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## GENERAL MEETING Wednesday April 15, 2015 (7:00 PM) JEFFERSON BARRACKS PARK VISITORS CENTER

### See you at the Barracks!

**Marc E. Kollbaum**, retired Jefferson Barracks curator, will present three new monographs on the history of Jefferson Barracks. It has been slightly over ten years since the first installment of the history of this old Post, *Gateway to the West*, appeared. The three new installments are entitled: *Jefferson Barracks: 1894 – 1901, the Spanish-American War & Philippine Insurrection*; *Jefferson Barracks: 1902 – 1918*; & *Jefferson Barracks: Years of Peace 1919 – 1939*. All three will be available at the meeting or can be purchased at the Gift Shop.

## Courageous and Faithful: The Cavalry at Jefferson Barracks

This new exhibition opens in the Old Ordnance Room at Jefferson Barracks Historic Park on March 7, 2015. It is free and open to the public, Wednesdays-Sundays from Noon-4:00p.m. A \$3 donation is appreciated.

The United States Cavalry was born at Jefferson Barracks, and its purpose was to conquer the American frontier. The men who joined became the vanguard of Manifest Destiny and were witnesses as Native American civilization made its final struggle to preserve that way of life. In this exhibit we explore the contributions of the mounted troops at Jefferson Barracks and the role they played in bringing about the settlement of the western half of the nation.

The 1,500 sq. ft. gallery space is filled with powerful artifacts including a Grimsley saddle used by the earliest cavalry soldiers; an Army-issue Buffalo Coat used by cavalry troops in cold climates; and a Sioux war club given to an Indian agent by Chief Red Cloud himself. In addition, visitors will be able to watch videos, engage in hands-on activities, and interact with touch screens while discovering anew why St. Louis is truly the Gateway to the West.

For more information, visit [www.stlouisco.com/parks](http://www.stlouisco.com/parks) or call 314-544-5714. Park programs are available for all abilities.

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## Civil War Units Formed at Jefferson Barracks

Although Jefferson Barracks was turned over to the Army's Medical Dept. during the Civil War and became a U.S. Army General Hospital, numerous fighting units were organized at the Post. On 28 May 1861, Maj. Nathaniel Chapman Macrae, in command of Jefferson Barracks, received a letter from the Hq. Dept. of the Missouri that directed a regiment of Missouri volunteers to take station at the barracks. However, no troops were forthcoming until 27 July when the 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, under the command of Col. C.A. Ellis, mustered into Federal service at Jefferson Barrack. At the time the regiment was composed of 39 officers and 958 men. It continued to organize at the Post until 6 Sept. The regiment moved to Benton Barracks on 12 Sept., and on 21 Sept. 1861 five companies moved to Jefferson City. The remaining companies left Benton Barracks on 4 Oct. and joined the other five companies at Tipton, Mo., on 19 Oct. Meanwhile, Companies C & L were ordered toward Lexington, Missouri, on 5 Oct. and they captured that city on 16 Oct. 1861.

The regiment then took part in Gen. John C. Fremont's advance on Springfield, from 20 to 26 Oct. The First Battalion [Companies A, B, C, D & E] then moved to Sedalia to serve as an escort for Gen. David Hunter, who had replaced Fremont as commanding officer of the Dept. of the Missouri. The First Battalion then moved to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where it remained until May 1862. During this time the regiment was attached to the Dept. of Kansas. It then became a part of the District of Southwest Missouri until Oct. 1862, when it became part of the Second Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, Army of the Frontier until June 1863. From June until August 1863 the regiment was part of the First Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, District of Southeast Missouri, and that was followed by duty with the Reserve Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division during the Arkansas Expedition. It eventually became part of the 7<sup>th</sup> Corps. In Sept. 1864 it consolidated into seven companies but remained in the 7<sup>th</sup> Corps.

Parts of the 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri Cavalry took part in almost all of the engagements in Arkansas during the war. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion took part in the Battle of Pea Ridge on 7 & 8 March 1862, and the Battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, on 7 December.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion [Companies F, G, K, & M] followed a different path than the rest of the regiment. It did participate in numerous expeditions in southern Missouri and northern Arkansas, but from Sept. until Nov. 1862 it served as part of the Hq., 9<sup>th</sup> Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Corps, Army of the Ohio, followed by duty with the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, Right Wing, 14<sup>th</sup> Corps, Army of the Cumberland, until Jan. 1863, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, 20<sup>th</sup> Corps, until Oct. 1863.

It participated in the Siege of Corinth, Mississippi, from 29 April to 30 May 1862; the campaign against Gen. Braxton Bragg in Kentucky during Oct. 1862; and the Stones River Campaign from Dec. 1862 until Jan. 1863.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri Cavalry lost two officers and fifty-one men killed or mortally wounded, and two officers and 179 men from disease.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry Regiment formed at Jefferson Barracks in Oct. 1862 from elements of the 28<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry, which had failed to complete organization; and Bowen's Cavalry Battalion, which had organized at Rolla between 10 July and 10 Oct. 1861; and the 9<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry Regiment. Bowen's Battalion was assigned as Companies A, B, C, & D and the 9<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry became Companies E, F, G, & H on 17 Dec. 1862.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry moved to Memphis, Tennessee, in Dec. 1862 and stayed until Feb. 1863, when it moved to Corinth, Mississippi. It was involved in actions at Glendale and Tuscumbia, Alabama, on 22 Feb. 1863. From 15 April to 8 May it took part in Gen. Grenville M. Dodge's expedition into northern Alabama. It then participated in numerous expeditions and actions in Alabama and Mississippi throughout the remainder of 1863. During 1864 the 10<sup>th</sup> (or detachments of the 10<sup>th</sup>) took part in the Meridian Campaign from 3 Feb. to 2 March. It was ordered to Memphis on 29 April 1864 and participated in Sturgis' Expedition to Guntown, Mississippi, from 1 to 13 June 1864. The regiment moved to Little Rock, Ark., in early Sept. 1864, taking part in the campaign against Gen. Sterling Price from 17 Sept. to 30 Nov. The 10<sup>th</sup> saw action in the running battles across Missouri against Price; at Little Blue on 21 Oct.; at Big Blue and State Line on 22 Oct.; at Westport on 23 Oct.; at Marrison River, Osage, Mine Creek, and Marais des Cygnes on 25 Oct.; and at Rolla on 1 Nov. A detachment of the 10<sup>th</sup> participated in Grierson's Raid on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad from 21 Dec. 1864 to 5 Jan. 1865.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry lost two officers and fifty-two men killed or mortally wounded, and three officers and 295 men who died from disease for a total of 352 men.

In Jan. and Feb. 1863 the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Mississippi Marine Brigade Cavalry organized at Jefferson Barracks for duty on western waters. Although organized at Jefferson Barracks, the battalion was assigned to the District of Northeast Louisiana, Dept. of the Tennessee, from Oct., 1863 to April 1864, and to the District of Vicksburg until Aug. 1864. It saw most of its service on the lower Mississippi River.

Among its numerous actions, the unit took part at Port Gibson on 26 Dec. 1863; at Grand Gulf from 16 to 18 Jan. 1864; and at the failed Red River Campaign from 10 March to 22 May 1864. It consolidated with the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Mississippi Marine Brigade in Aug. 1864.

The Battalion lost two officers and 15 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded, and one officer and 38 enlisted men to disease.

One U.S. Regular Army unit was organized at Jefferson Barracks, the 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. The 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry included two men destined to become two of the most famous generals of the Civil War, William T. Sherman and Philip Sheridan. The 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry was organized by direction of the President on 14 May 1861, and confirmed by Congress on 19 July 1861.



. Lt. Col. Sidney Burbank assumed command of the regiment on 23 July 1861, and headquarters was established at Jefferson Barracks, where Companies A, B, C, & G of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion were organized. The field officers, in addition to Burbank, were the commanding officer, Col., William Tecumseh Sherman, and Majors Christopher Columbus Augur, Samuel Wylie Crawford, and Charles Hill. Recruiting stations were opened at Dubuque, Keokuk, and Iowa City, Iowa; Cincinnati and Bellefontaine, Ohio; and Madison, Wisconsin.

Company A was organized on 8 Oct.; Companies B, C, & G on 13 Nov. 1861; and Companies D, E, & F on 1 April 1862.

By the end of 1861, 345 men had enlisted in the regiment. Sheridan joined the regiment on 10 Nov. 1861, but was soon appointed chief commissary and quartermaster to the Army of Southwest Missouri.

On 12 Feb. 1862, the headquarters and as much of the regiment as had been recruited moved to Alton, Illinois, to guard the rebel prisoners confined in the prison there. On 12 June headquarters moved to Newport Barracks, Kentucky. In Oct. the regiment was transferred to Memphis, Tennessee, and in Dec. it went on to take part in the expedition against Vicksburg under the command of Major General Sherman. The 13<sup>th</sup> participated in an engagement on the banks of the Chickasaw Bayou under Sherman. On 11 Jan. 1863 the 13<sup>th</sup> participated in the general assault on the Post of Arkansas, which resulted in the capture of the post.

Returning to the vicinity of Vicksburg, the 13<sup>th</sup> took part in most of the actions around that area which led to the city's surrender to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant on 4 July 1863. The record of the actions that the 13<sup>th</sup> participated in is much too long to be presented here.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry, returned to Jefferson Barracks on 5 Sept. 1865, before being transferred to Fort Leavenworth in Dec. During Jan. 1866, Companies A, B, & C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion were re-organized at Jefferson Barracks and Companies F, G, & H re-formed during March 1866. The 13<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry served in the West fighting hostile Indians for the remainder of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Companies E, F, & H participated as an escort for the body of General Sherman at his funeral in St. Louis on 21 Feb. 1891.

In Aug. 1861 three officers and 37 men of the Independent Osage Rifles were part of the garrison at Jefferson Barracks, under the command of Brig. Gen. Samuel Ryan Curtis. The unit finished organizing on 1 Nov. 1861, and became Co. M of the 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry, also known as Curtis Horse, on 1 Dec. 1861. The Curtis Horse was organized by order of Gen. John C. Fremont. Co. F of the regiment was also organized in Missouri as the Fremont Hussars on 25 Oct. 1861, and Co. H organized at Benton Barracks on 28 Dec. 1861. The regiment took part in the Siege of Corinth; at Franklin on 17 Dec. 1864; and at Spring Hill on 18 Dec., along with many more actions in Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia.

The regiment lost seven officers and 58 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded and two officers and 179 enlisted men of disease for a total loss of 246. The 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry mustered out of Federal service on 11 Aug. 1865.

In Aug. 1861 three officers and 96 men of Dobson's Independent Kane County [Illinois] Cavalry were at Jefferson Barracks. This unit organized on 1 Sept. 1861, and was attached to the Dept. of Missouri to guard the Irons Mountain Railroad. The unit moved to Pilot Knob, then to Reeves Station, Black River from 23 to 27 March 1862, and to White River, Ark., on 19 April as part of Steele's command, District of Southeast Missouri. From there Dobson's command marched to Batesville and Helena, Ark. In July 1862 it became part of the command of the District of Eastern Arkansas, Dept. of Missouri.

In Dec. 1862 the Kane County Cavalry joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Division, District of Eastern Arkansas, Dept. of Tennessee. On 25 Dec. 1862, it became Co. H of the 15<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Light Artillery regiments also spent time at Jefferson Barracks. In Nov. 1861 thirty-one officers and 383 men of the 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri Light Artillery took station at Jefferson Barracks. This unit was organized at St. Louis on 1 Sept. from the 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri Infantry, and was attached to the Dept. of Missouri until Jan. 1862 at which time it became part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, Army of Southwest Missouri. The 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri Light Artillery saw service in Southeast Missouri until June 1863, when it moved to Vicksburg. It participated in the Siege of Vicksburg from 11 June to 4 July 1863, and in the capture of Yazoo City on 14 July 1863. It then moved south and participated in actions in Louisiana and Texas.

In May and June 1862 Batteries I & K, 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Light Artillery, made up the Jefferson Barracks garrison. Captains Frederick W. Fuchs and Charles Elliot of the 2<sup>nd</sup> commanded the Post during this time period. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Light Artillery was organized at St. Louis as the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Missouri Artillery, U.S. Reserve Corps from 16 Sept. to 6 Nov. 1861. The unit designation changed to 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Artillery on 20 Nov. 1861, and it was assigned to duty in forts around St. Louis until Sept. 1863. Landgraeber's Battery, Horse Artillery was assigned as Co. F on 30 Sept. 1863. Companies C & D formed a new Co. A and Co. B retained its original organization. Companies I & H formed a new Co. C. Companies A, F, G, & K formed a new Co. D, Companies E, L, & M formed a new Co. E and six new batteries organized as follows: Battery G at St. Louis on 15 Nov. 1863; Co. H at Springfield on 4 Dec. 1863; Co. I at Springfield on 29 Dec. 1863; Co. K at Springfield on 14 Jan. 1864; Co. L at Sedalia on 20 Jan. 1864 [formerly 1<sup>st</sup> Battery, Missouri State Militia]; and Co. M at St. Louis on 15 Feb. 1864. [Since the different batteries participated individually in many actions their service is not recorded here.]

By the end of the Civil War the Jefferson Barracks garrison consisted of men in the 35<sup>th</sup>, 62<sup>nd</sup>, and 70<sup>th</sup> Veterans Reserve Corps.

Information contained in this article came from the following sources: Jefferson Barracks Monthly Post Returns & Dyers Compendium of the War of the Rebellion.



## Upcoming Events

**Militaria Swap Meet** at the Affton Community Center, 9801 Mackenzie Road, St Louis, MO, 63123 on Saturday February 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thousands of items from all eras will be available for purchase or trade. Want to get into re-enacting? This is the event that can get you started! Looking for a special item to round out your collection? Come and see.....you can probably get it here! Admission is \$3.00 for ages 12+ and \$2.00 for ages under 11.

**Adult Easter Egg Hunt** will be held March 27 & 28 from 8:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. Come out and search 250 acres of Jefferson Barracks Park for thousands of numbered eggs for over 1,000 terrific prizes. There will be music, and food trucks on site for food and beverage purchases. Dress for the weather as this event will be held regardless, and don't forget your basket and a flashlight. Tickets are \$8 (non-refundable) per person and can be purchased by calling (314) 615-5572.

**World War II Weekend** is Saturday & Sunday, April 25 & 26. There are two battles on Saturday (10am & 3pm) and one on Sunday (Noon); with the annual Canteen Dance on Saturday night at the new Lemay Community Center (The Pavilion at Lemay, 305 Gregg Road)

**Friends of Jefferson Barracks Canteen Dance** The Friends of Jefferson Barracks will again sponsor the **Annual Canteen Dance, as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rangers 2015 World War II Weekend. The dance is Saturday, April 25 at the new Lemay Community Center, located in the west side of Jefferson Barracks Park.** Doors open at **5:00 P.M.** Beer, soft drinks and refreshments will be available beginning at **5:30 P.M.** Music will begin at **6:00 P.M.** and will continue to **10:30 P.M.** **Admission is \$17.50 per person in advance or \$25.00 per person at the door. Tables of 8 can be reserved for \$140.00 per table** and is payable when the reservation is made.

DINNER will be served from approximately 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We are pleased to welcome Andre's Banquets & Catering who will prepare your dinner. Dinner tickets are \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door.

Music will again be provided by **"Michael Lacey & His New Orleans Swing Band"** who are well-known throughout the metropolitan area and often entertain in the South County area.

Seating is limited to approximately 300; please make your reservations early. A map to the new Pavilion at Lemay will be mailed with your tickets. Tickets will be mailed Saturday, April 11. Many people come to the dance each year and look forward to a patriotic and fun-filled evening. Tables and seating will be provided on a **"first come, first served"** basis. THE FRIENDS will do their best to fulfill seating requests.

**Questions? call:** Ron & Brenda Rolfes, Event Co-Coordinators: (314) 397-4693 or  
Dennis Mertz, Event Advisor: (314) 941-0541 or  
Friends of Jefferson Barracks: (314) 544-5714 or  
Contact us by e-mail at: [FriendsofJeffersonBarracks@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofJeffersonBarracks@gmail.com)

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Make CHECKS PAYABLE TO: The **Friends of Jefferson Barracks** and mail in your envelope or a pre-addressed envelope to **Friends of Jefferson Barracks, P. O. Box 78489, St. Louis, MO 63178-8489 (indicate "Canteen Dance" on the memo portion of your check along with "CODE 17114").**

Note: DO NOT mail your check to any other address; this will delay your reservation.

***The Friends of Jefferson Barracks Thank You for your support!***





**PLEASE CLEARLY INDICATE THE NUMBER OF ADMISSION AND DINNER TICKETS YOU DESIRE.**

Remember payment must be made in full. Your tickets will include your table and seat numbers. Your admission and dinner tickets will be mailed at one time on APRIL 11.

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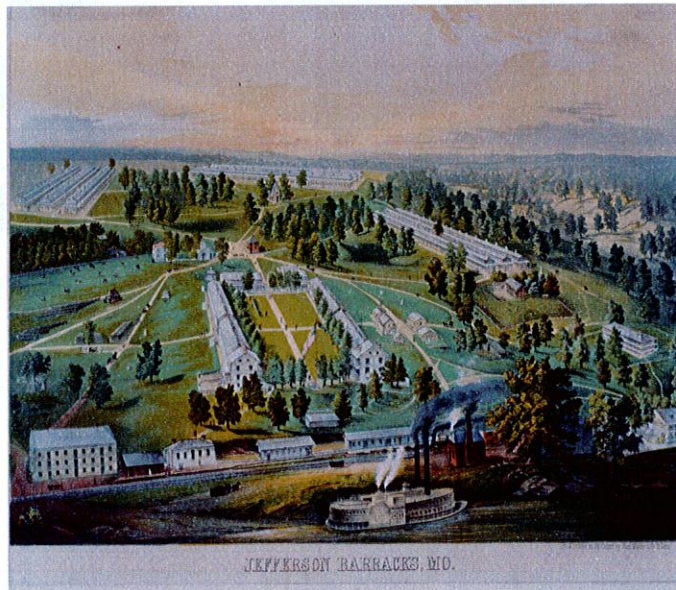
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This exhibit image is 6' X 10'. With a touch screen next to the image you will be able to click on a building and the history of the building will be shown.

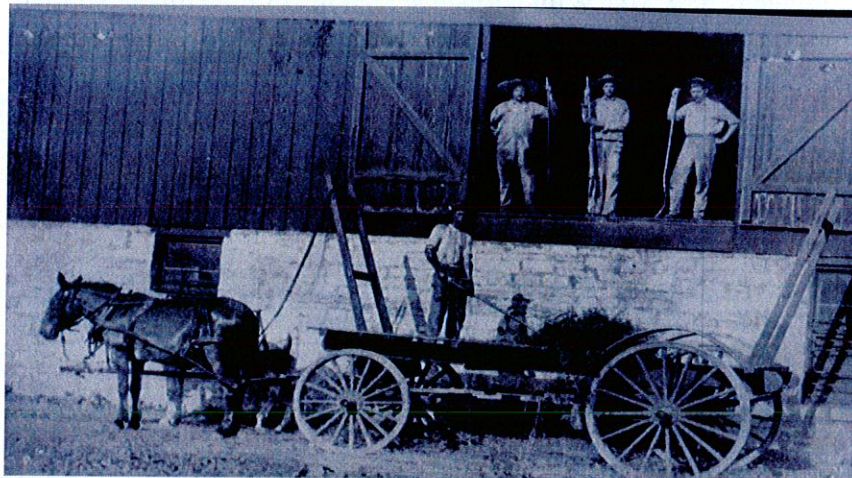






This and the preceding image depict displays in the new cavalry exhibit.

## Jefferson Barracks: 1902 – 1918



Unloading hay into the second story of the old stable ca. 1910. This building served as a stable, tank repair station in the 1920s, guest house for new recruits in the early days of World War II, a pub "the Red Roof Inn," and is currently the park's Visitor's Center.

By Marc E. Kollbaum, Curator  
Jefferson Barracks Historic Park (retired)



