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MIB VOTES TO BECOME REGISTERED NON-PROFIT

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR MIB TO GROW AND PROSPER

In an overwhelming 21-1 vote the MIB has added Article Tenth to its by-laws. This sets the stage for the MIB to become a registered non-profit organization with the State of Missouri. Within 30 days the MIB should be approved by the State and officially become a non-profit. But what exactly does that mean?

STRUCTURE

As a registered non-profit, the MIB

will have an executive committee elected each year that is responsible for making decisions and keeping the organization alive as leaders come and go. Most reenactment units cease to exist after the founder of the unit stops doing the work. With this structure, the MIB can continue for a long, long time.

MORE LOANER GEAR

As a non-profit, the MIB can own the loaner gear and purchase more. Currently all our loaner gear comes from veterans who have extra gear. When these veterans leave the MIB, so does their loaner gear. Not anymore! The unit will own the gear and the MIB will always have sufficient gear to outfit fresh fish, which are the lifeblood of any unit.

POTENTIAL TAX SAVINGS

Cash or powder donations to the MIB are now tax deductible as charitable contributions. Check with a tax professional to find out if certain expenses such as dues, travel expenses to and from reenactment events and uniform purchases may be tax deductible.

FUNDRAISING

Registration with the state provides assurances that the MIB is a legitimate organization required to use the funds raised for its stated mission of educating about the Civil War. Most individuals and organizations will only give donations to registered non-profits.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITY

Long-term stability is greatly enhanced. Options such as taking a bus to a National Event are now available. But each member must seize this opportunity by taking on leadership roles, by recruiting and by helping to raise funds. Each member must *faugh an bealac* and use this new non-profit status so that the MIB can grow and prosper!

NATIONAL EVENTS

As a non-profit, the MIB could raise money to rent a bus and travel to a national event saving each member gas money and time off work. It is awesome to be close to home, but wouldn't it be fun to burn powder at an event as large as Westport EACH YEAR?!



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By Capt. Kevin "Kace" Christensen



IRISH FEST

Good Music,
Good Beer, Good
Company, Great
Location – It must
be the **KC Irish
Festival** again!

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As a re-enactment unit, the MIB represents the Consolidated Battalion of the 7th & 30th Missouri (Union) who were primarily of Irish heritage. The MIB is a proud member unit of the Muddy River Battalion and 1st Federal Division. Our brave Officers and NCOs are:

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Deadline for the next issue: **Sept. 28, 2009**



Last year we had a huge involvement in the KCIF by creating a living history venue celebrating Missouri's Irish involvement in the Civil War. Last year the MIB turned out in strong numbers.

This year our involvement will not be as extensive but we will still need a good turn out to support our Irish Fest efforts. Thanks to your support in passing the non-profit status resolution, plans for the 2009 KC Irish Fest are centered on fund raising and recruiting rather than living history.

We have rented a booth in the non-profit section of the Irish Fest at Crown Center. Two things will be going on at the booth. First we will have MIB information available along with a small CW soldier's kit display. Second we will be running a fund raising game for the public. The fund raising goal for the event is to net \$1,000. I honestly think we have at least an outside shot at netting \$2,000. Money raised at the KCIF would go towards: our new green flag, transferring loaner gear from private hands to the unit, and the purchase of loaner muskets.

One to two grand? I bet you think we are nuts! Well talk to any of the MIBs who are also members of the Harp and Shamrock. (For of those who don't know, the H&S is the Bob Reeder fan club) It raises money to help hearing impaired children. They regularly raise \$2000 to \$3000 with their little rubber duck game at Irish Fest.

What are we going to do at our

booth you might ask? We will have a pot-o-leprechaun-gold at the end of a rainbow. For a small sum, folks will get to reach in and draw out three magic coins. Depending on how many matching coins they draw out they will get to choose a prize. To help break the ice and draw in the marks... um guests, we will have a leprechaun puppet to chat up the game. The goal is to net \$1.00 to \$1.50 per time someone draws a set of coins.

We need as many MIB as possible in period dress (no muskets or rounds please!) to work a 4-hour shift at the booth on Friday Sept. 4 from 3-11pm, Saturday Sept. 5 from 11am-11pm or Sunday Sept. 6 from 11am-11pm to help make our fund raising goals. There are also five (5) FREE tickets each day to Irish Fest for the first 5 who sign up for shifts on the Members Camp at www.MoIrishBrigade.org. Also, our booth is located under the trees at Washington Park near the main stage where you will be able to see and hear all the great bands.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to help the MIB while enjoying one of the best Irish Festivals outside of Ireland!

Capt. Kevin "Kace" Christensen



FROM THE CHAPLIN

Faith is only as good as the one in whom it's invested.

Lee Strobel

Please welcome the following new members



PROVISIONAL RECRUITS

Please welcome **Paul Barnett**, who is transferring from the 25th Missouri, as a Provisional Recruit.

MUSTER INN

Please welcome the following Provisional Recruits to the MIB as **FULL RECRUITS**. These men have declared their desire to become full MIB members and have signed their enlistment papers. Each man's personal number and living history company

assignment have been recorded in the company Order Book and are listed below. Congratulations and welcome to our newest parads!

- Private Kevin Kelly, #96, 7th Missouri
- Musician Dylan Kelly, #97, 7th Missouri

NICKNAME EARNED FOR A MOBILE SLUMBER

At the recent action around St. Joe, Missouri, **Runner Chase Mills** arose from his tent very late one night and took it upon himself to bravely venture forth to scout out the enemy positions. To be extra quiet, he went forth without his shoes. Unfortunately, he also forgot to wake up. For, when our brother DID awake from his mobile slumber, he was far from camp in an unknown location. Luckily, he had his wireless telegraph with him and did "Phone Home." Quickly a search was mounted and he was returned to the bosom of his family. As such, in accordance with MIB tradition, it has been decreed by the MIB officers, and was announced in front of the whole company at Kingston by Capt. Christensen, that Runner Chase Mills will be officially known as "**Night Hawk.**" Congratulations and Huzzah for Night Hawk!



**John D. Stevenson
Information Board**

MIB TREASURY REPORT – Current amount of Greenbacks and resources that are in the MIB accounts:

- General** -----\$351.00
- Savings** -----\$1,140.00
- Ammo** ----- 0 LBS, 450 Rounds & 150 Caps

MIB BY-LAW VOTE – Article Tenth, allowing the MIB to become a registered non-profit with the state of Missouri, was passed by a vote of 21 to 1 on July 3, 2009. Please visit the thread titled, "Not for profit vote now taking place" on the Member's Camp at www.MOIrishBrigade.org for the complete wording of Article Tenth or contact Capt. Christensen for an emailed or printed copy.

MILITIA IMPRESSIONS IMPRESSED – Every MIB had a militia impression at Kingston and the Muster. The Captain was humbled by the incredible dedication.

POWDER ORDER – Lieut. Mandrick is putting together another order for powder. See the Member's Camp for details. Please consider adding an extra pound to your order to donate to the unit.

Call To Arms!



Sept. 4-6 (MIB Listed Event)
Irish Fest, KCMO

MIB Fundraiser!

- Raise funds for MIB
- Recruit new members
- Five (5) free tickets to Irish Fest available for working booth
- See more details on page 2

Sept. 4-6 (MIB Listed Event)
Lamoni, IA

Even some powder!

- Campaigner event 6:30pm Friday to 8am Saturday
- 3pm battle Sat.; 1pm battle Sun.
- Contact Col. Crofutt if going
- Info. at www.civilwardays.org

Sept. 26-27 (MIB Sanctioned)
Pawnee City, NE

Free Powder!

- Bounty of 1lb black powder
- New, larger battlefield
- Candlelight camp tours
- See more details on page 6

October 17-18 (MIB MAX EFFORT)
Fortescue, MO, MIB sponsored

October 23-24 (MIB Listed Event)
Haunted Wornall House

December TBD (MIB MAX EFFORT)
O'Malley's Pub, Weston, MO

For more details and the complete 2009 Campaign visit www.moirishbrigade.org

MIB NEWS



Original Musket Donated to Wornall House

— During the Militia Muster Sgt. Mark “Tic Tac” Keith donated an original 1860 Springfield to the Wornall House to be used in a hands-on children’s program. In presenting the musket, Sgt. Keith made it clear to Wornall House Director, Kandice Walker, that “Children must be able to touch it!” He then instructed Walker on how to load the weapon and she fired its final shot with a roar from the MIB.

Tic Tac Almost A Ghost

— Col. Crofutt had just finished packing his “iron horse” when he decided to use the sinks one last time. Upon approaching the sinks of the haunted Wornall House, he heard some strange muffled yelps. He was temporarily relieved when he discovered it was not a ghost (yet!) but Sgt. Mark “Tic Tac” Keith who was locked in the bathroom! A search detail was mounted and a key was brought in short order.

New MIB on the way

— Pvt. Aaron Colgrove and his wife Trish are expecting a little one in December. HUZDAH and much luck to Pvt. and Mrs. Colgrove!

Beer Tasted Great

— No one went thirsty during the Beer-tasting at the Muster. A great description of each beer by Pvt. Mike Sagar and free 8oz. glasses from O’Dowd’s made this an especially great event. Strangely, the volume and strength of the MIB’s singing improved as the evening progressed.

Eagle Scout Honor

— Pvt. Sean Kane received his Eagle Scout with a MIB Color Guard detail.

The Beginning of a National Pastime



By Collin A. Mulligan

John Boy O is on assignment in Italy and will return next issue.

Baseball is a game that binds Americans to each other and to its history more than just about any other single thing. While America has rapidly changed, the one constant that has remained, since it became popular with Civil War soldiers, is baseball. It was not invented by them or a heroic Civil War General or is even an entirely American game, but it is clear that without Civil War soldiers playing and evolving the game, baseball would not be “The National Pastime.”

Most people still believe baseball was invented by Abner Doubleday in Coopers-town, NY in 1839 and that the heroic Civil War General brought the game to the troops. Turns out this story was brought about by Albert Spaulding, the largest sports equipment maker, about 15 years after Doubleday died. It worked great to sell more baseballs by claiming it was an “American” game invented by an American hero.

The origins of baseball can be traced back several centuries to many different games played in England involving a ball and a bat such as cricket, one of’ cat, rounders and stoolball. By 1845 when Alexander Cartwright of Manhattan (now credited as the “Father of Baseball”) wrote down the rules for baseball, it was clear that the game had been played for some time and was more of a long evolution of many similar ball and bat games.

When the Civil War broke out in 1861 the game of baseball (also called “town ball” or “round ball” or “base”) was mostly being played on the east coast. But the War sent New Yorkers to Georgia and Texans to Pennsylvania and the game of baseball began to spread. It became popular because the game was simple (all one needs a stick and a ball), offered camaraderie (it takes a team working together to get each out), created rivalry (regiment against regiment) and brought relief to the intense boredom of camp life.

The rules usually were similar to the rules written by Cartwright but often had some variation or “house rule” from unit to unit. Typically there was a hurler (pitcher) who pitched the ball (underhand) to the striker (batter) who strikes (hits) the ball. He is dead (out) if a hand (player) catches the ball on the first bound or in the air or if the hand (player) hits the striker (batter) with the ball. Each club (team) would get three dead (out) before they would switch. A match (game) would end at a predetermined time or when one club (team) would reach a predetermined amount of aces (runs).

Shortly after the war in 1869 the first professional baseball club was formed with the Cincinnati Red Stockings. Other professional clubs soon followed and baseball’s popularity grew even more. Over the years the game slowly evolved into the game today but the fervent passion in Americans for this simple game was created by Civil War soldiers who played the game and made it into “The National Pastime.”



FREE POUND OF POWDER!

PAWNEE CITY, NEBRASKA TERRITORY SEPTEMBER 26-27

Running low on powder? Pawnee City in the Nebraska Territory is the place to get some of the black gold on September 26 - 27. Sponsored by our good friends of the 1st Nebraska Infantry, the Pawnee City event (located about 1.5 hours from St. Joseph by taking Hwy 36 west to Seneca and then North on Hwy 63 to Hwy 8) is offering a bounty of **1 pound of black powder** for each soldier. And that's not even the best part about this event!



This year will feature a completely new Battlefield that is twice the size of the old battlefield and much more authentic. The Confederates will be camped in that area, while the Federals will be camped on the old Battlefield next to the period village. Civilians will be camped inside the village as a refugee camp.

Saturday night there will be candlelight tours for the public of the Union and Confederate camps starting at 9pm. Two years ago we showcased an Irish brawl that the public loved. Be prepared to offer an even better skit idea for this year!

Colonel Crofutt is to be the U.S. Infantry commander and Lloyd Coates of the 1st Nebraska will be overall commander as a one star General for the weekend. The Muddy River Battalion is expecting 40-60 rifles. Confederate numbers have also increased for this year's Pawnee City event, and they are expecting right around 50 rifles for Infantry.

Since there were no battles in Nebraska, the 1st Nebraska has chosen to portray a battle fought out East. This year they have decided to do the 1864 Battle of the Wilderness. Or, as the MIB will call it, "An excuse to shoot at secesh sucn."

It is very be important that the MIB

make every effort to turn out and support this event. The 1st Nebraska has made a good effort to get down to Missouri this year on several occasions and the MIB needs to show its appreciation by bringing good numbers.

Considering the improved battlefield and the free powder, this should be an event well worth the short trip into the Nebraska Territory. So far only a few pards have signed up meaning that many more are needed to fulfill the Captain's goal of 12-16 for a Sanctioned Event. Please sign up TODAY on the Campaign 2009 thread at the Member's Camp on www.MOIrishBrigade.org. Also, keep an eye out on that thread for the commissary's forage requests or contact the Lieutenant.

FORTESCUE

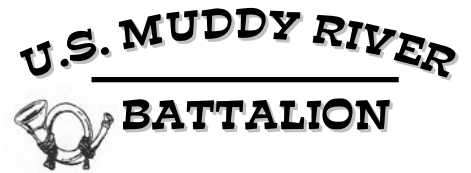
Preview Report

The MIB is grateful for the return of Fortescue on October 17-18!

Expect to burn lots of powder with 2 battles on Saturday and another fight on Sunday. Most of the Union forces will fight from great defensive positions inside a schoolhouse and behind newly constructed breastworks.

Please make every effort to attend since the MIB is the sponsoring unit and a strong showing will garnish a whole lot of respect and support for the future.

Look for more details in the next An Bealac and on Member's Camp at www.MOIrishBrigade.org.



Fortescue: There seems to be a lot of interest in the Fortescue event this coming October. The Muddy River Battalion is easily going to field the projected numbers of 60 Rifles. We may very well exceed that number because the 8th Kansas is looking at fielding a company and also our friends of the 2nd Kansas (a.k.a. Bullpups) is looking at a good 18 to 20 rifle company. If all goes well, I think we can easily see a 100 rifle battalion at Fortescue which will be good because the word I am hearing as of now is that the 1st Missouri Confederate Battalion is thinking that they are also going to have right around 100 Rifles. Nevertheless, Fortescue is a full maximum effort event for the Muddy River, and we really need to muster every member unit and as many men as possible.

Wilson's Creek: On other fronts, I have heard from the 1st Federal Division that the big Wilson's Creek event has been pushed back 1 year to 2011 so that it will fall on the official 150th Anniversary. Although this makes it a bit difficult for next year's schedule, it does make a lot of sense. It also gives us an extra year to recruit and grow the battalion in preparation for it. I would like to see the Muddy River Battalion field a good 100 men for this one. I know we can do it!

I have not heard anything from Division, as of yet, for next year. Possibly a tactical at Land Between the Lakes in Kentucky in early November, but with 2nd Manassas being in August, it would make for 2 Division events in the latter part of the year which doesn't work very well. When I do hear anything, I will be sure to let you guys know.

Col. James Crofutt

ADJUTANTS CALL: The Adjutant has nothing to report at this time.

1st Lieut. James Nicholson

MUCH MASTERED AT MIB MUSTER

MIB Militia Muster After Action Report



Thanks to all who braved the heat to attend our Militia Muster at the Wornall House. I think the event was a good success. We had a decent turn out in spite of the heat.

A couple of special thanks need to be sent out. First, to Kerry Foley who braved the heat all day Saturday to provide kids games. While we did not have a lot (almost none) of kids participate, the Wornall House greatly appreciated Kerry being there. Next, to Mike Sager, for the beer-tasting event. WOW! If you missed

it you REALLY missed out. Also, to Mark Keith, for his very generous donation of an original 1860 Springfield musket to the Wornall House for use in their interpretive children's events. And, finally to Sean Kane for getting me started on my recruiting speech. He provided the initial idea/text that I then molded and tweaked into the final text.

We had a number of great drill sessions. I think we are all on the same page for deploying as skirmishers. Some of our newer members really were able to nail down key skills as we did the station work. I hope every one had fun learning how to use their ramrods while firing by the nines. It looked great! We also made progress learning to recognize bugle calls with Marty Rubin's expert assistance. He provided a list of little ditty's that were a great help in remembering the calls (see back page of the newsletter for a link).

Special Congratulations go out to Private Kevin Allin, the MIB's new fastest shot. Pvt. Allin was able to narrowly beat out Sgt. Mark "Tic Tac" Keith despite most of his rounds dropping out of his cartridge box as he was firing from the prone position.

I would love to tell you the event went off with absolutely no hitches but we did run into one at the end when Sgt. Keith got locked in the bathroom. Luckily, as reported in the MIB News on page 4, he was discovered and rescued.

Again thanks to all who helped make the weekend a success!

Capt. Kevin "Kaci" Christensen



MIB MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES



MAY 28, 2009 – O'Dowd's Pub, Zona Rosa, Kansas City, MO

Kingston: June 5-7 features 1-2 battles Fri. and Sat. with re-enactor only battle Sun. Cash bounty for infantry units. Civilian trousers needed.

MIB Muster: June 27 – 28

Reminder that period civilian clothing is needed. Sign up for the beer-tasting.

Remaining 2009 Campaign was discussed.

JUNE 25, 2009 – O'Dowd's Pub, Zona Rosa, Kansas City, MO

Attendance was sparse therefore all business was tabled until next month.

Next meetings: Thurs. July 30 & Thurs. Aug. 27, 8pm at O'Dowd's in Zona Rosa

Pvt. Isaac Peter Freely winner of "Best Militia Impression"

The MIB's recent Militia Muster held at the Wornall House this past June saw a collection of fine-looking Militia impressions. The MIB has taken a big step forward in developing the ability to field as a pro-union Homeguard or Militia company when needed. There were many good impressions and very few men were wearing the sky-blue trouser.

Unknown to many in the ranks, the good Captain and the Museum Director were taking a good look at everyone and taking notes. Who in the MIB would have the best overall civilian militia impression? It was a very difficult decision.

In the end, Private I.P. Freely (a.k.a. Jim Crofutt, pictured at left) was chosen as having the best overall Militia impression. He wore period boots with plaid cotton pants (very



loud, but yet good-looking), a white canvas vest and a blue checked civilian shirt. He also was wearing (very briefly due to the heat) a home-made civilian-type coat. His hat was a Mexican War wheel cap with a green ribbon attached to the side to honor his Irish heritage. But likely one of the best aspects of his impression, which really helped bring everything together, was the Flintlock musket and the little wood Keg canteen he was wearing.

Honorable mention was awarded to associate member Marty Rubin who was wearing an old War of 1812 musician's shell jacket with civilian trousers and hat. There was no doubt that Marty had a very fine-looking militia impression and many were drooling over that jacket of his. If he was a full MIB member, he may very easily have won the contest.

Congratulations to everyone for a job well done. Together, all of these detailed efforts move the MIB forward as an organization and a team.

Terry Price Memorial Soldiers Talk



Thanks to the MIB!!!

Hey everyone!

Just wanted to send a quick note to tell you all what a great time I had hanging out with everyone at Kingston. From getting to see the miracle of Windex (or as I like to call it "Doug Brown's Secret Formula Black Powder Cleaner;" look for my booth at Sutler's row soon), the great joke telling, that charge over the hill on Sunday, and of course that great Poem! Listening to you all talk about Irish Fest and all the other events coming up really made me wish I was still out in KC, but when my Ukulele starts to lose that camp fire smell I will be calling Kace to see if he needs someone to fill up canteens!

Pvt. Doug Brown

Seanspeare

Patrick: Oh brother mine, that was a FINE speech you gave on the steps of the Wornall House. You surely did fire up the lads!

Sean: Why thank you Patrick! I worked quite hard on it. It still needs some polishing I think.

Patrick: Aye laddie, that Will Shakespeare feller's writing was always a bit rough around the edges. I am sure he wouldn't mind you polishin' up one a his works.

Sean: What do you mean Patrick?

Patrick: Sean darlin, I know it didn't look like I was paying attention as the professor droned on and on at school.

But, I be pretty sure you done lifted a good piece a YOUR fine speech from a little known part by a lad called Mark Anthony in a little known worked called Julius Ceaser.

Sean: Well um...

Patrick: Ha ha ha, I be loving this grand life right about now! Sean laddie it is usually you who be looking down your nose at some of my minor transgressions. I be remembering this for a long time.

Sean: Minor! Minor transgressions! Patrick you lost both my pistol and my horse gambling for \$%#^ sake. I had to buy them back. And yes I will be stopping your pay till I get my money back!

Patrick: Friends! Romans! Country Men! Lend me your ears...

Sean: Shhhhhhh! All right, all right we will call it even.

Patrick: No hard feelings then Sean? I have a case of Trappes Ale that fell off a wagon just the other day now and I will be glad to lift a bottle with you.



Townball not Rounders

Last year the Frontier Brigade challenged us to a game of 1860's baseball that they called "Rounders." Unfortunately, the term "Rounders" is not correct for the game we played. Most in the 1860's would have called it "Townball" or "Base Ball." Rounders is, in fact, a game from England and would have been known to the Irish, but is more similar to cricket than baseball. There were many games during the Civil War that were played with a ball and bat and they had many different names for games with similar rules. However, what we played last year was NOT Rounders (perhaps a game we could learn as Irish). It would be more accurate to call it Townball or Base Ball.

Pvt. Al Watts



Compliments are piled on the MIB

Kingston After Action Report

Well, if you missed this one you missed a great event. We were very close to EVERYTHING; port-a-johns, sutlers, water, parking, and a touch of shade! I was very impressed to see the effort that everyone made to put together a militia impression. I think we only ended up with one pair of sky blue trousers on the line. We received many compliments.

I would like to express an extra special thank you for everyone who was able to take Friday off and be on site. You went above and beyond. The event organizers were very impressed with everything we did for the 500++ school children who came though the camp. We had more going on for the kids at our camp than the Fed Cav, Artillery and Rebs combined!! (period kids games, period school, period rations, drum lessons, awkward squad drill, and live firing) The event organizer also thanked the MIB for providing the camp guard that helped direct the teachers on the available options and did a little traffic control to keep the groups moving.

The MIB fielded a good solid company all weekend and was able to lend Lt Mandrick to command the combo company for the Battalion. The Friday corn field fight was good fun and a different experience. The event organizers put a lot of pre-planning and effort into having a stand of corn in place for us to march and fight through. Colonel Crofutt, true to his word, had us running a wide variety of flanking maneuvers to try and flush the rebs out of the field. The Saturday battle was pretty much a typical event battle with two lines standing and firing at each other.

The highlight of the event was the Sunday tactical. It was, in a word, AWESOME. For a full report see "Tactical Manuevers" in the Soldier's Talk of Member's Camp. Also, the unit received a \$150 bounty which has been added to the MIB Savings Account.

Capt. Kevin "Kace" Christensen



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THE BUGLE HAS SOUNDED!!

Do you know what to do?



Find out by visiting these resources lest you be coming to drill with only a spoon:

Time and Meaning of Bugle Calls

(includes some mp3 files so you can listen to the calls)

<http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/land/bugle.htm>

Downloadable Bugle Calls

<http://www.rjsamp.com/resources.html>

Lyrics to Bugle Calls

Learn to sing clever tongue-n-cheek songs to the bugle calls at the "ACW Bugle Ditties" thread in Soldier's Talk on the Member's Camp at www.MOIrishBrigade.org

The Missouri Irish Brigade of Civil War Re-enactors is a living historian's organization of people that have come together to form an authentic, and basic, scaled down, Civil War Infantry Company. Our organization's club name is the "Missouri Irish Brigade" and our actual military portrayal and historical designation is that of the "Consolidated Battalion, 7th and 30th Missouri Volunteers." Despite the Irish in our designation, our principle impression is that of a typical Union Infantry unit, and we pride ourselves on being "Westerners". We take to the field about once a month to serve at various local, regional, and national Civil War Reenactment events. The Missouri Irish Brigade was organized in the fall of 1995, and is headquartered in St. Joseph, MO. For more information visit www.moirishbrigade.org.