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GENERAL MEETING

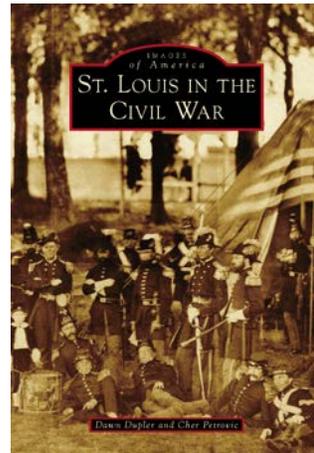
Thursday March 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Jefferson Barracks Park Visitors Center

Dawn Dupler holds an MFA in writing and a BS in chemical engineering. She works as an adjunct professor at St. Louis Community College.
Cher Petrovic is a photographer and is involved with Civil War reenactments. She teaches at St. Louis Community College.

They will present their new book at the next general meeting of the Friends of Jefferson Barracks on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Visitors Center after a brief business meeting.

St. Louis in the Civil War



In 1861, St. Louis epitomized the growing tensions between the North and the South. The city's strategic position was home to James Eads' shipyards, where he built ironclads; Jefferson Barracks, where troops joined the US Army; and Gratiot Street Prison where POWs were held. Many notable men of the Civil War had ties to St. Louis. Come hear their stories!

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Election of Board Members at March Meeting

Also at the March meeting we will hold elections to the board of the Friends of Jefferson Barracks. The following are nominated to the board as regular board members for the term of service as indicated by their names:

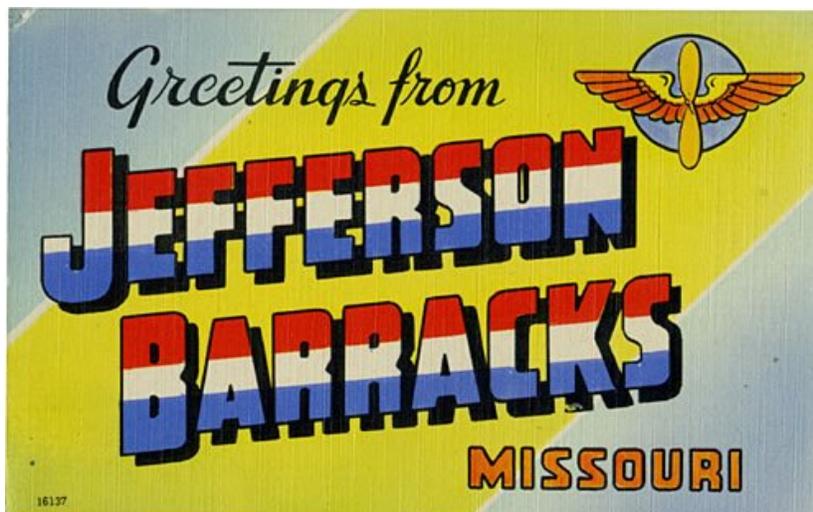
<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>	
Wimpy Kenner	April 2014	April 2017
Jack Strosnider	April 2014	April 2017
John Lorenz	April 2014	April 2017
Wayne Winters	April 2014	April 2017

The following persons are nominated for one year terms for the indicated offices of the Board of Directors for a year of service from April 2014 to April 2015:

President	Patricia Galanos
Vice President	Dennis Mertz
Secretary	Patty Crocker
Treasurer	Wayne Winters

There are vacancies on the Board for one regular board member and one alternate board member. If you would consider joining the Board, please contact a Board member, or call or come by the Visitors Center at the park Wednesday through Sunday, Noon to 4pm, (314) 544-5714.

Any interested parties must be in good standing as a member of the Friends of Jefferson Barracks.



Missouri, Saint Louis, Jefferson Barracks, and the Civil War - Part 9

By Marc E. Kollbaum, former Curator, Jefferson Barracks Historic Site

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General Henry Halleck had assumed command of the Department of the Mississippi on 13 March 1862. This department included the departments of Kansas, the Missouri, and the Ohio. Halleck's headquarters was established in Saint Louis.

In early April General Halleck left for Corinth, Mississippi, and Major General John McAllister Schofield took command of the greater part of the state of Missouri. Schofield assumed command of the entire Department of Missouri, with headquarters in Saint Louis. In addition, Missouri Governor Hamilton Rowan Gamble placed General Schofield in command of the Missouri State Militia. Schofield was to enroll and organize what came to be 13,000 men into companies, regiments, and brigades "...for the purpose of putting down all marauders, and defending the peaceable citizens of the State."

General Schofield placed the enrollment and organization of the militia of Saint Louis under the general direction of Colonel Lewis Merrill, who was in command of the Saint Louis Division. Merrill, in turn, appointed Captain Robert A. Howard of Merrill's Horse (Cavalry Regiment) as Superintendent of enrollment for the city of Saint Louis. In general, enrollment proceeded as follows: Men enrolled in the ward in which they voted, and when sixty-four men from a ward had enrolled a company was organized and allowed to elect their officers. When ten companies had been organized in a ward a regiment was organized, and field and staff officers were appointed.

On 28 August 1862, General Schofield issued Special Order No. 91 which appointed a county board for Saint Louis County, comprised of Henry Moore, John Cavender, G.F. Filley, Charles Borg, and Ferdinand Meyer to "...assess and collect without unnecessary delay, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars from the Secessionists and Southern sympathizers in Saint Louis County." The money thus obtained, was to be used in "subsisting, clothing and arming the enrolled militia while in active service, and in providing for the support of the families of such militiamen and United States Volunteers as may be left destitute."

When issued, this order created great surprise and indignation among those citizens of Saint Louis who sympathized with the South. The assessment was to be graded on a double scale, regulated by the wealth and supposed degree of sympathy for the South on the part of the persons assessed. The board appointed to make the assessments was instructed to ascertain the facts, examine witnesses, and specify the amounts to be paid by each party.

Long after the war the *St. Louis Republican* provided a history of the assessment proceedings: "*Ex parte* and secret evidence was received; little or no opportunity of defense was practicable. Many persons did not know they were under suspicion until the assessed amount was declared. The collection was to be summary, under the stringency of martial law. When the amount of \$150,000 had been reached, and comparatively few persons knew where the blow would strike, the forced collection began, and had proceeded a little way, under the indignant protest but prudent submission of the sufferers, many of whom were good and true citizens in every sense of the word. All at once and quite unexpectedly an order, bearing the date December 15, 1862, appeared, which was understood to come directly from Washington, and took the 'assessors' themselves completely by surprise, stopping the assessment summarily and forever...."

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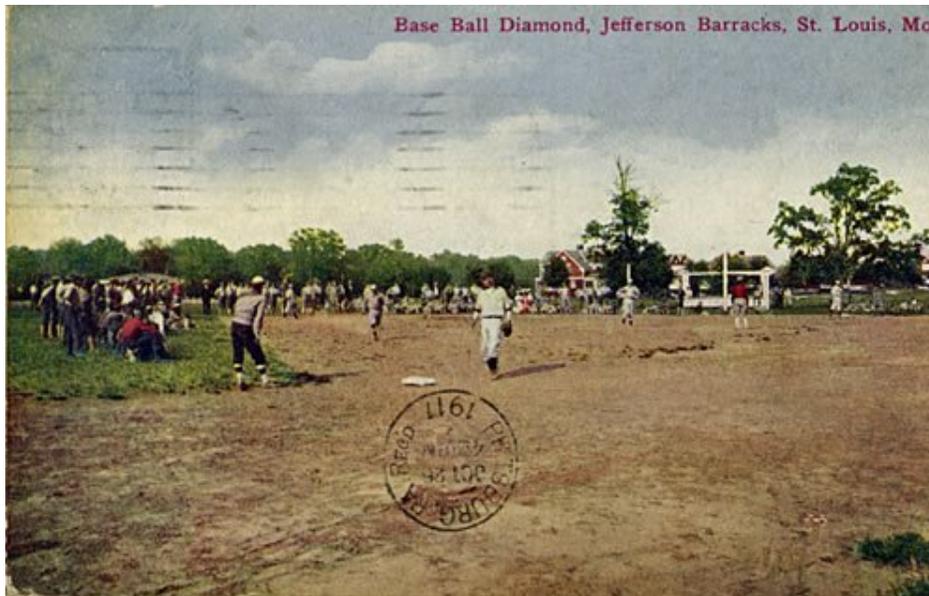
In September, Major General Samuel Ryan Curtis replaced Schofield in command of the Department of the Missouri. Curtis placed Brigadier General Eugene Asa Carr in command of the Saint Louis District. Carr assumed command on 15 November 1862, replacing Colonel Thomas T. Gantt.

Curtis, who had spent most of his adult life in Ohio and Iowa, had definite abolitionist sentiments which caused problems between him and Missouri Governor Gamble. Before too long President Lincoln was forced to replace Curtis, who took over command of the Department of Kansas.

.....to be continued in next newsletter

Information for Part 9 is taken from the Jefferson Barracks Post Returns, *The History of St. Louis City and County* by J. Thomas Scharf, *Lion of the Valley* by James Neal Primm, and *Missouri Sketch Book* by Clifton C. Edom.

Play Ball!



It is time once again for Vintage Base Ball at Jefferson Barracks; base ball as it was played during the 1800s and even during the early 1900s as above: wool uniforms, no gloves, no fences, and spectators close to the action! The Saint Louis Unions claim the field east of the Park Visitors Center as their home and they would be pleased to have a crowd come and root, root, root for the home team. Bring lawn chairs, bring refreshments, bring the family to an enjoyable afternoon of free old-fashioned FUN! Games are scheduled for March 15 at 1pm (this is also the 2nd Rangers training weekend); March 29 at 12pm; April 12 at 1pm; April 26 at 1pm (this is WWII Weekend!); May 10 at 1pm; May 17 at 1pm; May 31 at 1pm; June 21 at 12pm....there are more, but check their website (Google them, please) or stop by a game and get their calendar. See you at the old ball game!!

What's Going On at Jefferson Barracks?

Eagle Scout Project 2-22-2014
Jefferson Barracks Park Laborer's House
Parker Maxwell
Troop 981 Kirkwood



Despite the inclement weather, another Eagle Scout project was recently completed behind the Laborers House. The old water pump and the walkway which led to it were repaired and restored, which adds greatly to the beauty of the Laborers House and Garden. Many thanks to all involved, and especially to John and Bonnie Lorenz who have guided the Eagle Scout candidates in their projects. Jefferson Barracks has benefitted greatly by all their efforts!

(And special THANKS to John Lorenz for the great pictures!)

Upcoming Events

The Homefront: V-mail to Email

New exhibit in the Old Ordnance Room museum opens to the public on Saturday April 5 – Noon to 4pm, Wednesdays through Sundays. The exhibit explores what life was like for those on the homefront during and after WWII, along with the daily life of those in the service. The exhibit will be open until December 28, 2014. Free admission, donations appreciated.

Annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt at Jefferson Barracks Park, Friday April 11 and Saturday April 12 – 8 to 10pm each night; \$8 per person. This hunt is for adults only and is held regardless of weather. Search the park at night for more than 8,000 eggs. Bring a flashlight and basket for your eggs. Winning eggs are redeemed for terrific prizes! Food trucks will be on hand for purchase of refreshments. Advance registration is required – call (314) 615-5572.

World War II Weekend, Friday-Sunday April 25-27 – Learn about the uniforms, weapons, and equipment used by the troops of World War II. Battle re-enactments will take place on Saturday and Sunday. Admission to the camps and battles is free. A Canteen Dance will be held Saturday night; admission is \$17.50 in advance or \$25 at the door; ages 18+ only. Doors open at 5pm; music from 6:30-10pm. Refreshments and hot food will be available for purchase. Music will be performed by Michael Lacy and his New Orleans Swing Band. **The dance will be held on the National Guard Base so photo IDs will be required.** For tickets and information, email FriendsofJeffersonBarracks@gmail.com or call (314) 544-5714.

Children's Garden Club at the Old Ordnance Room, Saturday May 3 – Free admission. This event is designed to educate and bring delight in gardening through projects that participants begin themselves and take home to grow and enjoy. For more information, call (314) 822-9095 or email dwolter@stlouisco.com.

Bike Through Time at Jefferson Barracks, Saturday May 17 – 9am and 1pm; Grades (**not ages**) 6-12 at \$5 per person. Visit various historic buildings in Jefferson Barracks. The journey is approximately two hours and will cover ten miles. Those who complete the ride will earn a Jefferson Barracks Ordnance Patch. Advance registration is required – email dgonzales@stlouisco.com or call (314) 544-5714.

Feast in the Park at Jefferson Barracks, Wednesday May 28 – 5-8pm; band plays from 5:30-7:30pm. The featured band is Cosmic Cowboy. Museums will be open. Free admission. **No coolers are allowed in the park.** Food trucks will offer unique refreshments. For more information, call (314) 615-4386.

JB Blast at Jefferson Barracks Park, Friday July 4 – 7pm; Music by the USAF Band of Mid-America in the Veterans Memorial Amphitheater, followed by a brilliant fireworks display. Concessions are available. Free admission. Call (314) 615-4386 for information.

Scavenge Through the Night at Jefferson Barracks Park, Saturday July 19 – 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Search the trails and historic buildings of Jefferson Barracks Park in this scavenger-style hunt for all ages. Begin with a weenie roast at the Old Ordnance Room and end with prizes for the best teams. Bring a flashlight and a pencil. \$10.00 per person. Advance registration required. Call (314) 615-8472 for information and to register.

For more information on these and other events, see our website: www.friendsofjeffersonbarracks.com ; call (314) 544-5714; or email dgonzales@stlouisco.com.