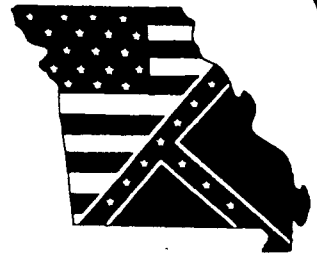


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☆☆☆☆ by Jim Beckner ☆☆☆☆

April 10, 2001

Happy Birthday, MCWRA! This is our 20th year! All over the United States, many organizations such as ours have come and gone. We continue to educate the public at a high level on their Civil War heritage. Congratulations!

If you were not in Lexington, Mo. on March 31, 2001, you missed a long but great day. The CROWS began the day with a productive meeting in the morning. If you need help on the civilian side of your event, call Deby Fitzpatrick. The announcement of an all civilian weekend event has gotten many excited about the possibility.

The MCWRA Board met from 1:00 to 1:45 clearing up some policy bug-a-boos as well as other topics. After the board meeting, the general membership meeting was well attended. The meeting ran smoothly except that there was no volunteer to take Janet Hussey's place. Thank you, Janet, for all your hard work and service over the years!

About half an hour of the almost completed Lexington 2000 reenactment video was then viewed by the members. It will be good, we just have to be patient.

Beginning at 6:30 about 70 people were served a delicious dinner by the Wentworth Cadets in the Hall of Fame. Dancing began at 8:30 with music provided by Bob Keyes old band. Thank you, Col. Ahrens and your Wentworth

Cadets for all your work on this event. Next year, the dinner/dance will have to be in the gymnasium, as refurbishing will be in progress on the Hall of Fame. If this is not acceptable to the membership, call or email Jim Beckner immediately.

See you all at the events.

E-mail site changes

MCWRA Treasurer and President-elect Terry Cadenbach has a new e-mail address.

He may now be contacted at <Mocav4@yhti.net>

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The Battle of Lexington State Historic Site has changed their e-mail address over to the State of Missouri server. They also apologized for any inconvenience with the change, and thank everyone for their cooperation.

They request you direct all future e-mail to:

<dspblex@mail.dnr.state.mo.us>

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Western Campaigner Editor David Christy's e-mail site is still <chrswauk@enid.com> but he may also be contacted at this site: <DavidAChristy@excite.com> to be used as a back-up in case of a problem with the main e-mail site.

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

NCWRA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

2001 Event Highlights

June 1-3: Bone Saws & Whiskey: Anderson House, Lexington, Mo. Candlelight tour scheduled Sat. night. For info call Simon Lisby 816-224-3409 or Bob Eckhoff 660-259-2076.

June 9-10: Artillery School, City Park, Washington, Mo. \$15 per participant. Contact Jack Grothe.

June 22-24: Battle of Maysville, Wichita, Kansas. Contact is John Beck, 316-942-2690 or email <ironclad61@aol.com>

June 23-24: Battle, Jacksonville, Ill. Contact Abbie Templin 1-800-593-5678 or 217-243-5678. LISTED

July 14: Trans-Mississippi Brigade Grand Ball, Fayetteville, AR. Contact John Beck. Open to Brigade and guests. LISTED

July 21-22: Battle, Peoria, Ill. William Bierbaum 217-544-7051 or email <williamscart1@aol.com> LISTED

July 28-29: Battle, Galesburg, Ill. Contact Donnie Hillman

August 4-5: Battle of Glasgow, MO (1861 and 1864) sponsored by Collins Battery. Basket auction and speakers. Contact *The Glasgow Missourian*, 660-338-2195. NO FOOD, 10 lb. powder to first 10 cannon; hay wood, straw, one bag of ice per adult per day. [500 limit] The CLO will host a ball at this event. **MAXIMUM**

August 10-12: Kimmswick, Mo. Candlelight tour. Contact Edie Ross at <edieross@juno.com> (636-397-8210) or Phil Woolfolk 573-682-3650 or email <pswoolfo@hps.hubbell.com> LISTED

August 18-19: Lone Jack Museum. Civil War Commemoration. Call 815-566-2272. LISTED

August 18: MCWRA Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.) and General Meeting (10:30 a.m.) at the Capitol Building in Jefferson City, Mo. (Room to be announced.)

Sept. 1-3: Battle, Jerseyville, Ill. <williamcart1@aol.com> LISTED

Sept. 7-9: St. Charles, Mo. Contact Sue Riddler via email at <mediamagic@primary.net> LISTED

Sept. 15: Heritage Days, Nifong Park, Columbia, Mo. Contact Phil Woolfolk 573-682-3650; email <pswoolfo@hps.hubbell.com> LISTED

Sept. 15-16: Battle, Nason, Ill. Contact Clarence Russell 618-279-3439 or <owrussell@waltonville.net> LISTED

Sept. 22-23: Battle of Pilot Knob, Mo., all amenities. Contact Terry Cadenbach. 636-629-0530; e-mail <cc6938@momail.sbc.com> or Ft. Davison State Historic Site 573-546-3455. **MAXIMUM**

Sept. 29-30: Battle of Cabin Creek, Okla. Contact Willie Huckabee 918-733-4626 or Bill Griggs 918-492-8365. **NOTE:** The event dates have been changed so as not to conflict with Pilot Knob. LISTED

Sept. 29: Austin Bean-Eatin' Civil War Reunion, Austin, Mo. Contact Debbie Morgan at 816-852-8676.

Oct. 5-7: Battle of Marshall, Mo. Contact Scott Hughes, 816-468-6711, email <cavscott@aol.com> **SANCTIONED**

Oct. 6-7: High Ridge, Mo., Demaree Fair. Contact Jim Flint Smith 636-376-7553; 636-671-4420 or 626-671-0630. LISTED

Oct. 13-14: Living History, Kempsville, Ill. Mike Pierce 314-481-1967 or <stlreb@altavista.com> LISTED

Oct. 19-21: Danville, Mo. Anderson's Guerillas at Baker Plantation. Contact David Overcamp or Mary Ann Crowson 573-564-1000. LISTED

Nov. 2-4: Battle of Cane Hill, Fayetteville, Ark. Contact Bill Griggs, 918-492-8365. LISTED

Artillery safety program and certification set June 9-10

WASHINGTON, MISSOURI -- A "School of the Piece", a muzzle-loading artillery safety certification program for re-enactors and living historians, will be held here June 9-10. The program is presented by the National Civil War Artillery Association (NCWAA) and the Sons of Veterans Reserve of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

A registration fee of \$15 will be collected on site.

NCWAA Chairman Jim Newkirk and another staff member will instruct and certify. Brigadier General Charles Corfinan will also instruct. Cannoneers successfully completing the course will be issued a certification 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. Interested individuals and units should contact Major Jack Grothe, SVR, at 314-631-7492 or Capt. Randy Baehr, Turner Brigade, at 314-962-4690 for registration materials. Registration will close on May 25.

The event will be held on the grounds of the historic Kohmueler House in Washington, Mo., about an hour's drive from St. Louis. Period camping will be permitted on site. Water, straw, firewood, and sanitary facilities will be provided free of charge.

Motels and bed and breakfasts are located nearby for those participants who do not want to camp. The ladies of the Turner Brigade will serve lunch on Saturday and Sunday for a modest charge. A variety of restaurants are available in town for evening dining.

The event is hosted by Company K and Company M, 1st Missouri Light Artillery, The Turner Brigade, and Missouri Volunteers, U.S.

Board reviews by-laws, policies

Minutes of the Missouri Civil War Reenactors General Membership Meeting, March 31, 2001 at 2:00 p.m., Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Mo.

Present: Deby Fitzpatrick, MCWRA Board & CROWS; Ellen Daniels, LUAS; Jim Ahrens, Turner/WMA; Mark White, TMB; Jennie Nichols; Joe Broski, 10th Mo. Inf. & Arty. CSA; Carri Broski, 10th Mo. Inf. & Arty. CSA; Art Ziembinsk, 10th Mo. Inf. & Arty. CSA; Berni Bahner, 10th Mo. Inf. & Arty. CSA; Linda Anderson, 10th Mo. Inf. & Arty. CSA; Dave Burnos, 10th Mo. Inf. & Arty. CSA; Beverly Johnson, CROWS; Jean Cadenbach, 4th Mo. Cav. US; Terry Cadenbach, MCWRA Board/4th Mo. Cav.; Randy Baehr, Turner Brigade; Janet Hussey, MCWRA Board/CROWS; Dan Keeslar, MCWRA Board, 4th Mo. Inf.; Dan Owings, Bledsoe's Arty.; Gary Dunakey, MCWRA Board, Turner Brigade; Barb Roderman, Mo. 2nd Arty./MAB; Michael Roderman, Mo. 2nd Arty./MAB; Margaret Percy, Civilian; Fred Norris, Mo. Brig. Medical Service; Bob Eckhoff, Gates 1st Mo. Cav./Crowley's 3rd Mo. Inf.

Also, Belinda Canaday, 1st Mo. Co I/CROWS; Marcia Beanland, Wade's Batt.; Faith Wilson, CROWS; Craig Wilson, CROWS; Joel Semlar, Farris Battery; Ernest Beanland, Wade's Battery; Jack Grothe, Holmes Brigade; Maggie Grothe, LUAS; Nancy Ulrich, LUAS; Gary Ulrich, Holmes Brig.; Norman Rohlfing, Collins Battery; Jim & Paul Thies, Collins Battery; Walt Larson, Turner Brigade; Cherrie Mann, CROWS; Elizabeth Bos, Bledsoe's Arty.; Gaylon Bos, Bledsoe's Arty.; Doug Moody, MCWRA Board/1st Mo. Batt./3rd Mo. Cav.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Beckner and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Three separate updated calendars had been distributed; of note was the cancellation of Cole Camp June 2-3 and Maryville. Added: Mahaffie stage coach stop in Olathe, KS . . . contact Phil Camp-

bell 913-782-6972, April 21-22; Excelsior Springs on April 27-29; Battle of Marysville in Wichita - dates are June 23-24; the Battle of Cabin Creek, OK is set for Sept. 29-30; there will be an artillery school in the City Park at Washington, Mo. on June 9-10 . . . cost \$15 per participant--contact Jack Grothe. Missouri units are encouraged to attend the Battle of Cane Hill in Fayetteville, Ark. Nov. 2-4 as Arkansas units are very good about supporting Missouri events. These will be updated in *The Western Campaigner*.

MCWRA March Meeting

Doug Moody moved and Terry Cadenbach seconded that the minutes of the Nov. 18, 2000 meeting be approved as published in *The Campaigner*. Passed. Fred Norris moved and Joe Semler seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Current balance including escrow, \$10,238.48. Passed.

Col. Ahrens of Wentworth Military reported that the MCWRA is up and running and to date the joint operation of WMA/MCWRA is running smoothly. Any items for the website should be sent to <JAhrens@wmsl800.org>

Jim Beckner reported on the Board meetings discussion on By-Laws and Policy updates. By-Laws & MCWRA Policies are being revised/updated and will be voted on at the August 18th, 2001 meeting in Jefferson City.

Of special interest is the following: Current policy states that a viable unit must have the following number of members; if the number falls below this number, the unit will be returned to probationary status and the unit representative/proxy will not be eligible to vote until unit number

requirements are reached.

INFANTRY: 18 men

CAVALRY: 8 men together with mounts

ARTILLERY: One full size artillery piece approved for authenticity and safety by three (3) artillery officers appoint by MCWRA Board, plus a minimum crew of five (5) men

GUERRILLAS: Five men with or without mounts, approved for authenticity and safety

PROVOST: Five men with or without mounts

MEDICAL/OTHER: Three men and/or women with authentic functions

Added to this list:

DISMOUNTED CAVALRY: 18 men

ENGINEERING: 5 men

The unit leader or proxy will be given a colored card at each meeting indicating that the unit is up to strength; only unit leaders from qualified units will be able to vote at MCWRA meetings. This will be published in *The Campaigner*. Comments, suggestions, etc. should be sent to Walt Larson by mid-July so that these documents can be voted on at the August 2001 meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: This unit size determination applies only to VOTING PRIVILEGES . . . in the field, commanders still have the say of unit positions in the field.

SEND YOUR SUGGESTIONS/QUESTIONS/CHANGES/ETC. to Walt Larson, email by mid-July: <weldone@usmo.com>

Jim Beckner reported that this is the 20th anniversary of the formation of the MCWRA. While many other such organizations have come and gone over the past years, MCWRA is still going strong and intends to continue doing so. He has compiled a scrapbook of items from these years and invited members to contribute items and/or copies for this historical document.

Mark White reported on the effort to purchase the Harris sword

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from the state of Georgia, for its return to Missouri.

One MCWRA member who had been injured at an event reported that the Old West Insurance did not pay as the injured party had personal insurance. Terry Cadenbach is going to check into this, as they may negate the MCWRA's decision to become affiliated with this organization.

Jim and Paula Thies and Norman Rohlfing presented updates on the Glasgow event in August; the CROWS will be sponsoring two speakers and a basket auction.

It was reiterated that any new artillery units must have an authentic piece, and it must be reviewed by three current artillery men appointed by the MCWRA Board.

There has been discussion of changing editors for the *Western Campaigner*; both candidates are amenable to the change, whoever decides to become editor. No decision as yet.

President Beckner distributed a number of packets, brochures, rules/policies documents--he will bring additional copies to the August meeting. Terry Cadenbach brought a supply of bumper stickers for sales to the membership.

Jim Beckner also reported on the death of member Bob Keys and movie coordinator Riley Flynn. Dan Keeslar presented information on Silver Dollar City's request for MCWRA members to work at the park for six weekends in the fall; Jim gave further information on participation in the Excelsior Springs living history.

As current MCWRA secretary will not be seeking re-election to the board when her term is completed in August 2001, President Beckner announced that a new secretary will be sought at that time. The candidate must be a member of the MCWRA Board.

Joe Broski asked that the 10th Mo. Infantry & Artillery CSA (but will galvanize when needed) be accepted on probation. Due to the

fact that this unit did not as yet have a sponsoring unit, they will make their request again at the August meeting.

Since it is both an infantry and an artillery unit, they will need two sponsors plus inspection of their gun by three current artillery inspectors chosen by the Board. However, this unit can begin working in the field at events, but do not have a vote until their probationary period is completed.

Walt Larson presented a letter from Emmett Taylor of Company C, 5th Missouri Vol. Cavalry Regt. requesting that this unit be taken off probation. Terry Cadenbach, as a representative of the sponsoring unit, reported that no interaction between the units had been held, and that this unit had some safety violations. It was agreed to extend this probation until the November meeting, so that an honest assessment can be given, and so that a cavalry sponsor can report. President Beckner will inform Emmett Taylor of this decision.

Farris Battery, sponsored by Wade's Battery, was taken off probation.

President Beckner reported that Rusty McCortner has the position of the new curator at the Mine Creek Museum.

Mark White reported that completion of the Lexington video has been delayed, but part of the footage would be viewed following the adjournment of the meeting.

Mike Roderman reported that the Missouri Artillery Battalion will act as a central contact for battles.

Deby Fitzpatrick encouraged all CROWS members and others to sponsor and come up with ideas for civilian activities at events . . . send any ideas, how, when, and where to the new CROWS president-elect.

Doug Moody reported on the Pea Ridge video . . . the final version is supposed to be ready in July. However, if a participant did not receive a thank you letter, let the Pea Ridge sponsors know if you want a video as the letter was

their check-off manner for those receiving videos.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned. The next MCWRA general meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2001 in Jefferson City in the Capitol Building, room to be announced. The Board will meet at 10:00 a.m.; the General Meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hussey, Secretary*

Maysville set June 23-24 in Wichita, KS

The Battle of Maysville, to be held June 23-24 at Wichita, Kan., has a web site with an on-line registration form.

The event sponsors are requesting that people planning to attend the event register on-line if at all possible, or have a friend register them on-line. If that is not possible, they can request a friend print off the registration form from the web site and have them mail it.

The web site may be accessed at <www.wichita-civilwar.com>

Spokesman John Beck indicated that all attending the event should be prepared to galvanize for both US and CS.

For additional information, contact <Mike1025@aol.com> or <Ironclad61@aol.com>

For Sale

Rocky Mount, MO: 3" Ordinance Rifle, full scale. Barrel made by South Bend Replicas, and is rifled for live fire. Includes implements and tongue spike. Carriage has never been out of the garage. Brand new and 100% authentic. Also includes 3 piece mold for live fire shells. ALSO: 6 Pound full scale solid bronze cannon. Includes implements and tongue spike. Cannon and carriage made by Cannon LTD. #1 bronze barrel from Cannon LTD. Also includes mold for making zink 6 pound balls. (Call Cannon LTD before live firing this cannon) Call Richard Shannon @ 573-392-5373.

Glasgow event web site up and running

The website for Glasgow, Mo. slated for August 4-5, is up and running. It can be accessed at <www.mcmsys.com/~glasgow/Reenactment.html>

The e-mail address for the event is <battleofglasgow@excite.com>

Anyone can e-mail this site and request registration forms to be sent to them, according to Glasgow Reenactment Committee

Send info to MCWRA website, Campaigner

The MCWRA now has a new website, and secretary Janet Hussey requests that all corrections, contacts, news dates and other miscellaneous information be sent to both the website at Wentworth Academy, and also to *The Western Campaigner*.

Sending information to the secretary only delays the process, since it must then be passed on down the line.

To access the Wentworth Academy web site online . . . <<http://members.tripod.com/~MCWRA>>

They may also be reached via phone at 660-259-2221, ext. 516 or by mail to LTC Jim Ahrens, Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, MO 64067. Mail sent to Wentworth will be forwarded to the secretary, to the treasurer or the president as the case may be.

To reach *The Western Campaigner*, contact editor David Christy via phone or fax at 580-758-3255, or via e-mail: <chrswauk@enid.com> or <DavidAChristy@excite.com>

DUES CHECKS should be mailed to the main MCWRA site at Wentworth Academy, or directly to treasurer Terry Cadenbach, 5731 Hwy. N, Robertsville, MO 63072

members Jim and Paula Thies. If you would like them to respond personally, you may e-mail them at <pthies@hotmail.com> or <Jimthies@hotmail.com>, or you can call them at their home, 660-338-2471.

They indicated that there has been some confusion on the number to call and where to register. So if you e-mail to the site, they ask that you please address it to the attention of Jim or Paula Thies.

The final list of overall commanders for Glasgow includes:

CSA Artillery: Norman Rohlfing,

Collins Battery (which is also the sponsoring unit)

CSA Cavalry: Scott Hughes, Shelby's

CSA Infantry: John Beck, 9th Texas Infantry

USA Artillery: Merle Hodges, 3rd Kansas Light Artillery

USA Infantry: Boo Hodges, 8th Kansas Infantry

Coordinators:

Civilian: Deby Fitzpatrick

Sutlers: Del and Jean Warren,

James Country Mercantile

In addition, Jim and Paula Thies indicated that they have been receiving e-mails that the Glasgow event is cancelled. "This is not true," they said. "Glasgow's reenactment is very much happening."

Sweeney Museum to allow MSG monument on grounds

The Missouri Division SCV has received permission from the Gen. Sweeney Museum to place a monument on their property commemorating the Missouri State Guard.

The monument will commemorate the involvement of the MSG in the Battle of Oak Hills (Wilson's Creek) on Aug. 10, 1861.

The Sweeney Museum is located very near the entrance to the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield site near Springfield, Mo.

Quantrill book now available

The book *The Encyclopedia of Quantrill's Guerrillas* is available for \$35 (US only) including shipping and handling. This reference book includes brief stories about the men who rode with Quantrill at one time or another.

The stories contain census records, vital statistics, family members, physical characteristics, battles fought in, Union generals, and general orders passed that pertained to the guerrillas.

Several historical societies (Wisconsin State Historical Society, Boone Co., Ark. Historical Society to name a few) libraries (Central Ark. State Libr., Mid-Continent Libr. Independence, Mo.), the Missouri State Archives in Jefferson City, the Confederate Research Center in Texas, etc. all have copies.

To order contact Rose Mary Lankford, Rt. 1 Box 114-A, Evening Shade, Arkansas 72532, or phone 870-368-5022. E-mail contact <hickoryflatoutlaws@centurytel.net>

NEEDED

One secretary, male or female, CSA or USA, to take minutes at only 3 meetings a year. The minutes are then sent by the secretary to the newsletter editor. Call Jim Beckner ASAP.

McBride Camp Commander John Wolfe is chairman of the Missouri Division MSG Monuments Committee and has informed us that plans are already underway and a dedication ceremony will take place in the near future.

Details on the dedication will be available on the following web site: <<http://www2.mo-net.com/~joecmoore/McBrideSCV/JHM632Home.html>>

Effort stepped up to save Harris sword for state of Missouri

The Augusta, Georgia, Museum of History has decided to remove from its collections, an artifact of significance to the state of Missouri.

The museum has declared its intention to sell the 139 year old Thomas Alexander Harris presentation sword and scabbard. They have agreed to give the State of Missouri first option to buy.

Harris lead the second division of the Missouri State Guard in 1861. The sword was presented to Harris by his officers and commemorated his deeds in using the tactic of the rolling of hemp bales in helping to win the Battle of Lexington.

The sword was crafted by Boyles and Gamble of Richmond, Va., and the sword and its scabbard are heavily engraved with words and symbols. Of particular note are the presentation inscriptions, the hemp bales, the Missouri State seal, Miss Liberty on the scabbard, the ornate CS hand guard and the words Lexington Sept. 20th, 1861 on the blade.

Once acquired, the sword will be on permanent display for the enjoyment and education of all citizens at the visitor's center at the Battle of Lexington State Historic Site.

The Lexington site will supply pamphlets, photos and other information useful in a presentation as a fund raiser. Or individuals may help by purchasing a raffle ticket from a member of the Civilian Reenactors Of the West Society (CROWS) for a soldier's quilt, made by members of the group.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Battle of Pilot Knob, Mo. at Ft. Davidson State Battlefield. The winner will be contacted by phone and the quilt mailed to the winner after the event, which is scheduled for Sept. 22-23.

For more information or to ob-

tain literature, contact site administrator at the Battle of Lexington State Historic Site, Janae Fuller at 660-259-4654, or email <dspblex@mail.dnr.state.mo.us> or Bob Eckhoff, 660-259-2076 or email <wtsh@land.net>

All money donated for the sword is tax deductible.

Missouri must raise \$56,500 by September, or the sword will be sold to the highest bidder.

Janae Fuller, Ken Worthington of the Anderson House Foundation, and Bob Eckhoff recently attended a meeting in Jefferson City, Mo. with representatives of the State Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Missouri Society for Military History. The object of the meeting was to discuss and formulate plans to raise \$20,000 to acquire the General Harris sword for Lexington.

In addition, Action Video is donating \$5 from each sale of the Lexington Reenactment video to the fund raiser to purchase and return the sword to Missouri.

Kansas SCV annual convention slated

The Kansas Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans will hold their third annual convention on Saturday, June 23 in the community room of the Visitor's Information Center, 402 N. 2nd St. in Lawrence, Kansas.

Check-in and coffee service begins at 9:30 a.m. with a business meeting at 10:00. The convention will close by 12:45 p.m. followed by an optional lunch at Johnny's Tavern, a local restaurant.

Registration is \$5 per member to attend with the fee to help cover cost for the room, coffee, souvenir program, ribbon and group photo. Members unable to attend can purchase a program and ribbon for \$3.

To register, contact James L. Speicher, Commander, Kansas Division, 7325 Oakview St., Shawnee, KS 66216-5527 or call 913-684-7627.

Do you have a nominee in mind for MCWRA President-elect or for the Board of Directors? Be sure and fill out nomination form on the back page!

In the next issue of The Western Campaigner . . . don't miss complete details on this fall's Battle of Pilot Knob, Missouri, to be held at the Fort Davidson State Historic Site near Pilot Knob, Missouri on Sept. 22-23 . . . an MCWRA Maximum Effort reenactment event!