

150th Anniversary Leadership Conference
 Chickamauga, Georgia
 January 8-9, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Attendance Record: This attendance record is by no means a complete list of those in attendance. Sheets were passed around for everyone to sign in on a voluntary basis so it is highly possible that some chose not to sign in.

PERSON	ORGANIZATION
Randy Cohen	Cleburne's Division
Ron Paynter	Cleburne's Division
Chris Mahan	Cleburne's Division
Bernard Biederman	First Federal Division
Terre Lawson	First Confederate Legion
Kent Dorr	First Federal Division
Len Clarke	First Federal Division
Michael Pierpoint	First Federal Division
Dr. William A. Price	Cleburne's Division
Tom Robinson	Cleburne's Division
Mark Way	Cleburne's Division
Joe Grosson	Cleburne's Division
Cyn Sweet	Cleburne's Division
Jim Moffett	First Federal Division
Bob Minton	First Federal Division
Jesse Martinez	First Federal Division
Trevor Steinbach	First Federal Division
Rob Sanders	Trans Mississippi Brigade
Bobby Crisp	2nd Division AOT/NCLHA
Richard Rathbun	ANV
Walt Hilderman	ANV
Ken Sewell	ANV
Doug Isbell	Cleburne's Division
Doug Coone	Cleburne's Division
David Neel	1st Confederate Legion
Dr. Craig Reese	Cleburne's Division
David Turner	Cleburne's Division
Darrell Markijohn	USV
David Hauser	2nd VA Cavalry/Stuarts Horse Artillery
Paul "Mad Dog" Rice	2nd VA Cavalry/Stuarts Horse Artillery

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Wes Thorne	Cleburne's Division
Robert Krantz	Cleburne's Division
Robert Beams	Cleburne's Division
Duane Hamby	Cleburne's Division
Hunter Poythress	Cleburne's Division
Chuck Tarwater	Cleburne's Division
Jim "Doc" Bruce	Southern Guard Battalion/Army of the French Broad
John Nash, Jr.	Atlanta Campaign, Inc.
Ken Bridges	Army of the French Broad
Lance Dawson	Army of the French Broad
Earl Zeckman	Military Division of the Mississippi
Tony Daniels	USV
Kent Crutchfield	Trans Mississippi Brigade
Willie Huckabee	Trans Mississippi Brigade
K.C. Meadows	Longstreet's Corp
Greg Gallion	Longstreet's Corp
Tim Fogarty	Longstreet's Corp
Craig F. McCann	Longstreet's Corp
Keith Karcher	Cleburne's Division
Jim "Pudden" Allen	Cleburne's Division
Jason R. Stoltz	Cleburne's Division
Marinia Zoll	Cleburne's Division
Ken Padgett	Georgia Division
R. Jack Fishman	Civil War Courier
Sandra Thorne	Cleburne's Division
Menda Crews	Cleburne's Division
Cheryl Turner	Cleburne's Division
Jennifer Turner	Cleburne's Division
Barbara Bridgers	3rd Tenn US
Wendy Bridgers	3rd Tenn US
John Culpepper	Hardee Guard Battalion
Roger Hansen	Friends of Raymond
Ron Wideman	Cleburne's Division
Reece Sexton	Civil War Courier/Camp Chase
Gary R. Smith	Civil War Courier
Lisa Hamby	Cleburne's Division
Janet Ragle	Cleburne's Division
Rick Ragle	Cleburne's Division
Terry Hancock	Hardee Guard Battalion
Bobby Ross	Cleburne's Division
Kenny Walthers	Cleburne's Division
Nathan Stark	Cleburne's Division

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Jeremy Thompson	Cleburne's Division
Ken Curtis	Cleburne's Division
Paul Allen	Cleburne's Division
Jake Jenette	ANV
Terry Crowder	First Federal Division
Michael Zimmer	First Federal Division
Tom Smith	First Federal Division

Opening comments were made by Col. Joe Grosson, COS, Cleburne's Division. All were welcomed to the conference and thanked for their attendance. Col. Grosson went over the agenda for the meeting briefly and explained the schedule for the day. At this point each of the commanders present were asked to introduce themselves, their organization and the membership that they had present.

Gen. Joe Way, Cleburne's Division. Gen. Way then introduced his staff and membership that was present. Please refer to the attendance information above.

Gen. Terry Crowder, First Federal Division. Gen. Crowder then introduced his staff and membership that was present. Please refer to the attendance information above.

Gen. Jake Jenette, Army of Northern Virginia (ANV). Gen. Jenette then introduced the membership from his organization that was present. Please refer to the attendance information above.

Gen. Dave Cornett, Longstreet's Corp. Gen. Cornett then introduced the membership from his organization that was present. Please refer to the above attendance information.

Gen. Willie Huckabee, Trans Mississippi Brigade. Gen. Huckabee then introduced the membership from his organization that was present. Please refer to the attendance information above.

Gen. Tony Daniels, United States Volunteers (USV). Gen. Daniels then introduced the membership from his organization that was present. Please refer to the attendance information above.

Col. Earl Zeckman, Military Division of the Mississippi. Col. Zeckman then introduced some attendees that were with him from the Army of the French Broad, Col. Lance Dawson who was also a duly authorized representative of Hardee's Corp and Southern Guards Battalion.

John Culpepper was next introduced. John is the City Manager for the City of Chickamauga and is also Sgt Major of Hardee Guard Battalion. John welcomed everyone to the City of Chickamauga and thanked them for coming. John then handed the mike over to a local senator who expressed his thanks for everyone who attended the meeting. At this point in time Gens. Way, Crowder, Cornett, Janette and Huckabee came to the front of the room and presented John Culpepper and the City of Chickamauga

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expressing thanks for allowing the conference to be held here. Gen. Way also expressed thanks for the hospitality that the City of Chickamauga was showing the conference by providing the facility, the refreshments and a lunch for all attendees at Lee and Gordon Mill.

Jack Fishman and Reece Sexton were next introduced. Jack Fishman is the owner of Lakeway Publishing and Reece Sexton is the Editor in Chief of the Camp Chase Gazette, Citizens Companion and Civil War Courier. Reece Sexton spoke for a few minutes on the importance of the conference. He stated that the conference was a giant step towards the success of the 150th Anniversary Events. Mr. Fishman spoke about how important and critical the teachings of the reenacting community are to the children of today's society. Both Mr. Fishman and Reece Sexton urged all reenactors to contact them if they ever were in need of advertising for an event and they would be more than happy to help.

Gen. Way now started his presentation section of the Conference. He was accompanied by Gen. Crowder.

Gen. Way – stated that this meeting is for all organizations not just one organization. He then proceeded to outline the objectives and goals of the conference with the following points:

Focus the events so that the attendees are not confused when they arrive on site and so that they do not find the event lacking in the experience when they attend.

Commanders and troops need to be well informed on all of the particulars of each event in order to eliminate the confusion and second guessing that normally happens with most events. Each attendee should be well informed on where they are camped and be given clear direction in any matter so that their experience can be a worry free one. Gen. Crowder made the reference that our hobby has dwindled over the last few years and stated that we must all work together and be brothers in arms in order to foster growth within the hobby. (Rounds of applause followed)

Gen. Crowder begins speaking in an effort to explain the new alliances that have been formed and the membership of those alliances. Gen. Crowder welcomes everyone to the conference and thanks them for coming. He then reads several compelling quotes from President John F. Kennedy and moves into definitions of the following words: consensus, leadership etc. He closes this segment by saying that he is thrilled that there is so much excitement about the upcoming event and the prospect of things to come in the reenacting community

Gen. Jake Jenette takes the podium and expresses that ANV will make a promise to give us an Eastern presence in the Western Theatre at least once a year. He further states that the union between ANV and Longstreet's allows Longstreet's to offer more of a Western presence as well. Janette states that within reenacting he believes that we need to invigorate the youth of today and get them more involved in reenacting.

Gen. Dave Cornett takes the podium and expresses sincere sentiment about the future success of the Leadership conference and especially the Blue Gray Alliance. He states that it has already brought

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Longstreet's Corp and the ANV closer together and served to help end a running feud between the two organizations.

Gen. Willie Huckabee (Trans Mississippi Brigade) takes the podium and expresses that we should all be working to make things better for the privates. The privates are why we are here.

Gen. Tony Daniels takes the podium and expresses that the Eastern Federal Alliance is pleased to have received an invite to the conference. He states that he is pleased that the commanders of so many different organizations get along so well and come under a common cause. He states that the more we form attachments with each other the better our hobby will become. He further states that he feels good alliances are being formed.

Col. Earl Zeckman (Military Division of Mississippi/Atlanta Campaign, Inc.) states that he is happy to see more blue (a reference to the number of federals in the room) and that he is happy to be part of this meeting and is excited that it has finally come together after all of these years. He expresses thanks to all of those who attended and thanks for the effort in putting the meeting together.

Gen. Way takes the podium and expresses that we need to begin finding ways to regain those reenactors who have left the hobby over the last few years. He would like to see reenacting rebuilt to the levels of years past. He states that he believes we should inspire the ranks to attain a higher level of authenticity both in their impressions and during the battles. He believes that more battles should be reenacted as close to the original battles as can be accomplished. He states that planning and execution of events is key to the success of the event and the sense of fulfillment the privates will leave an event with. He states that as a commander, you should have a clear and open line of communications with everyone to discuss and relay how the events are going to happen and what they can expect when they attend. Commanders, organizations and event planners should have a clear mission and an action plan to accomplish that plan. Let's start holding ourselves and those within our ranks to a higher standard. He continued to outline the rest of the conference syllabus.

Some Western Theatre Blue Gray Alliance events are discussed including Wilson's Creek and The Twin Rivers Campaign

Wilson's Creek will occur August 12-14, 2011 and will encompass much of the original battle. More of this event is discussed at a later time in the conference.

Twin River's Campaign – Gen. Crowder states that he and Joe (Gen. Way) have been working on making the Twin Rivers Campaign a three or four day event. The event will encompass the scripted Saturday and Sunday battles but will incorporate unscripted battles on Thursday and Friday which will allow the commanders of all the attending organizations to do what they were trained to do, employ tactics and maneuvers to win the battle. We're going to provide an event where the participants can fight in every battle from Thursday through Sunday or they can tailor their weekend to a selection of battles. We're planning this event using larger land masses, better access for the participants and creating better

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events in the process. We will be looking for more responsibility from the individual reenactor in their impression and will be enforcing the event standards. Let's be as realistic as we can when we attend an event which will provide the reenactor with a memorable experience. Gen. Way adds that he and Gen. Crowder will work together and coordinate movements so that battalions or brigades on the move will engage in battles as they come into contact with each other.

Presentations were made on the following events with the main topics expressed accompanying them.

150th Anniversary Battle of Shiloh

A Blue Gray Alliance Event

March 31- April 2, 2012

Land already acquired

Immediately adjacent to the Shiloh National Military Park

150th Anniversary Battle of Chickamauga

Atlanta Campaign, Inc. will handle all of the logistical work for the event

Blue Gray Alliance will assume military command

Possible event date of September 21-22, 2013

Same site as the 145th

City of Chickamauga looking forward to the event

Northern Red River Campaign

A possible event

announced by Bobby Crisp

Contact Huckabee and staff for further information

150th Resaca

www.georgiadivision.com

can handle around 3000 participants

presented by Gen. Ken Padgett

150th Raymond/Vicksburg Campaign

Presented by Roger Hanson (Friends of Raymond)

Can handle around 5000

A Blue Gray Alliance military command

900 acres for the event

Battle of Raymond will be reenacted on original battlefield

Will build earthworks necessary to recreate the Vicksburg battles

150th Franklin

Presented by Col. Joe Grosson (Cleburnes)

In the planning stages

Working closely with local Franklin organizations

A Blue Gray Alliance military command

150th Mill Springs

Presentation made by Col. David Neal on behalf of Gen. Rambo

Suggested event on anniversary date if anyone was interested

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January event date in Kentucky

January 20-21, 2012

Interest in the event being sought as well as further input

150th Wilson's Creek

Letter from Wilson's Creek Battlefield Board read stating Blue Gray Alliance military command

More information will be forthcoming

Will be held adjacent to the original battlefield

August 12-14, 2011

150th Perryville

Slide show presented

October 2012 event date

150th 1st Manasas

Presented by Gen. Jenette, ANV

July 2011

1000 acre battlefield

Federal Commander will be Gen. Tony Daniels (USV)

150th Gettysburg

Presented by Gen. Dave Cornett

Working on land deals to secure expanded areas

Federal commander will be Allen Baldwin

150th Spotsylvania

Presented by Gen. Cornett – Longstreet's Corp

Future events will be ran by county and not outside organizers

Working to make it a larger event and better event

Dual sites for the 150th, one infantry and one cavalry site

Will run two events at once on same weekend

150th Wilderness Campaign was presented briefly. (do not have further notes)

150th Cedar Creek

Have had 12000 participants on site before

Good event

All invited

150th Bentonville

Invitation only event

2015 date

Original ground

Original numbers

The possibility of an Antietam event was discussed but land procurement must overcome the obstacle of finding a section of land close enough to the orginial site.

Southern Division events were presented by Gen. Jenette, ANV, on behalf of Chris Anders. A list of the events follows

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2011 Balls Bluff

2012 Stonewall in the Valley, McDowell

September Storm

National Tactical at Chancellorsville

2014 Third Winchester

2015 Appomatox

An email from Chris Anders was read expressing interest in presenting an Antietam Campaigner event

Big Bethel 2011 and Penisular Campaign were mentioned by Gen. Cornett for consideration as well

150th Fredricksburg will use pontoon bridges to cross the river and will encompass portions of Marye's Heights in December 2014

Earl Zeckman spoke briefly on the 150th Atlanta and Chickamauga events.

Plans are being made for both

Plans and event information will be announced as it becomes available

Eastern Theatre support will be very welcome at these two events

Visit www.atlantacampaign.com for further information

Presentation was given by Angelo Piazza, Jack's Powder Keg in reference to Goex Black Powder and the continuing research that they are doing. A Battle Powder specifically for reenactors is being developed. Angelo had samples of the new four wing CCI caps and stated that he had personally done most of the field testing for this new cap and sent his research back to CCI for incorporation in fine tuning the cap

Presentation was given by Nathan Stark, Cleburne's Wagon Corp commander. Nathan narrated a slide show which detailed Cleburne's Wagon Corp including the responsibilities of wagons on the field. Nathan is devoted to provide support in any way he finds to the fighting men on the field. His wagons will deliver water or any other necessary service to those on the field.

Break out sessions were now held for the remainder of the day in each of the following categories

Infantry

Cavalry

Artillery

Civilian

Commanders

Findings of the break out sessions will be delivered on Sunday morning

Sunday morning....Meeting is opened again by Col. Grosson (Cleburnes)

The findings of the break out sessions were presented as follows:

INFANTRY presented by Brig. Gen. Hunter Poythress (Cleburne's Division)

Infantry break out session information from Sunday a.m.

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Three main points Drill, Authenticity and Credibility.

These are the issues we must address to be a good representative of the Civil War Soldier and Civilian.

Make sure you have good battalion brigade staffs that are functional

Make sure we have good communication between organizations and within organizations.

Pre event communication about galvanizing will help to make the event more successful.

Find an avenue for the guys who will not galvanize.

Let your men know that you will be galvanizing and get them prepared for the event and what they can expect.

If you have good esprit de corps it will not matter what uniform you are wearing.

As serious living historians we should be ready to galvanize when necessary.

Do your best as a commander to give your men the best experience at an eventit is your responsibility

ARTILLERY presented by Col. Robert Beams (Cleburne's Division)

The following items were discussed. This outline taken from the powerpoint presentation

Safety!!!

On-Field Safety Zones

Communicating markers to Cav and Infantry.

Equipment

All Guns required to pass inspection prior to going on field.

Drills

All Units expected to pass a drill inspection on site

Maintain same drill throughout the event

- Authenticity
 - Guns and equipment
 - Uniforms
 - Rank appropriate to position on field
- Bounty
 - Proportion Bounties based upon:
 - Number of Battles fought
 - Bore Size of Piece
 - Increase Bounty Based on Event Income
 - Cost Factors for Artillery
 - Fuel for transport
 - \$6 - \$15 per shot fired
 - Maintenance of equipment
 - Require a minimum of 6 cannoneers per gun registered.
- Communication
 - Single Artillery Commander/Coordinator per event
 - Inspection requirements
 - Provided on-line

- Or Provided to each unit prior to event
 - Don't plan Artillery demonstrations without coordinating first with the units.
 - Combined Camp of Instructions
- Work Artillery into Scenario
 - Not just background sound effects

Discussion of use of scale artillery pieces on the field at the national events.

150th Cycle events will use artillery that will be full scale

CAVALRY presented by Col. Chuck Tarwater (Cleburne's Division)

Cavalry Break out session information from Sunday a.m.

Emphasize drill between mounted and dismounted. Cavalry units must be well drilled.

Incorporate the cavalry and use them as they are designed to be used and involve them further in the scenarios and battles.

We must be authentic....the cowboy shows are over.

Western Theatre tends not bring sabres we use more shotguns....

When cavalry comes east they'll bring the sabres and make sure we are on the same page.

Officers must be accountable for their men and their actions.

Officers must ensure their men are safe, well drilled cohesive units.

Communications between organizations must be kept current and constant. Communications within a unit are vital to the overall improvement of cavalry in our events.

Keep the horses safe...help your fellow man and make sure that he, the other branches and the spectators are not put in harms way.

Provide the infantry commanders with well skilled well drilled mounted and dismounted cavalry

The suggestion was made to offer a bounty to cavalry at for profit events

Mounted infantry staff should ride before they venture out on the field. When you separate a horse from the rest of the cavalry it's a different world and the horse acts completely different.

Keep in mind that these horses need to come out of the trailers as quickly as possible after a long ride because the horses need rest.

Take in to account that there are room requirements for the larger trailers to enter the site and park.

Send all cavalry registrations directly to camp to register..

Develop a network for cross country trips to make the two day trips less stressful for the horses.

This weekend has allowed us network and make connections with folks who used to be on the other side of the fence but now are able to communicate

Horse drawn pieces on the field must be overseen by skilled horse commanders. We need to bridge the two branches and start working together to make the horse drawn pieces more viable and useful.

CIVILIAN

Civilian Impression break out groups from Sunday

Presented by Terre Lawson

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Civilian impression is a job...we have different cast at every event

It costs as much as it does to put a civilian kit together as it does to put a military kit together

The 1860s were an unusual time....the men were leaving families to farm, cultivate feed the family and make their own clothes.

We have a real challenge in the impression of a 1860 civilian.

Need to provide the fieldcraft skills so that the civilians can accurately portray the period

We want to accurately depict what the civilians were going through during this war.

Civilian passes are needed for entry into military camps

Generals presentation by Tony Daniels (USV)

Spoke of greater communication between commanders

Organizations binding together for betterment of 150th Events

Events will have full information and descriptions posted for attendees

Mutual support of events through the 150th anniversary cycle

Willingness of cooperation between the commanders was discussed to make the cycle events successful

Session was held where the commanders either pledged support or non support of the discussed events. The outline of the vote results was taken from a power point presentation slide used to make notations during the session.

2011

1st Manassas

- VA
- Jul
- East & west effort

Wilson's Creek

- Missouri
- Aug
- Western total
- ANV USV – best effort

2012

Mill Springs

- KY
- Jan

Shiloh

- TN
- Apr
- Total – CLE FFD USV MS
- Best

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Perryville

- October
- No support given

Vicksburg/Raymond

- October date moved to not coincide with Gettysburg
- MS
- CLE FFD

2nd Manassas

- VA
- Aug
- Total ANV LG USV
- Best eff --
- Perryville
- KY
- Oct

2013

Gettysburg

- PA
- Jul
- Total -- all
- Chickamauga
- GA
- Sept
- CI – FFD- ANV – LG – MIS
- Best -- USV

2014

- Brices' Crossroad
 - MS
 - Spring (total – CLE))
 - (best – FFD)
- Spotsylvania
 - VA
 - May (ANV- LG –
 - Best Ole
- Resaca
 - GA
 - May Best – cle FFd
- Atlanta
 - GA
 - Sept Total - all but ffd
 - Best ffd

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Cedar Creek

- VA
- Oct USV, LG ANV best CLE FFD
- Franklin
 - TN
 - Nov?

2015

- Bentonville
 - NC
 - Mar (Everybody except FFD)
- Saylor's Creek/Appomatox
 - VA
 - Apr
 - Total – USV lg anv
 - Defer until further negotiations

End of minutes