

# AN BEALAC NEWSLETTER



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**MISSOURI IRISH BRIGADE  
OF CIVIL WAR REENACTORS**

*U.S. Muddy River Battalion*

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# Reflection and Anticipation

❧ 2011 CAMPAIGN WAS GREAT - 2012 WILL BE EVEN BETTER! ❧

As the 2011 Campaign season draws to a close, we find ourselves settling down into winter furlough break for a much needed rest. Looking back, it was a season filled with some of the normal ups and downs. But more or less (and despite a few bouts with Mother Nature), we are thinking that this particular campaign season was indeed a successful one.

It certainly could be remembered as the year we received our reproduction Irish green flag of the 7th Missouri. Or perhaps it will be the year that will be remembered as when the MIB started fielding a 25 Rifle company (on average) without the help of any of our sister units (we missed fielding 30 Rifles and 2 companies at Lexington by only a few men). Or possibly the mere fact that we were able to participate in several 150th anniversary events (Carthage, Wilson's Creek, and Lexington) and had a strong presence as an organization for all of

them. There are certainly many other things we can reflect back on with pride but the coming Campaign season will likely eclipse all our unit has accomplished in the past 15 years combined!

It is important that everyone take the much deserved time off to rest and recharge for the coming Campaign year. This should be the time that we look over our impression and make needed repairs to clothing, muskets, or gear. Perhaps submit those needed request to

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**Make Your Mark!**

Official ballots for MIB Officers, NCOs and board positions as well as a couple ballot issues and the 2012 schedule options will be sent out soon and must be returned by **December 31, 2011**. Make your mark via email or U.S. mail to Col. James Crofutt at [mib730usv@hotmail.com](mailto:mib730usv@hotmail.com) or P.O. Box 8092 St. Joseph, MO 64508.

All ballots will be kept strictly confidential.

# CAPTAIN'S CALL

By Capt. Kevin "Kace" Christensen



## Growing Pains

This year's ballot has a very serious question on how we, as an organization, will

deal with our growing pains. I am breaking the unwritten taboo regarding campaigning during a MIB election here. (Don't ask me why there is a taboo. I do not understand it either.) In addition to electing a new slate of officers for next year, there is a **VERY important question on the MIB ballot**. It asks if we should raise our dues to \$25.00 for Military and Civilian voting memberships. Adding all of your non-voting family members would cost an additional \$10.00 for a Family Package.

Holy Crap, that is nearly double last year's dues! Yep, hence the lead-in of "Growing Pains." The MIB has had dues of \$13.00 for many years, symbolic of the \$13.00 a private earned each month. From the start, it never covered the expenses of the unit. We have always relied on the generosity of the membership to fill in the gaps but, as we have grown, we have out-grown our ability to "fill in the gaps."

In the past we have only had to help a couple of newbies PER YEAR along at a time. Now we are fielding eight to twelve PER EVENT. While everyone in the MIB has helped out where and how according to their circumstance, we have relied very (too) heavily on the generosity of just a few.

Take a look at the budget for 2012 attached to this newsletter. We are looking at a budget of \$1,570.00 for next year. If you back out the \$629.00 we have in the bank, we need to raise \$941.00. Our current membership stands at 45. So, at \$13.00 we are \$585.00, short of what we need to function as an organization next year.

At \$25.00 per member, we clear our goal by a scant \$184.00 which does not leave a lot of room for un-foreseen expenses.

What the Hell are we spending the funds on? That is a very valid question. Powder and Caps for newbies is the biggest line item. We used roughly 25 lbs of company powder and 2,500 caps this season! The other large ticket item is a \$1M liability insurance policy for the unit. As important as I feel these items are, the current dues structure of \$13.00 would STILL NOT cover our costs even if we removed them from the budget. (Which is pure fiction as we will still need to come up with the powder and caps for our many recruits.)

So, if you like seeing the long lines of strong Irish lads dressed in blue, if you want to hear the quiver in the Rebs voices when they hear that the Irish are coming, if you want future newbies to have the benefits of loaner gear and company powder that you enjoyed, if you want the peace of mind knowing that the unit and its members are covered should an accident take place at an event, then **I implore you to vote YES on raising the dues for 2012.**

*Capt. Kevin "Kace" Christensen*



## FROM THE CHAPLIN

"No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent."

*Abraham Lincoln*

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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: **Jan. 13, 2012**

*Please welcome the following new members*



### PROVISIONAL RECRUITS

There are no provisional recruits to report at this time.

### MUSTER INN

Please welcome the following Provisional Recruits to the MIB as FULL RECRUITS. They have declared their desire to become full MIB members, signed their enlistment papers and paid their dues. Congratulations and welcome to our newest parads!

**Civilian Michael Mandrick**

**Private Chris Driscoll, #120, 30th Missouri**

**Hospital Aide Mason Lumpkins, #121, 7th Missouri**

**Private Amanda "George" Herzberg, #122, 30th Missouri**

**Private James Garbarino, #123, 7th Missouri**

### VETERAN STATUS AND SHAMROCK AWARDED

**Private John Seever** received his veteran status at the Blair Lane event. Private Seever transferred over from the 25th Missouri late last year and quickly earned his shamrock by attending 5 events this year. Congratulations and Huzzah for Private Seever!



## John D. Stevenson Information Board

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

**General** -----\$629.28  
**Savings** -----\$0  
**Company Kitchen** -----\$275.00  
**Ammo** ----- 0 Rounds, 0 Caps, 0 lb powder

**TREASURER REPORT** - Book of checks purchased.

**2011 ENDING INVENTORY/2012 BUDGET** - Please review the 2011 Ending Inventory Report and 2012 Budget attached to this newsletter.

**VOTE** – You should receive your ballot for MIB Elections, Ballot Issues and Campaign Schedule very soon. It is critically important that you vote and return your ballot as soon as possible as instructed. Without your participation and voice, the MIB cannot continue to grow and be one of the most respected Federal organizations west of the Mississippi. If you did not receive your ballot, please contact Colonel James Croffut at [mib730usv@hotmail.com](mailto:mib730usv@hotmail.com).

**ROUNDS, CAPS AND POWDER NEEDED!** - As you noticed above, the Company stores are EMPTY! This is good because we have had a lot of recruits, but we have nothing right now for when they return. If you have extra powder, roll it and bring it to the next event. If you have extra caps or can spare \$10 to buy some, please do. We cannot let a recruit into the field without plenty of powder to burn at those cursed Rebs now can we?!

## Call To Arms!



**December 10** (MIB MAX EFFORT)

### MIB Holiday Party

- O'Malley's Pub, Weston, MO
- **NEW TIME: 4-7pm**
- Period attire required for MIBs; guests welcome
- Irish singing
- MIB awards
- MIB Company Meeting
- Listen to Bob Reeder after party
- More details on Member's Camp

**March 29-April 1, 2012**

### Shiloh

- May be largest authentic event ever
- Register TODAY at <http://shiloh150.org/register>
- See Page 4 on how to register
- Location adjacent to actual battle
- Recreate Hornet's Nest, Peach Orchard, Bloody Pond and Ruggles Line at SAME TIME Saturday
- See Page 5 and Member's Camp for more details

**October 18-21, 2012**

### VICKSBURG

Complete 2012 Campaign to be released in next issue.



# MIB NEWS



**Congrats to Tic Tac!** – As is recorded on page 5 under MRB Battalion orders, QM Sgt. Mark “Tic Tac” Keith has been promoted to 2nd Lieutenant and will serve as Aide-de-Camp for the Battalion. Congratulations and a grand HUZ-ZAH for the Lieutenant!

**Daniel is Great** – Surgery a couple months ago to remove cartilage from around Musician Daniel “Skeeter” Parker’s vocal cord that was affecting his breathing was a success. He has noticed a huge difference and is much quieter with his breathing. Our prayers will continue in hopes of further improvements.

**A Feather in Our Cap** - We scored a big feather in our cap at the recent event with which we helped the curators of the State Museum in Jeff City. They were very grateful on many fronts. One, we loaned them the Buchanan Sword which they were very excited to display alongside the regimental flag of the 7th Mo Vols. Two, we brought Pvt. Rob “Frenchie” Johnson’s great work of art that is our new regimental flag. Three, and, perhaps most important of all, they were able to more than fill a full day of activities with just one phone call (to us). They have sent a huge thanks to all of the MIB who helped out at the event. They also really appreciated being invited to join us at the pub following the event. Songs and pints a plenty during the evening.

**Corporal Cracks** – “Just thinking about marching with a knapsack makes me want to take a nap.” - Cpl Kevin “Cookie” Allin.

## REGISTERING FOR EVENTS

*How to Properly Mark Yourself as Being a MIB*

*By John Boy O*



*Editor’s Note: This story was edited for length. For the full story, please visit the Member’s Camp at [www.moirishbrigade.org](http://www.moirishbrigade.org).*

The start of the 2012 Campaign season is only 4 months away and will feature two of the largest and most important national events: Shiloh and Vicksburg.

So, as a member of the Missouri Irish Brigade, what should we put down for our unit designation when we register for Shiloh or any other future 1st Federal Division national level events?

At both Twin Rivers and Wilson’s Creek, a variety of designations were reported to be used by MIBs when registering. At least 5 different variations of a MIB designation were used which indicates some basic confusion and misunderstanding on exactly what is our unit designation.

It is very important that every member uses the same designation when registering. Not only for the big events like Shiloh, but also for the smaller events here at home (when we show up at registration or even when a spectator asks us what unit we portray). It makes us stick out more on various paper lists (as a group), it makes it easier for folks at the registration table to direct you to the right camp, it helps the spectators learn more about us and it also shows a uniformity.

I do understand that a big reason for the confusion most likely is because of the MIB’s long and drawn out designations that seem to be used interchangeably. All too often we hear “Missouri Irish Brigade” while at other times we hear “7th and 30th Missouri Vols.” Sometimes we even hear the term “Consolidated Company.” The difference between these designations might not be completely understood.

The first thing that everyone should understand is that the MIB has 2 designations we use as an organization. We have our 501c3 Missouri non-profit corporation name, “Missouri Irish Brigade of Civil War Re-enactors” which we often shorten to “Missouri Irish Brigade,” and our historical military designation, “Consolidated Battalion, 7th and 30th Missouri Volunteers.”

But what about registering for Shiloh? Which name should you use? The proper way for registering for the Shiloh event, or any other future 1st Federal Division national event, is to **use our historical military designation**. Since there often is not enough space to write the whole thing, you should use “7th and 30th Missouri Vols.” as shown in the example:

By using “7th and 30th Missouri Vols.” it really simplifies things for commanders and those at the registration table while at the same time shows a uniformity and consistency with the proper-looking designation.

**Unit Name** – 7th and 30th Missouri Vols.  
**Affiliation** – U.S. Muddy River Brigade  
**Name** - (always include your rank) – Pvt. Patrick O’Malley

Hopefully this small article is enough for everyone to realize the importance of using the same designation when registering for the Shiloh and Vicksburg events. And hopefully everyone will remember when registering or asking for directions to camp or talking to spectators to use **“7th and 30th Missouri Vols.”**

# 2012 Campaign to be Best Ever

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Quartermaster Santa to replace anything that has long since worn out. This is also the time to start rolling those cartridges. You will need hundreds, dare it be said, THOUSANDS, for the 2012 Campaign.

Many excellent options will be available for you to select on the Event Ballot which you should have already received. However two events will stand above all of those and have long been anticipated: **Shiloh and Vicksburg.**

## SHILOH

NOW is the time to get yourself registered for the 150th Anniversary of Shiloh to be held **March 29 - April 1, 2012** ADJACENT to the original battlefield in Shiloh, TN. Registration is available at <http://www.cleburnes-division.com/shiloh.aspx> (for details on HOW to register, see page 4). This event is already shaping up to be one of the largest events that any of us have probably ever seen, and easily trumping the numbers of Stand of Colors, Twin Rivers, and Wilson's Creek. Registration numbers are already at 1,523 re-enactors with more pouring in every day. Interest in the 150th anniversary Shiloh event is reaching levels not ever seen before and the Blue - Gray Alliance is predicting they will easily hit the 3,000 registered re-enactor's mark and probably exceed it.

The Shiloh event will be held next to the Shiloh National Military Park and, as General Crowder recently wrote, "Its going to be held just over the hill from the original fight." The event is going to be a full 4 days and it will be going live on that Thursday, March 29 at noon.

In addition, the Shiloh event is going to have both non-spectator tactical fight-

ing and public battles which will recreate various parts of the original battle. One of the more interesting aspects, which has never been tried before, is going to be the Saturday afternoon fight. The plan is to recreate the Hornets Nest, the Peach Orchard, Bloody Pond, and Ruggles line. That is a lot of scenarios for one day, but the kicker here is that they are going to try to recreate all of these at the SAME TIME! Additional battles will also be held on other days of the event (several of them at least 2 hour scenarios). This should prove to be an event like we have never seen before in all of our years of re-enacting.

Now is the time comrades!!! Get that needed vacation time submitted. Make sure that family functions are scheduled so as not to conflict. Start saving a few dollars each week and rolling those needed rounds. You will regret missing this event as well as...

## VICKSBURG

In less than a year, the most anticipated event for the MIB in our 15 year history, will take place. On the fields of Raymond, MS on **October 18-21, 2012**, we will portray OURSELVES as the 7th Missouri who stormed the trenches of Vicksburg and lost 6 color-bearers but not our beloved flag. Nothing you have ever experienced before will prepare you for this event. And nothing should keep you from attending it. Look for updates in each issue of the An Bealac and on the Member's Camp, and for goodness sake, get the time off from work, register early and make sure you are there!



**Election for Colonel** – The election for Colonel of the Muddy River is currently under way. Member units are now in the process of casting their vote. The election should be completed by the end of November and at that time we will know who our Colonel will be for the next two years.

**Muddy River Major's position** – Colonel Crofutt has decided to wait until the battalion election for Colonel is wrapped up before filling this position. He is currently talking with those who have been nominated and trying to determine the best candidate to nominate to the battalion congress for a promotion to the rank of Major.

**Attention to Orders** – Colonel Crofutt has issued the following orders:

- **Aid-de-Camp** – Company Quartermaster Mark Keith of the 7th and 30th Missouri has been promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He will serve on Battalion staff as an Aid-de-camp.
- **Battalion Hospital Steward** – Mason Lumpkins of the 7th and 30th Missouri (currently serving in that unit as a Hospital Aide), has been appointed to the position of Battalion Hospital Steward. This includes an actual promotion to the rank of Hospital Steward.

**Shiloh 2012** – Registration is now open! Muddy River is looking to field no less than a 100 Rifle battalion in support of the 1st Federal Division. Current total of registered re-enactors is 1,523. Don't forget to list your unit affiliation as U.S. Muddy River Brigade when registering at <http://shiloh150.org/register>.

**Battalion Web Page** – Muddy River web page is up and running and can be found at [www.usmrb.org](http://www.usmrb.org).

*Col. James Crofutt*

**Make your Mark Mighty Men and Women of the MIB!**

**VOTE for MIB Officers, Ballot Issues and the 2012 Campaign TODAY!**

# MIB MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES



**SEPTEMBER 29, 2011** - Irish Museum & Cultural Center, Union Station, KCMO

**Early look at 2012** with Shiloh Mar. 29-Apr. 1, MIB Muster likely in mid-April and Vicksburg Oct. 19-21.

**Harrisonville on Oct. 1** was discussed and attendance encouraged.

**Fortescue** will take place but organized without help of city because of flooding. Event will be held at farm of Sean Slocumb near Mound City, MO.

**OCTOBER 27, 2011** - Irish Museum & Cultural Center, Union Station, KCMO

**MIB Holiday Party** will be Saturday, December 10, 6-9pm at O'Malley's in Weston **\*NOTE:** Time has been changed, see page 4 of this newsletter.

**Early look at 2012** with Shiloh Mar. 29-Apr. 1, MIB Muster likely in mid-April and Vicksburg Oct. 19-21. Possibilities also include Jefferson City, Kingston, Pipestone and Lone Jack.

**150th Battle of Blair Lane** will take place in new location near Mound City due to flooding.

**State Museum of Missouri** needs our help in celebrating CW in Missouri. All are encouraged to attend this one day special event on Nov. 12.

**Meeting was also broadcast by Google +** for first time. Four tuned in!

**NO MEETING WAS HELD IN NOVEMBER.**

Next meeting: Sat. Dec. 10, 4pm at O'Malley's in Weston, MO.



## FINALLY, A FAIR FIGHT AT FORTESCUE

After Action Report, 150th Battle of Blair's Lane

What is the best way to describe the 150th Anniversary of Blair's Lane? We outnumbered the Reb infantry! Even when you added in the dismounted cav (which I don't feel are even worth the powder and shot to shoot at) we were even, if not still a rifle or two, ahead!

The Slocumb Farm was a great site and the event was very well-organized by Sean Slocumb. Once again the MIB was 40% fresh fish. The veterans pulled together and we had everyone drilled up for an 11:00 am fight Saturday morning. I am not sure how often I can get drill started at 6:30 am but I liked it. Speaking of drill, we drilled in heavy marching order (with packs or blanket rolls). It looked great and the lads performed to perfection. All but Corporal Kevin "Cookie" Allin that is. He was LOUNGING in a rocking chair with a cold beverage after cashing in the long forgotten "get out of drill free" card he won at last year's MIB Holiday Party.

The first fight on Saturday morning was a recreation of the actual Blair's Lane fight. The MIB marched out of camp and down a road. We were ambushed as we entered a clearing. We deployed skirmishers then followed up with the rest of the company to drive the rebs out.

The Saturday and Sunday afternoon battles were fought from a very nice



breastwork of cedar trees. It is truly amazing what the industrious Irish can come up with when they start improving fortifications. Not only did we have gun ports cut but we had a number of very fine rifle pits created out in front to act as a trip wire for the company. Both fights were great fun especially since the scenario was followed by both sides. We had some excitement on Saturday after the Reb artillery started a small fire in the tinder dry brush on the slope in front of their guns. Fortunately it was quickly put out.

We also had a new treat for the MIB. Surgeon's Assistant Mason Lumpkins marched out of the camp with the troops and set up a forward aid station behind the fortifications. He had a steady stream of wounded to treat but, to his credit, he was able to get them all back into action quickly!

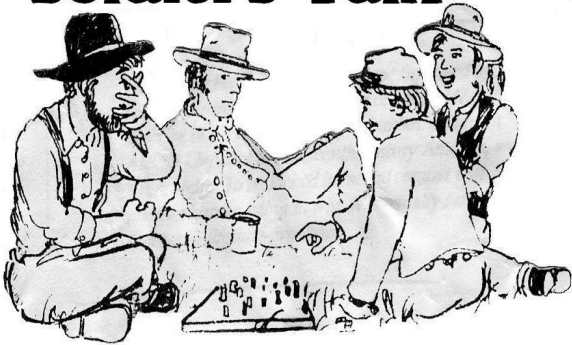
*Captain Kevin "Kael" Christensen*

## Shiloh: Mar. 29-Apr. 1, 2012



Register for Shiloh TODAY at: <http://www.cleburnes-division.com/registration.aspx?EventID=7>. Use Unit Name as **7th & 30th Missouri Vols.** and affiliation as **U.S. Muddy River Brigade.**

## Terry Price Memorial Soldiers Talk



### Irish Fest Success

While the weather did not cooperate as we would have liked, the KC Irish Fest was another success. We raised \$125 toward the cost of the booth space and talked to many guests about the Missouri Irish Brigade and our Learning History Through Living History Program that we are developing. We also collected a large number of leads on possible recruits. The MIB turn out to support the event was the best in years. Thanks to Rob and Sharon Johnson, Mike Sager, John Seever, Denny Carlson, and Mark Keith who all gave up all or part of their holiday weekend to support the MIB at the event.

Captain Kevin "Kace" Christensen



### Reb Cause Calling Me...

I hooked up with some re-enactors from a cavalry detachment of the 26th NC. The 26th is huge in the state because of their fame at Gettysburg. Apparently there are hundreds of members and it sounds like they may be a little uptight about the impression. So, I'm still kinda looking.

Tell Mike Sager that my constitution is getting weak and I may not be able to resist the Rebs much longer.

Privates Martin and Daniel Parker



### Challenge to MIB for Shiloh

My Friends of the MIB,

You may or may not know that the 26th Missouri is a veteran unit that has been around for quite some time. We have not been in the field as a unit (for many years), due to a majority of our membership having been deployed to Iraq, and others going off to college or starting families, so the unit sort of became inactive. But a

few months ago, we decided to get back into things and re-activate the 26th Missouri.

When we reformed the unit I had five rifles and then at Wilson's Creek we were up to 7 Rifles. And then several weeks ago I was able to field twelve rifles (not including myself as an officer) for a 26th Missouri fall muster. Since that time, we continue to see interest and potential recruits from all corners of the Springfield area and I am fairly confident that by next year we will easily be able to field as a stand alone company.

The 26th Missouri wants to challenge the MIB to a numbers duel for the Shiloh event. I plan on fielding no less than a twenty-five man company at Shiloh. If we can field more rifles than you, I would like your Captain to acknowledge the 26th Missouri, before the entire Battalion, and proclaim us the hardest fighting, most handsome, and most awesome unit in the Muddy River. If the Irish field more than our company, then I will acknowledge your supremacy and likewise proclaim it in front of the Muddy River Battalion.

Irish!!! - The challenge has been made - What say you?

God Save the Queen,  
1st Lt. Noah Snelson  
26th Missouri, Commanding



### I Am Thankful

A friend of mine asked me if I wanted to watch a football game in the rain, he ex-

pected to have an extra ticket. Mostly because of the rain. I thought, "why go stand in the rain when I can watch the game in my warm, dry, comfy chair?" Really, why would anyone stand in the rain and drink beer, just to watch a bunch of guys trudge around in a muddy field in some kind of mock battle?

I am thankful for all my MIB pardes that make standing in the rain, drinking beer, watching grown men & women, trudge around in the mud in mock battle, sound like fun. So much fun, I look forward to it.

Corporal Mike "Cotton Pants" Sager



### From Woman to Soldier

On the morning of September 17th, I was no longer known as Deanna Mandrick (for) it was time to hide my identity as a woman, and become a soldier. I was known as Private Daniel Gaffney, or as many referred to me as, "Private Dan" from that point on. I donned my short-haired wig, uniform, leathers, and rifle, and prepared for my first battle... After a short time, I became more accustomed to the weight that I carried in my right hand, and more familiar with the drill that we were shortly going to use to march to the battle...

It seemed like an eternity before Captain Kace gave the first order to load... Most of the battle was a blur, and my ears rang for much of the remainder of the day from the loud blasts of the rifles around me, but we beat back those Rebs, and held our ground for another day.

The Sunday battle was probably the high point of the entire reenactment. As the battle turned for the worse... I felt myself wanting very much to fight on, and not surrender, even to the last. When we all finally gave in, surrendered, and tore our colors, it felt very real to me...

For my first reenactment, it was most definitely an experience that I'll never forget. I will keep my piece of the colors and cherish it.

Private Daniel Gaffney



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# VOTE!!!

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](http://www.moirishbrigade.org).