



# The Union Defender



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

## January 2022

### WHAT HAPPENED AT THE DECEMBER AND JANUARY MEETINGS?

Members enjoyed good food and fellowship at the Holiday Luncheon/ December meeting at Big Whiskey's in Republic

For the January meeting, we attended John Rutherford and Bill Piston's excellent presentation on Marmaduke's Raid and the Battle of Springfield at the Springfield-Greene County Library.

### NEXT CAMP MEETING

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

The February meeting (February 12) will be held at our usual meeting place (Wilson's Creek National Battlefield). John Rutherford, camp member and librarian at the Springfield-Greene County Library will present a program on Marmaduke's Raid and the 1863 Battle of Hartville, Missouri, based on his excellent new book.

### NEW CAMP OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for 2022. Congratulations to all!

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



## WILSON'S CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD FOUNDATION PURCHASES RARE MANUSCRIPT OF MARY WHITNEY PHELPS

In 2021, the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation purchased an incomplete manuscript written by Mary Whitney Phelps from Swann Auction Galleries in New York City.

The undated manuscript details her experiences in the early months of the war, during the Wilson's Creek campaign.

The manuscript has been digitized and will be upload for free access on the Springfield-Greene County Library's "Community and Conflict" site (<https://ozarkscivilwar.org>). The library predicts that the public will have access to this rare memoir and other Phelps documents by the end of January.



The Phelps monument in Hazelwood Cemetery.

## CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM AT SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY CENTER

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

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

Hartville, Tuesday, January 11 at 7 p.m.

Springfield, Sunday, February 6 at 2 p.m.

Come out and support your fellow camp members!

## DUES ARE NOW DUE

Once again it's time to pay annual camp dues—and once again, dues are only \$30 for 2022 (although the camp treasurer will gladly accept any additional donations).

Please send a check or money order to:

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

Thanks for supporting Phelps Camp in our 28th year!

