

## **JBCC Meeting Minutes – 8 July 2011**

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Frank Ziegler gave the treasury report. There is \$3,216.19 on hand. Membership includes 72 individuals, 8 business and 20 various organizations.

**Missouri's Civil War Heritage Foundation.** Greg Wolk reported on the U.S. Grant Trail, which focuses on Grant's early days in the Civil War. The trail will cover the eastern part of the state from the Hannibal/Quincy area south several cities such as Mexico, Danville, Hermann, Washington, Pacific, St Louis, Desoto, Potosi, Fredericktown, Jackson, Cape Girardeau to Madrid and others. Other trails such as the Grey Ghosts focusing on the central part of Missouri are in progress.

These trails are geared to the cultural tourists who spend 30% more than average tourist.

The foundation needs money to publicize the Grant Trail. Art asked for a motion to approve a \$500 donation. It was approved.

For more information see:

<http://www.mocivilwar.org/home.html>

[www.Civil War Traveler.com](http://www.CivilWarTraveler.com)

**2011 Freedom River Walk** The Freedom River Walk in its third year will include the "Welcome Home Warriors" and a vintage aircraft fly-over. The event is mainly sponsored by the VA Medical Center at JB, St. Louis County Chamber of Commerce, and The St. Louis County Parks Dept. There will be more civic involvement. Art ask the members to approve a donation a \$250.00. Donation was approved.

**Base News** Art reported that Col. Newman has acquired additional duty with the State Staff in Strategic Planning which requires him to spend two or three days per week at Jefferson City.

The Air Guard is in the process of demolishing the tornado damaged buildings on the south side of the base at Lambert airport. The personnel are occupying office space in the north side hanger area on a temporary basis until facilities at JB are made suitable for occupancy.

Some of the Medical personnel have moved into Building 1.

The 571st Air Force Band at Lambert is scheduled to be deployed to Afghanistan to entertain the troops.

## **AROUND THE ROOM**

**State Senator Lemke** The Senator's representative, John Judd, reported on pending bills.

HB 149 removes the expiration and termination dates for the provisions which allow an individual or corporation to designate part of a tax refund to the Missouri Military Family Relief Fund

HB 204 Allows a resident who is on active military duty to renew his or her expired driver's license without a complete examination if the renewal is made within a specified time from discharge or residency

**2nd Rangers** Reported remodel progress of the post power building on Grant Rd. and Hancock.

**AT&T Pioneer Telephone Museum** The museum received \$150,000 from the St. Louis County Economic Council for renovations.

**JB Heritage Foundation** Bill Florich reported everything going well with the Bldg 27 Studies. JBHF is planning to celebrate 100th anniversary of the first parachute jump from an aircraft over JB on Mar 1, 1912.

**St. Louis County Parks Dept** JB Blast was a great success. Over 9,000 people attended.

St Louis County Police did a great job with traffic control.

**Bethesda Health Group** Bethesda staff took several of their residents to the JB Blast. Everyone had a great time.

**Girl Friends Project** Julie reported that they are having a Baby Shower event on September 24, 2011. They are asking for donations of baby items.

**JB Military Family Readiness** Planning a send off on August 15 for the 3175<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company scheduled to be deployed to Afghanistan.

**Missouri Civil War Museum** Gary Stevens reported great progress on the construction work. They are planning a fall 2011 grand opening.

The MCWM hired a new employee this month. Her name is Alex Choate. She will be working on the museum's collection of artifacts and on exhibits. She has an undergraduate degree in History and a Master's degree in History and Museum Studies. She has work experience at the Saint Louis Art Museum, Missouri History Museum, and the Saint Louis Mercantile Library.

**Friends Of Jefferson Barracks** Glenda commented on the success of the JB Blast and the upcoming events this summer.

Glenda also thanked the St. Louis County Parks Department for the award commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Friends of Jefferson Barracks.

**Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site** Tim Good, Supt., stated that the unveiling of the U.S. Grant presidential dollar coin was well attended. 10,000 coins were sold. Army National Guard Color Guards from JB were there for the ceremonies and much appreciated for an excellent job.

**375<sup>th</sup> AMW/Jefferson Barracks Retiree Office** Bob Julius commented on the great success of the JB Retiree Appreciation Day held in Building 24 on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Bob also said Dave Riley and Bill Leeper of the 20+ Armed Forces Association were to be commended for their leadership and dedication in making this event a success. Special thanks go to the 70<sup>th</sup> Troop Command Brigade for being great hosts for this event.