

# BLUE & GRAY REUNION

*Philippi, West Virginia*  
**May 30 - June 2, 2024**

## Thursday May 30

*8 a.m.* Set-up and health inspections  
 3:00-9:00 p.m. Crafts and Food Court  
 (Courthouse Square)  
 6:00 p.m. **Official Opening** (Gazebo)  
 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Silent Auction open (beside Info tent)  
 6:30 -8:30 p.m. Full Circle at the Gazebo

## Friday, May 31

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Walking History Day -  
 Walk thru the bridge**  
 9:00 a.m.-9:00/10:00 p.m. Crafts / Food (Courthouse Square)  
 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Silent Auction open (beside Info tent)  
 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Hanger, the man (Court Room)  
 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon -. General Grant in his tent (Sutler Row)  
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Hanger Amputation (Sutler Row)  
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Medical Demonstrations (Sutler Row)  
 Capt. Dr. Ed Falvo  
 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Barbour Grays (Confederate Camp)  
 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 1st Ohio Lt Artillery (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 (Sutler Row)  
 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Women in the War (Sutler Row)  
 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Barbour County Courthouse Tour  
 10:00 a.m.-3:00 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 Guild  
 (The Garden Market)  
 11:00 a.m. -12 noon . Reenactors' Stories (Court Room)  
 12 Noon -1:00 p.m. Abraham Lincoln in the Court Room  
 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. General Grant in the Court Room  
 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. General Grant his tent (Sutler Row)  
 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Barbour County Courthouse Tour  
 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Reenactor's Registration (near Info Tent)  
 3:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. The Masons at the Gazebo  
 5:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Birth of WV - Lars Byrne (Court Room)  
 6:00 p.m. Parade line-up (Subway)  
 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Electric Blue at the Gazebo  
**7:00 p.m. Parade (Main Street)**  
 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Electric Blue at the Gazebo

## Saturday June 1

7:00 a.m. Belington Elementary 5K Run Registration  
 (Gazebo)  
 8:30 a.m. Belington Elementary 5K Run start  
 (Walnut Street behind Gazebo)  
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Camps open to the public  
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. General Grant in his tent (Sutler Row)  
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Hanger Amputation (Sutler Row)  
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Medical Demonstrations (Sutler Row)  
 Capt. Dr. Ed Falvo  
 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Silent Auction open (beside 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.-4:00 p.m. Reenactor's Registration (beside Info Tent)  
 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Barbour County Courthouse Tour  
 10:00 a.m. Little Soldiers (ages 6-12) Registration  
 (beside the Museum)  
 10:00 a.m.-2:00 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 Guild  
 (The Garden Market)  
 10:15 a.m. Little Soldiers (ages 6-12) Battle  
 (Covered Bridge Area)  
 10:30 a.m. Lady's Tea (Registration required) (17 North)  
 11 a.m.-1p.m. Jim Snyder at the Gazebo  
 Noon Commander's Meeting (Veterans' Park)  
 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Barbour County Courthouse Tour  
 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Joel Franks at the Gazebo

2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Skirmish at the Covered Bridge  
 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Blue and Gray Choir (Baptist Church)  
 4:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Entertainment at the Gazebo  
 5:30 p.m. Reenactors' Dinner (to be announced)  
 (Registration required)  
 6:00 p.m.-7 p.m. John Bolton at the Gazebo  
 7 p.m. Silent Auction closes (beside Info tent)  
 7 p.m. Square Dance (17 North)  
 10:00 p.m.-10:45 p.m. Night Cannon Fire and Skirmish  
 (Covered Bridge area)

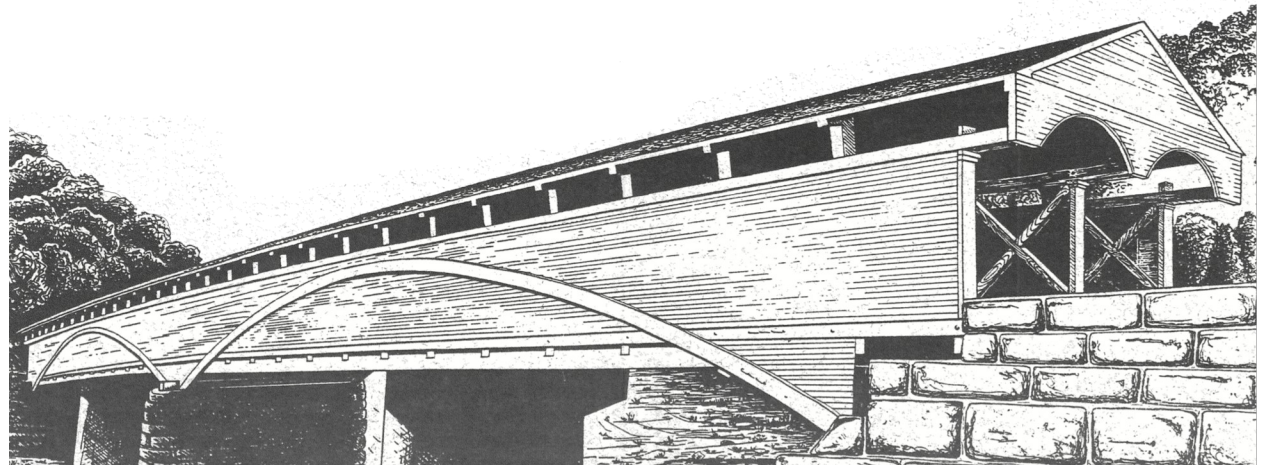
## Sunday June 2

8:00 a.m. Reveille  
 9:00 a.m. Commander's Meeting (Veteran's Park)  
 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Crafts and Food Court  
 10:00 a.m. 1861 Church Service (Gazebo)  
 10:00 a.m. Blue & Gray Paddle (Bridge Put-in)  
 12:30 p.m. Artillery Demonstration. (Veteran's Park)  
 1:00 p.m. Raffle Drawing (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

**2025**

**May 29 - June 1 — battle June 1**

General Grant, Abraham Lincoln, and Col. Robinson will attend the reunion.





### 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 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" for an annual Blue & Gray Reunion to begin the first week of June 1989.



### Other 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, manuscripts and publications, clothing, and flags. The world famous Philippi Mummies can be viewed with a small donation fee. Hours posted.

#### Blue & Gray Reunion Car Show Sunday - June 9 , 2025

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. More information contact Jedd Schola 304-677-0196.



Five Civil War Trails information panels in Philippi.

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## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual



### Philippi, West Virginia

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163<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

First Land Battle of the War



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