

Sgt. Floyd Tri-State Chapter

Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

2022 October

Newsletter

Hello Friends,

I will be stepping down from my role as president of the Chapter by the end of the year.

I may become national Capitaine of the American Mountain Men association on January 1, and after careful thought, I feel compelled to dedicate my full attention as an officer to that organization.

I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunities I've had working as president of our chapter. It is a wonderful experience to work with all of you on supporting and promoting the Lewis and Clark trail, being involved in the Floyd River Campsite Rock project, taking part in living history programs with the Sergeant Floyd Honor Guard, and immersing oneself in the Lewis and Clark story. I will stay active in the chapter.

We will be having an election for next year's officers at the October 23rd meeting. We have great talents amongst us, so consider stepping up and serving as an officer.

Keep your powder dry.
Denny Leonard

Floyd River Campsite Rock Project Update

The Sgt Floyd Tri-State Chapter dedicated the new Floyd Campsite Rock on August 20, 2022. The Floyd Campsite Rock commemorates the death of Sergeant Charles Floyd, a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition who died August 20, 1804, and the activities of his Corps mates in the area. The four-sided Floyd Campsite Rock, designed and painted in permanent graffiti-proof paint by artist

2022 Fall SFTS Chapter Meeting
Sunday October 23, 2022,
2:00 pm.

**Sioux City Lewis & Clark Interpretive
Center**
900 Larsen Park Rd., Sioux City, IA 51103.

Our fall chapter business meeting will be held at 2 o'clock. This shall be followed by the afternoon's program entitled, "**In Search of York**" by Denny Leonard, etc.



Ray "Bubba" Sorensen, measures six feet by five feet. The dedication marked the culmination of efforts by Dan Whitlock who was instrumental in getting the rock project started and moving it along to the dedication. Dan elaborated, "Sioux City has already installed a picnic shelter, restrooms, and a fenced-in dog park. We would like to add a flagpole and an awning to shade the rock and protect the paintings from the elements." Checks

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donated toward completion of the project may be made out to the Sergeant Floyd Tri-State Chapter and sent to Sergeant Floyd Tri-State Chapter, PO Box 1804, Sioux City, IA 51105. The Chapter continue their fund-raising efforts. Please consider supporting this non-profit endeavor by sending your check or money order (no cash, please) to Sergeant Floyd Tri-State Chapter, PO Box 1804, Sioux City, IA 51101.

Dan Whitlock was presented an award for his tremendous efforts to plan, fund, and facilitate the installation of the Rock.



Vice president Doug Davis and Secretary Brad Holder present Dan Whitlock with plaque



Three of the four facets of the Floyd Campsite Rock painted by Ray "Bubba" Sorensen commemorate Sergeant Floyd and the activities of the Corps of Discovery in the area of Sioux City, IA, in August of 1804.



Minutes for Meeting of May 1, 2022

Meeting was held at Sioux City Library at 2:00 PM Meeting was called to order by President Denny Leonard at 2:10 PM with 23 people present (Floyd honor guard photo slideshow going.)

New Business

Treasure report given by Mike Berger, reported \$20,700 [NOTE: includes campsite rock project funds and NPR funds].

Randy Rumelhart made motion to approve report, Dwight Peters seconded it. Motion carried.

New business:

Dan Whitlock gave report on funds raised for Floyd river campsite rock project and the progress of grants

from MRHD and trail Heritage Foundation for signs. Ray "Bubba" Sorensen, artist, will paint on the rock starting in June

Texas Roadhouse fundraiser event date is set for May 24, 2022, and they will donate 15% of funds raised.

Northern Plains Region report given by Keith Byström, Doug Davis, and Denny Leonard. Second payment in June of 604 dollars was made to the NPR by the LCTHF.

Old business

Proposal by Randy Rumelhart to continue 50/50 split of payment for P. O. Box 1804 by the Sgt. Floyd Tri-state chapter and the Sgt. Floyd Honor Guard. Motion

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made by Lynn Davis, seconded by Dwight Peters. Approved.
(Business meeting ended.)

Program

A fine program on the life of John Colter was given by Sterling Fichter in character. He described Colter's life as Corps of Discovery member, soldier and hunter. He returned to the West in 1806 as a fur trapper, had trouble with the Blackfeet in the famous

naked run to save his life. The program was a crowd pleaser with a lively question and answer session afterwards.

After the program, cookies and coffee (Sergeant Floyd Jumpy Monkey Coffee!) was provided by Doug and Lynn Davis

End of meeting. A good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted by Brad Holder, Secretary



Park Ranger Katherine Hoepfner, Bill Stevens, Denny Leonard, Jacob Schaben

Lewis and Clark Posters

On July 28, 2022, Encounters on the Prairie South Dakota Chapter Donates Lewis and Clark Posters to Lewis and Clark State Park in Onawa, IA. Bill Stevens delivered the collection of 20 framed posters from the Monticello Foundation entitled "Jefferson's America" to Park Ranger Katherine Hoepfner. Caitlin Muller, Park Manager for Lewis and Clark State Park thanked Bill for sending the teachers' guide and information about the posters and said, "I think this is definitely something that we could use at the park...for school tours that come through every year!" Bill's wife DeeAnn, daughter Dr Melissa Stevens Gibson, and granddaughters Evelyn and Mae traveled with Bill from Sioux Falls, SD, on July 28, 2022, to participate in the donation event.

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Dwight Peters molds bullet at the Sergeant Floyd Encampment August 20.

From the Past

9th September Sunday, 1804

... Came too and Camped on a Sand bar on the L. S.... Capt Lewis went out to Kill a buffalow. I walked on Shore all this evening with a view to Kill a Goat or Some Prarie Dogs in the evening after the boat landed, I Deredcted my Servent York with me to kill a Buffalow near the boat from a numbr. then Scattered in the plains, I saw at one view near the river at least 500 Buffalow, those animals have been in view all day feeding in the Plains on the L. S. every Copse of timber appear to have Elk or Deer. D[rouillard]. Killed 3 Deer, I Kiled a Buffalow Y. [York] 2, R. Fields one.
[CLARK]

Upcoming Events:

October 23, 2022--Fall SFTS meeting

December 17, 2022—Wreath Across America at the monument 11 a.m.

April 2023—Spring Meeting

August 19-20, 2023—Sergeant Floyd Encampment and Burial ceremony.



August 20, 2022 Floyd River Campsite Ceremony & Tour

Jeff Troupe, Mike Berger, Dwight Peters, Pete Murray, Brad Holder, Denny Leonard with Bev Hinds