

The Western Campaigner

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-President's Column-

I would like to thank the members of the MCWRA for the confidence you had in electing me as President of our organization. I will try my best to do the job you elected me to do.

For those that don't know me, my name is Tommy Gale, and I am with the 2nd MO Co K. I started reenacting in 1986, and left the hobby in 1989. I returned to the hobby in 2008 after attending the event at Huzzah Valley of that year. You never know how much you miss this hobby until you're out of it for a while and return to the sights, sounds, and smells. Over the years, I have met a lot of wonderful people and look forward to meeting new ones. In this hobby, fellow re-enactors become closer than some family. Our hobby is a truly amazing one, and much more than just a hobby.

The first MCWRA event of 2013 was the 150th of Hartville, MO (AKA "Mudville"). As a member of the hosting unit, I would like to thank everyone that attended and stuck it out. There are times I think we could make money off of this hobby by becoming "rainmakers." We set our tents up, and it rains...

Hartville loved us and is looking forward to our return in 2015. There is only one MCWRA event for the 2013 season left. I hope all can attend Fredericktown, MO, and support the communities and hosting units that put these events on. I have helped to put on events and am aware of the hard work that goes into them. Without the communities putting time, effort, and money into events, we have no hobby. So, please

support all the events you can.

I would like to thank the members who take time out of their Saturday to attend the meetings in Jefferson City. I would like to encourage everyone to get involved by attending meetings, running for officer or board positions, and voting. Working together can only make our hobby better.

Once again, "thank you" for the confidence in me, and I look forward to seeing ya'll round a camp fire very soon.

Tommy Gale
MCWRA President

-Meeting Minutes-

Meeting was conducted in the basement of the Missouri State Capitol Building on Saturday, August 17, 2013.

Meeting was called to order by President Michael Roderman at 10:05 a.m. New board members Jim Enderle and Gary Burton were seated and the totals for the votes of the recently completed election announced. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. A motion to approve the Secretary's report as published in the most recent addition of the Western Campaigner was made by Carl Warren and seconded by Dick Pearson. Motion passed as read. Treasurer Jim Hubbard reported that we currently have \$13,315.83 in the treasury with two checks totaling \$77.12 still outstanding. He also gave an update on the organization's application for re-instatement of the 501©3 status. He also stated that our current membership level was at 552 members.

The following Members were present:

Collins Battery:

Dick Pearson
Lou and Laurie Dunlap
Jim and Linda Enderle

3rd Missouri Infantry:

Jim Hubbard

Missouri 2nd Light Artillery:

Michael and Barb Roderman
Carl and Dawn Warren
Jim England

2nd Missouri Infantry:

Ron Ulrich Jr.
Chris Nelson
Stephen Gale
Tommy Gale Jr.

Bledsoe's Battery:

Joyce Spalding
David Spalding

4th Missouri Infantry:

Daniel Keith

Welker's Provost:

Tom Jett
Larry McDaniel

6th Missouri Cavalry:

Bob Tackett

MBMS:

Charles and Julie Cunningham
Trina Rasmussen
Dawn Baker
Randy and Sheila Pauley

10th Missouri Artillery:

Jim Voelker
Lewis King

4th Missouri Cavalry:

Terry Cadenbach

Hildebrand's Raiders:

Kevin Culton
Jerry Goza

Ferris Battery:

George Hale
Glenn Graham

Turner Brigade Company M:

Randy Baehr

5th Missouri Infantry:

Bill Wayne

LUAS:

Pat Baehr
Connie Grieser

Kelly's Irish:

Richard Heaviland

Southwest Provost:

Cary Rinckenbaugh Sr.

Big River Ranch:

Robbie Maupin

Big River Volunteers:

Tom Richardson

Shoal Creek:

Martha Edmunds

1st Missouri Dismounted:

Steve Montgomery

Glasgow:

James Fitzgerald
J.Y. Miller
Steve Jones

Monett/Battle of Westport:

Daniel L. Smith
Alexa Smith
George Vessel

Old Business:

The issue of whether to designate a misfire on artillery was revisited. The debate centered around whether implements were to be crossed or rest vertically on the hubs of the wheels to designate a misfire. The motion from the previous meeting to cross the implements was put to a vote and passed 24-11.

Michael Roderman urged members to be more active in the organization. Members, especially younger members, should attend meetings, be willing to run for the board and vote for those they feel would best represent the units and organization on the board. He also spoke about his terms as President of the organization as well as his time on the board.

It was announced that MCWRA member James Shipman has passed away. His family has expressed a desire that a donation be made to the Wounded Warrior project in his name.

Upcoming events:

Connie Grieser made a presentation on the Marshall, Missouri, event. Website registration was back up after experiencing some difficulties and members are encouraged to register as early as possible to ensure that adequate amenities are available. There will be a parade through town on Saturday. shuttles will bring re-enactors into town at 9:00 a.m. and the parade commences at 10:00 a.m. Ron Ulrich Jr. announced he will be on-site possibly the preceding Wednesday or Thursday for the event. Discussion about the scenario followed.

Jim Hubbard stated that Matt Varnum is proceeding on schedule with the Fredricktown event. They have staged various fundraisers throughout the year.

New Business:

Events for 2014:

Plattsburg, Missouri

April 25-26, 2014

Max Effort. Hosted by Missouri Irish Brigade (Jim Crofutt). Bob Tackett will be board liaison.

Kingston, Missouri

June 6-8, 2014

Max Effort. Recommendations for host units given to John

Dies. Bob Tackett will be board liaison.

Centralia, Missouri

September 13-14, 2014

Max Effort. Host unit, Missouri Brigade Medical Service. Board liaison Charles Cunningham.

Pilot Knob, Missouri

September 27-28, 2014

Max Effort. Host units 4th Missouri Cavalry/Missouri 2nd Light Artillery. Board liaisons Carl Warren/Dick Pearson. On-line registration is set up.

Glasgow, Missouri

October 11-13, 2014

Sanctioned event. Host unit Holmes Brigade.

Battle of Albany, Missouri

(Richmond, Missouri)

October 25-26, 2014

Richmond, Missouri

Fairgrounds will be the venue. Host Big River Ranch. Bob Tackett will be board liaison.

A presentation for the **Battle of Westport** was made but they are requesting a date that the organization already committed to, and they are going to charge re-enactors \$20.00 to participate. They were told if they would like support from the MCWRA they would have to be willing to change the date and forgo the \$20.00 charge.

Ron Ulrich Jr. announced that the **Battle of Franklin, Tennessee**, will take place in November of 2014, and encouraged members who wish to participate to view the details on-line.

Hartville, Missouri

April 25-26, 2015

Max Effort. Host unit 2nd Missouri Infantry.

Shoal Creek, Missouri

October 9-11, 2015

Max Effort. Host unit 1st Missouri Dismounted.

A query was made regarding a mailing for a new directory and by-laws. Jim Hubbard reported that with membership numbers as low as they have been this year, the additional work and expense would not be worth it at this time. If membership numbers increase following the final two events of the year, they will be published and mailed out over the winter. In the interim, contact information will be updated to the website.

Date of the next meeting will be January 25, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Hubbard

-A Note from the Editor-

Dear Readers,

Another newsletter is here at last! With a new president and officers in our organization, and the fall events finishing off as we enter the last several months of the year (can you believe it?!), it's both an exciting, and a busy time for the MCWRA and its members in the reenacting world.

Although it's hard to believe, we're nearly halfway through the 150's. It's been a slow year for the MCWRA in most aspects, but nationals such as Gettysburg and Chickamauga have offered ample opportunity and excitement in the absence of nearby events for those of us who were able to attend them. May the rest of the event year go just as well!

As always, for article submissions, suggestions for the newsletter, or general questions, please contact me at info@ensemblesofthepast.com or by phone at 417-399-9541. You can also view my seamstress work on my facebook page, Ensembles of the Past – I'd love for you to stop by to take a look!

I hope and pray that each and every one of you have a glorious fall and a happy New Year!

As always, I remain your humble editor,

Sara Gonzalez
MCWRA Newsletter Editor
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-Classifieds-

► Michelle Gray is on the market for appropriate, period correct, gently used Civil War gowns that she can begin this hobby with. She wears a size 12, and she can be contacted by phone at: 417-291-0158

► Joe Taylor is a member of the 4th Missouri Cavalry US, and he has a few items that he would like to sell. Those items include:

An 1832 dragoon dress coat: Dark Blue with yellow trim; Approximately Size 52; Asking \$250. Two 1858 dragoon mounted service jackets: Both are also about a size 52 (One of them is for a shorter waisted fella); Asking \$50 for the shorter

one, and \$75 for the other. Two pairs of sky blue trousers sized 36-38: one is fall front with yellow trim; The other is a mounted pattern with an NCO stripe; Asking \$50 for each of the trousers. (The broadfall have only been worn for 3 weekends at Ft Scott, KS. The mounted have never been worn.)

If you buy all of them Joe will pay shipping. Otherwise, you will have to pay shipping. Please contact Joe Taylor at 785-806-1082 or joetaylor@hotmail.com.

Free pick-up in Topeka, KS.

► *Editor's note* – if you have items to sell, or items you wish to purchase, send Sara Gonzalez an email at info@ensemblesofthepast.com and I will gladly add your request to the next issue of the Western Campaigner.

“If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday.”

~Pearl Buck



Artwork submitted by Civil War Artist Paul Cameron
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MCWRA Calendar of Events

Next Board meeting is Saturday, Jan 25, 2014, in the basement of the State Capitol in Jefferson City.
General meeting at 10 A.M.

2013 EVENTS:

Every 1st Saturday of each month all summer –
Living history at Shoal Creek: www.shoalcreeklivinghistory.com

Oct 18 – 20, Fredericktown, MO -
MCWRA Liaison Jim Hubbard. Host unit 9th BN MO Sharpshooters. School day on Friday; Saturday dinner and dance. Burning of mock town. www.battleoffredericktow.ipage.com
MAX EFFORT

2014 EVENTS:

Apr 26-27, 2014, Battle of Plattsburg -
Sesquicentennial event. Park borders on original battlefield. Battles both days, Grand ball in original 1860s brick livery stable building. Bounty for artillery. Host unit: MO Irish Brigade. Contact Bev McCullough 816 370-2532 or bevlogcabin@gmail.com
MCWRA liaison is Bob Tackett. MAX EFFORT

Jun 6-8, 2014, Kingston, MO -
150th of Thraikill's raid. Jdeisl@yahoo.com or 816 465-0052.
<http://www.caldwellcountymissouri.com/civilwar/index.html>
Host unit to be determined. MAX EFFORT

Sep 13-14, 2014, Centralia, MO -
Host unit MBMS. Contact Charles Cunningham at mbms.cvlwar@dishmail.net
MAX EFFORT

Sept 27-28, 2014, Battle of Pilot Knob -
On original site. Full amenities, dance, blowing up of the fort. Held on 150th anniversary of the original battle. Contact Terry Cadenbach at 573 368-0949 or mocav4@yahoo.com
For sutler and reenactor registration, visit the website online at www.battleofpilotknob.org
MAX EFFORT. Board liaison Carl Warren/Dick Peerson.

Oct 11-12, 2014, Battle of Glasgow -
Contact Megan Watts at 660 672-9237 or wattsup_07@yahoo.com
Ball; 2 battles. Host unit Holmes Brigade.

Oct 25 - 26, 2014, Richmond, MO -
Battle of Albany. Sesquicentennial reenactment of the death of Bloody Bill Anderson. Contact is Robbie Maupin. MCWRA liaison Terry Cadenbach. MAX EFFORT.

2015 EVENTS:

APR 25-26, 2015, Hartville, MO -

Host unit 2nd MO Infantry, Co K. MAX EFFORT.

OCT 9-11, 2015 , Shoal Creek -

Contact Martha Edmunds

THIS LIST WILL BE UPDATED AS MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE

If you are involved in any of the above reenactments, or if we have missed anyone, PLEASE contact Terry

Cadenbach at 573 368-0949, or e-mail: mocav4@yahoo.com

We need as much information as possible on these events (particularly contact names, addresses, phone numbers, etc.), so that members can prepare for the coming reenactment season.
