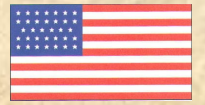


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WHAT HAPPENED AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING?

The setup for the Wilson's Creek Memorial Luminary program took the place of the November meeting (see later in this issue).

SLATE OF OFFICERS

We will vote on the new slate of officers for Phelps Camp at the December holiday luncheon. Again, the proposed slate is as follows:

- Camp Commander: Kirk Singleton
- Senior Vice Commander: Jeff Patrick
- Junior Vice Commander: Ed Krieser
- Secretary: Michael Price
- Treasurer: Kirk Singleton
- Newsletter editor: Jeff Patrick

Feel free to send any other nominations for consideration, or your vote if you cannot attend the December holiday luncheon, to Jeff Patrick at jeffreypatrick@juno.com.

NEXT CAMP MEETING

Phelps Camp meetings will now be held on the second Saturday of the month at 2 p.m., still in the Visitor Center of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

NOTE:

The holiday luncheon will take the place of the December meeting. Due to scheduling conflicts, the luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 18 instead of December 11 (see more details in this issue).



PHELPS CAMP ASSISTS WITH WILSON'S CREEK ANNUAL VETERANS MEMORIAL ILLUMINATION

On Saturday, November 13, members of Phelps Camp assisted with placing some 2,500 luminaries around the Tour Road at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. This event, which has traditionally been held in mid-December, focused on Veterans Day and honoring America's veterans.

Some 250 vehicles drove through the park that evening, and visitors stopped at various sites on the Tour Road to watch living history scenarios.

Park Superintendent Sarah Cunningham extends her thanks to Phelps Camp and all the other groups that came out to help prepare for the event.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Phelps Camp members and their families are invited to our annual holiday luncheon on Saturday, December 18 (note that this is NOT the second Saturday of the month, our usual meeting day) at 11:30 a.m. at Big Whiskey's in Republic (across from Wal-Mart and next to Lowe's).

We hope to see you there!



CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM AT SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY CENTER

Camp members John Rutherford, Michael Price and Jeff Patrick will present programs on the Battle of Springfield, the history of Wilson's Creek, and the First Iowa Regiment at the Springfield-Greene County Library Center on the following dates:

Battle of Springfield, Saturday, January 8 at 2 p.m.

First Iowa, Sunday, January 9 at 2 p.m.

Wilson's Creek, Monday, January 10 at 7 p.m. (virtual, or stream live at the Library Center).

Come out and support fellow camp members!

PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR NEXT MEMORIAL DAY

Next May marks the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Soldiers Monument in Mountain Grove, Missouri, one of the few monuments to Union soldiers in southwest Missouri.

Phelps Camp members who live in Mountain Grove have proposed that we coordinate with the local VFW and American Legion to formally rededicate the monument. We will discuss this possibility at the January meeting.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO THE MEN OF PHELPS CAMP AND THEIR FAMILIES!

