Caswell-Massey Co., Ltd.
100 Enterprise Place
Dover, DE 19901

800-362-0500

☞ FLORIDA WATER: Merchandise includes lavender and Florida waters; perfumed toilet and pearl powders, (New Orleans *Picayune*, July 28, 1840). This apothecary has been around since 1840. Free brochure and wholesale prices list.

- Kemp Barclay & Co., Inc.
25 Woodland Ave.
West Wood, NJ 07675
201-666-4990
FAX 201-666-5836

☞ VARIOUS POTIONS (Snake oils): The Farmer's Museum of Cooperstown, NY, offers a range of medicinal items. Historically researched and packaged, they each bear the likeness of an upstate New York personage from sometime between 1820 and 1850. The one I use is *Mohawk Miracle Medicine*. It is a cure for: **dyspepsia, liver complaints, rheumatism, consumption, asthmatic affections, coughs, female weakness, scrofula, piles, syphilis, and will restore lost hair!**

- The Farmer's Museum, Inc.
Lake Road, P.O. Box 800
Cooperstown, NY 13326
607-547-2593

☞ KINNICKINICK TOBACCO:

This brand of tobacco was sold to Federal troops by Civil War sutlers for a dollar a pound. The word "kinnikinnick" comes from the Creek or Chippewa dialects of the Algonquin language and means "what is mixed"? For a good pipe smoke instead of "farb fire weeds" call or write:

- Crazy Crow Trading Post
P.O. Box 314-AMS
Denison, TX 75020
903-463-1366

☞ MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS - Harps, dulcimers, psalteries, banjos: WBTS camps literally "rang" with the sound of music. Every unit should strive to recruit (or develop) a musician. Many more 19th century Americans could play an instrument than today since playing the radio was not an option! These folks make solidly authentic reproductions.

- George Conway Wunderlich
Wonder Banjo Co.
1-800-891-6541

The Editor's Notebook



◆ by David Christy ◆

Indians in the Civil War topics at Tulsa event

"Rebels 'n Yanks 'n Indians: Indians in the Civil War" with Ed Bearss will be presented April 3-6 in Tulsa, OK at the 19th annual Confederate Historical Institute.

Bearss will be just one of the speakers talking about Indians in the Civil War. Other speakers and topics include "Indians in the Civil War"--Dr. Michael Hughes; "The Indian Territory on the Eve of the Civil War"--Dr. Brad Agnew; "The Two Battles of Cabin Creek"--Dr. Palmer Boeger; "The Two Battles of Newtonia"--Tim Westcott from the Civil War Roundtable in Kansas City.

Also speaking will be Jack D. Welsh, MD, "Medical Histories of Union and Confederate Generals in Indian Territory"; Neil Mangum of the National Park Service on "The Future of Honey Springs Battlefield"; and "The Battle of Honey Springs"--Dr. Leroy Fischer. Also "Indians at Pea Ridge"--Doug Keller; and finally Edwin Bearss, speaking at the final banquet on Saturday, April 5.

In addition to a banquet each evening, there will be a motorcoach tour to Honey Springs, Ft. Gibson and Cabin Creek, and a second tour April 5 to tour the sites of the Battles of

Chusto-Talash, Chustenahlah, Baxter Springs and Newtonia, MO.

There will be an optional tour to Pea Ridge, AR on Sunday, April 6.

For more information and a registration form and for cost information, contact Jerry L. Russell, National Chairman presiding, 501-225-3996, or write to him at PO Box 7388, Little Rock, AR 72217.



Kanza Days Festival looks for participants

All units and branches of MCWRA are invited to participate in the annual Kanza Days Festival to be held the first weekend in May at Winfield, Kansas.

The festival is held at the Cowley County fairgrounds, home of the annual Walnut Valley Festival, which should be familiar to many members.

According to Jim Coyne of the 1st Kansas Vol. Infantry, the scenario ~~will be living history camps and skirmishes~~ in the wooded pecan grove area. The grounds comprise approximately 200 acres, which are at the disposal of reenactors. Open fires will be permitted.

"The Kanza Days Festival is an event in which we take a step back in time to the pioneer era," said Coyne. "Also it is an event in which the entire community pitches in to make it work. In the past the living history camps have be composed of mountain men. When I suggested the idea of Civil War era to the committee, it was heartily welcomed."

"They will attempt to have period meals prepared for us," said Coyne. "I will also see about oats and hay for horses."

All branches of CS and US are welcome to the event. For answers to questions and for details, contact Jim Coyne at either 316-221-2696 (home) or 316-221-1300 (work). He may also be reached at 1216 Hackney St., Winfield, KS 67156.

Lose an item at an event? Find a canteen or bayonet? Items to sell? Send your ad to *The Campaigner*.

Event Updates



Jefferson Barracks '97 planned for June 21-22

The Jefferson Barracks Civil War 1997 maximum effort event will be held in south St. Louis County June 21 and 22.

Taco Bell Corp., the St. Louis County Dept. of Parks & Recreation, the MCWRA, the Jefferson Barracks Civil War Historical Assoc., and the Friends of Jefferson Barracks will sponsor the event.

This will be the first large scale event at Jeff Barracks in a number of years, according to publicity chairman Mike Pierce.

Numerous activities are planned for both civilians and soldiers, and battles are scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday of the event. Music for the weekend will be provided by a period band.

Wood, water, hay and straw will be provided, along with a powder issue for the first five cannon registered on each side. Negative Coggins (1 year or less) are required for each horse. There is a \$2 per person non-refundable registration fee.

Net proceeds from the event will be donated to the Friends of Jefferson Barracks for preservation and restoration of historic structures at the park.

Registration deadline has been set for May 1. For information and a registration packet, contact Nancy Herndon, 9911 Vassel, St. Louis, MO 63123, or call her at 314-631-4849.

Knowledge needed for your impression

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