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MIB MUSTER & MUCH MORE!!!

❧ **ALEXANDER MAJOR'S HOUSE, 8201 STATE LINE, KCMO ~ APRIL 16-17** ❧

"Victory in war does not depend entirely on numbers or courage; only Drill and Discipline will ensure it."

- Flavius Vegetius Renatus, AD 378,
Roman Military Strategist

The 2011 Missouri Irish Brigade's Spring Muster will be held the weekend of April 16 - 17 at the Alexander Major's House, located at 8201 State Line Road,

in Kansas City, MO. There are a couple of really fun things in store for this muster. Rest assured that it will be much, much more than just a drill weekend!

Ok first for the boring stuff. Arrival and set up is Friday night. The company kitchen will be providing meals on Saturday (BLD) and Sunday (BL). The cost of meals will be our standard \$10 per person. In addition, the hat will be passed to help defray the cost of the park rental (the large grassy area adjacent to the house). Kandace Walker of the Alexander Major's House went to bat for us and was able to reduce the amount the city wanted to charge from \$1000 to \$350. The Alexander Major's House will be paying \$150 of the rental fee. The MIB will be paying \$100. The last \$100 will be covered by another unit.....more on that later. Saturday will be chock filled with Drill. We will be working on everything from the manual of arms (station work like last year) to company and battalion level drill as well as skirmish drill.

original 7th and 30th, and those active now, Corporal Mike "Cotton Pants" Sager will be holding a German Beer Tasting for the MIB on Saturday night in the dining room of the Alexander Major's House. The final cost has not been decided but we are working to keep at or under \$20.00 per person. We will also be working something out for our younger members. Those of you who attended either or both of Mike's 1860's Beer and Irish whiskey tastings know what a treat he will have for us!!!

In addition to the Saturday night beer tasting, the 3rd Missouri Infantry CS will be holding their muster that same weekend. Captain Shuster and Captain Christensen are working on some fun drill activities. One very exciting drill will be a 35 - 45 man company. We will combine everyone into one large, almost period-sized, company! This will be the FIRST time for most of us to ever experience how the evolution of the company is really supposed to work. There



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All right now for the fun stuff!

In honor of the Germans both in the

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CAPTAIN'S CALL

By Capt. Kevin "Kace" Christensen



150th...

We are entering a once-in-a-lifetime period in our hobby. Very few re-enactors will have the

opportunity to experience what we will over the next few years! There are not many still active who participated in the 125th cycle of events; our own Sgt. Mark "Tic Tac" Keith being one of them.

This year RIGHT HERE in our very own backyard we have seven 150th events to attend: The Battle of Carthage; The Battle of Boonville; The Battle of Wilson's Creek; The Battle of Lexington; The Battle of Blue Mill's Landing; The Battle of Blair Lane. These events run the spectrum from local to regional and even a national level event. Yep that is right; we do not have to drive nine to ten hours this year. Twin Rivers was a BLAST last year and worth every bit of the drive. But, just think, a great national event practically right in our back yard!! If you did not attend Twin Rivers be sure to talk to someone who did or even, better yet, borrow one of the dvd's that most of us purchased and see for yourself how cool a national is.

But the 150th is not just this year. We have Shiloh and Vicksburg (Can you say charge the earth works with ladders?) next year and the holy grail of Gettysburg in 2013. Start making those plans now!

As we embark on the 150th cycle, I would like to see the MIB upgrade our overall impression. We have a reputation for having a good quality impression but I want to see that maintained and improved upon. In addition, there are a couple of areas that I think we have slipped. I take responsibly for some of the slippage as I have been lax in enforcing some of our uniform codes even to the point of being the poster child for one.

There are four areas I want to see us improve: forage caps, kepis, hat brass and shoes. Forage caps - Let me be the first to tell you that I have retired my

beloved forage cap and purchased a Tim Bender hat. I would rather not see any other forage caps but can live with a couple. Kepis - We can no longer wear them. If I see one you will be asked to remove it and wear a different hat. Hat Brass - Keep it to a MINIMUM. There has been a marked increase in brass lately and it is time to pull it back to an acceptable level. Shoes - the only ones who should be in non-period shoes are recruits and new members. If you are a veteran, one of the REQUIREMENTS of your veteran status is not only the ownership of period shoes but the wearing of them. Unless there is some REAL medical reason (not just because they hurt your feet) veterans must wear the period correct shoes or boots. Continued violation of this code will put your veteran status at risk. There will be a discussion at the muster as to enforcement of all of the above.

Please make sure you are talking to your bosses both on the employment and the domestic sides of your life. Get the time off NOW if you can to you make sure you can take advantage of the close proximity of these great 150th events. Also do more than just talk about your hobby to your friends; INVITE them out!! Don't forget my standing challenge: any event where you run the unit out of loaner gear, I BUY THE BEER for the Saturday night Ceili! The gauntlet has been tossed down. Are you up to the challenge?

Capt. Kevin "Kace" Christensen



FROM THE CHAPLIN

"To succeed in life, you need two things: ignorance and confidence."

Mark Twain

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Deadline for the next issue: **May 20, 2011**

Please welcome the following new members



PROVISIONAL RECRUITS

We have received multiple requests for information from the website and recent events and are working hard on getting these leads to convert into recruits in the field.

MUSTER INN

Please welcome the following Provisional Recruit to the MIB as a FULL RECRUIT. This man has declared his desire to become a full MIB member, signed his enlistment papers and paid his dues. Congratulations

and welcome to our newest pard!

Private Matthew Rubin, #110, 7th Missouri



**John D. Stevenson
Information Board**

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

- General** -----\$785.13
- Savings** -----\$0
- Company Kitchen** -----\$70.00
- Ammo** -----1,200 Rounds, 700 Caps, 0 lb powder

MIB TREASURY REPORT – All savings were transferred to the general fund to pay for some of the materials for our new flag! We also received some dues, purchased a 1st Sergeant’s sword and paid our website hosting fees. For a full Treasurer report, please contact Lieut. Mike Mandrick or Capt. Kevin Christensen.

501c3 STATUS OFFICIAL – Well it has been a long, hard road but we have finally made it!! The Captain received the letter from the IRS confirming that The Missouri Irish Brigade of Civil War Reenactors is now not only a Non-Profit Corporation but a 501c3 Tax Exempt one as well! This new status will make it even easier to purchase unit gear and supplies and apply for grants. Also, some or all of your expenses related to the hobby may now be tax deductible (be sure to check with a tax professional first). When you next see Lt. Mike “German” Mandrick please make sure you thank him as he was the one who spearheaded this project.

MIB DUES, MEMBERSHIP, MEDICAL AND LIABILITY FORMS – Included in the last issue were the annual paperwork you must fill out to remain a member of the Missouri Irish Brigade. If you have not already done so, please send your dues check, money order or cash and all paperwork ASAP to the Captain at: Kevin Christensen, 4118 Harrison St., Kansas City, MO 64110.

PAPER NEWSLETTER – If you have an email address you will no longer receive a paper copy of the newsletter saving the MIB about \$75 per year. Please contact Pvt. Al Watts, Editor of the An Bealac Newsletter, if you have any problems properly viewing the pdf. We want to save money but we also want your newsletter to look the way it was intended to look.

Call To Arms!



April 16-17 (MIB MAX EFFORT)
Alexander Majors House
KCMO

MIB Muster and German Beer Tasting

- Drill, Drill, Drill – Company, Battalion, Skirmish, More!
- Skill Competitions
- Rebs to shoot at
- Details on Page 1

May 14-15 (MIB MAX EFFORT)
Carthage, MO

- Street fighting
- Unscripted battle on Sunday
- Details on Page 6

June 18-19 (MIB Sanctioned Event)
Boonville, MO

August 11-14 (MIB MAX EFFORT)
Wilson’s Creek

National Event!

- 2 days of tacticals
- MIB to be “go to unit” and will see a lot of action
- First details on Page 7; much more soon on Member’s Camp

September 2-4 (MIB Listed Event)
Irish Fest, KCMO

September 3-4 (MIB Listed Event)
Lamoni, IA

March 29-April 1, 2012
Shiloh

October 18-21, 2012
VICKSBURG

More details at www.moirishbrigade.org



Newest MIB Attends First Event

— Our newest MIB, Pvt. Evelyn Marie Sample, attended her very first event and performed well despite being only 39 days old. All who helped out at Indoor Encampment at the KC Irish Museum had the opportunity to see her already pull rank ordering her father, Sgt Sample, around!

MIB Flag

— Pvt. Rob “Frenchy” Johnson has been hard at work creating a replica of our 7th Missouri flag that will withstand the elements a bit better than our last flag. Those who have seen it so far are awestruck at the vibrancy of the colors and the true attention to detail. The reverse side is complete and a good portion of the obverse (or front) side is complete as well. Pvt. Johnson is hopeful that the flag can be completed and flown at the MIB Muster in April.

MIB Takes 3rd Place

— Congrats to the MIBs who attended the Irish Trivia Contest February 5! We took 3rd place in the event. Aside from having a really great time and showing up our competitors by attending in uniform, we surprised ourselves with dragging a few answers out of the deep dark recesses of our brains.

Corporal Cracks

by Cpl. Kevin Allin — Over on the CW Reenactors Forum there is a list going around about common questions we get from the public. My favorites: “Is that **real food** you are cooking over the fire?” “Did you sleep out here last night?” “Is it hot in all that wool?” “Are you Union or British?” “Are you really drunk or just acting?” Ok, I made that last one up...

MIND YOUR MANNERS!

General Guidelines for Soldiers dealing with Civilians

By John Boy ©



Greetings and Leave Takings:

- When passing a lady on the walkway that you either do not know, or know only slightly, you would not acknowledge her - unless SHE acknowledges you first. To do otherwise is to assume an acquaintance with the lady that she may not wish to pursue. Wait for her to nod or smile in your direction before approaching.
- If you happen to know a lady whom you spot on the street, it is perfectly acceptable to touch or tip your hat to her and wait for her to acknowledge before initiating conversation. If she does, then you may speak to her. If not, either she's not paying attention, or you probably did something that displeased her the last time you met. You may shake hands with a lady, but only if she offers her hand first.
- Greeting civilian men is much easier. A nod, a touch of the hat and a spoken greeting are all common. Handshakes were perfectly acceptable. The degree of familiarity depends upon the relationship - to a relative or friend you would be more relaxed. To a professional man such as the Mayor or a doctor, you would be more deferential.
- When taking leave of any acquaintance, be they male or female, it is always appropriate to shake hands (if the lady offers) or bow slightly in their direction before leaving. A gentleman might tip his hat to a lady. In fact, if one is leaving a mixed group of men and women, it is best to address yourself to the ladies, first. To do otherwise is to be considered ill-mannered.

Entering or Leaving a Room and What to do While You're in There:

- Before entering a building, men ALWAYS remove their hats. Hats should be placed upon a small side table or shelf, or can be put on the floor next to (or under) your chair.
- When departing, say your good byes to all present, and then you can put your hat back on your head before leaving the building.
- A man does not sit down in a room where a lady is present until he is invited to sit. Once the lady invites you to sit, you may do so. If a lady should get up from her chair, it is proper for you to also stand. She may wave you back to your seat, but to remain seated when a lady rises is the height of bad manners. You must also stand whenever a lady enters the room, and remain standing until she is seated, or gives you leave to sit.

Proper Forms of Address:

- For gentlemen of any rank, it is acceptable to address civilians as "Mr. _____" or "Sir." Even your own relatives, you would call them by their last name when speaking to them in public. If a civilian man has a title - 'Judge, Doctor, Professor, etc.'" it is proper to use their title instead of "Mr." For example: Professor Longley".
- Married ladies are addressed as "Mrs. _____" or "Ma'am".
- Unmarried ladies are addressed as "Miss _____" or "Ma'am" (to be safe.)
- Young Children can be addressed by their first names. Older Children would be "Miss Ellie" or "Master Robert".

Introductions:

- The lady is introduced first. If there are two or more ladies, the older one is introduced first. With men, the oldest or highest ranking man is introduced first. Hopefully this gives you a little insight into the complex social behaviors of the 1860's.

IRISH FEST GRANT FOR MIB LEARNING HISTORY THRU LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM

As was first reported in the last issue of the An Bealac, the Kansas City Irish Festival awarded the MIB a \$1,250 Grant to our Learning History Through Living History Program which allows interested people a chance to live as their Irish ancestors did during the Civil War. We provide their entire uniform, equipment, a period tent, meals, and instruction, allowing them to learn history through living it.

It all started with a father and son weekend package we donated to a local charity a few years ago. We soon began receiving requests for offering these packages to every Irish organization that wanted one. Through this program we allow a father and son or daughter to spend time together portraying their Irish counterparts in the 1860's. In addition to raising thousands of dollars for these charities we have had an opportunity to teach how the participation of Irish immigrants in the Civil War helped change a nation.

To speak to the success of this program, we now have five father and son duos that have become regular members of the MIB. They enjoyed the learning experience so much they have become part of the teaching team to pass this experience on to others. The program is not limited to father and sons; we have many daughters that participate and help our portrayal. What started as a fundraiser for local Irish charities has become a formal program bringing in as many people as are interested to learn about the Irish experience in 1862 and live that history for themselves. It is our goal to raise enough funds to put on a formal program each summer: a Learning History Through Living History Civil War Camp.



The funds received from the grant will be used increase the number of participants the organization can outfit in uniforms, equipment and tents. Currently we must limit the number of participants to a package or two per event as our loaner gear cannot cover the number of people who are interested. It is our hope that over the next few years we will be able to grow our inventory of loaner gear and equipment to cover an entire history class from one of the local schools.

One of the reasons the MIB was awarded the grant is how well our program promotes the entire KCIF mission. We promote family-friendly entertainment. Our camps are usually filled with wives, sons, and daughters that share in the history lesson. We teach history to young people and instill in them a love of learning they can carry the rest of their lives and pass on to their own children. We promote opportunities for leadership and volunteerism. Finally we instill a deep sense of community in our members.

Many of our members who started out thinking it was a cool idea, now embrace this rich and glorious part of their Irish heritage as not just a hobby but a way to add a very unique flavor to the importance of the Irish during this most trying time in US history.

U.S. MUDDY RIVER BATTALION

Muddy River Battalion Official 2011 Schedule of Events

- Carthage MO. (May 14-15)
- LISTED* / (35 to 46 Rifles)
- Boonville MO. (June 18-19)
- LISTED* / (30 to 38 Rifles)
- Wilson Creek (August 11-14)
- MAX EFFORT / (81 to 95 Rifles)
- Lexington MO. (Sept. 17-18)
- SANCTIONED / (47 to 61 Rifles)
- Fortescue MO. (Oct. 29-30)
- SANCTIONED / (40 to 54 Rifles)

*NOTE - Both the Carthage and Boonville events have the potential of the MRB fielding at least 2 companies even though the majority of interest by member units is not enough to warrant these as Sanctioned or Max Effort. However, due to their 150th anniversary importance, I am looking to still try to field some type of a smaller-sized battalion or detachment for these events as a Listed.

WILSON'S CREEK REGISTRATION

- Registration is now open at <http://www.wilsonscreek150.com/Home.aspx> (\$20/person).
- Registration deadline is July 1st, 2011
- Make sure to mark your unit affiliation as "U.S. Muddy River Brigade"

Regional Events of Interest

These events did not make the cut as official Battalion-level events but are listed here as a courtesy to those member units who are supporting them and would like to spread the word.

September 3-4/Lamoni Iowa - (16 -23 Rifles) / Hosted by City of Lamoni, Iowa & the 15th Iowa.

September 10th/Blue Mills Landing - (20 to 27 Rifles) / 1 day (Saturday) event and portray 3rd Iowa Vols. at the Shoal Creek Living History town.

September 24-25/Pawnee City, Nebraska Territory - (15 to 26 Rifles) / Sponsored by 1st Nebraska (Co. A) - Living History weekend



TIME TO RE-ENLIST!

Pay your dues and fill out your membership renewal, medical form and liability waiver TODAY! See Page 3 of this issue for more information.

Rev. James Kerofutt

MIB MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES



January 27, 2011 – O’Dowds Pub in Zona Rosa, Kansas City, MO
No Business discussed only 3 attended

February 24, 2011 – O’Dowds Pub in Zona Rosa, Kansas City, MO
Cancelled due to weather

March 5, 2011 – Kansas City Irish Museum and Cultural Center

Attendance - Board

Kevin Christensen, Captain, President; Mike Mandrick, Lieut, VP/Treasurer; Paul Mallory, 1st Sgt, Secretary; James Crofutt, Colonel, Founding Father

Absent - Board

Paul Byrne, Pvt, Veteran at Large

Attendance - General Membership

Steve Sample, Sgt; Kevin Allin, Cpl; Doug Dahman, Pvt; Martin Parker, Pvt

Official Minutes:

\$1250 grant received from KC Irish Fest
Approved purchase of: 1st Sgt Sword, materials for flag and new stainless steel cooking pots for company kitchen

Discussed using some money from KCIF Grant to buy current loaner equipment from Kevin Christensen so unit owns these items. Motion was made, seconded and approved to put to a vote of the full membership at April Muster.

Bank account for MIB was opened at UMB Bank in KC. The account is free of any charges. Signatories will be Kevin Christensen, Mike Mandrick and Paul Mallory. Two signatures will be required on all checks. PayPal account will be created to help generate donations from website and allow another way for Members to pay dues. NO disbursements will be allowed from the PayPal account or bank account debit card without an approval vote of the Board.

Next meetings: Thurs. Mar. 31, 7pm, O’Dowd’s in Zona Rosa, Sat. Apr. 16, 7pm, Alexander Majors House & Thurs. Apr. 28, 7pm, O’Dowd’s in Zona Rosa.

I GOES TO FIGHT WITH MIT SIGEL

Battle of Carthage, MO 150th Anniversary, May 14-15

The 150th Anniversary Reenactment and Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Carthage will be held on the weekend of May 14-15, 2011. This event isn’t held very often and the last time it was held was something like 10 years ago.

Unfortunately, the old site that the event has traditionally been held on (The Blue-Gray farm) has changed ownership and the new owners do not want to have an event on their land so the city and the Carthage event committee has decided to hold the event in downtown Carthage.

Camps will be at the Municipal Park in Carthage. The City is planning to have the downtown area cleared and blocked off so we can engage in street to street fighting and recreate the final phase of the battle.

The Saturday Battle will be in downtown Carthage with street to street fighting as happened in the actual 1861 battle. Other activities, including a Saturday night dance, are scheduled. The Sunday Battle will be a **re-enactor only battle** on a recently acquired 1,000 acre pristine site!

At the original Battle of Carthage, the Federal troops were composed of 2 Regiments, the 3rd Missouri and the 5th Missouri Infantry, under the command of Colonel Franz Sigel, affectionately known as “Mit Sigel.” These were both German regiments that were organized out of St. Louis in May 1861 and were quite well drilled and disciplined.

This is a MAX Effort Event and the Captain is expecting 18-20 rifles. Please sign up on the Campaign 2011 thread at the Member’s Camp on www.MOIrishBrigade.org TODAY!

As this is an official Missouri Civil War Re-enactors Association event, you will need to pay your \$10 MCWRA dues, if you haven’t already. The good thing is that this will get you paid up for the whole year for other MCWRA events such as Boonville, Lamoni, and Lexington.

For more information, directions and additional details please be sure to check the MIB Member’s Camp or contact Capt. Christensen so that you will be ready to “goes to fight with Mit Sigel!”

KC Irish Museum After Action Report



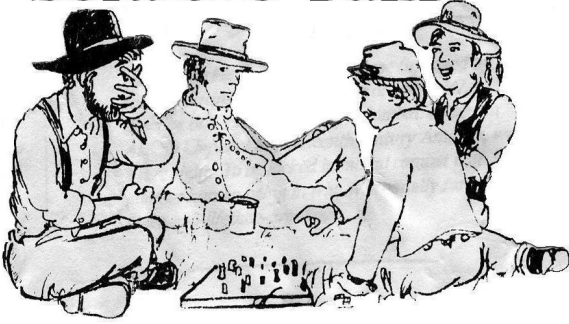
Our annual indoor encampment was again a huge success! We had a great turn out for the event and even got to meet our newest and youngest MIB, little Miss Evie. (And she sure is a cutie!) Thanks to the Princess Diana exhibit and the MIB’s minstrel band we had a steady stream of folks through the Irish Center. We picked up a number of great leads on new recruits. In addition, we were even able to sneak in our annual MIB Board Meeting so we have that part of the legal mumbo jumbo for running a

not for profit out of the way for the year.

A couple of special thank yous for the event: **Jim Crofutt** for a very interesting talk on Van Horn’s Battalion; **Mark Keith** for doing his usual bang up job talking to the public and sharing his artifacts; and **Steve and Stacie** for bringing our the cutest little girl for us to meet! Also a VERY SPECIAL THANKS to the **John Allin, Daniel Parker, Clay Dahman** and their pard from the dark side who put together a MIB Minstrel Band that drew large crowds and even made \$60.00 in tips that they generously donated to the MIB!!!

Captain Kevin “Kael” Christensen

Terry Price Memorial Soldiers Talk



Congrats to Harry Bailey!

Congratulations to Pvt Harry Bailey. Harry officially retired from the Marine Corps in March after a long and eventful career. While he is figuring out what he wants to do next, we are looking forward to he and Garrett being able to attend many events this season. Anyone with ideas on a second career for one slightly gimpy ex-marine should jump on the MIB Members Camp and post it.

Captain Kevin "Kace" Christensen



Great Presentations

I want to give a big thank you to those who were able to help out at Cass Midway School: Mike Sager, Jim Bair, John Allin, Clay Dahman and Doug Dahman.

All worked their butts off. We gave 15 - 20 minute presentations to EIGHT separate groups of kids from high schoolers down to 4th graders! Great job to all. Doug has already reported that the kids and teachers enjoyed the presentations. I would also like to give a special thanks to Doug, Clay and John for inviting us into their school. I would really like to see this become an annual event! I had a blast.

Captain Kevin "Kace" Christensen



Thanks for Coming!

I want to thank you guys for coming to our school. It was great. I have actually had students that were not in those classes that were studying CW and did not get to come, ask if we were going to ever do it again. It sure sent excitement through the school. As a MIB member I was proud of how well our information was received, and as a principal, I was proud of our kids and glad to show off our school.

Again, great job and thanks. Next year maybe we can make it even bigger!

Pvt. Doug Dahman
Principal, Cass Midway

MIB MUSTER

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are some maneuvers that just do not make sense when done with a re-enactor 12 man company that suddenly make sense with a full size company. We will also hold some period competitions as well. If you would like a glimpse of what they might be, you will need to chat with Lt. Mandrick about our experiences at the Battle of Perryville a few years ago.

Be sure to bring plenty of powder. With all them rebs about, there is a good chance that hostilities WILL break out on Sunday. So come on out and let's get some drill in and then SHOOT US SOME REBS!

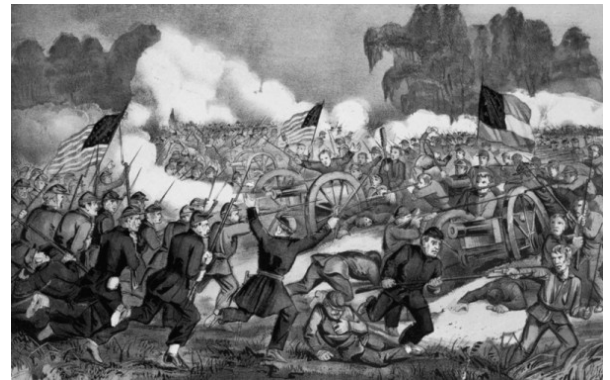
150TH BATTLE OF WILSON'S CREEK

Springfield, MO August 11-14 * National Event *

This year's national event is right here in Missouri! The 150th Battle of Wilson's Creek will take place outside of Springfield, MO the weekend of August 13-14. The event will be modeled after last year's Twin Rivers event with at least one and probably two days of re-enactor only tacticals before the weekend public battles. Many who attended Twin Rivers have said that was one of the best experiences they've had as a re-enactor. Wilson's Creek has the potential to be even better!

Both the General and the AIG of the First Federal Division have communicated to Captain Christensen how impressed they were with the MIB at Twin Rivers. They have said that the MIB has proven that they can be one of their "go to" units and be relied upon to accomplish any task assigned no matter how difficult. This means the MIB can expect to receive some of the most important, and fun, assignments!

Make no mistake; this is the most important event of the season. If you



can only attend one event this year, make it this one. The Captain's goal is for the MIB to field a minimum of a 20 rifle company and is hopeful for even higher numbers with a good solid recruiting effort. Talk to your coworkers, neighbors, and church members; anyone who has heard you talk about your hobby. Often all it takes is the invitation to attend an event to get them out and no event will be bigger or more fun this year than this one!

Please sign up on Member's Camp and pay your \$20 registration fee at www.wilsonscreek150.com/Home.aspx. Select "U.S. Muddy River Brigade" as your unit affiliation.



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YOU MUST MUSTER!

April 16-17, Alexander Majors House, KCMO

The Missouri Irish Brigade of Civil War Re-enactors is a 501c3 non-profit corporation with the mission of learning history through living history by portraying an authentic, scaled-down, Civil War Infantry Regiment. Our actual military portrayal and historical designation is that of the "Consolidated Battalion, 7th and 30th Missouri Volunteers" which was commonly known as the "Missouri Irish Brigade." 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 Re-enactment events. The Missouri Irish Brigade was organized in 1995 and is headquartered in Kansas City, MO. For more info visit www.moirishbrigade.org.