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Next FJB Board Meeting

- **Date:**
August 9th
- **Where:**
Jefferson Barracks Visitor Center, Second Floor
- **Time:**
3:15-4:30 p.m.
- Open to all members of the Friends of Jefferson Barracks

Jefferson Barracks Hit by High Winds. Trees Down throughout Park

On July 13, Wednesday afternoon, around 3:30 pm a heavy rain and severe winds burst upon South County knocking out electric power for over 200,000 locations and felling trees and branches throughout the area.

Jefferson Barracks Park apparently was in the epicenter of this storm and suffered extensive damage to many trees in the park as did



the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Although the latter was closed to the public the next day while clean up crews addressed the damage, the Park remained open as maintenance and forestry crews helped remove the scattered, broken limbs and began the work of cutting up the trees.

Unfortunately, among the trees lost were numerous large, ancient oak trees that could well have seen Ulysses Grant or Robert E. Lee when they were stationed here at JB well over 150 years ago. The JB Visitor Center was closed the next day, as were all the museums, since electric was



Large oak tree on CCC Road that split in half could have been over 200

not restored until the 16th. History staff managed to work on the new exhibit in the Old Ordnance Room which was the only building that did not lose electric service. Maintenance staff spent several days cleaning up and preparing for upcoming events.

JB Blast Attracts Thousands on July 1st

The 2016 JB Blast on July 1 was a tremendous success as it attracted well over 12,000 to hear the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America *Roots in Blue* and to watch the fireworks display on what turned out to be the pick day of the holiday weekend that

saw most other July 4th celebrations drenched by rain and storms this year. Members of the FJB ran a concession stand again this year and can always use more help. It is great fun with good people and we raised funds for a grand cause, JB. Please

join us at next year's event!



”R” You a JB Mystery Solver?



We are in the midst of a complete review and inventory of the over 12,000 objects in our Collection. Occasionally, we come across an object that is unidentified or unclassified. Last week, we came across this stamped aluminum or tin character with two eyelets that was accessioned in 1986. The information in our database

and related paperwork for this 1.75-inch tall letter “R” with 11 maple leaves on its surface offered few clues. It was listed as “problematical” and its function, “unknown”. Preliminary research yielded no answers and only a few possibilities. Is it part of a sign that might have read “JEFFERSON BARRACKS,” or sewn onto a hat for “R” company, or

part of a banner for the “G.A.R.”, the Civil War Union Veterans fraternal organization, the Grand Army of the Republic? Let us know what you think it is as we continue our search to unravel this mystery. [MV-Character: 1986-001-036]

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FJB Gift Shop Offers Information and Fun

The Friends of Jefferson Barracks operate a gift shop on the first floor of the Jefferson Barracks Visitor Center. The gift shop hours are Wednesday through Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. The FJB are always looking for new salespersons to assist in the gift shop. The prices are very reasonable and many

items are unique to this gift shop. As a non-profit entity the gift shop does not charge tax on its sales. This makes it much easier for the volunteer clerks. However, the main mission of the gift shop is to meet and greet visitors to Jefferson Barracks. In this way we may relate the history of this grand old military post to

new visitors. Some that visit have interesting stories to share as they may have grown up in the Barracks. It is fun to learn something new from a visitor about JB. We would love to have you join our team in the gift shop. If interested please contact us at 314-615-8880 or email us at jwchap866@yahoo.com.

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JB’s CCC Worker Statue Heads to Washington SP



Standing as a silent sentinel along Hancock Road since 1996, the CCC Worker Statue has served as an honor guard to the memory of thousands of young men in the 1930s who worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps here at JB. On July 18 it left JB. The statue, No. 2 in a series of over 60

sculptures produced, will be installed in Washington State Park near DeSoto in Missouri. Once known as *Camp Thunderbird*, the State Park is now operated by the Department of Natural Resources. It was begun by Company 1743, which consisted of young men from Nebraska, although

their ranks were later added to by men recruited at Jefferson Barracks from Company 694. As the State Park has a mission to honor the CCC legacy and the CCC Museum in JB closed in 2007, St. Louis County Parks graciously agreed to donate the sculpture to the State.

Living History Hayrides on September 10 & 11

The ever-popular Living History Hayrides are scheduled for September 10 and 11 here at Jefferson Barracks this year. The times for the rides on Saturday are 10 am, 1 and 3 p.m. and on Sunday they are 1 and 3 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. Space is limited and advance registration is required. You should dress for the weather.

The Living History Hayrides are routinely sold out so registering early is a must. Participants board a tractor-pulled haywagon and travel through Jefferson Barracks where they are presented various history vignettes by living history re-enactors who describe their time period, uniforms and equipment during each stop. The presenters change every year

so even if you have taken a ride in the past you may see a different presentation this year.

To register you may go online to the Parks website at ["stlouisco.com/parks"](http://stlouisco.com/parks) and follow the link to the registration program or contact us at the JBVC by calling 314-615-8800. You may also feel free to email jmagurany@stlouisco.com.



JB Ghost Stories and Volunteer Breakfast both on October 29: A Coincidence?

The Friends of Jefferson Barracks will host their annual volunteer breakfast on October 29 at 9 am in the Pavilion at Lemay. This annual event brings out the best volunteers in the Park system to demonstrate the gratitude of the FJB for the volunteer efforts that each

and everyone of you have made over the past year. Spouses are invited to attend the breakfast but we do ask that you RSVP so we know how much to order. Please rsvp by emailing Jack Strosnider at Strosnider@att.net or call him at 314-846-5919.

On that same date enjoy the JB Ghost Stories, which will be held at 6:30 and 8 p.m. on October 29. The cost is \$5 per person. Hot chocolate will be served. Advance registration is required. Register online to at ["stlouisco.com/parks"](http://stlouisco.com/parks) or call 314-615-8800.



New Ordnance Room Exhibit: Military Collectors: Why They Collect?

Military Collectors at Jefferson Barracks is the new Ordnance Room exhibit that will open in August and run through the end of the year. The range and type of military collecting is as diverse as the collectors themselves. In the last decade or so the

collection of military items has increased dramatically. Perhaps this is due to the 50th and 60th anniversary of World War Two, the 100th Anniversary of World War I, the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812, et cetera, or possibly, because of popular movies such as

Saving Private Ryan or *Band of Brothers*. This exhibit will explore the reasons why some collectors collect what they do and what they have learned about history while doing so. Learn their stories and study their approach to history.

"Why do some collectors collect what they do and what they have learned about history in doing so?"

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Preserving our History



The Friends of Jefferson Barracks is a nonprofit organization with a mission to preserve and continue the improvement of the historic site in Jefferson Barracks Park. Members of the organization have fun and learn about history while contributing their time and energy to make this mission successful. There are numerous ways a member of the Friends may participate such as helping with special events, working in the gift shop, serving as a museum guide in the Powder Magazine or Ordnance Room, enjoying gardening on Tuesdays, etc... There is always a need to have members of the Friends of Jefferson Barracks serve as a member of our Board. To learn about any of these exciting opportunities contact us at 314-615-8880 or contact Board President John Chapman at jwchap866@yahoo.com.

Civil War Generals Word Find: They served at one point in their careers at JB

Look for the Civil War Generals who served at one point in their careers at Jefferson Barracks. The names may be vertical, horizontal, diagonal and even backwards. There is a word bank at the bottom of the page to help you.

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Visit the FJB Gift Shop and pick up the booklet, "They Served at Jefferson Barracks" to learn more about each officer.

Braxton Bragg
Ulysses S Grant
Ethan Allen Hitchcock
Joseph E Johnston
James Longstreet
Phillip Sheridan
JEB Stuart

Simon Bolivar Buckner
Henry Halleck
Joseph Hooker
Fitzhugh Lee
Alexander M McCook
William T Sherman
David E Twiggs

Richard Ewell
James Hardie
John Bell Hood
Robert E Lee
Montgomery Meigs
Caleb C Sibley
Ed Winslow

John C. Fremont
Henry Heth
Albert Sidney Johnston
John A Logan
George Pickett
Franz Sigel