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The Missouri National Guard Blog

Keeping in touch with our Soldiers and Communities

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When Maj. Gen. Stephen L. Danner was appointed adjutant general of Missouri, he laid out his vision for the public affairs office to use emerging media to publicize his three top priorities: the Missouri National Guard's people, training and mission.

Since then, the Missouri National Guard has established an integrated, highly-effective, joint new media program. By combining social media platforms including YouTube, MySpace, Twitter, Facebook, and Google+ coupled with traditional media outlets such as the Missouri Guard website and the Bear Facts Online – its online publication, audiences routinely receive up-to-date information. Supplementing social media with home-grown products such as the Missouri National Guard's blog, the public affairs office has built a streamlined system that allows for the dissemination of command messages with one voice over a wide range of media to a variety of audiences.

During 2009 the Missouri National Guard public affairs office launched several of its social media sites. The Missouri Guard has more than 9,129 Facebook fans, over 2,435 Twitter followers, and more than 60 friends on MySpace. On March 15, 2010 the public affairs office initiated the blog, *Missouri National Guard Live: keeping in touch with our soldiers and our communities*, to further expand its social media platform, network with fans and followers, broaden the Missouri Guard presence, provide timely and relevant first person information and updates, and to create a broader prominence in the social media realm.

This year, the Missouri National Guard did not have as strong a showing on its blog as it did in its premier year. Nonetheless, the blog proved to be a viable outlet when the leadership wanted to share with communities its thanks to Service members for supporting four of the most difficult state emergencies Missouri has faced in years.

The web page, located at URL address: <http://www.blog.moguard.com/> is maintained and administered by the Missouri National Guard Public Affairs Office on behalf of the command staff, senior leadership and guest blogs from subject matter experts and deployed Service members serving.

Blog entries are typically written in first person by the author or taken from speeches and official statements. Posts consisting of open-ended questions spark comments and conversation from internal and external key publics. The blog and the comment section provide an opportunity for the command to engage the readership through the blog and posts on other social media sites. Content is written to engage the audience and solicit feedback.

Social networking has significantly changed how the Missouri National Guard disseminates information and the blog page has emerged as one of the key ways the command staff communicates online. In terms of the organizations strategic objectives, the blog provides top-level officials and senior commands an opportunity to contribute news, issues and updates on activities and events taking place within the Missouri Guard, the Army and/or Air Force wide.

Last year, Maj. Gen. Danner used the platform to communicate command messages directly with Guardsmen, providing a forum for immediate feedback; while Missouri National Guard Chief of Staff, Col. Wendul G. Hagler II, also commanding officer of the 70th Troop Command, has continued to utilize the blog as a tool to communicate with leadership and to mentor junior leaders while exposing the readership to relevant issues.

Other categories consist of guest-written pieces, including from the field which feature Missouri Guardsmen during overseas deployments as well as subject-matter-experts who chime in through blogging to reach audiences with timely information.

The Missouri National Guard's short and long term objectives for the blog primarily focuses on the overall strategic communication framework which is designed to identify messages and tasks for strategic communication efforts related to all federal and state missions and training. The blog has helped enhance organizational effectiveness by being a readily available platform where consistent, accurate messages are disseminated to Missouri National Guard audiences in order to generate support for the command's mission and objectives. It is the leadership's intent in 2012 to reinvigorate the blog and with more regular commentary, command messages and other material.

As the Guard's target audiences are increasingly online, another aspect of our long term effort is to consistently engage audiences in two-way communication and to provide information from one social media platform that encourages our audience to visit the Guard's other sites. By consistently populating the blog with timely and informative, thought provoking content we not only create an avenue for communication in the short term, but maximize information dissemination, usage, communication and feedback that generate visits and link our audiences to our home website and other social media sites over the long term.

The Missouri National Guard is a force of more than 11,500 Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen, with armories in more than 60 communities across our state with broad target audiences and various communities including: Missouri National Guard Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen; Families of Missouri National Guard Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen; Employers of Missouri National Guard Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen; Full time employees of the Missouri National Guard; Missouri National Guard retirees; Potential Missouri National Guard recruits; local, state and federal elected officials; civic leader; Missouri state agencies; Missouri communities; Missouri First Responder communities; traditional media outlets; audiences through emerging media; internal DoD, Army, Air and adversaries.

The blog is developed into categories such as: the Adjutant General; 70th Troop Command; Chaplain Services; Command Sergeant Major; From the Field; Missouri National Guard; Office of Policy and Strategic Initiatives; Personnel Services; Plans, Operations, Training & Readiness; survivor outreach services ; Guest Blog and miscellaneous.

The blog went from being a product which was developed from an outside program to being a fully integrated part of the Missouri Guard website. It was part of the introduction of new features on its website. For every new or updated blog entry the Missouri National Guard announced it across the Missouri Guard's social media platforms, primarily through Facebook and Twitter. Readers are also given the option to share the link on their own social media sites.



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Missouri National Guard introduces new features on its website

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Those checking out the Missouri National Guard website will find they have more online options as the organization brings new features to moguard.com when it goes live this week.

The Missouri National Guard, home to a diverse mixture of employees – federal, state, military and civilian, as well as a vast constituent base and the general public - has introduced new options to the website that will increase convenience while creating a more interactive experience.

“We’re really excited about what the site now offers everyone who stops by,” said Staff Sergeant Christopher Robertson, the Missouri National Guard webmaster. “A number of new items have been introduced to the website that our consumers will find very useful.”

From the general public, employment seekers, to current and retired Service members, the website has something for everyone.

“The Missouri National Guard is a community-based organization and our activities are of interest to a immense number of stakeholders,” added Robertson. “The new integrated website is a platform where we want our constituents to be able to browse and navigate with ease.”

The launch page has more user friendly features and is set up to cater to the user’s specific need.

“Now someone going to our website has the ease of new interactive buttons and navigation tools and our site is also tailored demographically,” said Robertson. “For instance, a retiree can easily connect within our website in a whole new way to areas of the site specifically designed and tailored to keep that retiree actively engaged in things of interest to them.”

Connecting to the site is still the best way to keep up with the latest news and Missouri Guard happenings. The highlights also make it easier for users to share information on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter.



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The new features include a news carousel on several pages, an armory locator map, and the site is now optimized for cell phones and portable devices.

Among those new technologies are:

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-The news carousel on each main page shows the five current articles customized for each page you are looking at.

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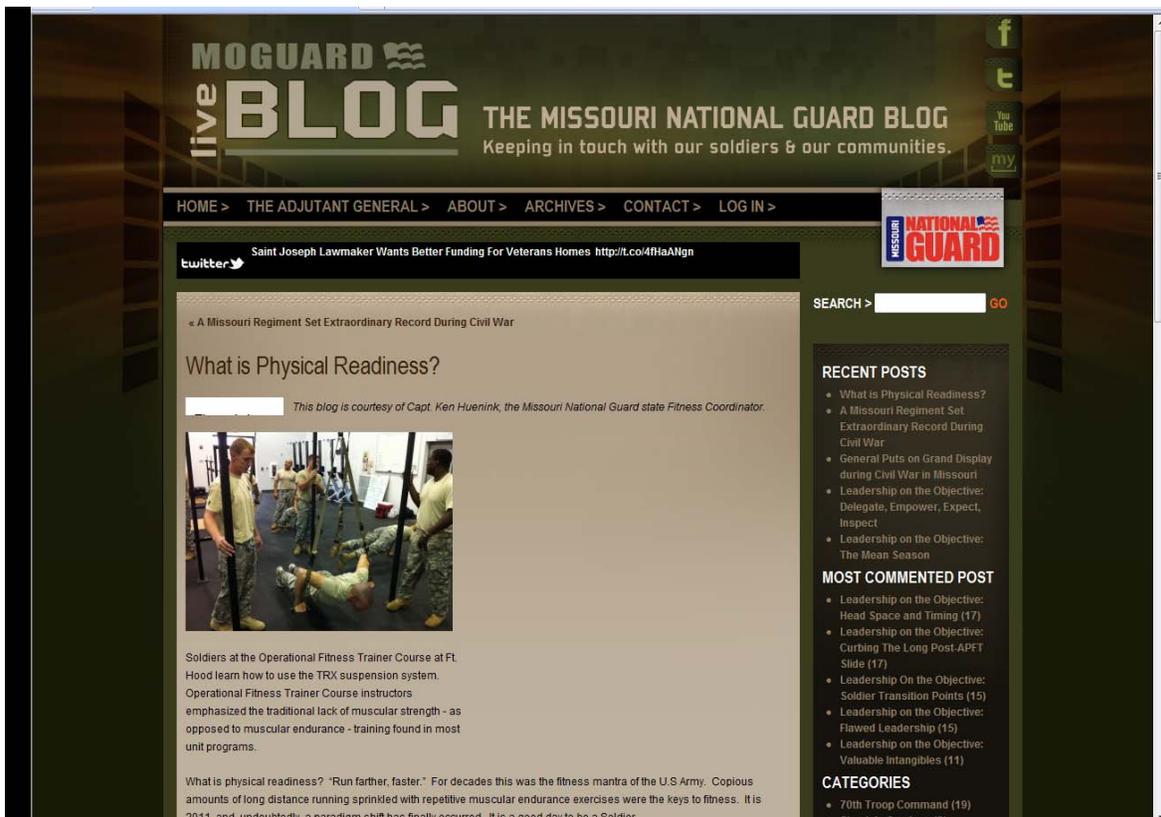
-The armory locator map helps you search for and find directions to the nearest Missouri National Guard armories and services.

Surf Moguard on the go.

-The site has also been optimized for cell phones and other portable devices.

These new features are designed to make Moguard.com a place you can go, anytime and anywhere, to find up to date, accurate and quick information.

For more information, please visit www.moguard.com and our social media sites: www.facebook.com/Missouri.National.Guard; www.twitter.com/Missouri_NG; www.youtube.com/MoNationalGuard; www.myspace.com/missouri_ng; www.flickr.com/photos/missouriguard



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THE MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD BLOG COMMENTING POLICY

The Missouri National Guard wants the blog to be a place where our Soldiers, Airmen, Families and supporters can get the most up-to-date information on programs and initiatives, as well as find answers to any questions they might have and to be a place to exchange ideas and facilitate discussion through questions, comments, concerns – even constructive criticism – all we ask is that all discussion remains civil and we follow a few rules of courtesy outlined here.

The blog's commenting policy as outlined on the site is: We encourage an open exchange of ideas in the Missouri National Guard Live community, but we ask you to follow a few guidelines. Basically, be civil, smart, on-topic and free from profanity. Don't say anything you wouldn't want your mother to read! And remember: We may miss some, so we need your help to police these comments. Please identify the comment, the story and why you think it's objectionable.

THREE BLOG POSTS

At home, the state endured some of the most difficult state emergencies it has face in years. Missouri Soldiers and Airmen fought record flooding along both the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. Troops were on the scene immediately after one of the most devastating tornados in American history hit the town of Joplin. Soldiers, Airmen and equipment were staged ahead of a major winter storm. The leadership used the blog to thank its 11,500 Service members for a job well done. Other blogs this year included information about new and alternative physical fitness and a series on Missouri military history:

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<http://www.moguard.com/blog/the-mean-season.html>

Leadership on the Objective: The Mean Season

Teammates,

In Florida, they call the hurricane season the “mean season” for obvious reasons. This year in Missouri, we’ve had a mean season of our own. The Missouri National Guard has operated under an almost-continuous, Governor-declared state of emergency since December 31, 2010. Our current emergency order for flood and tornado response and relief operations has been extended again through December 15.

I appreciate the service of the thousands of Soldiers and Airmen who have given their all to protect Missouri’s citizens and to mitigate damages throughout these tough times. Two members lost their lives and others sustained serious injuries in either the events themselves or the response effort. Many have sacrificed weekends, holidays, Family time and time away from their employers to respond, often on short notice, and for lengthy periods. Many of the members performing emergency duty this year are now deployed to the Middle East. Dedicated, selfless service is not in short supply.

Looking back to December 31 when this all started, the weather across the state was unseasonably warm. That day, I ran outdoors in shorts and a short-sleeved shirt. About mid-way through my run, my phone rang with the news tornadoes struck Fort Leonard Wood, Rolla and the suburbs of St. Louis.

Weeks later, with the heat a distant memory, that disaster was followed by the most significant state-wide snow storm in memory. Two months after that, another tornado hit our own Lambert Air National Guard Base and the St. Louis airport. Following that, the Missouri National Guard ramped up to fight unprecedented flooding along the Mississippi River and its inland tributaries in southeast Missouri.

Just as the southeast flood-fight was drawing to a close, the most horrific and devastating tornado in recorded US history struck Joplin, killing 162 citizens and destroying everything it touched within a more than one-mile by seven mile area in the heart of the city.

Even as our relief efforts continued in Joplin, we mobilized more forces along the Missouri River in the northwest. While on the decline, the Missouri River is expected to remain above flood stage well into the fall.

Immediate response by the National Guard expanded the capabilities of local officials to deal with these disasters. Applying organized, disciplined, trained and equipped military manpower to the efforts of civil authorities proved to be a winning combination. Staying on mission, the Missouri Guard established a task force to oversee debris removal in Joplin and to provide critical supervision to facilitate success for a disaster relief jobs program – many of those jobs aimed at cleanup and debris removal in Joplin, but also in other disaster impacted regions of the state.

This “mean” season highlighted the great capability of our National Guard. It proved the worth of well-trained, well-seasoned leaders who can think critically through problems and apply the instruments of military power to the task at hand. We do the bidding of the people of Missouri and during this long effort, our troops handled themselves extraordinarily well. I offer each of you my thanks for a job well done.

v/r

COL Hagler

[State Emergency Duty Rollup. \(Click to download\)](#)



State Emergency Duty

MISSION: Our state mission is to support the governor by providing trained personnel and unit equipment capable of deploying to protect life and protect critical infrastructure, and to maintain peace, order and public safety.

YEAR	MONTH	PERSONNEL	DESCRIPTION	AREA / TOWN
2005	AUG/SEP	2,000 Soldiers/Airmen	Hurricane Katrina Response	State of Louisiana
2006	APR	55 Soldiers	Tornado Response	Caruthersville
	JUL	625 Soldiers	Summer Storms	St. Louis
	SEP	100 Soldiers	Amber Alert Assistance	Franklin County
	DEC	250 Soldiers	Winter Storms	St. Louis; St. Louis County
2007	JAN	525 Soldiers	Ice Storms	SW MO; Central MO; St. Louis
	MAY	130 Soldiers	Flood Response	HW MO
	DEC	250 Soldiers/Airmen	Winter Ice Storms	SW/HW MO
	FEB	20 Soldiers/Airmen	Bio-Hazard Threat	University of Missouri - Rolla
	NOV	230 Soldiers/Airmen	F-15 Crash Response	Boss, MO
	AUG	20 Soldiers/Airmen	Chemical Hazard Response	Lee's Summit, MO
2008	FEB	30 Soldiers	Ice Storm	SE MO (Cape Girardeau)
	MAR	25 Soldiers/Airmen	Flood Response	SE MO (Piedmont; Marble Hill)
	MAY	20 Soldiers	Tornado Recovery	SW MO (Granby; Hewtonia)
	MAY	20 Soldiers/Airmen	Chemical Hazard Response	Lebanon, MO
	JUN/JUL	1,200 Soldiers/Airmen	Flood Response	Upper Mississippi River
	AUG/SEP	1,200 Soldiers/Airmen	Hurricane Gustav Response	State of Louisiana
	SEP	14 Soldiers	Hurricane Ike Response	State of Texas
2009	JAN/FEB	400 Soldiers/Airmen	Winter Ice Storms	Southeast Missouri
	MAR/APR	12 Soldiers	Winter Storms/Flood	State of North Dakota
2010	MAY	8 Soldiers	Oil Spill Response	State of Louisiana
	JUN	50 Soldiers/Airmen	Flood Response	St. Joseph
2011	JAN/FEB	600 Soldiers/Airmen	Blizzard Response	Statewide
	APR	89 Airmen	Tornado Response	St. Louis
	APR/MAY	700 Soldiers/Airmen	Flood Response	Lower Mississippi River
	MAY-	275 Soldiers/Airmen	Tornado Response	Joplin
	JUN-	480 Soldiers/Airmen	Flood Response	Missouri River

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One thought on “Leadership on the Objective: The Mean Season”



1.  1SG Walling on [October 6, 2011 at 9:03 am](#) said:

Just another example of what “right” looks like.

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What is Physical Readiness?

This blog is courtesy of Capt. Ken Huenink, the Missouri National Guard state Fitness Coordinator.



Soldiers at the Operational Fitness Trainer Course at Ft. Hood learn how to use the TRX suspension system. Operational Fitness Trainer Course instructors emphasized the traditional lack of muscular strength - as opposed to muscular endurance - training found in most unit programs.

What is physical readiness? "Run farther, faster." For decades this was the fitness mantra of the U.S Army. Copious amounts of long distance running sprinkled with repetitive muscular endurance exercises were the keys to fitness. It is 2011, and, undoubtedly, a paradigm shift has finally occurred. It is a good day to be a Soldier. The Physical Readiness Training (PRT) manual (TC-3-22.20) defines physical readiness as "the ability to meet the physical demands of any combat or duty position, accomplish the mission, and continue to fight and win." How do we best train to meet the demands of any combat or duty position? We must balance the components of fitness: muscular strength, muscular endurance, aerobic endurance, anaerobic endurance, agility, balance, coordination, flexibility, posture, stability, speed, and power. The days of focusing almost solely on aerobic conditioning and muscular endurance are over. We are now training Soldiers more like professional athletes.

How do we achieve this balance of physical skills? Programming must be unbiased, progressive, and cyclic. What does this really mean for 90 percent of us? Stop running and doing push-ups all the time and mix it up a little! Physical readiness means becoming at least minimally competent at things like sprinting, climbing, jumping, combatives, and lifting heavy objects. More of these skills will be formally tested if the proposed APRT is approved. It will include new events such as the shuttle run (agility, speed), long jump (power, coordination, balance), and the rower (flexibility, muscular endurance).

The great thing about this "well rounded" approach is the training is less repetitive, which makes it not only more fun, but easier on your body (reduces overuse injuries). The PRT manual is a great place to start. But like any manual, it is only a guide. It has a finite number of sample workouts. I encourage everyone, especially those in the National

Guard who often do most of their workouts “off-duty” to look at other resources also. Numerous internet and video based functional fitness programs offer balanced routines, many using little to no equipment.

I get it; some people really like to run. Others really like to lift weights. That is great! But human beings tend to repeat the activities we excel at and enjoy. Just remember your job requirements and responsibilities as a Soldier require you to be a bit of a generalist rather than a specialist when it comes to physical readiness. So work on your weaknesses. Besides, variety is the spice of life.

For more information on fitness programs and other physical resiliency topics, visit www.moguard/physical-resiliency.



ADT IV Senior Enlisted Adviser, SMSgt Jerry Blankenship, hitting a tire with a sledge hammer as part of his functional fitness routine in Afghanistan. Once only a distance runner, SMSgt Blankenship now possesses outstanding skills in all areas of fitness.

Tags: [APFT](#), [fitness](#), [jogging](#), [physical readiness](#), [physical readiness training](#), [resilience](#), [running](#), [warrior support programs](#)

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One thought on “What is Physical Readiness?”



1. Jakin Waldock on [January 6, 2012 at 1:29 pm](#) said:

Great article, CPT Huenink. I appreciate the shift to the all-around fitness approach approach instead of just ensuring out Soldiers can do three very specific functions.

CPT W

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General Puts on Grand Display during Civil War in Missouri

This blog is courtesy of the Museum of Missouri Military History and is the first in a series of blogs about the Civil War by former Missouri National Guard archivist Gilbert Knipmeyer.

Without experience in military affairs, General John C. Fremont was named to command the Western Department, a vast region this side of the Rocky Mountains including New Mexico and the more active military areas of Illinois and Missouri. Fremont had been summoned from a sojourn in Europe to take command and reached headquarters in St. Louis on July 25, 1861. His Missouri command continued for exactly one hundred days.

The first two months in St. Louis revealed an entire absence of comprehension of the situation in Missouri, a wasteful administration of affairs, and a grandeur which seemed to be in emulation of some European monarch. Fremont had issued an emancipation proclamation without consulting the President and assumed the right to issue his own commissions without authority from Washington or the State. These commissions were issued mostly to foreigners—Hungarians, Poles and not a few Germans. His favorite appointment was captain of engineers.

Hungarian Forms Bodyguard

The best known of the Hungarian soldiers was Charles Zagonyi who had been involved in the struggle for liberty in his native land, was taken prisoner and after two years exchanged an Austrian prison for exile in America. He traveled to Missouri, was introduced to General Fremont and asked to organize the General's personal bodyguard. The cavalry guard of four companies consisted of 160 men, the greater part of them Americans.

The authorities in Washington had been watching Fremont's activities rather closely and largely blamed him for his failure to forward reinforcements for Lyon's campaign in southwest Missouri, his defeat at Wilson's creek and the capitulation at Lexington. General Sterling Price after these two notable victories was leisurely moving through southwest Missouri collecting an army, the size of which was magnified by all the arts of war and aroused in the mind of Fremont an urge to meet this Southern army in battle.

Welcomed to Hermann

At noon, September 28, 1861 General Fremont started his move on the enemy leaving St. Louis by train for Jefferson City with his bodyguard, staff and battalion of sharpshooters. A pleasant interlude in the ten hours journey to the State Capitol was the welcome at the German settlement of Hermann where the citizens had prepared a banquet for the general and his party with well laden tables of food and the celebrated Catawba wine.

Arriving at Jefferson city at 10 o'clock, the party spent the night at the principal hotel. The following day, Sunday, tents went up west of the capitol covering the hills for some miles around. The stay here would be a week, the force increasing daily. It was a pleasant period of ceremonies, amusements and afternoon drill for the regiments. At night Mrs. Fremont invited the favorites to an immense tea in the tent reserved for such receptions, with music by the general's favorite band, the leader one of Fremont's captains of engineers.

Visit by Secretary of War

The War Department kept urging Fremont on, and the force (15-20 thousand strong) got into motion against the enemy supposed to be in great force at Springfield. The Secretary of War, Simon Cameron and Adjutant General Thomas came out from Washington to see what Fremont was doing. They arrived by train at Tipton where Fremont mounted the party on horses for a ten mile ride to review one of the divisions encamped at Syracuse. The rapid gallop was too much for Cameron, then 62 years old, and he had to forego the inspection. The same evening the

Washington party left by train for St. Louis, and Fremont had an intimation that his visit meant the end of his career in Missouri.

An order signed by the President was on the way to be delivered by messenger to Gen. Fremont. It was not to be delivered, however, in the event of a battle fought and won or in front of the enemy in expectation of a battle. Lincoln had taken pains in this order of dismissal to give Fremont another chance.

From Syracuse the movement of the huge force was Southwestward. At Warsaw a halt of four days was made to build a bridge across the Osage. On the prairies north of Bolivar the general planned a grand review with all the divisions concentrated there.

Anxious for Battle

It was the day, October 25th, of Zagonyi's charge against the enemy at Springfield. The bodyguard had begged permission from the general for this foray; they had been called holiday soldiers, they wished to show that they were soldiers for the battle.

The removal order had gone to St. Louis in care of General Curtis. To make sure that the message would get through the lines, it was placed in the hands of a captain in an Iowa regiment, J. C. McKenney, who dressed himself as a farmer and started for Fremont's camp. A pass from General Curtis and the disguise took the messenger through the lines to Fremont's headquarters. Waiting five hours to make sure there was no prospect of a battle, he saw Fremont alone. The general tore open the envelope and read the document. A victory would have saved him I his command. The following year Fremont was given another chance. His command of the Mountain Department in Western Virginia was not successful. To Fremont's request for reinforcements for one of his grandiose plans, Lincoln offered his own plan of campaign whereby the reinforcements might be dispensed with and added in a kindly way that he had, "arranged this and was very unwilling to have it deranged."

When the Mountain Department was merged into the Army of Virginia on June 26, 1862 under Major General Pope, Fremont refused to serve under Pope and relinquished his command and further participation in the war.

Tags: [General Curtis](#), [General John C. Fremont](#), [Gilbert Knipmeyer](#), [Major General Pope](#), [the Civil War](#), [the Museum of Missouri Military History](#), [Zagonyi's charge](#)

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