



Headquarters - U.S. Muddy River Battalion

1st Brigade / 1st Federal Division

The following shall constitute the battalions organization for the upcoming Prairie Grove event. This is a reenactment of the 1862 battle of Prairie Grove Arkansas and it is to be held on the original battlefield on the weekend of December 1-2, 2018.

Field & Staff

- Colonel James Crofutt (Battalion Commander)
- 1st Lieut. Randy Megard (Adjutant)
- Sgt. Major – Vacant (Possibly appointed on site as needed)

Battalion Field Music - (1-3 Musicians)

- Principle Musician –John Allin
- 1 or 2 Drummers (Not sure if any fifers)

1st Company – Capt. Kevin Christensen / (Color Company)

- 7th & 30th Missouri – 18 - 20 Rifles

Total – - - - - 18 to 20 Rifles

2nd Company – Capt. Josh Anderson

- 1st Nebraska (A) – 11 to 14 Rifles

Total – - - - - 11 to 14 Rifles

Note – *This Company needs more men of course and if we get any walk-ons or other troops assigned to us they will need to be assigned to this company first to help fill it out.*

3rd Company – Capt. Kevin Gansz

- 13th U.S. (D) – 7-8
- 26th Missouri – 9 to 11 Rifles

Total – - - - - 16 to 19 Rifles

NOTES

- If any walk-on's or unexpected rifles from other member unit show, then they will be assigned to the smallest Company first in order to fill it out and help equalize companies.

- If all goes well the Battalion will be fielding 3 companies and between 45 to 53 Rifles plus Officers and 1st Sergeants.
 - We will of course make adjustments and tweaking if needed, and as determined by actual turnout.
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Battalion Colors

- On Saturday - 1st Company is the designated Color Company.
 - On Sunday – 2nd Company is the designated Color Company.
 - The Battalion will fly 1 U.S. National colors to be used for the weekend. We will be using the proper and period correct colors that are being provided by the 7th & 30th Missouri Vols. These should be the only colors flown by the battalion for this event, and all other companies should not display any other colors or markers on the field or in camp. Remember that this event we are portraying particular Regiments so we should try to present ourselves as such!
 - Sgt. T.J. Howard is battalion Color Sergeant & will carry colors.
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Battalion Camp

- We will be camped in the same location as we were at the last Prairie Grove 150 event. However, the other battalion that was next to us will be camped at another location so we will be able adjust our camp layout some (over to the right) and have some extra room.
 - Each Company will be camped in separate company streets as assigned to them by these headquarters. We will establish a scaled down, but proper Battalion Camp as best as possible with whatever we have to work with.
 - A Civilian Refugee Camp will be established just near to our camp or possibly behind it, whatever may be more doable and as determined once we are on site. It will however be located very close to the battalion camp.
 - If we have any Campaigners camping with us we will make adjustments as needed to accommodate them as long as they are kept somewhat close to camp and are able to be communicated with and participate with the Battalion.
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Guiding Impression

For this event we will be portraying 2 different Regiments per the 2 historical scenario's being recreated, one each day.

- On Saturday's fight which will be recreating Herron's Assault we will be portraying the **20th Wisconsin Infantry**. This regiment was at Camp Randall in Madison Wisconsin in August 1862. They were sent to Missouri and went to St. Louis. From there they rode the train to Rolla Missouri & at that place was assigned to Herrons Brigade of the Army of the Frontier.

On Sunday the event is going to recreate the arrival of Blunt and his assault on the Confederate left. Muddy River will be portraying the **11th Kansas Infantry**. This Regiment was raised & organized at Camp Lyon near Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in late August through September 1861. It mustered in on April 3, 1862, for three years under the command of Colonel Thomas Ewing, Jr..

The regiment moved to Fort Scott, Kansas in October, then to Pea Ridge, Arkansas, where It was attached to the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, Army of the Frontier,

- From there they made their way into Arkansas and saw some light action prior to Prairie Grove. They had some type of action at Beattie's Prairie, near Maysville in October. In November they served at the battle of Cane Hill, Boston Mountains, November 28 just before Prairie Grove.



Impression Guidelines – For both regiments we don't have a lot to go off our attempts to try to find anything for these 2 Regiments as far as what they were wearing really didn't come up with much. We did however find 1 picture of a guy out of the 20th Wisconsin Cpl, Andreas Ambrose of Company E who according to the muster rolls joined the regiment in August and served with it until mustering out in 1865. Unfortunately there is no date on when this picture was taken so we do not know if this was before or after Prairie Grove. However we post this picture for what its worth because it is of a 20th Wisconsin soldier. For the most part we are going to have to assume that both Regiments were pretty much early war Western Federal so we are looking for a standard western federal impression. Please be sure not to be wearing hat brass numbers of another unit impression then who we are portraying on each day. Company Commanders need to see to this and make sure that there men are following it. We didn't find much either on the 11th Kansas Infantry so we are going

to have to assume that they were pretty much a standard Western Federal with a mixture of stuff as issued. So go with Western Federal Infantry for Dec 1862

Things of Miscellany

- It is recommended that each man have at least 120 Rounds of blank musket ammunition and plenty of caps on hand for the weekend.
- A friendly reminder on Authenticity - Please remember to keep our camp areas free of non-period items, or at least keep anachronisms out-of-sight. We can always do a better job of policing our camp and maintaining our authentic standards. This is true not just during the times when the camp is open to the public, but really throughout an entire event. Nothing is quite as disappointing for your pards who have gone to great lengths to put together an authentic kit and maintain a period camp than to see some modern piece of gear or plastic bottle lying around camp.

- If Possible the Colonel would like to have a meeting of the member units Officers on Saturday afternoon or evening sometime to discuss a few items of importance and also to start locking down a few events for next year's Campaign 2019. Won't be an official Congress meeting per say but we need to start looking towards next year before we settle into winter Furlough.

By order of
Colonel James Crofutt
U.S, Muddy River Battalion



Battalion Schedule – Will be developed by the Adjutant on site and distributed to Company Commanders. Once established the Battalion will follow the schedule and will only deviate from it when we have too by orders from Army H.Q. Pretty much assume that Reveille is going to be around 6 a.m. & then breakfast & any type of company drill will need to be done shortly after. We are assuming Battalion drill will be as always in the past down in the valley just before lunch unless otherwise determined. On Sunday we will try to have a morning drill and small parade. Perhaps Saturday night sometime we should all gather together as Muddy River & try to get some type of end of the year toast tradition started. Certainly would be good for the men to be able to gather around as a battalion in a circle and not have to be in formation & for us to fellowship and give a toast to the Ole Muddy River Battalion & take a look back at our glorious past with so many Battle Honors and achievements earned. That our battalion still presses forward and as always – Forward and Huzzah!

