

**2021**  
**Cumberland Guard**  
**Annual Meeting**

**Saturday January 23, 2021**

# Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **2020 Event Review**
- **GAR Update**
- **Organizational 101**
- **2021 Schedule**
- **Social Media**
- **Open Discussion / Close**





# Introductions

# **2020 Event Review**

- **January 2020 - Cumberland Guard Meeting**
- **February 2020 - GAR Meeting**





# **GAR Update**

- **Army of the Wabash**
- **Black Hats**
- **Cumberland Guard**
- **Federal Cavalry Association (FCA)**
- **First Federal Division**
  - **U.S. Muddy River Battalion**
  - **Army of the Ohio**
- **Great Lakes Battalion**
- **Military Division of the Mississippi**
- **Western Artillery Reserve**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Brigade U.S. Florida**

# GAR Update

- **~Every 6 to 8 week call**
- **Munfordville Ky – Possible 2022**
- **Prairie Grove – November 2022 Jim Crofutt pending park willingness to move date**

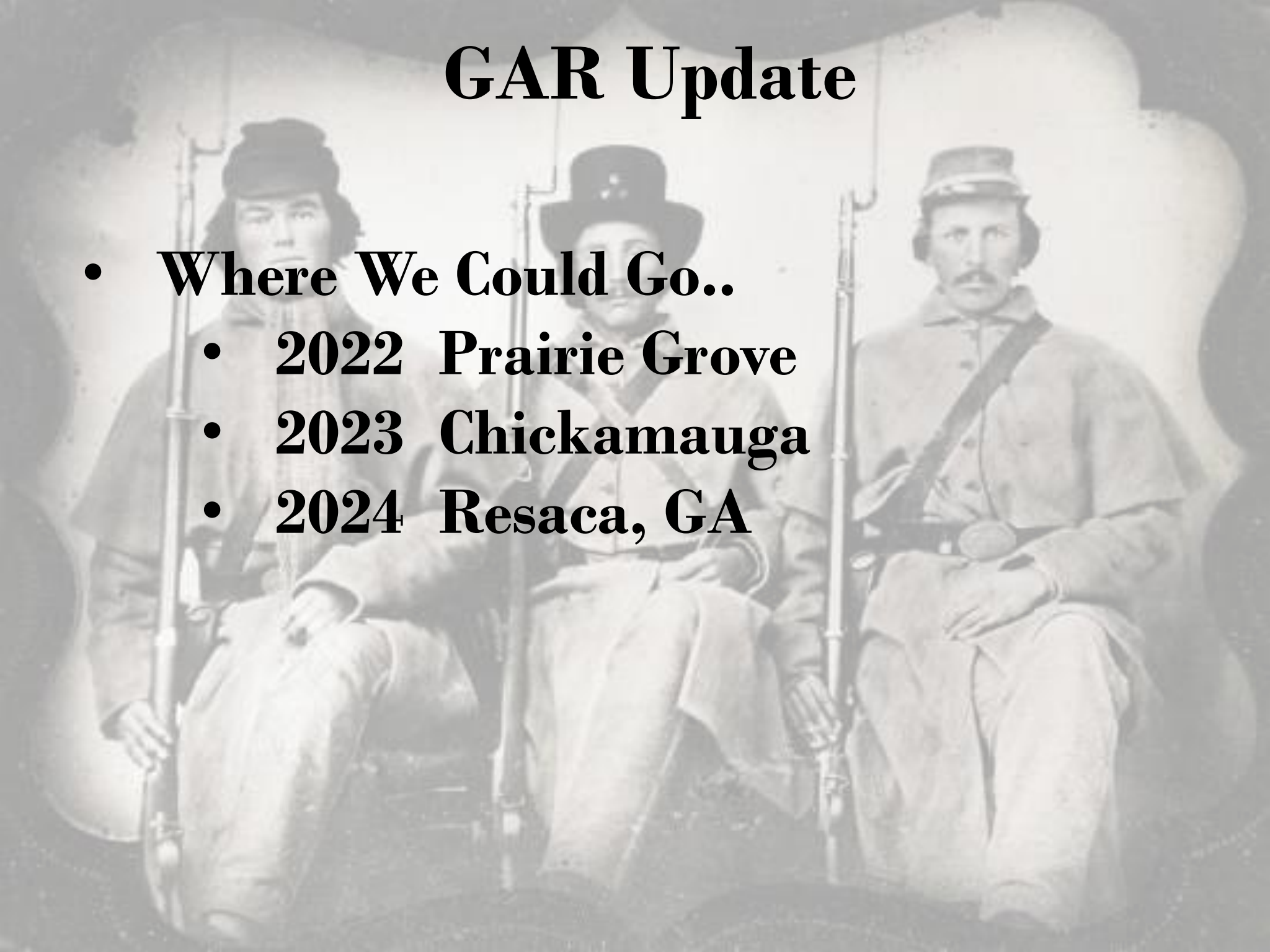


# GAR Update

- **Where We Have Been..**
  - **2016 Perryville, KY - 154**
  - **2017 Shiloh**
  - **2018 Gettysburg - 155**
  - **2019 Mill Springs, KY**

# GAR Update

- **Where We Could Go..**
  - **2022 Prairie Grove**
  - **2023 Chickamauga**
  - **2024 Resaca, GA**





# Organizational Discussion

## Federal

- **Major Groupings**
  - **Army of the Wabash**
  - **Cumberland Guard**
  - **Great Lakes Battalion**
  - **First Federal Division**
  - **USV**
  - **Military Division of the Mississippi**
  - **Other**

# Organizational Discussion

## Federal

- **Minor Groupings**
  - **Western Federal Blues**
    - **Chad Green, Commanding (Perryville)**
    - **Micah Trent**
  - **4<sup>th</sup> Brigade U.S. Florida**
    - **Chuck Munson, Commanding**



# **Organizational Discussion**

## **Federal**

- **Army of the Wabash**
  - **Scott Lawalin, Commanding**
- **GLB (Great Lakes Battalion)**
  - **Denny Whiting, Commanding**





# Organizational Discussion

## Federal

- First Federal Division
- Jim Crofutt, Commanding
- U.S. Muddy River Battalion
- Joshua Anderson, Commanding
- Army of the Ohio
- Scott Sharp, Commanding
- U.S. Territorial Battalion
- Brett Price, Commanding



# **Organizational Discussion**

## **Federal**

- **Frontier Brigade**
  - **Mike Kirk, Commanding**
- **First Federal Division - Artillery**
  - **Kevin Harris, Commanding**
- **First Federal Division - Cavalry**
  - **Mike Church, Commanding**
- **USV**
  - **Dave Childs, Commanding**

# **Organizational Discussion**

## **Federal**

- **USV Groups**
  - **Federal Volunteer Brigade (small)**
  - **Birney's**
    - **Paul Baltzer, Commanding**
  - **Mifflin Guard**
    - **Bill David, commanding**
  - **Philadelphia Brigade**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Federal Rifles (From 2<sup>nd</sup> USV)**



# **Organizational Discussion**

## **Federal**

- **USV Groups**
  - **Union Volunteers (1 battalion, mid-size)**
    - **Frank Ruiz, Commanding**
  - **National Regiment (very small)**
    - **Ted Brennan, Commanding**
- **MDM (Military Division of the Mississippi)**
  - **Earl Zeckman, Commanding**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin / Black Hats**
  - **Charles Bagneski, Commanding**

# Organizational Discussion

## Confederate

- JDR (Jeff Davis Rifles)
  - Greg Van Wey, Commanding
- Southern Guard Brigade
  - Scott Johnson, Commanding
- TVB (Tennessee Valley Brigade)
  - Scott Johnson, Commanding
- Independent Guard
  - K.C. Johnson, Commanding?



# **Organizational Discussion**

## **Confederate**

- **Trans Mississippi Brigade**
  - **Willie Huckabee, Commanding**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Missouri Battalion**
  - **Christopher Visser, Commanding**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Arkansas Battalion**
  - **Matthew Emde, Commanding**
- **TMVI Battalion**
  - **Gary Stevens, Commanding**



# **Organizational Discussion**

## **Confederate**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, Dept. of the Gulf & Georgia Volunteer Battalion**
  - **Hunter Poythress, Commanding**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Florida Battalion**
  - **James Permane, Commanding**
- **Georgia Division of Re-enactors**
  - **Mike Shuttles**
- **Alabama Division of Re-enactors**
  - **Ken Sumner**

# Organizational Discussion

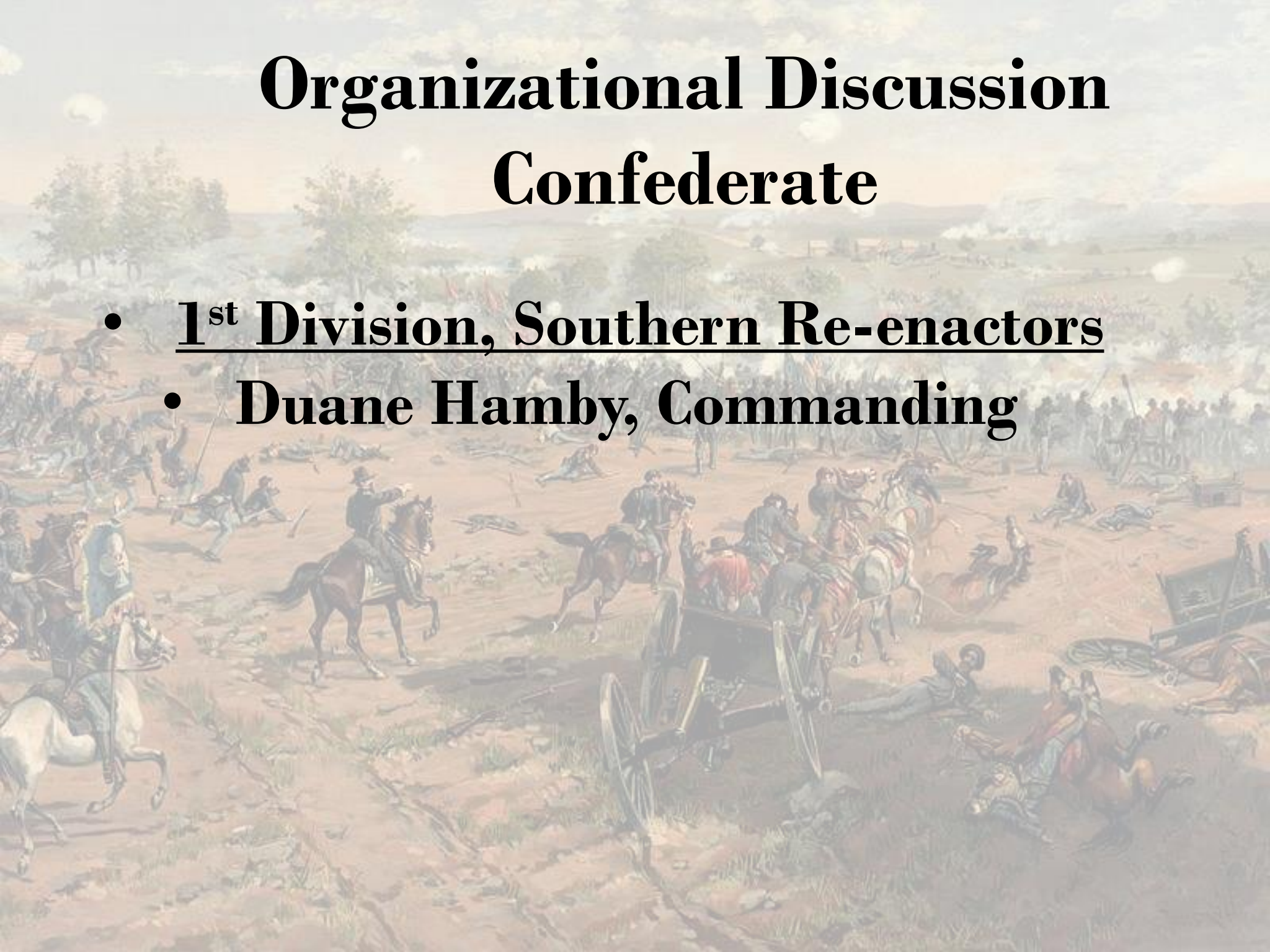
## Confederate

- Red River Battalion
- Fred Yokubaitis, Commanding
- Cotton States Brigade (GA mostly)
- Dave Neel, Commanding
- Hardee's Guard Battalion (GA mostly)
- Dave Thomas, Commanding
- Mississippi River Battalion
- Mike Hidlebaugh, Commanding

# Organizational Discussion

## Confederate

- 1<sup>st</sup> Division, Southern Re-enactors
- Duane Hamby, Commanding





A faded, grayscale background image of two men in military uniforms. The man on the left is wearing a garrison cap and a jacket, looking towards the camera. The man on the right is also in uniform, looking slightly to the side. The image is semi-transparent, allowing the text to be overlaid clearly.

# **Organizational Discussion**

## **Confederate**

- **Confederates Overall**
  - **Reduced attendance**
  - **No clear overall leadership**
  - **Suggested a meeting of Confederate leadership at 2021 GAR meeting to form ‘GAR’ style organization**

# **Organizational Discussion**

## **Confederate**

- **Confederates Overall**
  - **Many, many small “battalions” with no clear overall leader**
  - **Does Brian Mercke begin filling this gap? Seemingly No**

# Organizational Discussion

**Questions?**





# **2021 Schedule**



**GAR Max Effort Event**



**Cumberland Guard Blue  
Ribbon Max Effort Event**



**AOW Max Effort Event**

# 2021 Schedule

## January

- **January 16 – AOW Annual Meeting**
- **January 23 – Cumberland Guard Annual Meeting**
- **January \_\_\_\_ – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Annual Meeting**
- **January \_\_\_\_ – FFD Annual Meeting**



# 2021 Schedule

## February

- **February 3 & 10 – Michigan's GAR Museum Opens (Eaton Rapids, MI)**
- **February 12 – Annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration (Washington DC)**





# 2021 Schedule

## March

- **March 16 – Civil War Seminar at Michigan GAR Museum (Eaton Rapids, MI)**
- **March 20-21 – Black Powder Gun Show (Cancelled) (Kalamazoo, MI)**

# **2021 Schedule**

## **April**

- **April 10 or 17 – 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony (Springfield, IL)**
- **April 24-25 – Sassafras Tea Festival, Vernon, IN**



# 2021 Schedule

## May

- **May 1 – SUV Encampment (Okemos MI)**
- **May 1-2 – Annual Ohio Civil War Show (Mansfield, OH)**
- **May 15-16 – Civil War Muster (Grand Ledge, MI) (Tentative)**
- **May 21-23 – Civil War Encampment (Grayling, MI)**



# 2021 Schedule

## May

- **May 28-31 – Greenfield Village (Dearborn, MI) (Tentative)**
- **May 29-30 – Branch County Civil War Days (Coldwater, MI)**

# 2021 Schedule

## June

- **June 5-6 – Lexington Living History (Lexington, MI) (Cancelled)**
- **June 11-13 – Civil War Days (Detroit, MI) (Tentative)**
- **June 11-13 - Nappanee, IN**
- **June 12-13 - West Boggs Park, Loogootee, IN**



# **2021 Schedule**

## **June**

- **June 19-20 – Turkeyville Civil War Reenactment (Marshall, MI) (Tentative)**



# 2021 Schedule

## July

- **July 3-4 – Living History  
Encampment (Eaton Rapids, MI)**
- **July 16-18 – Charlton Park  
(Hastings, MI) (Tentative)**
- **July 23-35 – Fort Wilkins  
Encampment (Copper Harbor, MI)  
(Tentative)**
- **July 24-25 – Civil War Encampment  
(Yale, MI) (Tentative)**



# 2021 Schedule

## August

- **August 7-8 – Civil War Days 2021  
(Port Sanilac, MI) (Tentative)**
- **August 14-15 – Hale Farm (Bath, OH)** 
- **August 22-23 – Mid-Michigan Civil War Muster (Grass Lake, MI)**
- **August 27-29 – Jackson Civil War Muster (Jackson, MI) (Tentative)** 

# 2021 Schedule

## September

- **September 4-5 – Grayling Artillery Match (Grayling, MI) (Tentative)**
- **September 10-12 – Civil War Muster (Munfordville, KY)** 
- **September 18-19 – Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster (Holland, MI) (Tentative)**
- **September 25-26 – Angola Civil War Days (Angola, IN) (Tentative)**



# **2021 Schedule**

## **September**

- **September 25-26 – River of Time Living History (Bay City, MI) (Tentative)**
- **September 24-26 – Guns n' Gowns (Livonia, MI)**

# 2021 Schedule

## October

- **October 2-3 – Blue-Gray Days (Okemos, MI)**
- **October 2-3 – Mooresville Civil War Days (South Haven, MI)**
- **October 9-10 - Hartford City, IN**  
- **October 9 – Harvest Ball (Lansing, MI)**

# 2021 Schedule

## November

- **November 6 – Michigan Civil War Reenactors Calendar Conference (Eaton Rapids, MI)**





# 2021 Schedule

## January

- **January \_\_ – AoW Winter Meeting**
- **January 29 – Annual Cumberland Guard Meeting**

**2021 Schedule**

**Determine 2021  
Blue Ribbon Events**







# **Cumberland Guard Social Media**

- **Website - John Vohlken**
- **Facebook - Nick Miner**



# Open Discussion



A historical reenactment of Union soldiers marching. The soldiers are wearing dark blue uniforms with white crossbelts and carrying long rifles. A large American flag with 35 stars is being carried in the front. The scene is outdoors with trees in the background.

# **Break Ranks... March.**