

many miles to the rear at the established brick and mortar general hospitals where the wounded would have been sent after initial treatment. But being understanding that this is a hobby and that there are ladies looking to participate we do allow a limited number of female nurses in our unit.

We also are in need of a staff of full time patients. Often times it can be difficult to find patients to work with at events that we can pull away from actual units and pre-prep before a battle which allows us to show the public the gruesome realities of the wounded.

Having to depend on volunteers from the actual units at events is not very reliable and often times we are left needing patients and very few to work on. We need a good dozen full time patients on the ground with various types of wounds and the ability to act in front of the public. This portrayal would be of soldiers and not necessarily medical personnel. However our full time patients are indeed full members of the unit. When not portraying wounded soldiers during battle scenarios our full time patients serve as the hospital guard which includes needing to use a musket and knowing basic Infantry skills. This could be an opportunity for those interested but who perhaps might not have the desire to actually be a doctor per say or for long time reenactors who because of age or health are starting to have a tough time campaigning out in the field.



**WESTERN BLUECOATS
FIELD HOSPITAL**

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I want to join!

I have questions – Please call or e-mail!

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I think my interest would be:

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Hospital Steward or Aid

Ambulance Corps

Female Nurse

Full time Patient / Hospital Guard

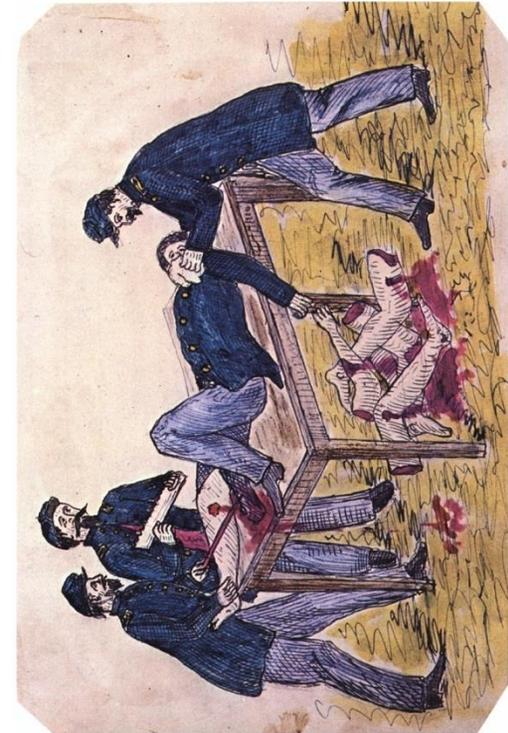
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*Civil War Reenactment &
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Western Bluecoats Field Hospital



Western Bluecoats Field Hospital, Inc.

Our group is a Civil War Reenactment and Living History organization. We are a 501 C (3) not for profit in the state of Missouri. Our primary impression as a reenactment group is that of a union army field hospital. We do on some occasions have the ability to galvanize and portray a Confederate army field hospital. However, just as our name suggest we are mostly a Union Army portrayal and really only galvanize when needed for a specific event or portrayal.

The events that the unit participates in range from living histories, full-scale battle reenactments, & many museum programs. Members are also available for presentations in schools and community groups relating history about the Civil War in the local areas.

The majority of our membership is located out of the Kansas City Missouri and surrounding region. Our members come from all walks of life and have many diverse occupations. But we are all connected by our common interest in Civil War history and also the medical aspect of the war.

We are a proud member unit of the U.S. Muddy River Battalion which is a regional umbrella group of Civil War Reenactment companies located in western Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa. With-in the

Muddy River the Bluecoats Hospital serves as the battalion's field hospital with our unit leader being the battalion surgeon. We set up a regimental level field hospital in support of the Muddy River at events.

Our field hospital is unique compared to other medical units commonly found in the hobby because we try to actually do mock surgeries and full medical demonstrations for the public instead of just being merely a lecture base group or serving lemonade & cookies to the troops after the battle. At events we strive to portray a real field hospital. Things like trying to collect up the wounded during battle reenactments and work on them in the field hospital while a battle rages on around us. Sending out stretcher barriers onto the battlefield to bring back the wounded to our field station or even during the early mornings when we sound Sick Call which often times is a fun scenario where we get to treat soldiers who often time trying to fake sickness to get out of drill or trying to get a whisky ration. This can be a fun and rewarding hobby and a great way to experience 19th century American history first hand.

Membership is open to any individual who is 18 years old or older and who is willing to prescribe to our units rules, philosophy and authenticity standards. You do not have to be a doctor or have any real medical training to join our organization, only a willingness to learn and to properly portray a Civil War era medical impression.

We have many historical impressions available to portray and we will help you find one that best suits your interest and need. Surgeons, Assistant Surgeons, Hospital Steward, Nurse, Ambulance Corps, full time patients and other historical portrayal are as available.

There is no minimum number of events per year which one must attend. We welcome all interest and encourage you to contact us if you're interested in possibly joining.

Our biggest need is male impressions. Unfortunately far too often in the hobby most medical units tend to have 1 or 2 surgeons and then the rest of the membership tends to be female nurses. This would not be historically correct for a field hospital serving out in the field. The majority of hospital staff should be male impressions serving as Hospital aids, Stretcher barriers, Stewards and so forth. During the Civil War the majority of female nurses would not have been found in the field hospitals but rather

