

# The Guardsman

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## The Guardsman is back

*Captain Keith puts his high school journalism classes to use.*

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I decided to try to revive "The Guardsman". The last copy I have is dated in 1995. I know I haven't received since I have been back to the Fourth in 2004. This is my first attempt at a newsletter for any origination much less for the illustrious Fourth Missouri. I will try to have relevant material. Right now we are with black and white due to cost. Color may be in the future. If you would like to write an article or have any comments good or ill please feel free to contact me.

**Web Site** [www.4moinf.com](http://www.4moinf.com)

I have made quite a bit of changes to the web site. I haven't added a whole lot of pictures but some in the "After Action Reports" (AAR). I have start down the path of research for our unit. I have placed Missouri State Guard page on the site but it will continue to be revised as

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## Events to come

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### Pipestone, MN August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

As always, this is a great event. The dance is the best one of all small events. Mainly, it just feels like you are so welcomed. The first time I was asked to go to this event, I thought Sam (Major Sam Looney) was crazy for traveling so far for such a small event. But I have grown to love it. As of this writing, it looks like our numbers will one officer and six rifles. It is a safe bet that we will fold in with another company. No matter, we will really enjoy ourselves no matter what.

### Day of Fast September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Fast for the day and give the money you would have spent to a charity of your choosing. Might I suggest Civil War Preservation Trust or a local food bank?

### Pilot Knob, MO September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26, 2010

This is a battalion/company maximum event. We need you and everybody's brother at this event. We are registered. It is a great event to introduce new recruits too. We get to camp and fight on the actual battle field. We really have three choses for uniforms. Blue (they had raided a Union supply wagon train before the battle), civilian, gray or a mixture. Apparently, straps of cloth or burlap were used as leggings by the men to protect their pant legs from underbrush while riding

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I get more time and information. That research takes a lot of time and then re-writing it in a way that is coherent is not an easy task for your humble correspondent. The links page has some what I think are good links for information about are little hobby. Browse through the web site and tell me what you think. I am open to ideas and suggestions.

## Research

The Missouri State Guard was mainly civilian dress. Although, there were a few instances where there was some elaborate uniforms but for the most part they wore plain civilian clothes. They were known as the “butternut boys” because they wore the common butternut pants that every farmer or laborer wore. It would be like our blue jeans today. (If anyone comes to an event and says “Captain Keith said it was ‘Okay’ to wear blue jeans.” I will very put off, unhappy, and otherwise irritated.

At Cowskin Prairie the Guardsmen were given all sorts of bolts of cloth and patterns to make their own shirts, battle shirts, pants, whatever was needed. One can just imagine the different levels of skill would produce something very dis-hearting to a military man. Plus this would have added to the menagerie of colorful and odd looking uniforms mixed in with regular civilian clothing.

In our next “Guardsman” I will go over their weapons. Maybe it will surprise you to find out that at least at Wilson Creek, very few non-military weapons were used.

## Drill

To get ready for the 150’s and our Missouri State Guard impression we will start drilling using Scott’s manual for Militia at Pilot Knob. Some things are really different and some things are the same.

This will fit for Pilot Knob even though it is

late in the war because Price was picking up new recruits along the way and might have only known Scott’s. The main changes will be in manual of arms and firing. (We will be using “loading in 12 times” instead of “load in nine times”.)

It seems to be the norm for those using Scott’s manual for militia to line up three (3) deep. We will not be doing that because our ranks look small enough as is, we don’t need to go out of way to make us look smaller. It is interesting to note that when firing the third file would hand his loaded musket up to the man in the second rank to be fired.

## Weddings

Elizabeth Martineau and Matt Osborne were married June 26, 2010.

Rachel Vaughn and Robert Martineau were married July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Katelyn Langford and Kris Spencer will be married October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Please join me in wish all three (3) couples a heartfelt congratulations.

## Carthage 2011

We are contemplating marching from Lamar, MO to Carthage. That would be 25 miles in three (3) days. I am not sure how we would break it up (probably 10, 10, 5), that depends on total strangers allowing us to sleep on their property.

Once we lay out a route I will march a leg of the route on three (3) different weekends to see how it goes. I will be fully loaded with gear. If anyone wants to join me for the scouting mission, contact me.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **CIVIL WAR DAYS AT PIPESTONE**

PLACE: PIPESTONE, MN

TIME: AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

WEB SITE: [WWW.PIPESTONEMINNESOTA.COM/CWD/HOME.HTML](http://WWW.PIPESTONEMINNESOTA.COM/CWD/HOME.HTML)

A nice little event that everyone loves once they have gone.

### **DAY OF FAST**

PLACE: YOUR HOME

TIME: SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

WEB SITE: [WWW.4MOINF.COM/DAY-OF-FASTING.PHP](http://WWW.4MOINF.COM/DAY-OF-FASTING.PHP)

Another way for us to honor those we represent. Please take the money you would have spent and give it to a charity.

### **BATTLE FOR PILOT KNOB**

PLACE: PILOT KNOB

TIME: SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

WEB SITE: [WWW.MISSOURICIVILWAR.NET/REENACTMENTS/](http://WWW.MISSOURICIVILWAR.NET/REENACTMENTS/)

We need you there! If you need a ride contact me.

### **BATTLE FOR HOUSTON**

PLACE: HOUSTON, MO

TIME: OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

WEB SITE: [SITES.GOOGLE.COM/SITE/HOUSTONREENACTMENT/](http://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/SITE/HOUSTONREENACTMENT/)

Let's support our brothers in the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **TWIN RIVERS CAMPAIGN**

PLACE: COLLIERVILLE, TN

TIME: NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

WEB SITE: [WWW.CLEBURNES-DIVISION.COM/](http://WWW.CLEBURNES-DIVISION.COM/)

THIS IS THE ONLY NATIONAL EVENT IN THE LAST TWO (2) YEARS.

### **BATTLE OF PRAIRIE GROVE, AR**

PLACE: PRAIRIE GROVE, AR

TIME: DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

WEB SITE:

[WWW.ARKANSASSTATEPARKS.COM/PRAIRIEGROVEBATTLEFIELD/](http://WWW.ARKANSASSTATEPARKS.COM/PRAIRIEGROVEBATTLEFIELD/)

I DON'T HAVE A BETTER WEB SITE YET, BUT THEY WILL GET ONE UP CLOSER TO THE EVENT. BENTONVILLE DIED ON THE VINE, WE WANT TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT.

### **FOURTH MISSOURI'S GRANDE BALL**

PLACE: SPRINGFIELD, MO

TIME: MARCH 12, 2011

WEB SITE: [WWW.4MOINF.COM/GRANDE-BALL.PHP](http://WWW.4MOINF.COM/GRANDE-BALL.PHP)

Dinner and dance.

through the country side. I cannot stress enough how I need each and every one there. If you are not planning on going please reconsider.

### **Houston, MO October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

This event is a first time event being put on by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri and by comparison very close. I think they really need numbers. My knowledge of this event is very limited other than they want us there if all possible. It is a MCWRA maximum event.

### **Twin Rivers Campaign November 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

This is a company/battalion/brigade/division maximum event. Only six voted to go and as of this publication on three have registered. I understand that is a long drive but it is a national event. If we want troops to across the river for both Carthage and Wilson Creek next year it would be good to help out on this event.

### **Prairie Grove, AR December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

This is a brigade/battalion/company maximum event. If attendance at Pilot Knob is imperative, attendance at Prairie Grove is almost mandatory. We need you to come. We need you find a friend to bring. We need you to find an old member of the Fourth to bring. Our goal is to put a 30 man company on the field. We can't do that if you don't come. The event is in our own backyard. We will also have our annual Christmas Party Saturday night. I really enjoyed it our party two years ago.

### **Fourth Missouri's Grande Ball March 12, 2011**

The preparations for the ball are continuing and it should be a great time had by all. I hope you can attend. Go to our web site to get more information.

## **SIMPLE WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR IMPRESSION**

### **LOSE WEIGHT**

Most of us don't look like starving Confederate soldiers. If we lose a little weight it will make marches easier. Actually, it will make your sleeping better.

### **CHANGE YOUR SPEECH**

To speak the way they did, or at least the way we think they did, can be difficult. Their phrasing of sentences seems very cumbersome and awkward to us. One of the simplest ways to start this transition is just don't talk about anything modern. Make the next reenactment your goal of not talking about anything thing modern.

### **GUARD DUTY**

Not just guard duty, but anything that they would have been doing. Very little of a soldiers life would of actually been in battle. Do something that is period correct. Volunteer to go on patrols. Get a group of soldiers together and drill.

### **Smoking**

I would suggest that you don't smoke period for you and your family's sake. But if you insist on smoking please don't use modern cigarettes, roll your own.

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## **Foods for thought**

The first goal of course is to NOT bring modern food. Pop tarts and pudding snacks should be nowhere around you. If you just have to have some modern food there are plenty of vendors that will take your money. Or leave the modern stuff in your vehicle and go there to eat.

As you progress in your authentic mode, remember what they would have had during the time of the reenactment. A fresh peach in December might taste good but it is unlikely they would have had them then.

Dried fruit is a great thing to have. I personally love dried cherries.

They would have had home cooked bread on occasion, but not always.

Cheese is always good.

Partner up with at least one other friend and share what you have. Have a mess mate.

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