

# **Rally 'Round the Flag!**

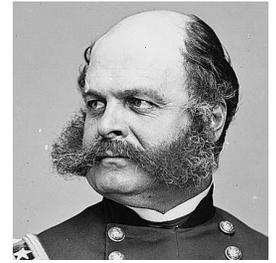
## **Civil War Home Front Re-enactment**

**May 20 - May 22**

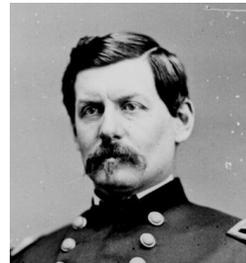
**Evansville, Wis.**

### **BEARD GROWING CONTEST CATEGORIES!**

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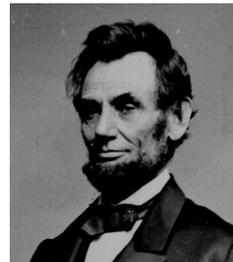
**The Burnside**



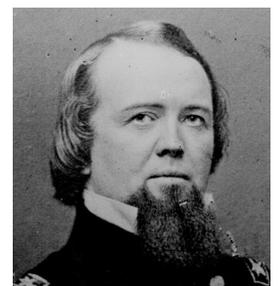
**The McClellan**



**The McDowell**



**The Lincoln**



**The Pope**



**The Sherman**

## Gentlemen – Start Your Whiskers

The organizers of “Rally ‘Round the Flag”, Evansville’s Civil War Sesquicentennial weekend, have announced a Beard Growing Contest, and have set categories for the competition. Judging will take place during the May 20-22 weekend.

Six categories have been established, based upon the hirsute stylings of six famous Civil War leaders. In no particular order, the categories are:

- The Ambrose Burnside. A mustache merging into long sideburns.
- The Irvin McDowell. A mustache and beard, but no sideburns.
- The Abraham Lincoln. A beard and sideburns, but no mustache.
- The John Pope. A beard only, no sideburns or mustache.
- The William T. Sherman. A beard, mustache and sideburns.
- The George McClellan. A mustache and goatee.

Each of the six leaders has a connection to the military history of Wisconsin and to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment, which is a focus of our weekend’s activities. Gen. Burnside commanded the Army of the Potomac at the time of the Battle of Fredericksburg, in which the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin made an amphibious attack across the Rappahannock River.

Gen. McDowell was the overall Union commander at the First Battle of Bull Run, and then-Col. William T. Sherman commanded the brigade in which the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin served during that battle.

Gen. Pope commanded Union troops at the Second Battle of Bull Run, where the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin suffered heavy casualties in its fight with the Stonewall Brigade. Evansville’s Theodore Sutphen and William Catlin were killed in action there.

Gen. George McClellan commanded the Army of the Potomac at the Battle of Antietam, in which the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin was heavily involved. McClellan also claimed credit for giving the Iron Brigade its name during the Battle of South Mountain.

Pres. Lincoln of course was commander-in-chief during the Civil War, and reviewed 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin troops on various occasions. His military experience was gained during the Black Hawk War, when he travelled through Wisconsin as part of the Illinois Militia.

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