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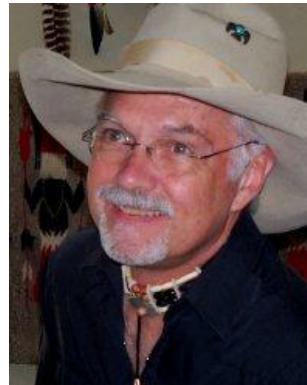
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## GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY JUNE 20, 2013 (7:00 PM) JEFFERSON BARRACKS PARK VISITORS CENTER

Joe Johnston will preview his upcoming book at the next general meeting of the Friends of Jefferson Barracks on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 7:00pm. in the Visitors Center.

## *String Him Up! Frontier Justice in Missouri*



Joe Johnston, Author

No other state provided such a fertile breeding ground for vigilante justice as did Missouri. From the Mormon Wars of the 1840s through the Civil War years and on into the lawless years after the war only Missouri was home to such a legacy of violence. Stories include never-before-heard tales that include famous names such as Wyatt Earp and Wild Bill Hickok.

Mr. Johnston will also share some new research related to his earlier book, *The Mack Marsden Murder Mystery*. The Marsden book was presented at our general meeting in August of 2012.

We hope to see you at the Barracks!

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## Marc Kollbaum Retires from Saint Louis County Parks



The high point of Marc's twenty-four year career with Saint Louis County Parks *was his career* with Saint Louis County Parks. It seems that few people are fortunate enough to find a career doing something they love to do, but Marc did, and we (and Jefferson Barracks) have been most fortunate to share it with him.

Marc has always liked to read and he found himself with a lot of time for reading while he was stationed with the US Air Force in Europe and the Near East in the 1960s and 1970s. The base library had an extensive collection of books on military history and he read ninety-nine and ½ books in a year, just running out of time before he got to finish that 100<sup>th</sup> book. He came back stateside, filled with lots of military knowledge and a desire to share it with anyone who would listen. He found a position with Saint Louis County Parks and returned to school for his Bachelors' and Masters' degrees. The rest is....ahem...history.

As curator of Jefferson Barracks Historic Site, Marc has especially enjoyed the variety of duties he has performed; the atmosphere of military-history; the opportunities for in-depth study of a subject to develop an exhibit for the museums; the opportunity to share those things with others; and he has especially enjoyed the people he has met along the way.

Since he retired April 1st, he is not only still reading but he is also working on his history of Jefferson Barracks: *Gateway to the West* Volume 2 - and giving tours and presentations at Jefferson Barracks as often as possible. He has several events coming up including tours for the Missouri History Museum and for the Junior College District, storytelling at the Maplewood Public Library, and several others. Check the Friends webpage for programs that may be open to the public.

***Marc, we sincerely wish you all the best!***

# Missouri, Saint Louis, Jefferson Barracks and the Civil War, Part VII

By Marc E. Kollbaum, Former Curator, Jefferson Barracks Historic Park

*(Continued from previous newsletter)*

For those individuals who had been sure that the fighting would be over before Christmas of 1861, the beginning of 1862 must have brought on many unpleasant feelings. The war between the North and the South continued unabated with no real end in sight. Lt. Colonel Sidney Burbank, 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry, remained in command of Jefferson Barracks. Colonel William T. Sherman, the commanding officer of the 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment that was organizing at Jefferson Barracks, had not yet arrived. As of the end of January 1862, the 13<sup>th</sup> regiment had organized companies A, B, C, and G which, along with unassigned recruits, brought its strength to 46 officers and 386 enlisted men. Another of the 13<sup>th</sup>'s officers not yet at the Post was Captain Philip H. Sheridan, who was serving as quartermaster and commissary of subsistence for General Samuel Curtis at that time. In addition to the 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry, the 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri Light Artillery companies B, D, H, I, and K - a total of 23 officers and 358 men - remained at the Post.

Several appointments were made at that time. Special Order No. 104, dated 30 December 1861, appointed Colonel B.L.E. Bonneville to the command of Benton Barracks and Special Order No. 105, dated 2 January 1862, assigned Brig. General Schuyler Hamilton to command of the city and county of St. Louis excepting Benton Barracks. Captain Charles Ewing, commander of Co. A, 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry, arrived at the Post from Recruiting Service in Ohio.

The Quartermaster Department at Jefferson Barracks employed twelve civilians. The salaries paid these civilian employees are interesting. One clerk, R.E. Smith, received the amazing salary of \$75 a month; while two carpenters, Thomas McGirley and William Smith, earned \$1.50 a day. These salaries seem rather high compared to the \$10 a month that the cook made or the \$15 a month that four teamsters received.

Burbank went on leave around January 10, leaving Capt. Ewing in command until he returned to Lancaster, Ohio, on recruiting duty. Then Captain Gabriel L. Postlewaite took command and served in that capacity through April of 1862. In February most of the 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri Light Artillery departed the post, leaving the total garrison strength at 68 officers and 463 men. In March most of the 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry left, leaving only 21 officers and 208 men; most of them were new recruits.

Troops came through the post but most did not stay long. An exception was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Artillery, Companies I and K, with eight officers and 188 men commanded by Captain Frederick Fuchs. Capt. Fuchs went on sick leave on April 15 and Captain Charles Elliott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Artillery, took command. By June, Fuchs had returned to duty and Capt. Elliott transferred as a major to the 5<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry.

In April of 1862 the Western Sanitary Commission, headed by James Yeatman, began construction of hospital facilities at Jefferson Barracks. The old Post Hospital building was completely renovated. The basement of the building housed the kitchen, pantry, storeroom, and dining rooms. The first floor contained the pharmacy, surgeon's and steward's quarters, and two large wards with twenty beds in each. Four rooms on the second floor held a total of forty-two beds. The attic of the building had thirty beds, but because it was a small area, they were only used in the winter or during an emergency.

Located on the southeast corner of the post square, Ward C had twenty rooms with five beds in each. The attic of this structure was used for baggage storage, but some beds were installed there for use in an emergency.

The original one-story stone barracks on the north and south sides of the parade ground became Wards E, F, and L. The partitions were removed, making each building a long ward capable of holding between forty and eighty patients each.

In addition to these buildings, nine new one-story buildings were constructed, each six-hundred feet long, in three triple rows. The center building contained the dining facilities, along with surgeons', nurses', and steward's quarters. The two outside rows held the sick wards; each ward was three-hundred feet long.

Major Surgeon John Field Randolph took command of this (for its time) vast hospital complex on 27 August 1862. When completed, the Jefferson Barracks facilities could accommodate three thousand patients. According to hospital records, the first admissions to the General Hospital came at the end of April when 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Louis Ainslie, 21<sup>st</sup> Illinois Infantry, Co. D; Pvt. J.C. Airgood, 16<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry, Co. G; and Pvt. Simon Allurd, 4<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry, Co. K, were admitted. By the end of 1862 over five thousand sick and wounded had been admitted to the Jefferson Barracks General Hospital. By the time the General Hospital reverted to a Post Hospital there had been over 26,000 admissions.

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Men of the highest qualifications and dedication to providing the best possible care made up Randolph's staff at Jefferson Barracks. The staff included Assistant Surgeon Henry R. Tilton, executive officer; Captain A.R. Smith, U.S. Volunteers, commissary of subsistence; Captain J.H. Corns, U.S. Volunteers, Commanding Co. K, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment Invalid Corps and assistant provost marshal; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. S.C. Wildman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois, Commanding the 62<sup>nd</sup> Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Invalid Corps; Reverend J.W. Fish, U.S. Army, Post Chaplain; and Reverend Samuel Pettigrew, Hospital Chaplain. The acting assistant surgeons, all in the U.S. Army, were: H. Latham, W.H. Martin, A.L. Allen, T.F. Humbold, T.W. McArthur, T.R. Leslie, J.A. Rollis, W.M. Welch, J.J. Marston, P.C. McLane, and P.C.H. Rooney. S. Ravenburg, H.J. Thompson, E.W. Klipstein and R.H. Dawson served as hospital Stewards at Jefferson Barracks.

Numerous women worked in the hospital at Jefferson Barracks, but only two names are known: Elizabeth Gibson and Lucy Campbell Kaiser.

The Jefferson Barracks General Hospital could receive patients by rail and by water. The Western Sanitary Commission purchased and chartered steamships and then equipped and organized them to render service. Depending on the steamer itself, between three hundred and eight hundred patients could be cared for and transported aboard a hospital ship.

The *City of Louisiana* served as the first steamer chartered for hospital service. The government supplied it with beds, mattresses, and commissary stores and the Western Sanitary Commission spent \$3,000 completing the equipage. The Commission furnished assistant surgeons, an apothecary, and both male and female nurses, as well as maintaining a supply of hospital stores. Assistant Surgeon Clinton Wagner served as medical director. By the end of 1862 the *City of Louisiana* had transported 3,389 patients, of which only fifty-nine died. Four other steamers provided service to sick and wounded patients on the Mississippi River, the *D.A. January*, the *Empress*, the *Imperial*, and the *Red Rover*. These hospital steamers transported over 10,000 patients to Jefferson Barracks and other St. Louis hospitals.

Numerous other steamers such as the *R.C. Wood*, the *Cairo*, the *Jinnie Hopkins*, the *Baltic*, and the *Hard Times* unloaded thousands of sick and wounded at Jefferson Barracks between 1862 and 1865.

In addition to the Jefferson Barracks Army General Hospital the following hospitals in St. Louis cared for sick and wounded soldiers:

- Fifth Street Hospital (corner of Chestnut), Dr. John Hodgen, director.
- Fourth Street Hospital (near Franklin Avenue), Dr. McGugin.
- New House of Refuge (five miles out, southwest), Dr. Bailey.
- Pacific House (Spruce Street, west of Seventh), Dr. Martin.
- Good Samaritan (Twenty-fifth Street, near O'Fallon Street), Dr. McMartin.
- Hickory Street (west of Seventh Street), Dr. Melcher.
- City Hospital (St. Ange Avenue), Dr. Grinstead.
- Sisters of Charity (Spruce Street, corner of Fourth), Dr. Rex.
- McDowell's College Hospital (for Confederate prisoners) Dr. Melcher.
- Arsenal Hospital (three miles out, south), Dr. Getty.
- Marine Hospital (four miles out, south), Dr. Melcher.
- Duncan's Island (for smallpox, four miles down the river), Dr. Smith.
- Benton Barracks, general hospital (four miles out, northwest), Dr. Dickinson.
- Benton Barracks, Convalescent No. 1 (Fair Grounds), Dr. Dyer.
- Benton Barracks, Convalescent No. 2 (Parade Ground), Dr. Colegrove.

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Information for Part VII 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.

*(To be continued in next newsletter...)*



# What's Going On at Jefferson Barracks?



## Cannon Mounts

The latest Eagle Scout project to be completed in the park was the repair and replacement of the cannon mounts in the courtyards of the Powder Magazine and the Old Ordnance Room. The stone mounts in front of each of the museums were built as Tyler Robinson's Eagle project from Troop 780. The cannons had not been installed at the time this picture (left) was taken, but both are in place now. Thanks, Scouts!

## North Gate Restoration Project

Staat Tuckpointing Services worked on the center guard house (right) and then moved on to the side walls, removing and replacing all the old tuck pointing. Work is being done thanks to a grant that was obtained by the Friends of Jefferson Barracks from the St. Louis County Port Authority and the St. Louis County Economic Council. Through the Port Authority, St. Louis County has pledged to re-invest 75% of lease payments received from the River City Casino and Entertainment Complex back into the community of Lemay for the first five years of the casino's operation (until 2015). It also will invest 25% in countywide community projects.



## The Tuesday Garden Group

Many areas of Jefferson Barracks Park, but especially the hill behind the Laborers' House, will be filled with flowers come next spring, thanks to the efforts of the Tuesday Garden Group. Daffodils were transplanted from Sharon Hoyt's house and brought to the park for planting. So much mulch has been spread on the park grounds that Sharon made a special wheelbarrow – a US Marine Corps model - for presentation to Eric Salaby. Sharon painted the wheelbarrow in the USMC colors and attached a USMC sticker. Many faithful volunteers - along with County employees Doug Wolter, Sharon Hoyt, and Eric Salaby - are the ones to thank for making the area look so nice. Thank you all!



And THANKS to John Lorenz for the great pictures!

## Upcoming Events

**GENERAL MEETING at Jefferson Barracks Visitors Center, Thursday June 20, 7:00 p.m.** See page one of this newsletter for more information.

**Historic Village Open House at Faust Park, Saturday-Sunday; June 22-23 and June 29-30; July 20-21 and July 27-28; August 17-18 and August 24-25.** 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Free admission. Call 314-615-8328 for info.

**JB Blast at Jefferson Barracks Park, Friday July 5** – 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 (History Found!) at Jefferson Barracks Park, Saturday July 20** – 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.

**History Hayrides at Jefferson Barracks Park, Sunday July 21** – 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm. Listen to the stories of your guide on this leisurely hayride through the historic Army post of Jefferson Barracks. \$7.00 per person; all ages welcome. Advance registration required. Call 314-544-6224 for information.

*For more information on these and other events, see our website: [www.friendsofjeffersonbarracks.com](http://www.friendsofjeffersonbarracks.com) or call 314-544-6224 or email [JMagurany@stlouisco.com](mailto:JMagurany@stlouisco.com).*

# DON'T FORGET

## THE GENERAL MEETING

### THURSDAY JUNE 20

### 7:00 p.m. in the Visitors Center