



History of the Barbour Greys and the Blue and Gray Reunion

Col. George A. Porterfield arrived in Grafton by train from Harpers Ferry May 14, 1861. He had been ordered by Gen. Robert E. Lee, Commander of the Provisional Army of Virginia, to recruit troops from the Northwestern counties of Virginia. Recruiting had been in progress since April in Philippi where a company called the "Barbour Greys" had been organized.

Philippi attorney, Thomas Bradford, organized one company of 52 men and was designated its captain. Another attorney, Albert Gallatin Reger, also raised a company of Barbour Greys. These new recruits were almost totally without proper equipment: their weapons were brought from home; they had no tents, no supplies, and no training. Col. Porterfield, a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, and a veteran of the Mexican War, reported to Lee, "the men couldn't even keep in step and the ones drilling the men were even more ignorant than the men." The two companies of the Barbour Greys were part of Porterfield's command that relocated to the south June 3, 1861. The Barbour Greys became Company H of the 31st Virginia Infantry. The name Barbour Greys then disappeared from formal records.

On June 3, 1911 the first "Home Coming Week" ever held in Barbour County of the "Blue and Gray Soldiers" who participated in the 1861 battle was held. The program included speeches, band concerts, "public talks by Old Soldiers," entertainment, fireworks, parachute jumps, parades, a hot-air balloon ascension, and a "Sham Battle conducted by the State Militia."

In 1988, the City of Philippi published a "Call to Arms" to plan for an annual Blue & Gray Reunion to begin the first week of June, 1989. 2022 marks the 33rd annual reunion.



Other Local Activities Of Interest

Barbour County Historical Museum

In the old train depot next to the Covered Bridge - Admission is free. See a wide variety of guns, cannons, knives and weapons, the Myers switchboard, railroad artifacts, ceramics, newspapers, various manuscripts and publications, clothing, and numerous flags. The world famous Philippi Mummies can be viewed with a small donation fee. Hours will be posted.

Blue & Gray Reunion Car Show

Sunday - June 12, 2022

At the Courthouse Square. Walk through American's love affair with the car from classic cars to muscle cars, hot rods, current models, and crazy customs. For more information contact Jedd Schola 304-677-0196.



CIVIL WAR TRAILS - The Civil War Trails is a multistate program that identifies, interprets and creates driving tours of Civil War sites. The program interprets more than 1,100 Civil War sites throughout West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and Tennessee. In West Virginia, there are about 150 sites in development that will feature Civil War Trails program interpretive panels.



Look for information panels located at AB campus and beside the Covered Bridge.



For more info on the Blue & Gray Reunion contact:
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Blue & Gray Reunion



For more info on the Philippi area contact:
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33rd Annual



Philippi, West Virginia

June 2 ~ June 5, 2022



161st Anniversary
First Land Battle of the Civil War



Experience History!

BLUE & GRAY REUNION

Philippi, West Virginia
June 2 - June 5, 2022

Thursday, June 2

8 a.m. *Set-up and health inspections*
 5:00-9:00 p.m. *Crafts and Food Court*
 (Courthouse Square)
 6:00 p.m. *Official Opening (Gazebo)*
 6:15-8:15 p.m. *Entertainment at the Gazebo (***)*
 7:00 p.m. *Secrets to Writing History (Court Room)*

Friday, June 3

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Walking History Day -
 Schedule at Info Tent**
 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. *Crafts (Courthouse Square)*
 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. *Food Court (Courthouse Square)*
 9:00 a.m. *Hanger Amputation (Sutler Row)*
 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. *1803 Doctor's Kit. (Sutler Row) with
 Medical Demonstrations
 Capt. Dr. Ed Falvo*
 9:00 a.m.-12 noon *Apple Butter (Confederate Camp)*
 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. *Barbour Grays (Confederate Camp)*
 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. *1st Ohio Lt Artillery Battery A
 (Blue & Gray Park)*
 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. *Lurty's Virginia Horse Artillery
 (Veterans Park)*
 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. *Green Cap Forge open*
 9:30-10:30 a.m. *Barbour County Courthouse Tour*
 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. *1860s Children's Toys
 (Public Library 91 S. Main St.)*
 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. *Quilt Show - Eye of the Needle
 (The Garden Market)*
 10:30 a.m. *Hanger Amputation (Sutler Row)*
 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. *Formation of West Virginia
 (Court Room)*
 11:00 a.m.-12 Noon *Barbour County Courthouse Tour*
 11:30 a.m. *Hanger Amputation (Sutler Row)*
 12 Noon -2:00 p.m. *General Grant in his tent (Sutler area)*
 1:00 p.m. *Hanger Amputation (Sutler Row)*
 1:00-2:00 p.m. *Women in the War (Court Room)*
 2:00 p.m. *Hanger Amputation (Sutler Row)*
 2:00-3:00 p.m. *General Grant in the Court Room*
 3:00-4:00 p.m. *Barbour County Courthouse Tour*
 3:00-7:00 p.m. *Reenactor's Registration
 (beside Info Tent)*
 3:00-7:00 p.m. *Entertainment at the Gazebo (***)*

6:30 p.m. *Parade line-up (Subway)*
 7:00 p.m. *Parade (Main Street)*
 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. *John Bolton at the Gazebo*
*Grant and the Longstreets attend
 the Reunion*
 8:00-10:00 p.m. *The B&O and the Birth of WV
 (Court Room)*

Saturday, June 4

7:00 a.m. *Belington Elementary 5K Run Registration
 (Gazebo area)*
 8:30 a.m. *Belington Elementary 5K Run start
 (Walnut Street behind the Gazebo)*
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. *Camps open to the public*
 9:00 a.m. *Hanger Amputation (Sutler Row)*
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. *1803 Doctor's Kit. (Sutler Row) with
 Medical Demonstrations Capt. Dr. Ed Falvo*
 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. *Crafts (Courthouse Square)*
 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. *Food Court (Courthouse Square)*
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. *Reenactor's Registration (beside Info Tent)*
 9:30 a.m. *Little Soldiers (ages 6-12) Registration
 (beside Museum)*
 9:30-10:00 a.m. *Commander's Meeting (Confederate Camp)*
 9:30-10:15 a.m. *Mark Poling Memorial (Veterans' Park)*
 9:30-10:30 a.m. *Barbour County Courthouse Tour*
 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. *1860s Children's Toys
 (Public Library 91 S. Main St.)*
 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. *Quilt Show - Eye of the Needle
 (The Garden Market)*
 10:15 a.m. *Little Soldiers (ages 6-12) Battle
 (Covered Bridge Area)*
 10:15 a.m. *Ladies' Tea (***) Pre-registration required*
 11:00 a.m. *Hanger Amputation (Sutler Row)*
 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. *Pie and Cupcake Contest entries
 accepted (***)*

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. *Soldiers Stew*
 11:00 a.m. *Blue and Gray Reunion Ride - line-up*
 12 Noon *Blue and Gray Reunion Ride - departure*
 1:00 p.m. *Pie and Cupcake Contest Judging (***)*
 2:00-2:45 p.m. *Skirmish at the Covered Bridge*
 2:45 p.m. *Hanger Amputation (Sutler Row)*
 2:45-9:30 p.m. *Entertainment at the Gazebo (***)*
 5:00 p.m. *Reenactors Dinner (Taj Moe Hall)
 (pre-registration required)*
 7:00 p.m. *Civil War Social (***)
 (pre-registration required)*
 8:00-10:00 p.m. *The B&O and the Birth of WV
 (Court Room)*
 10:30-11:00 p.m. *Night Cannon Fire and Skirmish
 (Covered Bridge)*

Sunday, June 5

8:00 a.m. *Reveille*
 9:00 a.m. *Commander's Meeting
 (Confederate Camp)*
 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. *Crafts and Food Court*
 10:00 a.m. *1861 Church Service (Gazebo)*
 12:30 p.m. *Artillery Demonstration.
 (Covered Bridge Area)*
 12:45-1:45 *Entertainment at the Gazebo (***)*
 1:30 p.m. *Troops organize for battle*
 2:00 p.m. *Reenactment of the First Land Battle*
 After the battle *Hanger Amputation (Sutler Row)*
 Camps Closed Until Next Year
2023 June 1 thru 4 — battle June 4

*****Schedule posted at Gazebo and Information Tent.
 Generals Grant and Longstreet, will attend.**

