



# The Union Defender



The Newsletter of Phelps Camp No. 66,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## April 2022

### WHAT HAPPENED AT THE FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS?

.Members discussed upcoming events at Shiloh and Mountain Grove, and a potential Last Soldier Marker ceremony in Joplin.

### MOUNTAIN GROVE MONUMENT REDEDICATION

Monday, May 30, 2022 (Memorial Day) marks the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Mountain Grove soldier's monument on the town square. Join Phelps Camp, American Legion Post 30 and the Daughters of Union Veterans at 11:30 that morning for a ceremony to rededicate this unique monument. Members may wear modern or Civil War clothing (with member medals, of course). The ceremony is expected to last about 45 minutes.

### NEXT CAMP MEETING

Phelps Camp meetings will now be held on the second Saturday of the month at 2 p.m..

The May meeting (May 14) will be held at our usual meeting place (Wilson's Creek National Battlefield), beginning at 2 p.m. We will discuss final preparations for the Mountain Grove ceremony.



## MISSOURI DEPARTMENT HONORS SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT AT SHILOH

Members of Phelps Camp joined others from the Department of Missouri on Saturday, April 2 to honor the men of all the Missouri regiments that were part of General Ulysses S. Grant's army at the Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee, April 6-7, 1862.

Despite a chilly start, the day turned out to be almost perfect as members traveled to each regiment's location, the Missouri state monument, and the site of the death of Colonel Everett Peabody, veteran of the siege of Lexington and commander of a brigade that contained Missouri soldiers. At each stop, a wreath was presented and members of the department read historical accounts highlighting that unit's role in the battle. The final stop of the day was at the Shiloh National Cemetery, where taps was played and wreaths and flags placed on the graves of the known Missouri dead.

This promises to be an annual event, in that a similar program will be held each year at a different battlefield where Missouri soldiers fought.



## LAST CALL FOR DUES!

The deadline for dues is rapidly approaching. Every man is needed to carry on the important work of honoring those who saved the Union.

Please send a check or money order for \$30 to:

Kirk Singleton  
13679 Lawrence 1245  
Billings, MO 65610

Members can also pay by cash, check or money order in person at the May meeting.

Thanks for supporting Phelps Camp in our 28th year!

